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Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Torrance, California
February 8, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on February 8, 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 Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Little Miss Shirley Waterman, a third grader from Silver Spur School led the salute to the flag. She is the niece of Mr. Waterman who produced the City Government film of Torrance which is to be shown at this meeting.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend R. Wallis Kornegay of the First Church of the Nazarene, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 1, 1966, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Robert Waterman who showed the film of YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT for which he had chosen Torrance locale and at the close of the film, he presented it to the City. This film will be used throughout the United States and other countries to instruct elementary school grade children in the administration of municipal government.

HEARINGS:

8. ZC65-57, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on property located on the northerly side of Newton Street easterly of Nancy Lee Lane, described as Lots 1 through 5, Tract 21970. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case ZC65-57; there was no response.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department to approve the change of zone. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. ZC65-59, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from R-3 and R-1 to C-3. Property located on the north side of Artesia Boulevard between Prairie Avenue and the San Diego Freeway. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case ZC65-59 and there was no response.

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

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

10. V65-60, MICHELINA NICASSIO, REQUEST FOR VARIANCE. Formal hearing for request for variance to reduce the required depth of spaces and width of aisle way for subterranean parking.

Affidavit of Publication as to Items 8, 9 and 10 was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this variance and City Manager Ferraro asked that if favorable consideration is given it, that the actual resolution putting the variance into effect be held pending solution of the matter set forth in the second paragraph of the case summary. It is an engineering problem with respect to the driveway. This, Mayor Isen said, would require a separate motion.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in granting the variance and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Miller then moved that the resolution effecting the variance be held in abeyance until such time as the driveway ramp problem is solved. Councilman Vico seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

11. REZONING OF PLANNING CASE NO. 65-61. Communication from Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement regarding this case.

City Manager Ferraro said the Planning Department has also made a recommendation and this case should be returned to the Planning Commission for recommendation - to come before the Council at 8 p.m. on March 8, 1966. The council members agreed.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO FRANKLYN O. MYERS, CONSULTING ENGINEER. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager for award of contract to Franklyn O. Myers, Consulting Engineer, for redesign of the intersection of Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue and other streets.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro what is being done toward the beautification of this area at the eastern approach to the City and was told the sandblasting of the bridge has been completed. A sprinkler system is to go in and the Parks Department has started work toward planting of ivy to mask the overpass.

Mr. Ferraro said he believes the proposal of the consulting engineer is a very good one and on motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Miller, and unanimously carried, the recommendation was approved.

13. LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 10 - CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON. Traffic and Lighting Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager submitting proposed resolution.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out an incorrect adverb modifying the word "capable" in the third line of the resolution's title and it was the opinion of the councilmen that the word "practically" could be omitted without loss of any worthwhile meaning. Deleting that word and also as it appears in the second "WHEREAS", at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 10 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-10-66, AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-21 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. TRAVEL REQUEST - CITY MANAGER TO THAT DEPARTMENT OF LEAGUE OF CALIF. CITIES. Conference in Coronado February 23 through 25, 1966 with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve and grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

15. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

1. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for a check valve with a flow detector - L.A. Design - to be used by the Water Department.
2. \$562.90 to the Bauer Paint Company for 175 gallons of traffic paint to be used by Traffic and Lighting Department as a regular budget item.
3. \$435.75 to Paul's Photo Shop of Torrance for film processing equipment to be used by the Police Department in developing pictures taken in the course of Police activity.
4. \$2,538.64 to Meyer Associates for photographic unit to be used by the Police Department in taking suspect pictures.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the four listed expenditures and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

16. BID ON THIRTY WOOD OR CHARCOAL BURNING STOVES: Recommendation of Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that the bid of Belson Mfg. Co. be accepted. \$23.58 each or \$707.40 total.

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

17. CLAIM OF JACK SHAFFER VS. TORRANCE WATER CO. FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE. Recommendation of City Clerk to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:18. REQUEST TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1966 AS FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY CONTROL TOWER DAY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE. Airport Manager submitting Airport Commission and Airport Manager's recommendation.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed and the document will be back in proper form for next Tuesday's meeting.

PARK AND RECREATION:19. HEATING AND VENTILATION SYSTEM AT RECREATION CENTER. Request of Director of Recreation, with concurrence of Building and Safety Superintendent and City Manager that \$300 be authorized for engineering services and survey of heating and ventilation system, by Weldon J. Fulton Associates.

Councilman Beasley questioned the necessity of this and who had first designed the system. Superintendent of Building and Safety said it was designed by the firm of Adams, Latham, Morgan, Kripp & Wright, and installed exactly as called for; there is no recourse against the contractor. There is no fault of the City involved.

The main problem is one of excessive noise which interferes with musical recitals and plays. The system operates on gas and although several experts have been consulted, the gas company has not. Mayor Isen suggested holding the matter for a week to talk with the gas company people. City

Manager Ferraro asked permission to authorize the recommendation in case the consultation with the gas company does not produce desirable results because time is important.

Mayor Isen moved that the \$300 be authorized for the purpose stated if it is found to be necessary. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

20. RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT TO LIBRARY SERVICES CONTRACT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RECIPROCITY AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN LIBRARY SERVICES CONTRACT DATED JUNE 20, 1963, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-22 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro asked for Council acknowledgment of the administrative compromise regarding Item 7A of the agreement, on page 1 of the amendment. This will direct the City Manager to handle the matter through a mutual exchange of letters with Mr. William Geller with appropriate notification to County bodies and obviate complete renegotiation.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in this manner of handling the reciprocity amendment and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

21. RESOLUTION NO. 66-20 resubmitted for full roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ADOPT A STATUTE OR TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY THE PREEMPTION PROBLEM AND RESTORE HOME RULE TO CITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-20. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Lyman saw no reason to include in the resolution the citations of specific cases nor did he believe the City should go on record as being unable to cope with the problems of an urban society.

Roll call vote on the resolution was unanimously favorable.

22. PROCLAMATION OF FEBRUARY AS HEART FUND MONTH.

Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

23. RESOLUTION NO. 66-18 resubmitted for full roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE MAGNAVOX RESEARCH LABORATORIES ON THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-18 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Miller, there being no objection, the Council recessed in order to hold the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, and returned to their deliberations at 9:00 following a short general recess.

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ELECTION MATTERS:

24. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ELECTION MEASURES AND ARGUMENTS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 12, 1966. Transmittal by City Clerk of information re general municipal election and recommendation that one of Council members prepare and file written arguments for measures.

Mayor Isen asked authorization to write the charter amendment argument on the so-called go-go matter (Item 3 of the amendments) and City Manager Ferraro said he would like to prepare the arguments on the increase of council salaries. (Items 1 and 2)

Councilman Vico moved to grant such authorizations and the motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

Out of order on the agenda, Item 33 was next considered:

33. PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK.

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 13, 1966 as NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK and requested that the City Clerk deliver a formalized copy of the proclamation to Wanda Denler, 2845 Sonoma Street, Torrance, President of the South Bay Hairstylists.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. COMMUNICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF CABLE SYSTEM IN TORRANCE - from Tru-Vu Cable Television Co.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this communication to the City Manager and City Attorney and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

26. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND, TRACT NO. 29366 (Subdividers: A. Catallo) Bond No. 21-B-96761. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley moved to so release the bond and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION IN WHICH TO RECORD TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 17541. Subdivider, Meine Construction Co.

City Manager Ferraro explained this tract came in prior to the addition of the provision regarding underground utilities; but the section has been added to this tract. Mayor Isen moved to grant the time extension requested and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

28. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM PUC FOR RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE. Proposed resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-HALF OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE TORRANCE BOULEVARD CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-20.6-C.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-23 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. SAFETY SHOE PROGRAM: Communication from Personnel Director concerning expansion of safety shoe program.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Personnel Director to extend the program to the departments listed in his communication and provide a \$7.50 semi-annual equipment maintenance allowance for each of the employees listed, payable June and December by the Finance Department for the purpose of purchasing safety shoes. The annual cost is estimated to be \$3900.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

30. ORDINANCE NO. 1658.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1658

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY DWELLING UNIT ON LOTS 132 THROUGH 150, 157 THROUGH 170, AND 191 AND 192 OF TRACT 25788 AND LOTS 91 THROUGH 97 OF TRACT 26551.

It was noted that the Tract number was incorrectly stated as 26581 and corrected to 26551.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1658 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ADDENDA:

31. MEADOW PARK DEVELOPMENT AREA:

This item is recorded later under Oral Communications.

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF 190th STREET FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO VAN NESS AVENUE (Gas Tax Project No. SS-92/2) AND APPROPRIATION OF 186.1 GAS TAX FUNDS.

The recommendation is that an additional \$85,000 be appropriated from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds for the subject project; and that McAmis Engineering Co. be awarded the contract to perform the work (\$168,950.33) Councilman Vico moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was un-animously favorable.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

34. ORDINANCES CONTROLLING BEER BARS.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented as an emergency measure, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1659

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION H OF SECTION 20 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1659 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:

ORDINANCE NO. 1660

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION H OF SECTION 20 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1660 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1661

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.30 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER OF THE DECISION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE BODY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1661 as an emergency measure and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1662

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1.30 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL BY THE CITY COUNCIL OR CITY MANAGER OF THE DECISION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE BODY.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1662 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. PRESENTATION BY TED KOLETOS RE MEADOW PARK LAND.

Mr. Koletos requested that the City's appraisal figure on his property be made known to him. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated this information is not given out until there is a trial. Mr. Koletos requested similar information from Councilman Miller, as a realtor, and Mr. Miller said that was not a suitable request under the circumstances.

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Koletos to pursue his legal remedies through his attorneys.

Councilman Lyman moved to reject Mr. Koletos' offer, or offers. There was no second.

No action seemed possible and none was taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. City Manager Ferraro announced that rubbish collection schedules will be normal - no change because of the two February holidays.

36. City Treasurer Rupert directed the Council's attention to Information Item F showing earnings of another \$12,000.

37. Councilman Beasley complimented the City Attorney on the drafting of the ordinances regarding beer bars. Mr. Remelmeyer stated the credit should go to Mr. Knickerbocker and Mr. Ferraro.

38. Councilman Olson proposed that several resolutions be prepared with respect to last Saturday's Boy Scout Parade; specifically Chief Koenig, Mike Garrett, Airesearch, Southwest Savings and Loan, Torrance Kiwanis Club, Joe Doss and Bud Blankenship. Mayor Isen suggested he confer with City Attorney Remelmeyer for some sort of recognition and then that it return to the Council agenda.

39. Councilman Olson said he had noticed in Orange County a method of making concrete islands and traffic dividers more attractive by use of green paint on the center concrete and white on the curbs. He has also noticed similar treatment near Kennedy Square in downtown Torrance. He suggested the City Manager and/or Torrance Beautiful Commission consider this and investigate its cost.

40. Councilman Olson spoke also of the use of oversize street signs at key intersections as a convenience to motorists, especially at night. The placing of the signs and their lighting are also important. He suggested that the Traffic Commission and the Traffic Engineer consider whether or not this would have any local application.

41. Councilman Miller read in full a letter from the Victor Women's Club which has been working toward improvement of park facilities, especially Victor Park. They requested immediate consideration of a standard recreation building on Victor Park site and offered contribution of the sum of \$5,000 toward the cost of such structure.

Councilman Miller moved to refer this request and offer to the Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Director Van Bellehem, and Management. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta introduced the question of the challenging of examination questions by employees who fail the written examination. In many of these situations, he said the question has proven to be improper. He felt such cases destroy the employees' incentive toward promotional ambition. When a career City worker comes in first in an examination, he expects to receive that promotion. Councilman Sciarrotta proposed that the Council, with the concurrence of the Civil Service Commission, adopt a policy that in any promotional examination, the No. 1 person on the eligible list be given the position and if during the probationary period, he proves to be inefficient or incapable that he be removed and the No. 2 person replace him - and "on down the line". He so moved and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Mayor Isen said he had always believed that policy was in effect and Councilman Beasley confirmed his belief, stating there had been a policy in effect several years ago that a person must not be passed over arbitrarily and if other than the first on a list is appointed, there must be good reasons presented in writing. City Attorney Remel-meyer stated this must be effected in a stronger manner than by policy and he was instructed to prepare an amendment to the rules which would make Councilman Sciarrotta's suggestions and motion part of the rules. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

43. Councilman Vico said he had previously mentioned some trees in the City right of way on Western Avenue, which should be removed. He introduced Mr. Thomas C. Lecher, Director of Plant Protection Services of Harvey Aluminum Company, who said this afternoon the company had requested permission from the City for removal of trees which are outside the property lines of Harvey Aluminum, on the west side of Western Avenue. There are fifteen or sixteen trees, many of them in bad condition and beyond improvement by pruning.

City Manager Ferraro pointed out the reluctance of the City to remove trees and the policy that in place of any which must be removed that four smaller ones be substituted. Mr. Lecher pointed out the security problems involved in these trees which evidently would permit persons to cross into Harvey property unseen. He stated there would be no objection to replacement as mentioned by Mr. Ferraro.

Mayor Isen said he would like to examine the problem trees and asked for a week's wait. Mr. Ferraro will consult with Mr. Lecher and Harvey Aluminum and bring in a recommendation, to be placed toward the first of next Council meeting's agenda.

44. Mayor Isen nominated Dean Sears to fill a vacancy on the Housing Appeals Board and the Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

45. Mayor Isen appointed as the lay member of the Parking Lot Board, Mr. James V. Giacalone, owner of the Torrance Photo Shop on Sartori Avenue. The council members are Councilman Miller and Mayor Isen. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

46. Mayor Isen regretted that the Council had been remiss in not recognizing the retirement of Mrs. Clara Conner after fifteen years of holding the local Postmaster's position following the death of her husband, Earl, who was Postmaster for fourteen years. The Chamber of Commerce has granted recognition to Mrs. Conner and Mayor Isen moved a perma plaque resolution be adopted by the Council honoring Mrs. Conner and her husband, now deceased. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

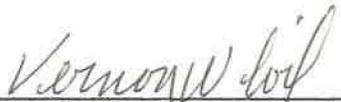
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Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

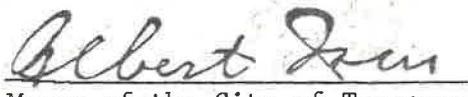
47. Mr. Sam Hunegs of Council 20, American Federation State, County and Municipal Employees, commended the Council for its unanimous vote for an honest career system within the City.

48. Mrs. William E. Staff, Jr. of 23063 Nadine Circle, asked if the Council would reconsider to what use the Dan E. Butcher property is to be put. Mayor Isen told her it will be on the March 8th agenda of the Council for the third hearing. No one made a motion to reconsider.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:00 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance