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Torrance, California
May 17, 1966

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 Tuesday, May 17, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, Torrance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Council Lyman who had a conflicting engagement. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Sergeant Don Cook of the Torrance Police Department led the salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Minister of the Month, Reverend Milton Sippel of First Christian Church of Torrance, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minute secretary noted a correction to the minutes of the meeting held May 10, 1966, in Item 23, page 8, the last paragraph should read:

"Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-95 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent)."

With this correction, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of the May 10th meeting be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

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, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen welcomed Reid Bundy from the Press-Herald who will be attending these meetings during the absence of Jerry Reynolds in Europe.

Mrs. Betty Barnes who often attends Council meetings as a representative of the League of Women Voters, was present with two foreign exchange students under the American Field Service program, a young lady from Japan who attends South High School, and a young man from Thailand of West High School.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen and the items of the agenda were considered, as follows:

HEARING:

8. AWARD OF FRANCHISE TO SHELL OIL COMPANY. Formal hearing on the intention of the City of Torrance to award a franchise to Shell Oil Company, with proposed ordinance.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is a problem regarding the maximum size of pipes being 24", whereas Engineering suggests 12". Mr. C. K. Albright, 2521 Lesserman, Torrance, representing Shell Oil said it is not a vital problem, the trend is toward the larger size and because of the long term of the franchise, they incorporated that size to avoid the necessity of making a correction in the future. At this time there is nothing larger than 12" in Torrance. Director of Public Works Nollac said the City would like to have the control which would be evidenced by providing a maximum of 12" although there was no serious objection to 24". The larger size is difficult to move.

There is also some question about the compensation for the franchise mentioned by Mayor Isen. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it could only be raised subject to the price index clause and he will make a thorough study of this facet. His advice was to hold the ordinance until the study has been completed.

Mr. Nollac said that in Articles 3, 10 and 11 and wherever else it might occur, the 15% overhead figure should be changed to 26%. The Shell Oil Company has no objection.

Mayor Isen read from Mr. Remelmeyer's letter and stated he too would prefer to hold this until the franchise rate study has been completed. Mr. Albright said the company had hoped to start construction next week. Under the circumstances, Mayor Isen said perhaps the second reading of the ordinance should be delayed for at least two weeks.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1689

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SHELL OIL COMPANY, A DELEWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The corrections which had been noted previously, Mayor Isen said would be incorporated into the second reading.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1689 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Albright to please furnish the rates in the cities of northern California or other cities which would be pertinent and Mr. Albright said he would do so; one-half cent, he said is the prevailing scale.

Mayor Isen moved that the second reading of Ordinance No. 1689 be deferred to May 31, 1966, a 5:30 meeting. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Olson moved to instruct the City Engineer to issue the excavation permit to Shell Oil Company on their own recognizance and at their risk and responsibility. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF HICKORY PARK BY GRADING AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS. Recommendation of Public Works Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council approve and authorize the additional work described in the transmittal letter and that Council accept the work on the subject improvement.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

10. INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALK AND CURB IN VICTOR PARK (B66-17). NOTICE OF COMPLETION. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the work, and payment therefor be made to Merle B. Smith Construction Company in the amount of \$4,131.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation and his motion seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

11. REJECTION OF BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF EL RETIRO, HICKORY AND LAGO SECO PARKS. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director with concurrence of City Manager, that all bids be rejected and readvertised.

Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

City Manager Ferraro said the plans will be revised.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

12. RESOLUTION PROHIBITING PARKING ON CRENSHAW BETWEEN DEL AMO AND 190th STREET. City Traffic Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ALL TIMES BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-100 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

13. PROPOSED RESOLUTION THAT MARICOPA STREET BE DESIGNATED AS A THROUGH STREET FROM MAPLE AVENUE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-101 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

14. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF SEPULVEDA AND THE EASTERLY DEL AMO CENTER SERVICE ROAD. Proposed resolution for ratification of agreement with Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company and a recommendation for appropriation of \$7,500 out of 186.1 Gas Tax Funds to cover the City's share of cost.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations above set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

City Manager Ferraro said the City will assume the engineering costs.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND THE EASTERLY DEL AMO CENTER SERVICE ROAD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No, 66-102 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW, 247th AND AMSLER STREETS AND RECOMMENDATION OF PAYMENT TO STEINY AND MITCHEL, INC. IN AMOUNT OF \$11,743.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the work and pay the amount set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was:

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

16. RESOLUTION ON AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN O. MYERS, CONSULTING ENGINEER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 1, 1966, WITH FRANKLIN O. MYERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR REDESIGNING THE INTERSECTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, CABRILLO AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-103 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta carried as follows:

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

17. REPORTS ON CLASSIFICATION STUDIES. Personnel Director, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting material re Account Clerk in Customer Services, Policeman, Secretary in Traffic and Lighting and Secretary in Finance Department, and three Senior Building Inspectors.

These are reports and recommendations as to seven of the approximately thirty-nine positions which were held for study after the J. L. Jacobs survey. While the reports from the Personnel Director seem to indicate that the employee has been consulted and has agreed to the recommendations made, it appears, at least in the first (having to do with the Account Clerk in Customer Services Division) that the employee does not agree and in fact, was not aware of the recommendation.

City Manager stated that as to the Customer Services Account Clerk, the incumbent, Mrs. Johnston, would like to have it held for further study. However, Mayor Isen had a number of questions about the procedures that are being followed, or that are to be followed. He did not approve of these reports coming piecemeal. Personnel Director Donovan said the procedure is set up in the resolution for the thirty-nine positions held for study. Mayor Isen has had a number of complaints from employees and there is considerable confusion as to how they are to be handled. He recommended that all these positions be considered as a package with a deadline date set. He believes, as does Councilman Sciarrotta, that these should be studied by the Council Committee which worked on the results of the survey, with a recommendation to the Council as a whole. City Manager Ferraro felt this would tend to give an unfair advantage to the thirty-nine, because the majority of the City employees' positions did not come under the same scrutiny.

Councilman Beasley moved that all of the thirty-nine positions held from the Jacobs survey be referred to the Council Committee which has been studying the survey, for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Vico seconded.

Officer Wooldridge urged that a decision be made on his particular position and John Kirkpatrick, representing the Torrance City Employees Association, read from Section 9 of Resolution 66-66 which sets up the method of protesting. Mayor Isen said in any event, it was implied that the Committee would first screen the protests for recommendation to the Council. Roll call on Councilman Beasley's motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

City Manager Ferraro asked if forty-five days would be allowed to complete the whole thing, but he received no answer.

Sgt. Don Cook asked how the members of the Police Officers Association could express their opinions on the problem of Officer Wooldridge's situation and Mayor Isen said there would be notification of the Committee's meetings and appointments would be scheduled. Councilman Olson reminded the Council that all employees do not belong to one or another of the four employee associations.

Bill Slonecker, representing Torrance Fire Fighters Association, wanted some assurance that each employee association would be given ample notice and Mayor Isen agreed that ample and timely notice would be mandatory.

Mayor Isen asked that Item 30 next be considered.

30. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A DELINQUENCY PREVENTION CLINIC. Communication from Senior Administrative Assistant, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting material on the subject.

Senior Administrative Assistant de Llamas introduced Mr. George M. Nishinaka of Special Service for Groups, Inc., and Dr. Guide Pinamonti of the University of Southern California who were present to formally present the completed feasibility study. Mayor Isen recommended that the report be referred to the Council and the Youth Welfare Commission for consideration at a pre-council meeting which was later set for June 28, 1966 at 7 p.m. He moved that the report be accepted and the Special Service for Groups, Inc. be reimbursed in the contract price of \$300 and the report referred to the Youth Welfare Commission. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

The Youth Welfare Commission will be instructed to study and be prepared to discuss the feasibility report at the time set.

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On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, the Council was recessed to hold the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, at 6:26 p.m., and returned to the agenda at 6:28, following which a general recess was declared.

18. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION AND REPORT ON PERSONNEL ANALYST. Communication from Personnel Director.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Personnel Director with respect to the Personnel Analyst specification. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen said he would prefer that there be a requirement for experience, but City Manager Ferraro believed it would be better to hire a man just out of college and train him.

Roll call on the motion to approve was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. ANNUAL RECREATION AWARDS BANQUET. Invitation from Park and Recreation Commission to City Council to attend banquet on June 22 and request for permission to expend money from the budget.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

20. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

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

1. \$385.42 to Econolite Corporation for two loop detectors to be installed at Arlington and Torrance and Carson and El Prado.

2. \$1282.94 to IBM for 1,200,000 data processing cards to be used by the Data Processing Division of the Finance Department as required.

3. \$365.04 to Western Highway Products for 50 traffic control signs needed by Traffic and Lighting Department.

4. \$749.30 to Johnson Stationery of Torrance for 16 wardrobe cabinets to be used by the Police Department in the new building addition.

Councilman Olson seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

21. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT BID NO. 66-35. Recommendation of Public Works Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council award contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Co. in the amount of \$162,845.50.

Councilman Beasley moved to so award the contract and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

22. RECOMMENDATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE RE CITY MANAGER'S SALARY.

Councilman Miller disagreed with the recommendation, based on what other cities pay. He quoted figures on salaries of city managers with less than four years of experience and moved the annual salary of the City Manager be set at \$24,000. Councilman Beasley seconded.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute to approve the recommendation of the Committee that retroactive to January 1, 1966, and for the year 1966, the City Manager's salary be set at \$23,400 per annual, payable at the rate of \$1,950 per month. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Vico and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

The substitute motion failed.

Roll call vote on Councilman Miller's motion was:

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

Councilman Beasley moved that the present system regarding hiring of the City Manager be maintained without annual contract and without any provisions for terminal pay. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

23. REGIONAL PARK BETWEEN MADRONA AVENUE AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.
Recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of the City Manager, that the City Council consider saving fifty acres of land between Madrona Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard for a regional park, utilizing the Federal Open Space Program if the City qualifies.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this item to the Council Committee on Parks and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

24. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of June as PARK AND RECREATION MONTH.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

25. FUTURE LIBRARY SERVICES. Communication from City Manager.

Mayor Isen did not believe the proper procedure was being recommended and moved that the item be referred to the Public Buildings Committee of the Council and Administration and Staff and deliver that recommendation to the Library Commission after which a meeting could be scheduled for the Council to review the whole proposal. There was no objection.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

26. EARLY ACQUISITION - MR. AND MRS. JAMES VOCE.

This is simply a matter of taking this from the agenda and filing it. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

27. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed May 1 through May 31, 1966 as TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL MONTH.

28. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed May 22 through 28, 1966 as REALTOR WEEK.

29. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of May as HOME IMPROVEMENT TIME.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

31. RESOLUTION re loss of funds for highways.

This matter has been resolved and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the resolution would be ordered filed; there was no objection.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

32. NO. 1688.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1688

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED OBSCENE AND HARMFUL LITERATURE TO CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF OBSCENE LITERATURE TO ADULTS AND HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1688 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Carl Pearlston called attention to his letter from the American Civil Liberties Union and expanded on those comments, protesting the suppression of free expression. He doubted the constitutionality of the proposed legislation, and said the field has been pre-empted by the State. In conclusion, he urged that the Council fail to pass what he called "this bad piece of illegal and unwise legislation".

The Reverend Alfred Henrikson of Pacific Unitarian Church, Palos Verdes, spoke against the proposed ordinance, as being firmly committed to the right to read of both children and adults. This matter is a prerogative of the parents and family, and the higher morality is the right to complete information, he said, in urging that this measure not be passed.

Mr. Eugene Port of Konya Drive spoke on the practical aspects involved in possession of something which might be considered offensive by a police officer.

Mrs. Port also spoke as the mother of three children and said her high school daughter has evidently not been exposed to the type of material being discussed. The responsibility of imbueing children with a strong moral sense, she said, is that of the parents and can be done by making a wealth of good literature available to them.

Councilman Beasley said he will vote against this ordinance because it represents a form of censorship.

Councilman Sciarrotta said while he favors freedom, he does not believe those who framed the bill of rights, intended to sanction the destruction of the safety and well being of the people.

Mr. and Mrs. Housman each spoke against the ordinance, as did a student who lives at 2220 Arlington Avenue and whose name was not obtained.

Mayor Isen suggested adding a section to be numbered 6, with the present section 6 being renumbered as 7 and moved that Section 6 be added, as follows:

"In the event that any provision of this ordinance is found by a court to be unconstitutional, that it is the intent of this City Council that all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect."

Councilman Sciarrotta asked that this section be included as a part of his motion to adopt the ordinance. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

33. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 29617. Subdivider, Franton Construction Company

Mayor Isen moved to concur in approval of the Final Tract Map. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

34. PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-104 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

35. REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR POOL MANAGER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 66-66 TO ADD A NEW POSITION AND SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-105 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

36. RECREATION BUILDING ON VICTOR PARK. Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission that the City make a special appropriation, if possible, from unappropriated funds of 1965-66 to erect a recreation building on Victor Park.

City Manager Ferraro asked that this be continued to budget study. Mayor Isen so moved; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

37. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed NATIONAL MARITIME DAY.

38. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO RETAIN RICHARD DEL GUERCIO, ATTORNEY.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked for permission to hire Richard

Guercio to assist in the condemnation of Ajax No. 3, South Bay Oil Company which is a very complicated problem. Mr. Remelmeyer said he will pursue collection of the costs from Charles N. Cake as this involves his subdivision. An estimate of the fee to Mr. del Guercio is \$2,000.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the permission requested with Mr. Remelmeyer to report back to the Council when the subdivider has placed the money with the City. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

39. Director of Public Works Nollac reported on the results of the general clean-up day May 14th, that 142 loads had been picked up as of 5 p.m., and the City is lighter by 330 tons of rubbish. The job is not yet completed and will probably go to 450 tons. Whatever is put out for the three remaining days of this week will be picked up along with the regular trash, on the appropriate day for each neighborhood. Mayor Isen asked that the newspapers carry a notice to this effect.

40. Personnel Director Donovan informed the Council that the City received an award from the National Safety Council a couple of weeks ago, for industrial safety.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta asked for a study by the Traffic Department of the signals on Crenshaw between Torrance Boulevard and thought perhaps one should be removed from either Sonoma or Eldorado and placed near the postoffice south of Carson Street. City Manager Ferraro will make such a study. Mayor Isen said the two signals mentioned are necessary in their present locations.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta informed the "Uerkwitz Airport Committee" that a man by the name of Theodore Kupferman had introduced a bill for noise control legislation. More information on that legislation might suggest some remedy for Torrance's problem.

43. Mr. Housman who had talked on the second reading of Ordinance No. 1688, spoke of a signal problem at Anza and Del Amo Boulevard. Mr. Nollac told him the City will be opening bids for the widening of Del Amo between Anza and Hawthorne tomorrow and there will be a signal at Anza and Del Amo eventually.

44. Mayor Isen commented that all major intersections are becoming difficult because of wacky signal intervals. Traffic backs up. He feels the signals should be checked. Mr. Ferraro said the dip at Torrance Boulevard and Crenshaw is going to be removed finally.

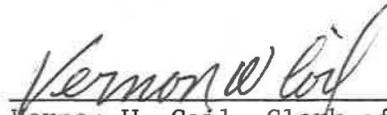
45. Mr. Bert Halverson who lives on Casimir Avenue in Gardena said he is attempting to open a temporary real estate office at 23104 Hawthorne Boulevard, in a single family residence building where the zone is commercial. He has been told the parking will have to meet City Code requirements. The cost of providing such parking on a temporary basis of eight or ten months is almost prohibitive. He asked if he could not install a gravel surface for the three spaces required. Mr. Remelmeyer said a variance would be required. Building and Safety Director McKinnon said he believes there will be other hurdles even more difficult to cross before this old residence can be converted to a real estate office. It was agreed this seems to be a request which cannot be granted and Mayor Isen advised Mr. Halverson to talk with the various departments.

46. Mrs. Virginia Jones of the Torrance Beach Improvement Association mentioned the sidewalk which was promised the people of this area last January and the fact that it has not been put in. There was some uncertainty about its width, 4 or 6 feet. Mr. Nollac said originally

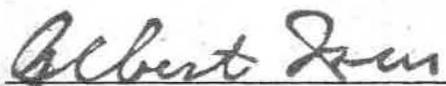
it was to be four feet; the Council changed it to six and another \$1500 is necessary. Mrs. Jones said a curb will be necessary to avoid the maintenance problem caused by ice plant encroaching. Mr. Nollac said there would then need to be a railing because of the 45 degree slope.

Mayor Isen asked that this sidewalk problem be back on the agenda for May 26th and that in the meantime a committee from the neighborhood meet with Staff and decide on some recommendation.

There being no further communications, on motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent), the meeting was adjourned to May 26, 1966, at 8 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance