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Torrance, California
July 5, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 5, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico was absent. City Attorney Remelmeyer was present and Assistant City Manager Scharfman represented Management.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced Gus Cochran, the newly elected president of the Torrance Mounted Police and at the request of the Mayor, Mr. Cochran led the flag salute.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Clifford L. Tierney of South Bay Church of God, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Because of the holiday, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 28th and the adjourned regular meeting of June 29th had not been delivered to the Council. They will be considered at the next meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARING:

8. CONTINUED HEARING ON ZONE CHANGE 66-3 - BRENTWOOD SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION (Fred Moldenhauser) Request for change of zone from C-2 and R-3 to C-3. Subject property located on the north side of 230th Street between Samuel Street and Hawthorne Boulevard. Recommended for approval with conditions.

Mayor Isen commented that he believed most of the problem items had been clarified but a man who later identified himself as George Hunt of 22912 Samuel Street, doubted that there had been a meeting of the minds on all scores.

The consensus was that all that had not been definitely decided was whether there was to be a left turn, as well as a right turn by way of access to 230th Street.

Walter Kessnick, representing the applicant, said whether or not there is right or left turn might depend on the type of use under the precise plan and should be determined at the time of the precise plan hearing, based on the use. In that case, Councilman Olson said perhaps considerable grief could be averted by saying now that there would be a right turn only. Mayor Isen said he had viewed the site and saw no reason for access to Samuel Street; the residents certainly would not want the traffic from an active shopping center. Access should be to Hawthorne. The developer should be in a position to inform prospective tenants that there would be no left turn into 230th Street. Any further problems can be taken up at the time of the precise plan determination.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman said one condition had been inadvertently omitted from the transmittal: on June 21, 1966 the Council concurred in a condition to record this as a one lot subdivision.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval with all conditions, bearing in mind no left turn onto 230th Street and the recommendation that it be recorded as a one-lot subdivision on the entire property. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen deplored the appearance of the rear of the Bekins building and suggested some shrubbery be planted and the door be repainted a less flamboyant color. Planning Director Shartle said the shrubbery is a condition of the variance and will be taken care of.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE to reclassify re zone change No. 64-61.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1701

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHERLY OF 182ND STREET ON THE EAST SIDE OF PRAIRIE AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE NO. 64-61. (Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1701 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE to reclassify re Zone Change No. 64-61.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1702

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHERLY OF 182ND STREET, EASTERLY OF PRAIRIE AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 64-61. (Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Olson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1702 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE VARIANCE CASE NO. 66-1, Marjorie Kissner.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-A and 7-X OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE V66-1, MARJORIE J. KISSNER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-135 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

12. ZONE CHANGE 65-61 - BUTCHER/WILSON. Recommendation of Special Council Committee re zoning and land use study for M-2 zoned area.

Mayor Isen said he believes this land, west of Crenshaw Boulevard and south of New Horizons, should be scheduled for further hearing. He asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if this is not true and Mr. Remelmeyer said unless the Council continued the matter, it would have lost jurisdiction. Whether or not jurisdiction is lost hinges on the action last taken by the Council.

Mayor Isen read the contents of a telegram received by him at 2:30 p.m., today from the Board of Governors of New Horizon South Bay Assn, as follows:

"BOARD OF GOVERNORS NEW HORIZON SOUTH BAY ASSN REQUESTED MR. NOLLAC FOR ADVANCE NOTICE AS TO WHEN BUTCHER AND WILSON PROPERTIES WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL STOP SECY OF THE BOARD WAS NOTIFIED BY PHONE AT NOON TUE JULY 5 THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT 530 PM JUL 5 STOP WE HAVE A BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AT 730 PM JULY 5 STOP WE ARE VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT WE COULD NOT HAVE HAD ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MATTER IN TIME TO PRESENT OUR CASE TO THE CITY COUNCIL STOP WE FIND IT REGRETABLE THAT THIS LACK OF NOTICE IN THIS MATTER COULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED IN SUCH AN UNFAIR MANNER TO US."

Councilman Olson said this type of matter should not be on any 5:30 meeting agenda and Councilman Lyman and Councilman Sciarrotta complained of lack of supporting material.

If there is no objection from the Council, Mayor Isen said he would set Case 65-61 for 8 p.m., July 12, 1966 in the Council Chambers, specifically to determine if the Council has jurisdiction and/or whether it is necessary to send it back. Councilman Lyman said that is the trouble, it has been back to the Planning Commission several times and the Committee felt that if the Council does not look with favor on it, it should be killed at this time rather than referred back without any indication of the Council's feeling. The last indication from the Planning Commission, Mayor Isen said, was that it should remain M-2.

Mr. Don Wilson said this matter is before the Council at the request of the Council itself and all delays have been at the behest of either the Council or one of the developers.

Councilman Miller said it should be considered as a package deal as the whole aspect as to the future is important to the City. Especially from a tax viewpoint, this should not be considered otherwise.

There is not sufficient time to advertise notice of a hearing before next week, City Attorney Remelmeyer said. Mayor Isen noted that the case number, 65-61 covers both the Butcher and the Wilson properties and it should come up next week, July 12th, not for public hearing, but for Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion "where to go from here". He asked for a motion to that effect.

In view of the uncertainty as to recommendations and statements made, Councilman Lyman asked for a complete set of recommendations, when and by whom made and by what vote.

Mayor Isen stated he would not be a party to any decision made without legal adequate notice to the parties interested; even if it is legal to do so, the public is entitled to notice. He asked again for a motion to that effect showing what will be considered is merely the City Attorney's opinion next Tuesday and upon determining that opinion, set a hearing either before the Council or the Planning Commission. Councilman Miller so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. SIDEWALKS AND LANDSCAPING ON SELECT SYSTEM STREETS.

The recommendations of the Director of Public Works are:

1. That Council initiate studies by proper City Commissions and departments leading to the formulation of a City policy on the subject matter;
2. That until such a policy is formulated, Select System projects currently under design incorporate, where possible, curbed, paved medians with trees in tree wells and automatic sprinklers therefor.
3. That until such a policy is formulated, Select System projects currently under design which are adjacent to existing improved residential back-on and side-on lots incorporate normal width sidewalks adjacent to property line and trees with sprinklers in the parkway areas.

Mayor Isen moved to concur as to all three recommendations and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

Mr. Nollac said the first project under this policy would be the improvement of Sepulveda between Arlington and Cabrillo and Arlington south of Sepulveda where R-1 lots back up to the select system street.

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Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Mr. Gus Cochran who had asked for some priority on the agenda, would next be heard. On behalf of the Torrance Mounted Police and the Torrance B.P.O.E., he requested permission to erect 20 plywood 4 x 8 publicity signs on various private property for which permission has been granted by the owners, advertising Rancho Days August 13 and 14, 1966. The duration of the signs would be from now until the day following the end of the celebration.

Councilman Olson moved permission be granted subject to Staff evaluation, and approval of locations, waiving the requirement of bond. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mr. Cochran was advised to implement the permission through Building and Safety Director McKinnon.

14. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED from Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co. for widening of Maple Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Monterey Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM CHANSLOR-WESTERN OIL AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-136 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

15. PROPOSED RESOLUTION directing City Attorney to proceed with an eminent domain action to condemn such property as described therein.

All expenses of this action are chargeable to Prairie Subdividers, Inc. and Assistant City Manager Scharfman asked that the resolution be passed but on condition that the City not proceed until the funds are on deposit. He estimated \$1500 would be required. The land is the old RCA property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-137.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND WIDENING OF A PUBLIC STREET OVER AND ACROSS THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF. (Kent Avenue).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-137 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen then moved that the City Attorney be instructed by this Council to refrain from filing the condemnation proceeding until all necessary charges, including attorneys' fees for the action, are deposited with the City. Public Works Director stated it would be possible to effect this deposit by including the amount in the subdivision bond and Mayor Isen added to his motion "or that bond be provided therefor". Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

16. REQUEST OF SOUTH BAY REALTY for extension of time for temporary billboard to remain at 22047 Hawthorne Boulevard - recommended for approval

17. REQUEST OF JAMES S. BOWER for extension of time for temporary signs to remain at 4101 and 4117 Pacific Coast Highway and 23900 Ladeene Avenue - recommended for approval.

18. REQUEST OF PALOS VERDES DEVELOPERS for extension of time for temporary sign to remain at 1809 Sepulveda Boulevard - recommended for approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the approval of the requests set forth in Items 16, 17 and 18 above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

19. PROPOSED SIGN REGULATIONS: Report and recommendations of the Planning Department to refer to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Mayor Isen complimented Planning Director Shartle on this "masterful treatise" and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to refer it to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

If the ninety day moratorium does not appear to be sufficient, Mayor Isen advised further extension to complete the ordinance. That moratorium, Mr. Shartle said applies only to billboards. However, it is obvious there is need for haste and Mayor Isen asked that a meeting be arranged as soon as Mr. Remelmeyer returns from military leave.

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Councilman Beasley moved to recess and hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Mayor Isen seconded and it was so ordered. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:10 and declared a general recess from which it returned at 6:25 p.m.

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REAL PROPERTY:

20. MEMORANDUM from City Manager and City Attorney re borrow pit and Victoria Knolls Park.

Councilman Sciarrotta commented that it does not look like any of the four persons mentioned as appraisers could get at this job very soon and he had talked with Mr. Morgan who said he could make the appraisal within thirty days. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would be proper to refer the matter to the Committee for discussion and choice of appraiser. Mayor Isen said at any rate whichever appraiser is hired should be one who has not done any appraisal work for Chandler. It is expected that Mr. Chandler will pay half the fee but he should not know who the appraiser was, nor in what amount the appraisal was made.

Councilman Beasley moved to appoint a committee to interview the appraisers named and select one to perform the work. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection. Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Miller, with Councilman Beasley as Chairman.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

21. FOUR-WAY STOPS AT LOMITA BOULEVARD AND OCEAN AVENUE, with proposed resolution.

This resolution will effect the Council action taken last week.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-138

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-138 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

22. REQUEST OF DON WILSON for interpretation of City's off-street parking ordinance.

Mr. Wilson has requested he be permitted to use tandem parking, as required, upon apartment buildings now being constructed on Lots 1, 2, 4 to 16 inclusive and 188 to 206 inclusive of Tract 28230, but only where it is assigned for the sole use of the occupants of one particular apartment unit and will only be used by the occupants of one particular family.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman said the same request is scheduled on the Planning Commission agenda for tomorrow (July 6th) night.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the request of Mr. Wilson with the conditions set forth as to tandem parking. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Mr. Wilson said his purpose in also filing for a variance with the Planning Commission was to protect the timing in case it was necessary. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent) and Mayor Isen instructed Planning Director Shartle to remove the item from the Planning Commission's July 6th agenda.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. Request for meeting between Council Finance Committee and Civil Service Commission regarding proposed Civil Service ordinance.

Mayor Isen said the communication would be filed if there was no objection; the request has been answered by previous Council action. However, Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the recommendations of the Commission be in writing for previous study by the Council and that the employees' groups also present their opinions in writing in advance. A further request that no new matters be introduced from the floor, was made by Councilman Beasley. There was no objection and Mr. Scharfman said he would see that they are notified of the requirement.

24. RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL DIRECTOR AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION to amend provisions covering veterans' preference to include Vietnam conflict in periods of time used to establish.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. This applies to the old ordinance, so called, as the new one has not yet been determined on this point. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

25. RECOMMENDATION OF PERSONNEL DIRECTOR AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION for reallocation of Senior Park Maintenance Man position.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman explained this is not one of the group which is being considered; but is an obvious error as explained in the memorandum of the Personnel Director. The man is a Park Maintenance Man, not a Senior Park Maintenance Man.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in accordance with Mr. Donovan's recommendation and Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

26. REQUEST OF POLICE OFFICER NITZ for a score on Police Sergeant Exam. Opinion No. 66-43 of the City Attorney.

Mayor Isen moved to refer the matter to the Civil Service Commission and direct the Commission to assign a score to Officer Nitz. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

27. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following expenditures:

1. \$371.57 to Crane Veyor Corporation for one only two-ton load king hoist with close headroom overhead trolley to be used in the Torrance water well program. It was specified for this program by the well consulting engineer and is needed for the North Torrance chlorination system.

2. \$897.73 to Precision Business Forms for 208,000 business forms to be used for rubbish and water bills for the City.

Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

WATER SYSTEM:

28. Re. ELM STREET WATER TANK. Recommendation of Senior Administrative Assistant, with concurrence of City Manager, to refer to the City Manager's Office for consideration in the six-year capital improvement program.

Mayor Isen said due to the increase in water rates and the need for this tank to be removed, he thought the razing should proceed. Assistant City Manager Scharfman pointed out that although \$4,000 or \$5,000 was mentioned as the cost of dismantling, it could cost as much as \$25,000.

Councilman Olson moved for bids for demolition forthwith and Councilman Beasley seconded. The bid should include salvage by the bidder and be in a lump sum. There was no objection and Mr. Scharfman said specifications will be prepared and advertised.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION TO INSTALL PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS - TRACT NO. 30170, SUBDIVIDER: PRAIRIE SUBDIVIDERS. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager, that the request be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the request be granted. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

30. NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION.

The Council took note of the time of meeting and the communication was ordered filed.

31. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1966. Proposed resolution of intention to abate weeds upon and in front of certain private properties.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-139 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

32. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1692.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1692

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE RELOCATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1692 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

33. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1697.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1697

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 36.3 OF CHAPTER 36 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "CIGARETTE TAX" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 36.3 THEREFOR TO REFLECT A TAX OF TWO MILLS PER CIGARETTE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1696 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1697 at its second and final reading. His Motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

34. REQUEST OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, with concurrence of City Manager, for authorization of \$7,000 advance from the General Fund to the Community Redevelopment Agency Administrative Fund.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Mayor Isen introduced from the audience, Mr. Paul Moore, Deputy for Supervisor Burton Chace.

36. Fire Chief Benner reported on the events of the Fourth of July weekend in Torrance with respect to fireworks-caused fires and the time and manpower expended in protecting the citizens and their property. He presented a list of 67 different fireworks fires, with the type of fire, men sent out, time consumed, date and specific address of each. These involved a total of 444 men - 44 hrs and three minutes - 19,558 man hours and 12 minutes. On three different occasions during this time all fire apparatus in the City was out on calls and if there had been further trouble, there would have been no way to respond. Three other cities which were contacted would not have been able to help because they were suffering the same situation.

Chief Benner went on record as recommending complete abandonment of fire works in future years, and said he had mailed a letter to the State Fire Marshal to that effect. Three particular items were found to be the offenders and were removed from the fireworks sale stands and must be taken from the market. The organizations at the stands were very cooperative and Torrance Mounted Police had already recognized the problem and removed the three items from their stand.

Extensive damage was done to one home in the Riviera section, to the amount of \$15,000 to \$20,000. This year's damage was far beyond anything previously.

Councilman Miller asked if the location of the stands could have had any effect and Chief Benner said no, no specific pattern was followed.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the matter be referred to the Council Committee on Police and Fire, for study and recommendation. Because of the late start on weed abatement and the large percentage of these fires being in grass and weed areas, Councilman Olson asked that factor also be evaluated.

Chief Benner had examples of the offending fireworks items which he showed to the Council and described the manner in which they have been used to cause all this trouble.

The problem was referred to the Police and Fire Committee of the Council of which Councilman Miller is chairman.

37. Councilman Beasley said every member of the Council had received a letter from Pacific Coast Little League which has been on the Airport for several years. They have been trying to find another location and hope to be successful shortly. He suggested the Council instruct the City Attorney to work out an agreement for the year 1967 permitting them to stay on the Airport land in the event they are unsuccessful in getting the other location. He so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

38. Councilman Beasley referred to the Chaddick variance request, No. 66-6, heard last week and denied as to the off-street parking reduction. Because of the small shortage of parking, he thought it might be well to reconsider the action taken and so moved.

Councilman Miller read from a letter he had received from Mrs. Chaddick a reference to a statement made by him to Mr. Alter, the realtor in the transaction, as to the reasons for widening some of these narrow streets. A great deal of discussion followed of the general parking problem in the downtown section and the gradual up-grading by furnishing parking areas. Most of it was a repetition of the arguments set forth in the June 28th meeting.

Mayor Isen does not think the parking situation in this area is critical. Councilman Miller and Councilman Lyman told of the reasons why the Council should hold fast to the requirements.

Councilman Beasley said he brought the matter back to the Council's attention because he cannot see any great difference in parking requirements for this wig shop as compared to residential use. The net effect of last week's action was to permit the business, but to deny the variance in off-street parking which would make the business possible.

There was no second to the motion for reconsideration and the Council took no further action.

Councilman Miller reminded the councilmen of the meeting about the children's zoo, tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the City Manager's office.

39. Councilman Olson said he would like to propose a resolution of commendation of Shell Oil Company on the refurbishing of their service stations on a purely voluntary basis. He so moved and asked that the resolution be prepared in perma plaque form. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the need in Torrance for a high-rise hotel and said he would like to see the Chamber of Commerce contact the large hotel concerns about a study on this subject. With the fast and continuing growth of Torrance, the new Courthouse, etc. the need is obvious. Chamber of Commerce Manager Owens said the Chamber is aware of this and two major firms have been contacted. He would prefer to wait until it is a fait accompli before revealing all the details.

41. Mr. William Uerkwitz reminded the Council of the expiration of terms of some of the Citizens Advisory Committee members June 30th. Mr. Scharfman said the respective pertinent councilmen will be advised of their responsibility to appoint members.

42. Mr. Robert Lucas of 1225 Fonthill Avenue complained of the poor condition of Chinese elm trees. When they are replaced, he would like to have different species because of the maintenance problem connected with Chinese elms.

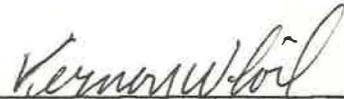
Jack Hoffman of the Park Department said the Park Superintendent has said when the trees are removed they will be replaced with another type. Mayor Isen asked that this be discussed and a recommendation presented to the Council. Mr. Scharfman asked that the cost also be included, as this would be an expensive project.

43. Mrs. Jean Chesselet who owns an apartment house at 300 Palos Verdes Boulevard (Phone 378-8043) had talked with Councilman Miller about the fireworks problem. These makeshift missiles were being projected into the patio of the apartment house where people were gathered around the swimming pool. Councilman Miller repeated his belief that the location of a fireworks stand has some relation to this nuisance in residential areas. Mrs. Chesselet is very much concerned not only with what occurred this year, but what will be done about it in the future.

Councilman Olson pointed out that every youth organization in the area uses the sale of fireworks at this holiday to raise funds. If Torrance should make the sale illegal, people would only cross the border into neighboring towns and buy. There is a need of a close examination of the project and not snap judgment. Mere elimination would not necessarily solve the problem. To sell only to adults is not a solution either.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mrs. Chesselet sit in at the committee meeting and Councilman Miller will see that she is notified of the time of its considering the question.

There being no further oral communications, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance