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Adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, 1966, (adjourned from the regular meeting of October 11, 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, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Attorney Remelmeyer was present and Assistant City Manager Scharfman represented Management in the absence of City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Charles Morgan led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hugh R. Percy of St. Andrew Episcopal Church of Torrance, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation and Mayor Isen presented to him the certificate of appreciation for this approximately eighth time he has so officiated. Reverend Percy responded on behalf of himself and the Torrance Ministerial Association.

Mayor Isen announced that the annual reciprocal ministerial breakfast will be held at the Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m., on Wednesday, November 9th, with the City acting as host.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 11, 1966 were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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 and the motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen recognized a group of El Camino students who were present for the purpose of gathering information for a term paper in government, and offered any assistance of the councilmen and City staff.

8. A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen who called attention to the booklet distributed to the councilmen and made available to the audience, listing the employees to receive service awards. Sixteen were awarded for fifteen years of service; five for twenty and five to employees who retired during the year of 1965. Mayor Isen presented the pins personally to those present at this meeting and delivered to the Department Heads the awards for those who were not able to be present, with appropriate remarks. Many of the Fire Department men were on duty.

HEARINGS:

9. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1966 - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION 66-214. Formal hearing to hear any and all property owners having objections to the proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. The resolution to be considered contains three exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing notices and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Lyman, it was ordered filed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard with respect to the resolution and there was no response.

Director of Public Works Nollac explained the three exceptions.

Councilman Olson moved to close the hearing 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 the resolution which contains the three exceptions:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 66-214 AND SETTING FORTH EXCEPTIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-218 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

10. ZC66-21, RONALD E. MORAN. Request for change of zone from M-1, C-2 and P-1 to C-3 on property located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard between 186th Street and 190th Street. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Isen abstained because a Mr. Gilbert injected his name into the proceedings before the Planning Commission and he wished to avoid any question of conflict of interest.

Mr. Moran was in the audience and he expressed appreciation of the welcome extended him. He hopes to have his agency open by the middle of July, 1967, with Butler Buick at about the same time.

11. ZC66-19, ROGER L. MCGEE. Request for change of zone from R-1 to C-5 on property located at the northeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 178th Street. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

12. PP66-3, ROGER L. MCGEE. Precise Plan for development of a combination dental office and professional office building on property located at 4343 and 4347 West 178th Street. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

These are related items and there were no objections to their being considered as a unit. City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed, as to each of the cases.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, the proponent first, and Philip Nolan, the builder and developer, came forward.

Mr. Nolan exhibited a plan for the proposed professional office building which he believes will enhance the general plan proposed by the City for the area. The single story building shown would be compatible to the shopping center across the street, he said, and the tenants would be dentists, hearing aid people, optometrists, etc. Two plans were proposed as to parking: one with the building toward the front and the parking in the rear; and the other with the building set to the rear and parking in front which seemed more accessible.

Councilman Olson asked Mr. Nolan why C-5 is being asked and Planning Director Shartle explained that C-5 provides for removing any existing structures; under C-3 it would not be necessary that the residences actually be removed.

Councilman Beasley asked how it is proposed to get the north-south street in. Planning Director Shartle explained it is a plan arrived at by the neighborhood delegation to assure little or no commercial traffic, and to cut out the streets coming into Hawthorne Boulevard and tie them to the proposed North-South street, and land for which would have to be purchased by the developers at the time of development. Mr. Nolan said he had some rebuttal material to present.

Mr. Charles Morgan, 3633 Long Beach Boulevard, who is in the engineering and appraisal business, said he believed this is a reference to a study made by his office, copies of which were furnished to the Council members. In connection with the study, a questionnaire was mailed to 32 property owners. Over half responded with varying answers and the indication is that the hoped for master plan may run into difficulties primarily from the standpoint of basic economics. Mr. Morgan has also studied the buffer zone, the north-south street and the actual type of zoning. C-5 would offer proper control and he suggested possibly R-3 or P behind the Hawthorne Boulevard frontage.

A lady who identified herself as Mrs. Wanda Windsor, who has lived on 179th Street for eleven years, complained she had received no questionnaire but had filled in one received from an acquaintance who does not live near the property in question. She does not believe it was an honest or legitimate poll.

Mr. Morgan submitted an official copy of his study to the City Clerk for filing, and offered to try to answer any questions.

Mr. Leroy Freiler of 4244 178th Street recalled a compromise agreement made sometime ago and said to change it in any way would be to break faith with the people in the neighborhood. The character of the area has not changed sufficiently to warrant any zone change; there is a good future potential and Mr. Freiler does not believe a medical building would bring in sufficient tax revenue. He objects to spot zoning and fears "another Lawndale" may result.

Mr. Randall Watwood of 4302 West 176th Street was chairman of the homeowners' group which worked on the property in 1964 and he recalled the time, effort and money expended in agreeing on a feasible plan for the future of this growing neighborhood. Mr. Watwood and several of his neighbors are making additions to their homes; if the residences do not fit in with the rest of the area, as stated in the study, that is not considered undesirable by the residents and they wish to stay and improve their homes. The development should be integrated. He agreed with Mr. Freiler that it should not be necessary to get the people out to City Hall every year or two to fight spot zoning. The potential is in toto, not as a piece.

Councilman Miller asked about the deed restrictions regarding a commercial development and Mr. Roger McGee, 333 West Carson, said they were dissolved by court action as to the Jack-in-the-Box, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4. Mr. McGee also believes times have changed to the extent that a reasonable and prudent man would judge this to be proper commercial property. He personally canvassed the 32 houses involved and said 61.3% of them are not owner-occupied. All of the improvements and costs involved would preclude anyone buying all the parcels; the City would probably have to condemn and purchase. He believed the professional building would be ideal; if that does not prove acceptable, he believed the case should go back to the Planning Commission for a economically feasible plan.

Mr. Watwood maintains the long range plan is feasible and as Hawthorne Boulevard closes up, it will become more feasible. Mr. McGee is attempting to break this up into small pieces and Mr. Watwood predicted if it is permitted eventually there will be a string of small businesses lining these streets with attendant noise and traffic. A medical building, per se, is no problem, but the eventual result is not something the people of the neighborhood want. He believed a large shopping center development would be the ideal solution, in answer to a direct question by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen reminded Mr. Beasley that he voted in favor of keeping this as a unit, and called his attention to the agenda material which sets out all these conditions.

Mr. Beasley said he would not vote for the McGee plan tonight, but he does believe there should be some orderly and feasible plan developed; this land is worth \$200,000 per acre. After the hearing is closed, Councilman Beasley, said he would propose a motion which would point toward a solution.

Councilman Lyman said he too will vote against the case now before the Council but cautioned the property owners that they might be sorry they had passed up this type of development. Next to residences, it is the best because of the low volume of traffic, and it is not now suitable for R-1 zoning.

Mrs. Stella Billings of 4129 West 178th Street protested on the grounds of traffic which she said is now out of control on weekends. She said she was told there would be a shopping center here when she purchased.

Mr. Edmond D. Grimsley of 4320 West 178th Street, also a member of the committee two years ago, with Mr. Freiler, Mr. Watwood and others, said he is sorry more interested citizens were not asked to attend and see the Council in action.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Grimsley if his committee would be willing to again go into action, to confer with City officials and see if there can be any amendment or relaxed conditions to obtain an orderly development or if the committee would want to stand pat in denial. He asked further if the committee members present would confer in the conference room during the recess for Redevelopment Agency meeting and determine the feeling.

Mr. Grimsley said he had taken the questionnaire to Mr. Morgan's office where Mr. Morgan's son had told him this was not to be used at Planning Commission or City Council. He believes they have not acted in good faith. He also asked that the City Clerk read aloud the letter which he refers to, and City Clerk Coil did so. The letter includes questions with respect to willingness to sell and at what price. Mr. Grimsley presented a petition in opposition to the change in zoning, with 91 signatures and it was accepted for filing by Mr. Coil.

The text of the letter and questionnaire follows:

"Dear Property Owner:

Regarding the vicinity of 177th, 179th, we have been asked to do a feasibility study of your neighborhood with an emphasis on economics of commercial potential due to proximity of Hawthorne Boulevard. In connection with our assignment, we ask that you answer some questions for us. This will be to your advantage. We are not brokers and this information will be used in a statistical manner only. For those who answer this opinion poll we shall be happy upon request to mail you the results of the survey. Please check off the questions, tear off and mail in the enclosed addressed and stamped envelope. We would appreciate your earliest attention. Thank you.

CHARLES C. MORGAN ASSOCIATES
Charles C. Morgan

1. Do you live in your house? Or rent it?
2. Are you in favor of rezoning your R-1 land to commercial?
3. If yes, would you want this to occur now? Or take your chances ten years from now?
4. Would you sell your house now? If so, what would you sell it for? If you don't have a figure in mind, would your figure be closer to \$25,000, \$50,000 or \$75,000?
5. Other Comment. I would like to have a copy of the results of this survey."

Councilman Olson predicted that this case would not be approved at this meeting and agreed with the suggestion that the neighbors get together and give some indication of what they wish. To this effect, Mayor Isen suggested that the original members of the committee present and others meet in the conference room and decide if they wish a revision of the plan two years ago, or if they wish an answer from the City Council at this time. The public hearing will remain open until after the conference this evening.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess and reconvene as the Redevelopment Agency. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection. The Council resumed its deliberations at 9:40 p.m., after a general recess.

Following recess, Councilman Miller asked, as a point of personal privilege that a lady in the audience be permitted to speak on a matter which is not listed on tonight's agenda.

Mrs. Lolita Packard, representing Vel's Ford, asked for an extension of six months on the trailer at Vel's location. There has been a delay in finalization of the plans for double decking.

Councilman Olson moved to grant the requested six months extension and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded; there was no objection.

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Resuming consideration of Items 11 and 12, Mr. Watwood reported that it is the considered opinion of the group who met in the conference room that they would prefer to stay with the planning zone now established and if after another lapse of time, perhaps two years again, this plan appears to need further study, they would be willing to meet with the Planning Commission and endeavor to arrive at a definite program.

Councilman Miller commented for the record that this would not preclude anyone from requesting something in the meantime and Mr. Watwood acknowledged that.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Vico moved to close the hearing in case No. 66-19. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

As to the proposed street, Councilman Beasley expressed the opinion that the only way it will go in will be by assessment district and condemnation because the property is not sufficiently valuable for the developers to put in such a street in order to develop the property.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in denial of Case No. 66-19 and Case No. PP66-3 (Precise plan for same property). His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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13. ZC66-20, JACK IN THE BOX DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Request for change of zone from C-2 and R-1 to C-5 on property located at the northeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 180th Street. Richard W. Pomeroy, Agent. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

14. PP66-4, JACK IN THE BOX DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION: Precise plan for development of expansion of existing operation to provide drive-in type of restaurant rather than drive-through as presently exists, by expanding existing parking area into adjacent R-1 lot immediately to the east. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Pomeroy of 4833 Fruitland Avenue, Vernon, Real Estate Agent for Jack-in-the Box Development Corporation, presented the proponent's case. He said recently the company purchased Lots 1 and 2 and the purpose of acquiring the lot behind would be two fold: to provide enough room for cars to get on the lot and to eliminate cars parking two blocks away and throwing out papers. They propose a lengthening of the drive-through operation to allow five or six more cars at peak periods and an addition of approximately 12 parking spaces to alleviate the problem a couple of blocks away. The recommendation of denial, he recognizes is because of conflict with the master plan of the area, but he does not believe this is true. At such time as the development of the area takes place, the company would remove the concrete block wall around the location.

Mr. Pomeroy described the operation of the Jack-in-the Box as a "drive through" restaurant although there is no distinction in the regulations as compared with a "drive-in"; and stated 80% of the food sold is taken off the lot.

Councilman Miller said originally the operation had been presented to the Council in such a way as to indicate there would be no neighborhood problems. However, there is room for cars to remain on the lot and if the original application came to Council now, he would not vote for it; it has caused many problems. Councilman Beasley expressed complete disapproval of the operation. Mayor Isen spoke of it as "a disturbance on the landscape" and asked if the appearance of the building has not been modified in San Diego locations. Mr. Pomeroy said the company is in the process of developing a new type of building, the first of which will be placed in the San Fernando valley. The building has been modified three times in the course of the business and the format is very effective.

Mayor Isen suggested consultation with the Torrance Beautiful Commission, but Mr. Pomeroy said it would be a mistake to orient a nationwide operation to one specific locality.

Mr. Pomeroy said his is a company-owned operation; not a franchise and the company supervises its locations. He has not known of any complaints although Councilman Sciarrotta said he has received many.

Mr. Edmond Grimsley, 4320 West 178th Street, presented a petition opposing Case No. ZC66-20, which was accepted and ordered filed. It contains 86 signatures. He said this is only a way of nibbling away at the master plan and there is ample ground for the Jack-in-the-box without expanding it.

Mrs. Wanda Windsor, 4366 West 179th Street, complained of misrepresentation in that the beautiful plan presented at first was not complied with; also there is a discrepancy in the time of closing with what was promised. She has complained of the noisy sound system and for a while it was subdued, but is now blaring forth again.

Planning Director Shartle said there was a precise plan and the restaurant complied with it.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of denial, as to both cases, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Isen said he hoped that the company's management will take seriously some of the opinions expressed at this hearing.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

15. REZONING - PLANNING CASE 65-61. Communication from Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement Chairman.

This will be considered in connection with the case when it appears before the Council again on November 22, 1966.

ITEMS 16 AND 17 - Withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re SKYPARK DRIVE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A STREET ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE AIRPORT FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND NAMING SAID STREET "SKYPARK DRIVE".

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-219 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, APPROXIMATELY 195 feet to 430 feet south of 226th Street by the installation of storm drains, B66-61. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to Savala Construction Co. at \$3,989.58, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

20. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION NUMBER 5. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to Rutter & Burdge Construction Co. at \$78,981 and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman called attention to the second page of the recommendation which recommended an appropriation of \$48,900 from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve for this purpose. Councilman Beasley moved to so appropriate and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

21. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF POLICE STATION ADDITION: Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept subject work as complete and satisfactory to the City, and approve the additional \$350.20 for work performed by Parr Contracting Company outside the actual contract agreement.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the complete recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. PROPOSED ORDINANCE repealing section 24.53 and substitution new section therefor, entitled Dimensions of Roof Signs, and declaring emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1730

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 24.53 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR ENTITLED "DIMENSIONS OF ROOF SIGNS" AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1730 at this its first and only reading. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

23. PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO ADD WATER SYSTEM MANAGER AND STREET MAINTENANCE LEADMAN to Class Specifications.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 66-66 TO DELETE THE CLASS TITLE OF "WATER SUPERINTENDENT" AND SUBSTITUTE THE CLASS TITLE "WATER SYSTEM MANAGER" THEREFOR; AND ADD THE NEW POSITION CLASSIFICATION OF "STREET MAINTENANCE LEADMAN" AND SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-220 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL SUPPLY OF AIR, OIL, FUEL FILTER CARTRIDGES AND MISCELLANEOUS AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, B66-72. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject contracts be awarded to the firms and in the amounts set forth in the communication, nine items.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations as to the nine items and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.

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

1. \$378.99 to Econolite Corp. for traffic signal parts needed in relocating signal at 182nd and Hawthorne by Traffic and Lighting Department.
2. \$641.14 to Western Water Works Supply Co. for 250 miscellaneous water meter parts to be used "as needed" for installation work by the Water Department.
3. \$360.88 to Alcorn Fence Co. to install a 40 ft. x 7 ft. high chain link fence at the City Airport for security to close the main gate.

4. \$348.40 to A. D. Alpine Inc. for one (1) only Alpine potter's wheel Model VSW-1A to be used by the Recreation Department for ceramic classes at Joslyn Center.
5. \$588.63 to Philip E. Watson, Assessor, for 1357 pages of the 1966 tax assessment roll.
6. \$445.59 to Stenocord Systems Inc. for one only portable sound system with accessories, to be used by Recreation Department for educational programs.
7. \$1,738.88 to Royal McBee System Co. for 300 binders to be used by City Clerk for the Torrance Municipal Code.
8. \$112.28 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only 2 inch CT meter, bronze case, with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines and one only 8 inch detector check, L. A. design, a reimbursable service for which payment has been received.
9. \$320.32 to Interstate Rubber Products for 236 traffic cones to be used by the Garage, Traffic and Lighting, and Engineering Departments.
10. \$801.53 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for Hersey-Sparling meter replacements parts to be used for stock as needed by the Water Department.
11. \$649.48 to Western Water Works for the following, including tax:
 - 50 water pipe fittings with valves; 1 service saddle with 2 inch IPT tap.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

26. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF LANDSCAPING AT LAGO SECO PARK AND HICKORY PARK. Recommendation of Park Foreman, Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that Council accept the subject work as satisfactory and complete.

Councilman Miller moved to concur as to both parks and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

27. CLINIC FOR PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY: The recommendation of the Special Council Committee for Police and Fire is to defer the Clinic Program until the 1967-68 budget hearings when it can be reviewed as part of the overall program.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Committee. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

28. REMOVAL OF TREES: Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission with copy of article on subject of removal of trees.

The communication was ordered filed.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

29. WEST BASIN ASSOCIATION DIRECTORSHIP. Recommendation of City Manager that Water Commission select one of its number to be a member of the Board of Directors.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council request the Water Commission to select from its membership a director for West Basin Association. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

30. REQUEST OF DAN E. BUTCHER FOR TWELVE MONTHS EXTENSION IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT 29103. The recommendation of the Acting City Engineer, concurred in by the City Manager, is to grant the request.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested extension; Councilman Beasley seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE PURCHASE OF KOLETOS PROPERTY:

City Attorney Remelmeyer presented copies of a proposed resolution for the purchase of Telo Koletos' property and appropriating the money therefor.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM TELO AND ANGELA KOLETOS.
(Meadow Park Urban Renewal Area)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-221 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. City Clerk Coil asked the pleasure of the Council regarding a meeting of the Council in the week of the November 8th election; there are five Tuesdays in November.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to skip the November 8th meeting. His motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Horkay introduced the new Traffic Engineering Associate, Charles Glass, and Mayor Isen welcomed him to City Hall.

34. Councilman Lyman said it had come to his attention that the Legislature recently created a new position in our local municipal court, going from three judges to four, and that the position would be filled in the near future. He said former City Attorney, James M. Hall, is a candidate for this judgeship and, as he is a man who is well known throughout the community and respected by the community, Councilman Lyman moved that the City Council go on record as favoring the appointment of James M. Hall to this fourth position on the Municipal Court. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

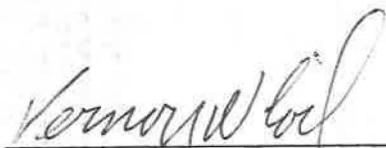
35. Mayor Isen spoke of the Civil Defense Commissioner who had missed several meetings for excusable reasons and renamed him, Don Foyle, to the Commission. Mr. Scharfman asked that the appointment be considered to be a reinstatement so it would have retroactive effect. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

36. Mayor Isen referred to the controversy over telephone directory listings. Gardena plans to strenuously object to inclusion in the Compton area book rather than the one in which Torrance is listed. The residents of North Torrance have complained about their inclusion in other directories also, and wish to be listed in the white section of the Pacific Telephone Company book that covers this area. Mayor Isen moved that suitable letters go to the Public Utilities Commission and that an effort be made through the City Attorney or Management to go on record in favor of single listings for the people in North Torrance and Gardena and forget the double listing in the Norwalk-Downey area book. Assistant City Manager Scharfman said the PUC hearing has been continued to December 1st. Councilman Olson seconded the motion of Mayor Isen and there was no objection. The motion in no way affects the yellow pages.

37. Dan E. Butcher of 2371 Torrance Boulevard, exhibited a plan for the cemetery project which he said contains all the requirements of the State. His question is whether it contains the information required by the City. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Butcher to please confer with the Planning Department and bring in all the information in preparation of the consideration of this case on November 22, 1966. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that as a matter of law no consideration can be given this case before November 22nd.

38. Mr. Albert Collins of 40 Chuck Wagon Road, Rolling Hills, asked for permission to discuss a parking variance in the City of Torrance for a nursery school. Mayor Isen reminded him there is a definite procedure by application to the Planning Commission. The Council has no jurisdiction at this stage. Mr. Collins said time is urgent; a building has been found. Mayor Isen told him that there are new parking regulations for nursery schools and it may be that they will have solved any possible parking problem. Mr. Collins was advised to talk with Planning Director Shartle.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance