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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 1967, 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 in attendance and Administration was represented by Assistant City Manager Scharfman because of the illness of City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Members of Boy Scout Troop 718 from the Hollywood Riviera area were present with their Scout Master, Steve Samac, and at Mayor Isen's invitation, Steve Johnson who is an eighth grade pupil at Riviera School, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. Milton Sippel of First Christian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Because of the holiday, the minutes of the February 7th meeting were late and will be held for approval at the next Council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all properly audited bills be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman 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 Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ELECTION MATTERS:

8. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing one or more members of the City Council to file a written argument for the Library Bond Issue.

Mayor Isen proposed that all members of the Council sign a statement supporting the Library Bond issue and Councilman Olson moved to this effect. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent). The seven names will be filled in on the second page.

At the request of Mayor Isen, and with the understanding that all seven members would sign the statement, the City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-20

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OF ITS MEMBERS TO FILE A WRITTEN ARGUMENT FOR A CITY MEASURE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent). The City Attorney and Management will draft the statement.

Assistant City Manager announced that in order to vote at this consolidated election, citizens must register not later than February 23rd. The date for completion of the supporting statement is March 10th.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. ZONE CHANGE 66-25, THE GARRETT CORPORATION: Request for zone change from R-2 and A-1 to M-2 for property south of the San Diego Freeway on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommended for approval subject to a precise plan on a portion of the property.

A letter had been received from the Garrett Corporation asking that the item be removed from the agenda until further notice. There was no objection but because of the indefinite delay, the zone change will have to be readvertised. Assistant City Manager Scharfman recommended that the expense of republication be borne by the Garrett Corporation.

10. VARIANCE 66-19, PATRICIA R. CAMPISI: Request for variance from the provisions of the R-2 zone to permit a delicatessen, package store and food market on the southwest corner of 242nd Street and Ward Avenue. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

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

Mr. Lee Wilson of 1312 Cordary Avenue, representing the proponent, stated she proposes to discontinue her business at its present location (indicated on a small map he exhibited) and relocate on the subject property. He stated this is within a zone which is normally commercial and Mrs. Campisi's request is not unusual nor unreasonable.

Mr. Steve Swanson, 24211 Ward Street, protested the variance on the grounds that 242nd Street is not wide enough even for its present traffic load; there is not enough room for parking and the variance would be detrimental to the residential property. When the property

was purchased from the School District, the promise was made that it would be used for residential purposes.

City Clerk Coil stated a letter of approval of the variance had been received from Sandra King, 24213 Ward Street, and it was ordered filed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of denial and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

11. VARIANCE 66-18, THE CHAPEL THEATRE, INC. Request for variance to eliminate required off-street parking at the northwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Newton Street at 24463 Hawthorne Boulevard. Recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard. Affidavit of Publication was presented by the City Clerk and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mrs. Adrian Held of 109 Vista del Parque, described the Chapel Theatre operation and the reason for its proposed relocation. She said there had been some discussion about looking into the parking situation in the area - at the Planning Commission meeting and she had hoped that would have been resolved and some recommendation made by now.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Beasley moved to instruct the Planning Commission to conduct a study concerning the parking situation from 242nd Street south on Hawthorne Boulevard. Councilman Sciarrotta added the phrase "and any other place in the neighborhood" and seconded the motion. There was no objection. There was no objection to its going back to the Commission for further study from the representatives of the Theatre.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that there is a vacant lot across the street from the subject property and it is owned by the same man. He thought possibly it could be leased for parking and further pointed out that the theatre only needs parking space at night and the businesses in the area are then closed.

12. ZONE CHANGE 66-26, ANNA MAE JONES: Request for zone change from A-1 to C-2 on property located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard approximately 130 feet southerly of Newton Street. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta asked what is to be placed here if the change is made and Planning Director Shartle said it would be a service station.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

13. APPEAL TO COUNCIL ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 66-46, NEWTON PACIFIC. Request for a conditional use permit to allow a cocktail lounge within the C-2 zone on property located at 3144 Pacific Coast Highway. Denied by Planning Commission.

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

In response to an invitation to speak by Mayor Isen, Donald J. Hitchcock, Attorney for the fee owners of the property as well as the tenants of the property, came forward. His address is 2211 Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. Hitchcock urged reconsideration of the action by the Planning Commission and described in detail what is being proposed for the location. Whether or not a bar is acceptable depends on the manner in which it is managed and its location. He listed the proposed owners and their professional and civic standing in the community. The physical location of the bar, with its buffering by a thirty foot alley and a six-inch block wall eight feet high; no entrance way from any residential area, would obviate any disturbance to the residents. The door would never be opened except for deliveries, because the bar would be air conditioned. The bar would comprise a separate entity with no relation to the residences as the entrance would be from Pacific Coast Highway to this attractive shopping center. The property immediately adjoining the subject property is not yet developed, nor is that to the east.

The owners have gone to considerable trouble to find good tenants for their shopping area and are anxious that the developments be acceptable and compatible. He described the building itself which he said is well designed and will be known as the Venetian Room featuring that type of decor.

As of now, the owners do not know what will be developed to the south of the Venetian Room; there have been several proposals. The initial plan to serve food was changed because of other food businesses in the center which would be competitive. There are, however, kitchen facilities if it should prove desirable to use them.

Questions by the Councilmen developed the information that there is absolutely no ingress and egress through to the alley which buffers the entire area.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if the State has not pre-empted the City with respect to conditional use permits where a liquor license is involved, but Mr. Remelmeyer said zoning is a different matter and one in which the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is not interested.

Mr. Hitchcock said his clients expect to be bound by the three conditions listed by the Planning Department:

1. The conditional use permit be subject to revocation if the Planning Commission determines at any future date that the operation is a nuisance to the neighborhood;
2. There be no rear access (west or south walls of the building) to the cocktail lounge; and

3. All entertainment to be subject to License Review Board approval.

Mayor Isen reminded Mr. Hitchcock of the necessity of applying for an entertainment permit for other than piano music.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved that the permit be granted subject to the conditions listed above (1, 2 and 3). Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and Mayor Isen repeated his doubt of City jurisdiction where the ABC has already inspected and granted a permit.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico being absent).

Councilman Miller expressed himself as being in favor of keeping the conditional use permit as a means of controlling less acceptable businesses such as beer bars which can be good or bad depending on management.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

14. APPEAL OF WAIVER 66-109, DONALD W. WOODWARD: Request to construct a room addition within 15'9" of the rear property line with said addition being wider than half the width of the lot. Property located at 4540 Cadison Avenue. Denied by Planning Commission.

Jonathan Jones of 15110 Condon Avenue, Lawndale, spoke on behalf of Mr. Woodward who was unable to attend, and referred to a letter which the councilmen have as a part of the agenda supporting material. Mayor Isen asked him if it would not be possible to scale down the addition so as to be more acceptable to the Planning Department, and advised him to consult with the Planning Director toward that end. Informally, the item was postponed for two weeks and if not settled to mutual satisfaction, will again come to the Council on February 28th, an eight o'clock meeting.

15. APPEAL OF WAIVER 66-100, ANNA and I. LEVANAS: Request to construct an addition to an apartment house within five feet of the rear property line and within three feet of the interior side property line at Paseo de la Concha - denied by Planning Commission.

Raymond Levanas, son of the proponents and an architect from Newport Beach, represented his parents. Mayor Isen advised him also to consult with Planning Director Shartle toward a compromise, based on postponement for two weeks. There was no objection.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

16. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD FROM MADRID AVENUE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BY INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS AND STREET PAVING, B66-31. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that (1) Council accept the work; (2) that six days liquidated damages be assessed against the contractor, and (3) that final payment be made to the contractor, in the amount of \$41,174.11.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to all three phases of the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

17. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 70: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 70 with a connection charge of \$8.84 per front foot be established to recover cost of sewer construction.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

18. PROPOSED ORDINANCE repealing Sections 6.9 through 6.9.8 (Emergency Ordinance No. 1746) of Chapter 6 and substituting new sections therefor.

Of the three alternative ordinances submitted, the pink one was considered and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1749

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 6.9 THROUGH 6.9.8 (EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1746) OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW SECTIONS 6.9 THROUGH 6.9.8 INCLUSIVE; REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A ZONING PERMIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELOCATION OF A BUILDING AND PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA THEREFOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1749 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION to prohibit stopping at the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-242 WHICH ESTABLISHES "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-21. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION to post 35 MPH speed limits on Maple Avenue between 235th Street and Sepulveda Boulevard and 235th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Maple Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 61-157, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES 35 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-22 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

21. PROPOSED REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1462. Requested by Personnel Director with concurrence of City Manager and Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta believed this could await the presentation of the new Civil Service ordinance which should be soon. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it should come to the Council within a month. There was some discussion regarding the method of referring it to the proper groups before that time.

Ray Saukola, President of the Torrance City Employees Association, asked for clarification of the mode of setting forth the objections to various portions of the new ordinance and asked for time to consider the compromise version when it is finally reached. Mayor Isen said all employees' groups should obtain a copy.

Item 21 was ordered filed, there being no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

22. CLAIM OF A. E. SCHULTZ, Manager, on behalf of Packard Bell Electronics against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of cement blocking the drains causing flooding in their building on December 5, 1966.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Councilman Beasley seconded and it was so ordered, there being no objection.

23. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

1. \$428.48 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for the purchase of one 6" Hersey model detector check - L. A. pattern, for which payment has been received by the City.
2. \$1,123.20 to Zumar Industries for the purchase of 100 30" STOP signs, to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for traffic control.

3. \$455.00 to Western Highway Products, a total of the following, including tax:

25 9-button reflector signs
100 cast iron post caps for 2½" pipe and 300
saddles, to be used for street name signs

The above items are budgeted and are to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

Councilman Lyman seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

24. PROPOSED SETTLEMENT for damages to equipment of Officer Van Wankum, submitted by City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the proposed settlement and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. BRITAIN INDUSTRIES REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBTENANCY WITH AERONCA, INC. Recommended for approval by Airport Manager and Airport Commission.

26. BRITAIN INDUSTRIES REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION LAYOUT PLANS OF TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT TAXIWAY STRIPS INTO THEIR LEASEHOLD. Recommended for approval by Airport Manager and Airport Commission.

27. LARUE THOMAS' REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SUBTENANCY ON FOAT LEASEHOLD: Recommended for approval by Airport Manager and Airport Commission.

28. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PLANS FOR ALTERATIONS TO MOBIL OIL STATION ON ROLLING HILLS PLAZA LEASEHOLD. Recommended by Airport Manager and Airport Commission.

29. AMENDMENT TO LEASES ON AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY with proposed resolutions.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval as to items 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST FOURTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 1 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND SCHWARTZ TORRANCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISION AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-23 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 2-B BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISION AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-24 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 2-C BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISIONS AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-25 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 3-A BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISION AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-26 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AMENDMENT TO LEASE

NO. 3-B BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISIONS AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-27 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 4-B BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISION AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-28 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 5, AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 6, AND AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 7 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND ALBERT LEVITT AND JAMES S. BOWER, DOING BUSINESS AS ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO PROVIDE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL RENTAL PROVISION AND TO PERMIT AUDITING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-29 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

WATER SYSTEMS:

30. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OF ELEVATED STEEL WATER TANK AND SUPPORTING STEEL TOWER, B66-86. Recommendation of Acting Water Superintendent with concurrence of City Manager and Director of Public Works, that Tetro Construction Co. be awarded the bid, in the amount of \$8,500 and that \$9,000 be appropriated from the Water Revenue Fund to cover the cost.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and to so appropriate. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mr. Robert Irvin of 23144 Anza Avenue inquired if there is any danger connected with leaving the tank in place and in its present condition. Public Works Director Nollac answered in the affirmative, the tank is thirty years old, and it is an eyesore.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. ESSAY CONTEST: Request from Torrance Beautiful Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, for permission to award a \$25 Savings Bond as sweepstakes prize in essay contest.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the permission requested. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of amendment to Foods Co. License Agreement permitting them to lengthen an existing block wall adjoining property and located on the City's right of way.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FOODS COMPANY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE BLOCK WALL LOCATED ON CITY'S RIGHT OF WAY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-32 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

33. REQUEST OF LANCO ENGINEERS FOR TWELVE MONTHS EXTENSION IN WHICH TO RECORD TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 30357, SUBDIVIDER: R. L. HARRIS, INC. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that request be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

34. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 14 through 20, 1967 as FOSTER HOME WEEK.

35. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 19 to 25, 1967 as NATIONAL ENGINEERS' WEEK. Also February 20 to 27 as MEDIC-ALERT WEEK.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:36. ORDINANCE NO. 1748.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1748

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 18, 1967, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY A PROPOSITION TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1748 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

At 8:50 p.m., on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting from which the Council returned at 8:53 p.m.

37. Mrs. Bessie Slonecker asked, as to Chapel Theatre, whether there would be further Planning Commission hearings. Planning Director Shartle said not necessarily; one is not legally required, but there is the study of the parking situation which has been requested. He promised to inform Mrs. Slonecker and stated at any rate it will come back before the Council.

Mr. Isaac Gore of 24454 Neece Avenue, who also wants notification will keep in touch with Mrs. Slonecker for information.

Mrs. Slonecker added that the signal at 244th Street and Hawthorne is finally installed, working beautifully and the neighbors are very grateful.

38. Public Works Director Nollac announced trash pickup would be on its ordinary schedule as to Washington's Birthday.

39. Councilman Beasley expressed the belief that there should be a traffic signal at Crest Road and Crenshaw Boulevard.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta said Management should take a look at a Standard Oil easement near 23018 Greenwood Avenue, where weeds and debris have gathered.

41. Councilman Miller appointed Larry Bowman to the Charter Review Committee.

42. Mayor Isen mentioned what he thought might be an injustice regarding the examination for Water Superintendent. He said he believes the specifications should be amended to permit the present Acting Water Superintendent to take the examination. City Attorney Remelmeyer said this matter has been checked out and has been before the Civil Service Commission. Assistant City Manager Scharfman said the position calls for an engineering degree by State law. He agreed about Mr. Powell's value to the City.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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