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Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Torrance, California
April 18, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, April 18, 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, Vico and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen acknowledged the presence of Reverend Griffith's seven-year old grandson, Pat Griffith, and at his request, Pat led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Thomas Griffith opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 11, 1967, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

8. Presentation of oil painting to the Art Department, Joslyn Center, by Torrance Woman's Club.

Mayor Isen announced that the presentation by Vickie Olson, President of the Woman's Club, will take place at the luncheon at the Club, rather than at this Council meeting.

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PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. ZC66-24, Bill T. Hashimoto. Communication from Planning Director Shartle requesting the scheduling of public hearings to be held after proper notice, to change the zoning of subject property located at 4017 Hickman Drive, etc.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this item back to the Planning Commission for the purpose of scheduling hearings as stated in the Planning Director's communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

10. RE. RENAMING OF FUTURE FREEWAY: The Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council that appropriate steps be taken that will result in the so-called "Hawthorne Freeway" being renamed the "Torrance Freeway".

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Manager Ferraro suggested Councilman Beasley be authorized to attempt to obtain the endorsement of the Intercity Highway Committee to this change also. Mr. Beasley agreed.

11. PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE RE PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEAUTY COLLEGES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1762

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 38.8.5 TO CHAPTER 38 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROMULGATING OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEAUTY COLLEGES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1762 at this, its only reading. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1763

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 38.8.5 to CHAPTER 38 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," PROMULGATING OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR BEAUTY COLLEGES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1763 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. RE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO OFF-STREET PARKING ORDINANCE - Recommendation of Planning Commission and Planning Department.

The recommendation of the Planning Department is that the City Attorney be directed to amend the off-street parking ordinance to provide that for each lot or parcel of land used for the display and sale of automobiles, there shall be provided one parking space

for each 2,000 square feet of lot and building area used for the display or storage of automobiles exclusive of aisles and turning areas, plus one space for each two employees during the time of maximum employment, to be designated as employee parking.

Councilman Beasley said he had received two protests from people who believed it would affect the Moran and Butler operations. He believes there should be an opportunity for people to come in and express themselves. Mayor Isen expressed opposition to the requirement as to new and used automobile dealerships, saying such enterprises as Moran Cadillac and Butler Buick should be encouraged. There seems to be no practical way to police such a requirement and that is probably why a survey of other cities failed to uncover such an ordinance.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon explained that this proposed requirement is much less restrictive than what is now on the books. Councilman Miller asked why the Planning Commission would unanimously recommend something which is not practical. Planning Director Shartle said he has been concerned that the ordinance is silent on this phase. Recently there have been several applications from automobile agencies and the question has arisen "What is the parking requirement for an automobile agency?" As business improves at a new agency and space becomes tight, employees are often asked to park elsewhere. This proposed requirement, he believes would benefit the automobile dealers, and it might be well to schedule public hearings on it. Mr. McKinnon said there is a very real problem and this was introduced to stimulate discussion of that problem - this proposal is only about 30% as restrictive as what is now in effect.

Councilman Sciarrotta complained that some of the ordinances now on the books are not being enforced, pointing to the sale of used cars at Sepulveda and Hawthorne Boulevards.

Councilman Vico protested that the automobile dealers would be put out of business by such a requirement.

Councilman Olson moved to place this matter on the May 2nd Council agenda for public hearing. Councilman Miller seconded.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute to table the item. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, Vico, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Olson.

City Manager Ferraro said undoubtedly Moran and Butler will be in for a variance if some correction is not made. Mayor Isen asked that the "catch-all" provision be put on the agenda for consideration and so moved; Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

13. IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM CABRILLO TO WESTERN. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that (1) \$110,000 in 186.1 State Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for referenced project; and (2) that proposed resolution be adopted.

Mayor Isen moved first on a motion to concur in the recommendation as to both phases; Councilman Beasley so moved. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-67

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM "HIGHWAY-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND CABRILLO AVENUE.

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

14. SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO CABRILLO AVENUE. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that an extra work order in the amount of \$1,500 be approved for the referenced project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried, as follows:

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

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Referring back to Item 12, City Manager Ferraro asked for at least two weeks to bring the material on off-street parking for automobile dealers back to Council before notifying the dealers themselves to be present for discussion. His request was granted.

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET FROM ARLINGTON TO GRAMERCY AVENUE - B66-70, JOB No. 66036. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that (1) Council approve and authorize the additional work as described; (2) Council accept the work on the subject improvement; and (3) final payment be made to the contractor in the amount of \$22,106.03.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in all three phases of the recommendation. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. STAND-BY PUMP FOR SEWAGE PUMP STATIONS: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$780 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund to purchase subject pump.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION making the south side of Vista del Mar between Elena Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway "TWO-HOUR PARKING 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM" weekdays.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-116, ARTICLE III WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-68 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION making the north side of Carson Street between Maple Avenue and Madrona Avenue "NO PARKING ANYTIME".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-33, ARTICLE III WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME, BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-69 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. REPORT ON LINDA DRIVE COMMITTEE FROM TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

The following recommendations were made by the Committee Chairman and the City Traffic Engineers, concurred in by the City Manager:

1. Removal of the double yellow line on Linda Drive between Milne and Clearsite and replace it with a white dashed skip line.
2. Provide additional 25 MPH speed limit signs and pavement markings and radar warnings.
3. Install a full FOUR-WAY STOP at the intersection of Linda Drive and Clearsite.
4. Provide adequate street lighting which is to be included in Street Lighting District No. 12.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Lyman said there has been a request that at a certain time in the future the results be checked to see how the plan is working. City Manager Ferraro suggested that be four months from the time it is implemented and Mayor Isen asked that be included as a part of the motion. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AND REGULAR ORDINANCE adopting Position Classification Plan, etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1764

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING AND ADOPTING A POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN, ESTABLISHING A THREE-STEP PAY RANGE PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, RATIFYING ALL PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 66-66 AND 66-67 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, DECLARING ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THESE RESOLUTIONS OR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE REPEALED, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1764 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1764 as an emergency measure at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1765

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING AND ADOPTING A POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN, ESTABLISHING A THREE-STEP PAY RANGE PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, RATIFYING ALL PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 66-66 AND 66-67 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, DECLARING ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THESE RESOLUTIONS OR THIS ORDINANCE TO BE REPEALED.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1765 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1765 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. CLAIM OF MRS. SUE WILLIAMS against the City for damages allegedly sustained as a result of a City employee hitting the back of her vehicle while at an intersection stop at Pacific Coast Highway and Denny Road, March 30, 1967.
22. CLAIM OF GUEWIN D. BROWN against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of an automobile accident in the alley at 1842 Plaza Del Amo on March 22, 1967.
23. CLAIM OF YVONNE NICOLAI against the City alleging an invalid appropriation of funds.
24. CLAIM OF SUSAN REYNOLDS against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a City truck backing into her parked vehicle at El Retiro Park on March 30, 1967.

As to each of claims under Items 21, 22, 23, and 24, Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer to the City Attorney. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INFORMING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF THE CITY'S INTENTION TO LEASE TO THE COUNTY, FREE OF CHARGE SUFFICIENT LAND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE OF THE SOUTHWEST SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICT.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-70; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 29. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 14 - 20, 1967 as PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY.
- 30. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of May as TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL MONTH.
- 31. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of May as SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH.
- 32. Mayor Isen proclaimed May 6, 1967, as FIRE SERVICE DAY.

SECOND READINGS:

- 33. ORDINANCE NO. 1759.

City Clerk Coil said some letters had been received with respect to this ordinance and Mayor Isen ordered them filed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1759

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (INCLUDING ALL CHANGES MADE THERETO).

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1759; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1759 at its second and final reading. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 34. ORDINANCE NO. 1760:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1760

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF VAN NESS AVENUE BETWEEN 166th STREET AND THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC 66-28. (RALPH GARLAND AND TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1760 at its second and final reading. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. ORDINANCE NO. 1761:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1761

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 182ND STREET AND THE EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-27; THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE C-3, PORTION OF SAID PROPERTY TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT. (RALPH GARLAND)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1761 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:05 p.m., on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:10 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. City Manager Ferraro asked for direction with respect to repaying bonds and cash deposits in connection with the urban renewal area. Mayor Isen instructed him to compile a list, consult with the City Attorney and present an item on the Council agenda.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta said so far nothing has been presented as a policy regarding attendance at conventions. A meeting of the pertinent committee was scheduled for Friday, April 28th.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta said he would like to have the City Attorney prepare a resolution by which the appointive powers of the Mayor, as to commissioners on the various City commissions, would be restored. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would prepare such a resolution for study at the earliest possible date.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance, California

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

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary