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Adjourned at midnight.

Torrance, California
April 25, 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 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 25, 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. Absent: None. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Sgt. Silagy of the Police Department led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Kornegay of the First Church of the Nazarene opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 18, 1967, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all regularly audited bills 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. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PRESENTATION:

8. Miss Jan Mangiagli, North High School, winner of Torrance Beautiful Annual Essay Contest.

Mayor Isen introduced Miss Mangiagli, the winner of the \$25 savings bond and of the sweepstakes trophy for her high school, and at his request she read her essay to the assembly.

In order to accommodate the large audience of City employees who had gathered for the informal pre-council session on wages and fringe benefits, Mayor Isen proposed with permission of the Council to take Item 25 out of regular agenda order.

25. REPORT OF SPECIAL COUNCIL SALARY COMMITTEE RE SALARIES.

The Council had met at 7 p.m., this evening and heard presentations from representatives of employee groups on the subject of this report. During that pre-council meeting, the Special Council Committee retired to another room to talk over with pertinent Management and Staff members the proposals made in response to the recommendation of the Council Committee contained in its letter report.

Supplementing and re-affirming that recommendation, Mayor Isen said the Committee feels it would be well to establish the longevity plan, realizing that it will be subject to negotiation in future years. In addition to the items set forth in the written communication, the Committee would approve and recommend to the Council a further increase to all City employees under the Civil Service system of two and one-half percent effective as of January 1, 1968, in recognition of the spiralling cost of living. He moved concurrence in the recommendation which, in effect, approves the six items and an additional item of 2½% increase as of January 1, 1968.

Sgt. Raymond Silagy of the Torrance Police Association said he believes this would be acceptable if the Council would reverse the longevity program and start with seven years in July of this year.

Richard L. DeArmitt of the Torrance Fire Fighters said they feel the same - that it would be more beneficial to give 2½% across the board in July and come back in January for the second 2½% to the 14 and 21 year employees and then the next year, the third phase of 2½%.

Councilman Beasley moved as a substitute that the Council concur as to Items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, except as to Item 1, there be a 3½% raise now and 3½% January of 1968 and no further negotiations and no longevity. There was no second to Councilman Beasley's motion.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council please agree with the Committee, or otherwise and called attention to his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Vico said it is not clear what is being voted for. He felt it could wait another week to get more information.

A recess was declared after which the Council returned to its agenda at 8:30 p.m. and Mayor Isen made his customary explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience which had completely changed during the recess, from City employees, to interested citizens.

HEARING ON TORRANCE CITY CODE:

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE adopting revision and recodification of the City Code.

This is a public hearing scheduled for 8 p.m. this evening and City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication of notice thereof. There being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen invited anyone who wished to do so to speak, starting with those who view the adoption of the new code books with favor. No one responded.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen invited comments from any of the councilmen; there were none. Then on questioning by Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed the impression that this is merely a formality to recodify the City's laws and ordinances into a new book which contains nothing new or different than what has been in effect.

Mrs. Jeanette Altermatt, 1323 Hickory Avenue, came forward and was permitted to speak because she had not understood that the hearing had been closed. In reading the proposed revised code, she had noted some sections which were apparently being repealed. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the technical reasons for the items she mentioned.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1758

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REVISION AND RECODIFICATION OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND APPENDICES THERETO WHICH SHALL BE ENTITLED "TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE" WITH SAID CODE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE, 1961 EDITION, UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1964 EDITION, UNIFORM HOUSING CODE, 1964 EDITION, UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE, 1964 EDITION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1758. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1758 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

This ordinance will be read for its second time at the Council meeting of May 2, a 5:30 meeting.

ELECTION MATTERS:

10. CANVASS OF RETURNS - SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION (\$2,350,000 Library Bond issue consolidated with School Board) held April 18, 1967.

Mayor Isen stated to the audience that this is the time and place to make official the results of the Special Municipal Election held on April 18, 1967. This was the special \$2,350,000 Library Bond issue consolidated with the School Board election. The law provides that the City Council may order the canvass of the election returns to be made by the City Clerk prior to the election. The Council did so authorize the canvass to be made by the City Clerk when they adopted Resolution No. 67-62 on April 4.

The City Clerk was asked by Mayor Isen; "Has the City Clerk conducted the canvass of the returns of the Special Municipal Election held April 18, 1967, as directed by the Council in Resolution No. 67-62?" City Clerk Coil answered "Yes, Your Honor".

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Coil, "Have all valid absentee ballots been canvassed and the results included in the semi-official returns?" The City Clerk answered "Yes, Your Honor."

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk "Have you compared the Tally Sheets with the results of votes cast for each precinct?" City Clerk Coil answered "Yes, Your Honor."

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk "Are the results of the voting in each precinct and in the City as a whole accurately enumerated in the proposed resolution declaring the results of the election?" City Clerk Coil answered "Yes, Your Honor."

Mayor Isen announced that the City Clerk has canvassed the returns as enumerated in the City Clerk's Certificate of Canvass embodied in the proposed resolutions "A" and "B" declaring the results of the election. He asked if there are any challenges or protests to be lodged respecting the results of votes cast in any precinct or the City as a whole. There was no response.

Mayor Isen stated: "I hereby declare the official canvass of the returns of the April 18, 1967, Special Municipal Election completed. The City Clerk will now read the title to Resolution No. 67-71 declaring the results of the Special Bond Election." City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-71

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 18, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 67-71, with the title only being read. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-71 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen directed the Minute Secretary, Mrs. Shaffer, to be sure that Resolution No. 67-71 which constitutes the City Clerk's statement of the result of the bond election is entered in full in the minutes of the proceedings of this meeting.

Mayor Isen informed the assembly that the bond issue has passed by a vote of 5,849 YES votes to 1,691 NO votes, constituting 78% of the votes cast in favor of the proposition and 22% of the votes cast against the proposition, a majority of 2/3 of the votes being required for the passage of the proposition.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-72

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION OF TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED WITH THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 18, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 67-72, the title only to be read; his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-72 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen instructed the Minute Secretary to be sure that Resolution No. 67-72 which constitutes the City Clerk's statement of the result of the School Board election is entered in full in the minutes of the proceedings of this Council meeting and Mrs. Shaffer answered that she would do so.

The Assembly was informed by Mayor Isen that Kurt T. Shery and Mrs. Pauline Watts have been elected to the governing board of the Torrance Unified School District for full terms of four years, Mr. Shery having received 5,198 votes and Mrs. Watts 5,276 votes of the total of 7,646 votes cast in this election.

City Clerk Coil was instructed by Mayor Isen to certify the results of the School Board Election to the County Superintendent of Schools, so that Mr. Shery and Mrs. Watts can be sworn back into office and City Clerk Coil said he would do so.

The complete resolutions, numbered 67-71 and 67-72 appear on the pages immediately following this page 5 of these minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-71

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING
THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION
RETURNS OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD
IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 18, 1967.

The City Council of the City of Torrance, California,
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. That a special bond election was duly called and regularly held in said city on the 18th day of April, 1967, at which election there were submitted to the qualified voters of said city the following proposition, to wit:

BOND PROPOSITION: Shall the City of
Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$2,350,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said City of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: new public library buildings and additions to and extensions and improvements of existing branch library buildings, including vehicle parking facilities therefor and the acquisition of land, furniture, furnishings, equipment and books necessary therefor?

Section 2. That the returns of said election have been duly and regularly canvassed by this City Council as provided by law, and all absentee ballots, if any, returned have been canvassed as provided by law.

Section 3. That the votes cast in the precincts established for said election upon said proposition and for and against said proposition, the absentee votes, if any, cast upon said proposition and for and against said proposition, and the total votes cast at said election for and against said proposition and upon said proposition are as follows:

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	117	64	181
2	130	36	166
3	105	44	149
4	127	33	160
5	112	62	174
6	163	38	201
7	113	34	147
8	135	41	176
9	146	43	189
10	84	38	122
11	127	43	170
12	183	42	225
13	92	23	115
14	121	28	149
15	96	19	115
16	162	26	188
17	88	39	127
18	180	37	217
19	153	76	229
20	107	59	166
21	120	75	195
22	219	61	280
23	166	59	225
24	143	44	187
25	195	47	242
26	195	22	217
27	144	28	172
28	184	46	230
29	126	38	164
30	149	47	196
31	186	61	247
32	100	44	144
33	104	44	148
34	88	21	109
35	126	42	168
36	241	33	274
37	260	40	300
38	230	36	266
39	138	18	156
40	173	46	219
Totals in Precincts	<u>5828</u>	<u>1677</u>	<u>7505</u>
Absentee Votes	<u>21</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>35</u>
Total Votes Including Absentee Votes	<u>5849</u>	<u>1691</u>	<u>7540</u>

Section 4. That the votes of more than two-thirds of all the voters voting at said election upon said bond proposition were cast in favor of the adoption of said bond proposition, and said bond proposition is hereby declared to be carried, and this City Council is authorized to issue bonds for the purpose stated therein as provided by law.

Section 5. That the City Clerk of this City is hereby directed to enter this resolution in full in the minutes of this City Council, which entry shall constitute the City Clerk's statement of the result of the election.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 25th day of April 1967.

/s/ Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance,
California.

ATTEST:

/s/ Vernon W. Coil

City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION NO. 67-72

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING
THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION
RETURNS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
ELECTION OF TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT CONSOLIDATED WITH THE SPECIAL
BOND ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON
APRIL 18, 1967

WHEREAS, this City Council, pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance No. 1748 adopted February 14, 1967, as amended by Ordinance No. 1750 adopted February 28, 1967, called a special bond election to be held in the City of Torrance on April 18, 1967, and ordered said election consolidated with the governing board member election of Torrance Unified School District to be held on the same date; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Torrance Unified School District adopted a Resolution and Order of Election requesting the Superintendent of Schools of Los Angeles County and this City Council to effect and consent to the consolidation of the governing board member election with the special bond election; and

WHEREAS, the County Superintendent of Schools has effected the consolidation and this City Council, by Resolution No. 67-15 adopted February 7, 1967, consented to the consolidation;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Torrance DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. That the returns of the governing board member election of Torrance Unified School District have been duly and regularly canvassed by this City Council as provided by law, and all absentee ballots, if any, returned have been canvassed as provided by law.

Section 2. That the votes cast in the precincts established for the governing board member election and the absentee votes cast, if any, are as follows:

<u>PRECINCTS</u>	<u>Kurt T. Shery</u>	<u>Pauling Watts</u>	<u>John R. Abshear</u>	<u>Arnold A. Katz</u>	<u>John D. Kirby</u>	<u>Jim Peters</u>	<u>John H. Tofflemire</u>	<u>Write Ins</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	112	115	10	19	46	30	14		346
2	103	96	11	15	38	31	18		312
3	88	99	15	15	54	13	11		295
4	105	98	13	14	51	16	15		312
5	106	104	14	23	45	19	22		333
6	153	141	16	13	43	8	15		389
7	102	102	14	6	42	12	9		287
8	128	125	13	10	43	9	14		342
9	126	130	18	16	37	26	13		366
10	79	81	8	7	36	7	12		230
11	109	115	15	14	41	11	19		324
12	149	147	31	13	66	9	12		427
13	63	78	14	8	27	9	13		212
14	112	102	20	16	22	7	15		294
15	83	86	9	5	17	8	14		222
16	151	158	13	13	17	-	8	1	361
17	88	85	12	15	33	8	15		256
18	157	146	25	13	49	13	14		417
19	166	154	30	19	42	15	21		447
20	121	97	20	8	51	10	25		332
21	134	117	13	8	63	11	30		376
22	171	197	18	58	75	13	16		548
23	162	166	18	17	45	21	22	1	452
24	134	121	13	11	36	7	33		355
25	159	166	26	19	61	11	17		459
26	132	153	24	22	39	5	23		398
27	105	106	17	17	44	8	10		307
28	174	162	12	13	46	11	16		434
29	114	108	14	11	42	15	18		322
30	141	137	22	17	36	12	16		381
31	176	188	24	28	54	15	15		500
32	105	101	13	11	26	7	8		271
33	99	93	13	14	40	9	17		285
34	73	75	7	13	27	10	9		214
35	119	119	10	17	34	2	21		322
36	203	212	18	28	46	13	14		534
37	216	247	32	17	41	8	24		585
38	196	222	19	16	29	19	8		509

Section 2A. That write-in votes were cast for the following:

<u>PRECINCTS</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>NO. VOTES</u>
16	George Brewster	1
23	Dr. Sullivant	1
40	Larry Bowman	<u>1</u>
Total Votes		3

PRECINCTS	<u>Kurt T. Shery</u>	<u>Pauline Watts</u>	<u>John R. Abshear</u>	<u>Arnold A. Katz</u>	<u>John D. Kirby</u>	<u>Jim Peters</u>	<u>John H. Tofflemire</u>	<u>Write-Ins</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
39	103	137	7	17	24	6	12		306
40	153	162	13	27	44	7	15	1	422
Totals in Precincts:	<u>5170</u>	<u>5248</u>	<u>654</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>1652</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>643</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14,484</u>
Absentee Votes:	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68</u>
Total Votes Including Absentee Votes:	<u>5198</u>	<u>5276</u>	<u>655</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>1657</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14,552</u>

Section 3. That said special municipal election was held for the purpose of electing the following officers:

Two (2) members of the Governing Board of the Torrance Unified School District for the full term of four years;

Section 4. That the whole number of ballots cast in said election (except absent voter ballots) was 7646.

That the whole number of absent voter ballots cast in said election was 35, making a total ballots cast in said election of 7681.

Section 5. That the City Clerk of this City is hereby directed to enter this resolution in full on the minutes of this City Council, which entry shall constitute the City Clerk's statement of the result of the election.

Section 6. That the City Clerk of this City is hereby directed to furnish immediately certified copies of this resolution to the Governing Board of Torrance Unified School District and to the County Superintendent of Schools of Los Angeles County.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 25th day of April, 1967.

/s/ Albert Isen
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST:

/s/ Vernon W. Coil
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

CONSOLIDATED VOTING PRECINCT NO.	CONSISTING OF REGULAR COUNTY PRECINCTS	TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS	TOTAL NUMBER VOTERS
1	58-20-160-192-65-116	1228	183
2	167-137-90-138-214-176	1316	166
3	139-47-191-140-128-40	1397	154
4	95-34-1-129-52-215	1284	160
5	164-96-141-51-161-154	1378	174
6	127-97-178-153-216-190	1310	202
7	41-144-179-115-93-57	1390	151
8	91-60-35-142-177-94	1252	177
9	143-158-125-92-126	1104	190
10	59-213-193-130-43	1067	123
11	78-72-73-71-156-70	1195	170
12	80-135-122-76-79-77	1268	229
13	69-200-171-211-181-201	1420	115
14	75-74-231-180-212-194	1355	155
15	198-117-199-232	863	115
16	168-170-169-187	896	190
17	3-13-17-22-5	1028	134
18	38-48-50-2-18-6	1402	220
19	49-166-7-21-64-14	1303	234
20	4-173-8-15-9-44	1207	175
21	149-32-210-10-26-202	1269	199
22	204-174-188-208-207-229	1567	287
23	227-54-203-165-162-209	1485	231
24	23-157-81-121-163-56	1638	187
25	110-136-124-123-151-85	1313	245
26	195-150-152-155-159-206	1272	220
27	172-111-112-113-119-217	1113	179
28	42-131-11-82-230-219	1265	232
29	120-62-27-89-88-68	1291	168
30	87-86-25-146-185-145	1277	199
31	19-84-218-147-186-53	1699	256
32	220-83-148-228-221	1094	147
33	205-222-182-12-16-183	1473	151
34	46-33-39-66-225-226	856	111
35	98-99-189-134-223-100	1239	175
36	197-31-67-109-63-132	1438	279
37	55-107-108-24-114-133	1361	307
38	175-37-29-104-105-30	1331	272
39	102-118-45-184-224-101	1240	159
40	36-28-106-61-197-103	1317	225
	Absentee		35
		<u>51,202</u>	<u>7,681</u>

Percentage of People Voting - - - 15%

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of said city and was approved by the Mayor of said city at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 25th day of April, 1967, and that it was so adopted as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STANLEY E. REMELMEYER, City Attorney

By /s/ Richard L. Knickerbocker
Senior Deputy City Attorney

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

11. VARIANCE 67-8, AMPCO METAL, INC. Variance of off-street parking requirements on property located between 212th and 213th Streets approximately midway between Torrance Boulevard and Bow Avenue at 1825 West 213th Street, zoned M-2 subject to a precise plan of development. Recommended for approval with conditions.

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

12. PRECISE PLAN 67-2, AMPCO METAL, INC. Precise plan of development for both reconstruction of existing facilities and new construction on property located between 212th and 213th Streets approximately midway between Torrance Boulevard and Bow Avenue. Recommended for approval subject to conditions.

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

These two are companion cases and the presentations are applicable to both.

Mr. Larry Bowman of Hitchcock and Bowman, Attorneys representing the petitioner, introduced his client, Mr. Irving Levenson of Ampco Metal, Inc. and outlined the extent of the variance requested. Under the provisions of the new ordinance, No. 1754 there was no formal hearing before the Planning Commission. Ampco would like to have the Council allow 83 parking places as shown on the precise plan which is considerably less than 115 which would normally be required but the 115 are calculated on this being a manufacturing facility. Much of the area is used for storage and the employee density is rather light as compared to a manufacturing machine shop facility. There will be sixty employees to start with and at the most, eighty; they use carpools and it is not anticipated that employees will at any time use more than 55 or 60 spaces. All of the parking is within closed gates and easily controlled.

This plant, Mr. Bowman said would present a substantial economic asset to the community. Improvements will be made to the extent of \$713,000, \$300,000 of which is in real estate improvements and the balance in machinery, etc.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Bowman to also discuss the precise plan, Item 12, and Mr. Bowman exhibited artist's renderings showing the buildings. There will be approximately 23,000 square feet of new construction; the total facility will comprise 53,000 square feet. He said the company has voluntarily dedicated a certain amount of land in the area so that Bow Avenue can be realigned.

The Planning Director's proposed conditions were shown to Mr. Bowman and he said the company definitely would comply. The conditions deal principally with the aesthetic treatment.

Mayor Isen asked questions regarding the use of carpools and the hours of operation. This is a daytime eight-hour operation.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation, including the five conditions as stated in Item 11. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimous, except for Councilman Miller who abstained for the same reason he abstained at the time of the zone change.

As to the precise plan, Item 12, Councilman Beasley moved to approve Precise Plan 67-2 with all conditions. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen expressed to Mr. Bowman and Mr. Levenson the pleasure of the Council that Ampco is coming to Torrance.

34. Communication and petition from Thomasian and Walton, Attorneys re closing of barber shops on Sundays.

Mr. Harold Thomasian, 3555 Torrance Boulevard, had evidently prepared an ordinance for consideration and Mayor Isen said the proper procedure would be for the Council to instruct City Attorney Remelmeye to prepare an ordinance along those lines, set a date and hold a public hearing.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the petition and draft of ordinance to the City Attorney for a hearing the date for which was set as May 23, an eight o'clock meeting. Mr. Thomasian said he would be glad to work with Mr. Remelmeyer in preparing the ordinance for Torrance, as he did with the City Attorney of Redondo Beach in 1958. Mayor Isen seconded Mr. Beasley's motion and there was no objection.

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At 9:00 p.m., Councilman Beasley moved to recess in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Mr. Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. The members returned to the Council agenda at 9:10 p.m.

13. ZONE CHANGE 67-3, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION: From A-1 and C-2 to C-R and C-2 on property located on the north side of Artesia Boulevard between Van Ness and Casimir Avenues. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Gordon Phillips represented the property owner on this matter which has been under consideration for about a year. He said there is no quarrel except with the portion of the Planning Department recommendations which relates to the corner where they recommend C-3 zoning. There was an objector to apartments at the time the matter came before the Council, but otherwise there have been very few objections. There was a stipulation for C-3 but Planning Commission wants C-2, Mr. Phillips said.

Planning Director Shartle said the corner is presently A-1 and the recommendation is for C-R.

Mrs. Velma Shelbourn, 18308 Fairview Lane, said she had been the person who objected but the objection was against C-2, not apartments. C-2 will allow apartments, with less setback.

Mr. Courtland Selvage of 2210 West 173rd Street said he had canvassed the neighborhood and got the feeling of the people. There is a petition with thirty odd names indicating what the property owners would like to have in the way of zoning. Mr. Selvage said he showed the people the ordinance. The petition is with the other material on this case.

Mr. Jerome Diesman, 2218 West 173rd Street, said the people would like to have C-R on the five houses from Van Ness up to the school, and about an equal distance from Casimir down, leaving the remainder of the property C-2.

Councilman Lyman asked Planning Director Shartle the difference between C-R and C-3. Mr. Shartle said C-R allows no residential construction; it allows 20 feet maximum buildings; requires review by the City of the plot plan for development; maximum height on signs is 20 feet; it requires a construction which is compatible with the neighborhood and permits certain retail businesses. The excluded uses are permitted by conditional use permit. It was designed for a development such as is now at Anza and Sepulveda.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to speak and no one responded.

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

Councilman Beasley moved that the area from Van Ness to Casimir facing on Artesia Boulevard be rezoned C-3, with the condition that a 20 foot alley be established at the rear of the subject property between Casimir and Van Ness Avenues. After some discussion, Councilman Beasley added the condition for a six foot masonry wall and Mayor Isen remarked that the condition for alley and wall would be for all of these properties. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the entire motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

14. CONTINUED HEARING ON ZC67-2, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Zone change from M-1 to C-R with the zoning to become C-3 upon approval of a precise plan on property located on the east side of Yukon Avenue between 182nd Street and the San Diego Freeway. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen noted that there had been no agreement or compromise as a result of a meeting between the members of the neighborhood committee and the Edison Company representatives.

Gerald Morris, 3601 West 182nd Street, Chairman of the neighborhood committee (Parents Organized for the Improvement of North Torrance) submitted petitions containing approximately 327 names of persons who protest a commercial development of this property, and read the narrative portion thereof.

Reverend Clare Peterson of the South Bay Church of God acted as spokesman for the committee (home address 3335 Artesia Boulevard) and presented a map of the subject area. The group, he said, is not the usual homeowners association, but rather they speak as parents. Many people in the audience stood to indicate their interest. These people, Reverend Peterson said, would not trade the safety of their children for the increased value which would accrue to their property by establishing this commercial center. He confirmed that there was no compromise even offered at the meeting with Lew Jenkins, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Goss of Edison Company. Edison's representatives made a poll of the community but the questions left no room for voicing any objections to commercial. A traffic survey has determined that 20,000 cars pass this narrow intersection each day. He submitted some photographs of the intersection traffic-wise. There would also be loitering of students and non-students, in the commercial center and/or its parking lot. He asked for R-1 zoning.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the publication included a zone change to R-2, R-1, RR-3, R-3, R-4, C-R, C1, C2 and/or C3, at least at Planning Commission level.

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Mr. Max Kelly of 18407 Haas Avenue, said there was some discussion of R-P zoning but there seems to be little demand for a professional building in this area.

Mr. Lew Jenkins, District Manager of Southern California Edison Company, representing Associated Southern Investments, acknowledged that nothing useful was accomplished at the April 17th meeting. It seems all that would be acceptable to the committee would be public buildings of some description or residential. The Edison could live with C-R zoning, but not residential. He appealed for C-R zone.

Planning Director Shartle had checked regarding the advertising and said the property was not advertised for residential. If the Council is planning to zone otherwise than what was advertised, Mr. Remelmeyer said it would be necessary to readvertise.

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

Mayor Isen suggested that the Edison Company men and members of the committee, with Mr. Shartle, go into the next room and talk this over a little further. During that time, the Council went over a few more items on its agenda. The Edison representatives did not confer.

15. CONTINUED HEARING ON CUP66-38, ROLLING HILLS PLAZA COMPANY:
Appeal of a conditional use permit to allow construction and operation of a drive-in theatre on property zoned C-3 located northerly of Pacific Coast Highway at the easterly City boundary. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, subject to conditions. Recommended for denial by the Planning Department.

Councilman Olson said the Airport Committee has met with the proponents and the last several meetings they have asked for a postponement. Mayor Isen said he would go along with Recommendation A - to deny the conditional use permit. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had received a letter from Attorney Mewborn asking that the Council continue this for an indefinite period of time.

Councilman Lyman moved to deny without prejudice and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

16. Communication regarding request for extension of time for Variance 66-9, First Church of the Nazarene.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested extension for a period of six months; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

17. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREETS, PORTION OF LOT 198, TRACT 25788 AND PORTIONS OF LOTS 33 and 34 OF TRACT 26551.

Director of Public Works said Items 38, 39 and 40 should be considered in connection with Item 17.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES PORTIONS OF LOT 198, TRACT NO. 25788, AND PORTIONS OF LOT 33 AND LOT 34 OF TRACT NO. 26551 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTIONS "230th PLACE," "230th STREET," AND "GALVA AVENUE," RESPECTIVELY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-73 and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. QUITCLAIM DEED FOR PORTION OF VACATED 230th STREET, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR A PORTION OF 230th STREET.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-74 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. VACATION OF PORTIONS OF KENT AVENUE, LOMITA BOULEVARD, 230th STREET, 230th PLACE AND 231st STREET, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF KENT AVENUE, LOMITA BOULEVARD, 230th STREET, 230th PL., AND 231st STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-75 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson and Vico.

Prior to the vote being taken, Attorney Fred Morgan, 655 South Hope Street, Suite 700, representing his clients Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gillespie, said he was before this Council eighteen months ago when a change of zone was being considered. At that time, he and his clients were assured they would have a right to be heard before their property would be taken. The first they knew otherwise was when they saw surveyors' stakes on their land, although the City has authorized condemnation. He asked consideration of his clients' position that this taking is not for a public use, but for the purpose of affording a subdivider an additional lot. He asked for a few days to hire an engineer to see if the sole purpose of this taking is to benefit a subdivider; if so, he will enjoin the City.

Mr. Nollac said about a year and a half ago the Council approved a tentative subdivision map; the final map is before the Council now and it conforms. A condition of that subdivision was the acquisition of the property referred to. The City agreed if the subdivider could not acquire the property by negotiation, the City would condemn at

the expense of the subdivider. It is mandatory now to approve the final as long as no substantial change was made.

Mayor Isen said this is a matter to be decided in court. Mr. Remelmeyer said it would be all right to hold this matter for a week, but Mayor Isen saw no reason to postpone it.

40. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30376, SUBDIVIDER, SOUTH BAY REALTY CO. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, Planning Director, approved by Planning Commission Chairman, that final tract map be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Council approve the final tract map, No. 30376. Mayor Isen seconded with the statement that to do otherwise would create a problem; the tentative has been approved and the final must be approved if substantially the same as the tentative. In answer to questions from Councilman Olson, Mr. Nollac confirmed the statement. The matter could be held one week but the same statement would be true next week.

Roll call vote on the motion to approve was unanimously favorable.

At 10:25 the Council took a recess and returned to the agenda at 10:35.

14. This is the matter on which Planning Director Shartle and the neighborhood committee had been conferring in another room. The public hearing had not been closed, Mayor Isen said.

Reverend Peterson asked that the City Council arrange a continuance to give time to advertise for R-1. Mayor Isen thought it should have been so advertised at Council level as it was at Planning Commission level and asked City Attorney Remelmeyer regarding the legalities. Mr. Remelmeyer said it should be advertised for zoning which would include R-1 before the Council. Planning Director Shartle said two weeks would be sufficient.

Mr. Vern Smith, 2816 West 182nd Street, said the citizens are not familiar with planning procedures and appealed to the Council to search for a solution to this problem.

Councilman Beasley moved the hearing be closed; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. Mayor Isen, however, said the hearing should not be closed. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there can be a new hearing by the new advertising; either a continued hearing or a second hearing is acceptable.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the Planning Commission's recommendation; there was no second.

Mayor Isen moved that Zone Change 67-2 be continued for two weeks, which would be until May 9, 1967, an eight o'clock meeting and that the Planning Department immediately republish and post all required notices with reference to this matter and for a change of zone and include in such public notifications all of the original changes of zone considered by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Jenkins of Southern California Edison Company asked if the postponement might be to a later date because he would be out of town and agreed to a moratorium until such time as the hearing has been held. Mayor Isen amended his motion by changing the date to May 23, also an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen stated the stipulation to continue the moratorium until after the matter has been decided, is accepted. Councilman Olson said in the interest of finding the best use for the property, it would be well for the Recreation Director to look at this parcel of land with the thought of making it a park and that the School Board should be made aware that there are several acres of vacant property across from the school.

There is no money for a park, Mayor Isen said. A fire station has also been suggested and it might be well to see if a compromise could be reached so the City could afford the site as a fire station, with some acceptable use for the balance of the property. The City cannot afford to buy the entire parcel.

18. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TELO AVENUE FROM LOMITA BOULEVARD TO 775 FEET NORTH OF LOMITA BOULEVARD, by installation of sanitary sewer and Street pavement (B67-11).

The recommendation is that the contract for the subject improvement be awarded on the basis of the alternate proposal of McAmis Engineering and all other bids be rejected. The amount is \$18,377.53.

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

19. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF 235th STREET FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO CABRILLO AVENUE. (B66-58; Job No. 66087)

The recommendation is that the Council approve and authorize additional work as described in the communication; that Council accept the work on the subject project; and that final payment be made to the contractor in the amount of \$25,017.

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

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

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION renaming Mesa Street between Paseo de las Tortugas and Via Valmonte to Paseo de las Tortugas.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF MESA STREET BETWEEN PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS AND VIA VALMONTE TO "PASEO DE LAS TORTUGAS."

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-76 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

21. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Southwood Construction Co. for an extension of time for temporary billboards to remain at various locations be approved.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Building and Safety Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

22. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A FIVE FOOT HIGH FENCE AND AN EIGHTEEN INCH CURB WALL FOR FIRE STATION NO. 5. The recommendation is that the bid of \$2,663 be accepted and the contract be awarded to B & J Fence and Masonry Co.

Councilman Miller moved to concur; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE for billboard moratorium extension.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1766

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OR DISPLAY OF ANY BILLBOARD OR BILLBOARD STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1766 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

23. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing refund to eight property owners erroneously billed by the County for street lights.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CERTAIN REFUNDS TO EIGHT PROPERTY OWNERS FROM THE "CITY OF TORRANCE LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 11 FUND".

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-77; his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. Recommendation of Civil Service Commission re examination for Fire Chief.

The recommendation is that the forthcoming examination for Fire Chief be given on a promotional basis. Councilman Beasley moved to concur; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen explained what might be considered to be an inconsistency in his voting "Yes" when he voted for an outside examination previously. He believes there are numerous qualified men who have come within the classified ranks and there can be an open, fair and complete competition for the office of Fire Chief. The morale in

the Fire Department is very high and its record is very good. This was not true of the Police Department at the time it was necessary to make this decision with respect to the examination for Police Chief.

The 5 - 7 vote satisfied the legal requirement.

FISCAL MATTERS:

26. CLAIM of Suzanne M. Roby for alleged personal injuries and property damage as the result of an accident which occurred in the vicinity of 186th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard on or about January 24, 1967.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney; his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

27. REQUESTED PERMISSION by City Attorney to attend City Attorney's Department of the League of California Cities Biennial Spring Conference in Sacramento, at his own expense.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the permission and Councilman Vico seconded.

Mayor Isen called attention then to the policy on travel and the fact that there is to be a Committee meeting on Friday of this week. If a recommendation is favorable at that meeting, Mr. Remel-meyer can be reimbursed for his expenses.

Councilman Beasley changed his motion to the effect that this matter will be back on the May 2nd agenda. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

28. DONATION OF \$500 FOR PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Recommendation of Recreation Director that the \$500 donation be accepted and that \$511.40 be appropriated for the purchase and installation of a Saddle Slide, from the sum deposited with the City Treasurer.

City Manager Ferraro noted a correction, that the sum \$500 should read \$511.40. With this correction, Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation stated. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

29. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

BUDGETED:

1. \$723.90 to Smith-Bennett Co. for the purchase of 30 Febco sprinkler valves and miscellaneous fittings for the installation of a sprinkler network by the Park Department to be a part of the beautification program of Madrid Avenue and the railroad right of way.
2. \$480.23 to Nees Turf and Supply Co. for the purchase of 400 Moody anchor rings and 30 Moody hand turning unions also needed by the Park Department for the Madrid Avenue and railroad right of way beautification program.
3. \$228.80 to Liberty Home Appliance of Torrance for one only dishwasher to be used by the Recreation Department at Joslyn Center.

4. \$780.00 to Engineering Sales and Service Co. for purchase of one only WEMCO submersible sump pump for the 187th and Crenshaw Place and El Retiro Sewer Pumping plants, a standby pump.
5. \$1,883.44 to Shepard Machinery Co. for one only 6 ton tilt-trailer for carrying the Water Department back hoe tractor.
6. \$904.80 to Albro Fire Equipment Co. of Los Angeles for two only rescue saws to be used by the Fire Department for emergency work.
7. \$390 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint) for the purchase of 100 gallons of white premixed traffic paint.
8. \$1,024.96 to Franks Bike and Key of Torrance for purchase of Toro gang mower and regular lawn mower repair parts needed to repair Park Department equipment.
9. \$341.64 to Business Forms Printing Co., Inc. for 10,000 three part voucher/warrants for the Finance Department, to be used as part of the new computer accounting system.
10. \$303.16 to Howard Supply for purchase of 500 feet of six inch galvanized pipe - lock seam - 22 gauge to be used as needed for stock by Water Department.
11. \$1,050 to Royal Equipment Co. for one only Scriptomatic addressing machine to be used by the Recreation Department for addressing announcements, copies of the Recreation Reporter, etc. to residents on the mailing list.

SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS:

12. \$534.96 to Voyager Book Shop of Torrance for the purchase of 493 assorted books for the new City Library program.

REIMBURSEABLE ITEMS:

13. \$511.40 to Jamison Manufacturing Co. for one only saddle slide for Pueblo Park - a factory direct purchase. Torrance Junior Women's Club is donating the money.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

30. AIRPORT SECURITY.

Councilman Olson, as Chairman of the Airport Committee of the Council, said the general consensus is that airport security is in good order and no emergency exists. However, there are some areas in which more information and answers are needed. He moved on behalf of the Committee to refer the item back to the Airport Commission for further evaluation and recommendations concerning those areas. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

BUS SYSTEM:

31. Proposed resolution re adoption of legislation for exemption of local and urban transit operators from payment of State motor vehicle fuel taxes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION AT THE 1967 SESSION WHICH WOULD EXEMPT LOCAL AND URBAN TRANSIT OPERATORS FROM PAYMENT OF STATE MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAXES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-78 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

32. URBAN RENEWAL PETITION: City Clerk's statement of sufficiency of petitions filed April 11, 1967, requesting adoption of an ordinance amending Subsection (b) of Section H-201 of Chapter 2 of the Uniform Housing Code, 1964 Edition, added to Section 6.70 of the "Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" under Ordinance No. 1567.

There are more than enough signatures to place the matter on the ballot for a general election, according to the City Clerk. Councilman Miller moved to accept and file the City Clerk's Statement of Sufficiency; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is now a ten day period allowed for a supplementary petition which would bring the number of signatures up to the required fifteen percent for a special election.

Mr. Edward Kessler, 4170 West 172nd Street, said the Council has now accepted the petition as for a general election although it is short by about 3% of the amount necessary for a special election. He and his group feel that the law as it now stands is not justified and are confident they could get the necessary additional 3% to force the issue by special election. He recommended instead that the Council vote in what is asked for by the petition.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out four options: to instruct him to prepare and present for consideration an ordinance based on the petition; order a resolution to be prepared placing the issue on the ballot at the next general election; refuse to do any of these things on the grounds as stated in his opinion that the ordinance proposed in the petition is probably illegal as not being subject to the initiative process. Mr. Remelmeyer's recommendation is that the Council do nothing on the grounds that the petition is probably not one which is subject to the initiative process; the ordinance is probably illegal. This can be brought up before the Council a second time by Mr. Kessler's getting the additional signatures to bring the number up to the required 15%. The petition would then be delivered to the City Clerk who would check and make the Statement of Sufficiency and the Council would have to decide on definite action.

Mayor Isen stated in the absence of court ruling, any ordinance the City passes is presumptively valid; he has no doubt that Mr. Kessler can obtain the rest of the signatures needed (about 1200); if this Council does not act but lets matters stay as is, there will be an election a year from April. The petition as such is not in violation of the Meadow Park project and conforms to a very large extent with the Council's thinking. He predicts that the proposition would carry by 95% for the amendment - he would vote for it. Whether the State Housing Act would step in is not now the question. Torrance is now on a voluntary inspection basis and the Council has repeated on motion that there be no forced inspection. With this number of people expressing their feelings, there should also be a show of good faith from the Council.

He does not feel the Council would vote the necessary cost of a special election.

In order to bring the question to a head, Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney prepare an amendment as indicated, identical to the content of the petition and that it be presented next week at Council meeting and in the same motion, that the Council indicate approval in fairness to Mr. Kessler and his question if he should proceed further to get signatures. Councilman Miller seconded, commenting that it seems obvious that the signatures could be obtained readily.

It may be that the Council would be pre-empted by the State, but Mayor Isen would like to show the good faith which the people have a right to expect. Mr. Kessler said the Council should be commended, if it takes a vote of this type and it carries.

Councilman Beasley did not agree, based on the City Attorney's opinion, and to do what has been suggested above is not realistic. Mr. Kessler said his understanding is that the State would not come in regardless of what is passed, unless there is an official complaint. Mr. Beasley said the inspections could continue under State law which is more stringent than Torrance's laws.

Mrs. Carmen Rivera, 4003 West 235th Street, said she had not received a copy of Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion, but she has talked with many lawyers about it and she quoted from portions of Ordinance No. 1732.

There followed a discussion of the effect of such action on the actual inspection program. Mayor Isen stated that roll call on the motion commits the adoption of the ordinance to be presented next week in identical form to the proposed amendment as was published by Mr. Kessler and his group.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (based on Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion)

Mayor Isen said Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion still says nothing stronger than "probably".

A recess was declared at 11:20 and the Council returned at 11:30 p.m.

33. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving agreement between the City of Torrance and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance and directing the Mayor to execute said agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-79

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A LOCAL GRANT-IN-AID AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 67-79 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-79 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

35. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES:

Councilman Olson had some questions as to this proposed ordinance and Mayor Isen also asked if other cities have similar ordinances. He asked that the item be held for two weeks.

Councilman Vico so moved and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. There was no objection.

36. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re opposition to Section 131(g) of Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO SECTION 131(g) OF THE HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT OF 1965 WHICH PROVIDES PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION UPON THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS, DISPLAYS AND DEVICES, SUCH COMPENSATION TO BE SHARED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-80 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing STOP signs on Linda Drive at intersection of Clearsite.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-81

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 Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-81 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READINGS:41. ORDINANCE NO. 1763:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1763 at its second and final reading. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

A. Required parking for new and used automobile sales lots.

Mayor Isen said he had requested this be a regular agenda item. It will be postponed for two weeks and brought back as a regular agenda item.

42. City Manager Ferraro asked if it would be possible to skip the May 30th Council meeting because of the Memorial Day Holiday and also because it is the fifth Tuesday of the month. Mayor Isen moved to dispense with the regular Council meeting which ordinarily would be held on Tuesday, May 30th. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

43. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Council of the great personal effort expended by a number of citizens with respect to the Library Bond issue and asked some direction toward recognizing them. He was authorized to arrange a luncheon and to prepare resolutions to be passed in perma plaque form. Mr. Remelmeyer will prepare a sample.

44. City Manager Ferraro also reminded the Council of the Parks tour on Saturday, by bus, to start from City Hall at 11 a.m.

45. Mrs. Ella Schwartz, 3244 Eldorado, said she had applied for a building permit for a partition to be put in a building on Oak Street and was told a dedication of Oak Street to the City would be required. The property is now in probate. The partition is to make it possible to lease the building to Hughes Aircraft and there is a time element involved. She asked if this partition could be approved without its being contingent on something over which she has no control.

Mayor Isen did not think the City should take over the responsibility of Oak Street; it was accepted as a part of the Master Plan recently by the City. Public Works Director Nollac recalled Mayor Isen's direction at that time: that the City Council, rather than Staff, accept this dedication. However, the law requires the dedication before any building permit can be issued.

Sometime ago, Councilman Beasley said a policy was established whereby this would apply only as to a major change or remodeling; this proposed partition is only about \$1,000. He moved that the building permit be granted; Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Schwartz mentioned another building in the same area where it will be necessary to add offices and bathroom facilities. This, too, is all inside work and the cost is estimated to be \$1200. The proposed tenancy is also on Oak Street.

City Manager Ferraro asked for some sort of verbal agreement at least, because eventually there will have to be a street in there. Mrs. Schwartz specifically committed herself and "the estate" to always permit fire trucks, police cars, garbage collection trucks, etc. to enter and perform their duties. When it is within the power of the family to make this dedication, or some part of it, it will undoubtedly be done. It is necessary to retain enough land for tenants' parking.

Mayor Isen asked Mrs. Schwartz for identification of the building and the project. She said it is an 8820 square foot building with a partition which would divide it into 6100 and 2700 square feet.

The second request is for office space of about 400 square feet and a bathroom in a 6000 square foot building at 1820 Oak Street.

Councilman Beasley moved that the same conditions obtain as to the second request, that a building permit be granted for the purposes set forth by Mrs. Schwartz. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

46. Mrs. Kenneth Sexton, 1828 West Sepulveda Boulevard, expressed concern about the proposed improvement of Sepulveda at the intersection of the railroad at Walnut Avenue. She had talked with the Public Works Department and with Council Miller who encouraged her to present her problem to Council.

Mrs. Sexton had been told by a surveying crew on the location the reasons for the widening and that within ten years there would possibly be six lanes of traffic. She said it is not even safe now to enter her driveway under the peculiar circumstances of this location and it is sometimes necessary to circle the block several times before entering their garage. The proposed improvement will make it more hazardous. Fast traffic is now using Walnut as a by-pass to Western to avoid the railroad track.

Mr. Nollac said a resolution was passed by the Council two weeks ago asking the Board of Supervisors for the money. It is now being processed through the State Division of Highways and the Public Utilities Commission. He expects to be able to go to bid within sixty days.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Nollac and Mr. Horkay to work with Mrs. Sexton and other residents, with a report through Management back to the Council.

47. Councilman Beasley asked for a report from Management as to how the property purchased from Trojanaire for about \$80,000, is being administered. Airport Manager Egan said they vacated and aircraft is being stored there. A report will be made to Council.

48. Councilman Olson named Scott F. Albright, 2512 Sierra, as a replacement for Robert German who recently resigned from the Civil Service Commission. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 midnight.

Vernon W. Coil
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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance