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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 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 2, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen recognized Richard P. Gawne in the audience and commended him for his donations to the City, especially in the design of Los Arboles Park, as a Landscape Architect. At Mayor Isen's request, Mr. Gawne led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Francis A. Rath of Seaside Community Church opened the meeting with an invocation of divine guidance. Reverend Rath is Minister of the Month of May.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 25, 1967 Council meeting have not yet been studied by the Councilmen and their consideration will be held until the next Council meeting.

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, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,
Vico and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

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 was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

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

Mayor Isen announced that Item 17 on this evening's agenda requires legal advice. An action has been filed by Yvonne Nicolai and the Torrance Police Officers Association against members of the City Council and others. Legal advice will be necessary as to that also and a recess will be declared, under the Brown Act, to receive the advice privately. He proposed going through the agenda with the exception of Item 17, recess to a closed session for legal advice and return to the Council Chambers for the purpose of disposing of Item 17 only. He assured the audience Item 17 and adjournment will be the only things considered following the closed session so they may feel free to leave the meeting at that time if they wish. The councilmen had no objection.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE CASE NO. V67-2, Menlo.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V67-2, SAM AND VERA MENLO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-82 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE providing additional grounds for deviation from parking lot design requirements and declaring presence of an emergency.

There was considerable discussion as to whether the requirements for permanent parking lots should also be included in this ordinance and Public Works Director Nollac said they could be included in the regular ordinance which will follow on the heels of this emergency measure. City Manager Ferraro said the present ordinance is so vague as to need clarification.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1767

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTIONS 38.73 (D) (3) and (4) TO CHAPTER 38 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING TWO ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR DEVIATION FROM PARKING LOT DESIGN REQUIREMENTS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1767 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE reclassifying property in ZC67-1, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1768

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 SOUTH SIDE OF THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND VAN NESS AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC 67-1 (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1768 at its first reading. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

12. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$1200 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of a sewer manhole in Hawthorne Boulevard northerly of Carson Street.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

13. REQUEST OF SOUTHWOOD CONSTRUCTION CO., FOR EXTENSION of time for temporary billboard to remain at 2716 Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommendation for approval, by Building and Safety Director with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the extension for a period of time that coincides with the adoption of the new proposed sign ordinance or billboard ordinance, whichever should regulate and that a bond remain in effect guaranteeing removal of this sign. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

14. BID FOR PARTIAL REPLACEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY LINES for Fire Station No. 4. The recommendation is that the bids be rejected and that the Department of Building and Safety readvertise for bids.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the stated recommendation. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

15. PROPOSED ORDINANCE providing for right of entry by building official, etc.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer for any remarks he would care to make. Mr. Remelmeyer said the law provides that the

City Council may pass the ordinance without any modification whatsoever and the ordinance he has prepared is identical to the wording of the petition except for the addition of a title. The law also provides in the event the Council passes this ordinance rather than submit the question to the vote of the people, the Council may not amend it without a vote of the people, nor can it be abolished without a vote of the people. Mayor Isen added that any ordinance has a presumption of legality and validity although the Council is not pre-empting the judgment of a court. He said the proponents should realize there will be a problem of legal effect with reference to the California State Housing Code.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1769

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR A RIGHT OF ENTRY BY THE BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE CITY'S HOUSING CODE (UNIFORM HOUSING CODE, 1964 EDITION) WITH RESTRICTIONS ON THE EXERCISE THEREOF; AMENDING SUBSECTION (b) OF SECTION H-201 OF SAID CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1769. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1769. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent). There will be a second reading at next week's Council meeting.

On behalf of his committee, Mr. Edward Kessler, 4170 West 172nd Street, thanked the Council for recognizing the desires of the people. Another petition is being circulated to repeal the entire Uniform Housing Code and he stated his group in North Torrance is opposed to that petition and will do anything possible to defeat its effect.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

28. RIVIERA PARK: Request of City Manager for the City of Torrance to agree to participate in the development of Riviera Park located at the intersection of Catalina Avenue and Palos Verdes Boulevard to the extent of approximately \$3,000 worth of improvements.

City Manager Ferraro asked that the words "located in the City of Torrance" be added to the recommendation at the top of the first page of the communication. The council agreed.

Mr. Stanley Dunn of 505 Via la Selva, Riviera section, introduced the interested Riviera businessmen who were with him: David Halstead, Lee Larson, Robert L. Reis, Dick Gawne, and described the location and the reason for the proposed park which would occupy public property belonging approximately half to Torrance and half to Redondo Beach.

Mayor Isen mentioned a condition - that the \$3,000 not be expended until the whole package is put together and ready to go. Mr. Dunn said that is the understanding but added that so far there has been no solicitation of funds for the project.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager, with the addition of Mayor Isen's condition set forth above, that the \$3,000 be earmarked and held until the project is ready to go. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

SIDEWALKS AND STREETS:

11. Communication from Ella Schwartz requesting a hearing before the Council on the recent addition of Oak Street on the City Master Plan.

Mrs. Schwartz of 3244 Eldorado, asked the Council to consider removing Oak Street from the Master Plan; neither she, Mrs. Sam Levy nor Mr. Moss (M & M Transfer) was notified it was being contemplated.

Mayor Isen recalled that Public Works Director Nollac had said at the time that all that would be done is to put Oak Street on the City Master Plan. Mr. Nollac answered that there had been a hearing before the Planning Commission and the Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mr. David Halstead, confirmed that. Mr. Nollac continued that the hearing was as to whether or not the presently private portion of Oak Street should be put back on the master plan. The Commission made studies, held hearings and determined that it should be. It then came to Council with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, that it be restored to the Master Plan. In 1946 this property was taken off the master plan and vacated, Councilman Beasley recalled. The owner of the property is the estate of Sam Levy.

Planning Director Shartle said notice of such a hearing is given by publication and by posting - not by mailing.

Oak Street runs in a north/south direction between Jefferson and Carson Streets. Mayor Isen says he can see no reason why it should be on the Master Plan. Mr. Nollac added that the Master Plan shows every street that is to be dedicated or is to be in existence in the future; it is not necessarily incumbent upon the City to put in curbs and gutters. Part of the street is private and part is public; it should be one or the other, and there is a matter of liability to be considered in case of an automobile accident, for instance. One-sixth of a mile belongs to the Levy Estate and another one-sixth of a mile to the City of Torrance; the street deadends at Carson.

Mr. Halstead said the main concern of the Planning Commission was that the man across the way who was attempting to develop, has to use a twenty foot easement when there is a street available. Mrs. Schwartz said the owners of that property were offered a chance to share in the street, but turned it down. R. G. Harris is the developer referred to.

Mayor Isen asked how the City could include the street in a master plan and City Attorney Remelmeyer answered the problem is requiring them to dedicate it as a condition to getting a building permit, and he thought that requirement is going too far considering the small change being made in the structure. The City has an ordinance which, if applied reasonably will result in an equitable solution. Perhaps the solution would be to leave the street on the master plan, but give Mrs. Schwartz an exemption from the dedication.

Mayor Isen asked for Mr. Gerald Alter's opinion and Mr. Alter said the City has made this requirement as to all the streets in the oil fields of South Torrance. Councilman Miller said that was for widening streets, not to take entire streets. Mr. Remelmeyer agreed with Mr. Alter saying people in South Torrance had been asked to dedicate half of a street.

Councilman Olson said he does not see that the City has any jurisdiction; Oak Street is a private street with all the maintenance and responsibility on the owner. Councilman Miller said the criteria should be whether or not the position of the owner is improved by the taking of that much property for a public street, such as was done in the oil fields.

Mayor Isen moved to delete the whole street from the master plan, and after a remark from Mr. Nollac repeated his motion - to delete the private portion of Oak Street from the City's master plan. Councilman Béasley seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico (should be referred back to Planning)
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

Councilman Olson suggested that the Traffic Department look at this and perhaps barricade the private portion or whatever recommendation they may make.

Mr. William Moss, President of M & M Transfer, 1818 Oak Street, said his interest is to have safe access to his business from Crenshaw Boulevard. As the area has built up the automobile traffic and other industries have caused a serious threat to safety because of the nature of the vehicles operated by the transfer company. He said there have been two large signs purchased recently showing DANGER - TRUCK CROSSING and they are being erected in order to warn the traveling public.

Mr. Ferraro said he would consider Councilman Olson's suggestion to work with the Traffic Engineer and Mrs. Schwartz toward a solution of the traffic problem.

Mrs. Schwartz stated she and the Levy family are not being intransigent; whenever it becomes vital to the welfare of the City they will discuss the dedication, but there seems to be no need for it at this time.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. The Council returned to its meeting at 6:30 after which a recess was declared for ten minutes.

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33. STANDBY PAY FOR WATER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL. Proposed ordinance

Mayor Isen asked that this item next be considered to accommodate employees who were in the audience. He had understood there was to be a request to postpone the matter for one week and City Manager Ferraro confirmed that Sam Hunegs had called and asked that it be held for one week. It will be considered at the May 9th meeting of the Council - an eight o'clock meeting.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

16. REQUEST FROM FRANKLIN O. MYERS, Consulting Engineer, for extra work in the amount of \$855.59 incurred in the design study for the intersection of Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue and other streets. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and to pay the amount mentioned \$855.59. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

18. PROPOSED EMERGENCY AND REGULAR ORDINANCE adopting a uniform three-step pay plan, etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1770

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION II OF ORDINANCE NOS. 1764 AND 1765 AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR ADOPTING A REVISED UNIFORM *3-STEP PAY PLAN* PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS; AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1770 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen asked about the further 2½% increase which is to become effective January 1, 1968 which is not mentioned in this ordinance and City Attorney Remelmeyer said that would be forthcoming next week by a short separate ordinance. However, Mayor Isen said there should be something definite done at this time to indicate that 2½% as a part of the package.

To correct this defect, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the following corrections be made to Ordinance No. 1770:

At the bottom of page 4, add a new Section 8: "Effective January 1, 1968, all employees who are subject to the provisions of Section 3 shall receive a 2½% pay increase and the tables herein set forth shall be amended accordingly."

On page 5, change the number of Section 8 to "Section 9"; of Section 9 to "Section 10"; of Section 10 to "Section 11" and insert in line 8 of Section 11, the following words "and an additional 2½% effective January 1, 1968."

Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

With these changes, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1770 as an emergency measure at this, its only reading. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1771

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION II OF ORDINANCE NOS. 1764 AND 1765 AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR ADOPTING A REVISED UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN; SETTING FORTH A LONGEVITY PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS; AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1770 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Mayor Isen moved the same corrections and additions be made to Ordinance No. 1771 as were made to Ordinance No. 1770. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1771; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1771 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

19. CLAIM OF JOHN J. CHAVANNE against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of his falling into a hole on a public sidewalk on April 17, 1967. The recommendation of the City Clerk is to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney.

Mayor Isen commented that this small amount does not justify the time taken to process it and suggested that conditioned upon Mr. Chavanne's delivering a full and complete release of all claims that he be paid the \$10. City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed.

The motion, by Mayor Isen, was that \$10 be paid to Mr. Chavanne subject to proper releases approved by the City Attorney as to both property and personal injury. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. CLAIM OF TRAVIN F. JOHNSON submitted by the Automobile Club of Southern California against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a City vehicle hitting his parked vehicle on March 21, 1967. The amount is \$129.45.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

21. REQUESTED REFUND to George Townsend of \$50 variance fee.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the refund and Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen commented that it was a difficult situation and Mr. Townsend received some wrong advice somewhere. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,
Vico and Isen. NOES: None
(Lyman absent)

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22. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following five listed expenditures:

1. \$1,554.80 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint Co.) for 500 gallons of street paint to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for street marking for traffic control.
2. \$560.87 to Western Highway Products for 69 porcelain name signs and 4 porcelain block number plates to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for City street marking.
3. \$319.03 to Econolite Corp. for the purchase of traffic signal replacement parts used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
4. \$350 to Mohawk Trailer Mfg. Co. to fabricate one only traffic cone trailer needed by the Traffic and Lighting Department for deploying traffic cones to re-direct traffic when painting City streets, crosswalks, etc.

SPECIAL CATEGORY - Film for Police Photographic Lab.

5. \$639.54 to Torrance Camera Shop for film and flash bulbs supplies for the Police Department photographic lab, representing a six month supply. Price is predicated on this volume.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

23. RE CITY ATTORNEY'S PRESENCE AT LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BIENNIAL SPRING CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO - CITY ATTORNEYS DEPT.

This item is related to the policy for travel at City expense on which a committee was appointed, but has not yet met. Mayor Isen commented that he had declined to serve on that committee, and a new member should be appointed.

Councilman Miller moved to reconsider the action taken about two months ago which prohibits travel and refer the policy to the Finance Committee of the Council for recommendation as soon as they can get to it. Councilman Sciarrotta moved as a substitute that the policy in effect before the prohibition, be followed and Councilman Beasley seconded.

Each of the councilmen expressed his views on the subject and Councilman Beasley moved to rescind the previous action (which would produce the same effect as Councilman Sciarrotta's motion set forth in the previous paragraph). Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Specifically, as to Item 23, Councilman Beasley moved to grant the travel request, with appropriate expenses. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Miller said there should be no question of retroactivity on this policy. It was acknowledged the policy will not be retroactive in any respect.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. 1968 FEDERAL AID TO AIRPORTS PROGRAM: Recommendation of Airport Manager that Torrance decline participation.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Manager, the Airport Commission and the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

25. SIR LOIN MEAT SHOPPE'S (JEFFERSON LEASE 3A) REQUEST for approval of plans for addition. Recommendation for approval, concurred in by ANTS, Airport Manager, Airport Commission and City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

26. TORRANCE JAYCEE'S REQUEST FOR STORAGE OF 1924 FIRE ENGINE ON AIRPORT. Recommendation of Airport Manager that the request be granted on a space available, as is, day to day basis, at no charge, with application fee waived, concurred in by ANTS, Airport Commission and City Manager.

Councilman Olson moved to concur; Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

27. TORRANCE KIWANIS CLUB OFFER OF DONATION FOR LANDSCAPING and beautification at the Airport Control Tower. Recommendation to accept the amount of \$167.13 with thanks, concurred in by Airport Manager, Airport Commission and City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and accept the donation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen asked that the record show commendation of Donald W. Walker and the Torrance Beautiful Commission. Mr. Walker drew the plans for this project which the Commission has been working on.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

29. HICKORY PARK FINANCING: The recommendation is that the Council appropriate \$25,717.50 from the General Fund to provide principal and interest payment; pass the proposed resolution which provides for the issuance of a new negotiable note in the amount of \$102,000; and authorize the City Treasurer to transfer such funds as are found to be necessary for the technical completion of the transaction.

City Treasurer Rupert said the blank space in the note should be filled in with "3% per annum".

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-83

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF (A) NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,000.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-83 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen moved concurrence in the three phases of the recommendation set forth, regarding appropriation and transfer of funds. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

POLICE OPERATIONS:

30. PROPOSED RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to Raymond L. Zeigler.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. RAYMOND L. ZEIGLER FOR OUTSTANDING ASSISTANCE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND COMMENDING HIM FOR APPREHENDING A BURGLARY SUSPECT ON NOVEMBER 20, 1966.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-84 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

31. PROPOSED RESOLUTION honoring the late Gunnery Sergeant Pavey.

Mayor Isen requested that the resolution be redrafted to show sympathy with Sergeant Pavey's family. City Manager Ferraro said the resolution is planned for presentation at the Armed Forces observance and Chief Koenig spoke of the Police Memorial services on May 15th. The day before leaving, Sgt. Pavey and Chief Koenig had lunched together and Chief Koenig read aloud a letter just received from Mrs. Pavey.

Mayor Isen suggested the proper and appropriate wording be placed in the resolution and with that understanding, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING THE LATE GUNNERY SERGEANT CHESTER R. PAVEY, U.S.M.C., FOR CONTRIBUTING STRENGTH TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN RECRUITMENT AND CHARACTER BUILDING

EFFORTS AMONGST THE YOUTH OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AND UNSELFISH ASSISTANCE TO THE
CITY OF TORRANCE IN PREPARATION OF CIVIC
CEREMONIES HONORING THIS GREAT NATION.

The resolution is to be prepared as an ornamental scroll, such as is prepared by the County Board of Supervisors.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-85 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

WATER OPERATIONS:

32. COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OF WATER TANK, CONDUCTOR COLUMN AND SUPPORTING STEEL TOWER (B66-86). Acting Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and Director of Public Works, recommending that Council formally accept the project and authorize payment in the amount of \$8,500 less 10% retention.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the project and authorize payment as set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

34. Letter from Committee of Mayors and the Cities of Los Angeles County re meeting of City Selection Committee on May 8, 1967.

Mayor Isen is the City's representative in his capacity as Mayor, but the Council may appoint another representative in his place if he does not wish to attend. Councilman Beasley said he will attend and Councilman Miller moved to appoint him as delegate. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

35. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT 30036, SUBDIVIDER, JACK EMERZIAN, BOND NO. 205-32-35, \$3,800. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

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

36. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT 28248, SUBDIVIDER, B & D CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, BOND NO. 4SM156-592, \$3,900. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

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

37. Recommendation from Council Public Works Committee re Sanitary Landfill project.

The recommendation is that the proposal to establish a sanitary landfill on property owned by the Mobil Oil Company at Del Amo Boulevard and Madrona be filed. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen said there was a lot of staff time and Chamber of Commerce time involved in compiling these statistics and he moved that the whole package be sent to the Sanitation District for study. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

38. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR SPRING AND FALL 1967. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to B. E. Taylor, the low bidder in the amount of \$10,250.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PROCLAMATIONS:

39. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 7 through 13, 1967 as HIRE A VETERAN WEEK.

40. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 7 through 13, 1967, as BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK.

41. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of May as NATIONAL HOME IMPROVEMENT MONTH.

SECOND READINGS:

42. ORDINANCE NO. 1758:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading 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 Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1758 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1758 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Carmen Rivera of 4003 West 235th Street presented a letter from Mrs. Altermatt protesting the minutes of the April 25th Council meeting. Mayor Isen told her that the minutes of that meeting have not yet been approved by the Council. Mrs. Rivera protested on her own behalf also, stating that neither she nor Mrs. Altermatt were mentioned.

43. ORDINANCE NO. 1765:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1765. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Ray Saukola, President of the Torrance City Employees Association asked if this action includes an amendment and City Attorney Remelmeye called attention to a substitute page 8 (on blue paper) by which the following two sentences are added:

"The Commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the City Manager for review and submission to the City Council. The City Council shall make the final decision."

There was considerable discussion of the effect of these two sentences and the City Attorney suggested eliminating the first of the two sentences above quoted, so that the City Council would be making the final determination.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to substitute the blue page 8 for the original page 8, with the exception of the sentence "The Commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the City Manager for review and submission to the City Council." which is stricken. Mayor Isen seconded.

City Manager Ferraro said he would like to have the wording insure that the Personnel Director is under the supervision of the City Manager. He mentioned a confusing situation in which the Personnel Director acts as secretary to the Civil Service Commission.

Under this circumstance, City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council it would be better to pass the ordinance in its white paper format and he will bring back some changes next week.

Councilman Sciarrotta, in compliance, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1765 at its second and final reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

44. Public Works Director Nollac said tomorrow is the beginning of construction of the first storm drain issue project.
45. Councilman Sciarrotta said his term as Mayor pro tem expires on May 15th and moved that Councilman Miller so serve for the period May 15th to November 15, 1967. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.
46. Councilman Sciarrotta asked the City Manager why the list of men who took the police examination was not promulgated. Also he said sometime ago this Council adopted a policy that there would be a police officers' examination every month. To his knowledge this policy has not been followed. City Manager Ferraro said he would look into it and report.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta said the Civil Service ordinance is now compiled and it is his understanding the hearing date is May 23rd. He delivered copies to the Council and said others who are interested could obtain copies from the City Attorney. His motion was that a public hearing be held on May 23rd, 1967, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Isen believed more time should be allowed before the hearing with any objections presented in writing, two weeks before the date of hearing. Mr. Saukola said the Association would also like to have this longer period of time in view of the importance of the ordinance to the civil service system.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is important that a "decent ordinance get on the books in place of what we have" and he said he sees no merit in prolonging the action. His recommendation was to pass the ordinance as soon as possible and it can be amended as it appears necessary and desirable to do so.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller to hold the hearing June 27th at 7 p.m., with the written objections two weeks in advance, but with the understanding that oral arguments would not be precluded. Mr. Saukola said the Association and its attorneys would like to have the hearing before a full council and it appears two would not be present June 27th.

Councilman Miller moved to rescind any action as to an earlier time of hearing and set the hearing for 7 p.m., August 8, 1967 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Objections are to be presented in writing three weeks prior to the hearing date.

48. Mr. Wayne Bluemel of 23327 Susana Avenue, President of the Ellinwood Homeowners Association, said his association has scheduled a meeting on urban renewal and would like to have qualified speakers on each side of the issue. Stephen Allen, a member of the association's executive council will speak and he is having difficulty in finding a speaker to defend urban renewal. Kenny Uyeda has agreed to speak as a private citizen. The meeting is to be this Thursday evening, May 4th.

Mayor Isen commended the idea of this informative project but said the Council can do nothing toward providing a speaker, except to suggest that Management do so. Mr. Ferraro said no policy has been established on urban renewal; each project would be considered as it comes up; however, he said a speaker would be furnished.

49. Robert Irvin, 23144 South Anza, suggested an amendment of the cigarette tax law to include tax on all tobacco products. Mr. Ferraro said there is to be a new state law which may include all this.

50. Mr. Irvin said as to the travel policy that he does not appreciate "the Torrance buddy system" nor the Fire Chief taking a trip just prior to his retiring. Mr. Ferraro said he had been asked about this by others but he considered the Fire Chief had earned such a trip by his thirty years of service.

51. Mr. Irvin also had a complaint regarding any attempt to close barbershops on Sunday.

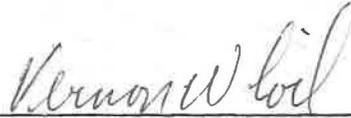
52. Chief Koenig said some of the police officers are planning an outing for children from LaRana (the Pueblo) including a visit to the U.S.S. Kearsarge. Mayor Isen added that the Kearsarge is becoming quite a symbol to Torrance and wondered if it might not be possible to change the ship's name to S. S. Torrance.

Mayor Isen announced there would be a recess at this time and the Council would retire to executive session. When the Council returns, the only item which will be considered is Item No. 17 , "Reclassification of position in Police Department held by Charlene Winkler. Opinion 67-19 attached."

Mrs. Rivera, 4003 West 235th Street, again asked why she was not included in the minutes of the April 25th meeting. Councilman Olson pointed out paragraph six on page 27 of those minutes. Mrs. Rivera said she had had no answer as to whether or not Ordinance 1732 automatically repeals the new ordinance just passed by Council. Mayor Isen asked that she present her request for legal advice in writing to the City Attorney.

When the Council returned to the Council Chambers, Mayor Isen said the motion on Item 17 would be to file. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unan- imously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance