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July 11, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 11, 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. None was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Manager Ferraro, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen expressed pleasure at the presence of Paul Marinkovich, and praised his skill as a gourmet chef. Mr. Marinkovich led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Robert Dehn, Chaplain of the Golden Hours Convalescent Hospital, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 27, 1967 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
 Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen announced that Supervisor Hahn who was to have been present to accept an appreciative perma plaque resolution is away on vacation and the presentation will be made at a later date.

Also, Item F of Informational Items was inadvertently not placed on the agenda as a regular item. It is a communication from the Advertising Director of the Press-Herald and will be considered immediately following the scheduled hearings this evening (as Item 16A).

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1967. Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 67-142 to abate weeds.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and, there being no objection, they were ordered filed.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in said resolution to be a public nuisance and providing for the abatement thereof; there were no exceptions.

There was no response to an inquiry by Mayor Isen as to anyone who wished to speak at this public hearing and on motion of Councilman Vico, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was ordered closed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 67-142.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-162 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1967: Proposed resolution of intention and setting time and place for hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-163 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

10. ABATEMENT OF NONCONFORMING USE - HEIBERT CABINET AND FIXTURE CO. Possible abatement of a furniture manufacturing concern located at the northeast corner of Yukon Avenue and 171st Street. Recommended for abatement as of January 1, 1968 by the Planning Commission. Recommended for abatement as of July 1, 1970 by the Planning Department and the City Attorney.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, starting with the representative of the Cabinet Company.

Mr. Don McDaniel, 3350 Wilshire Boulevard, attorney for Heibert Cabinet Company, said the company would be delighted to conform with the recommendation of the Planning Department and the City Attorney to abate the nonconforming use by July 1, 1970. He said apparently the Planning Commission fears that some legal remedy would be sought to prolong the use. He said for the record that he and his clients would enter into any sort of contract, agreement or waiver the City would propose to waive any such prolongation right. He stated there is now an escrow in process to buy a piece of property in the City of Torrance and if the escrow is completed, they would construct a new plant and move within the City but it is impossible to accomplish this by January 1, 1968.

Answering a question by Councilman Miller, City Attorney Remelmeyer said such an agreement would be binding if signed by the company representatives because there is a statute which authorizes and directs such proceedings.

Jay Timmons, one of the owners of the Heibert Company, said they have tried to comply with the citizens' requests. Some of the trouble stemmed from some overtime work prior to the Christmas rush. The trees which overhung the sidewalks have been trimmed to the satisfaction of the neighbors at company cost, at least in a few instances, and the weeds have been abated to some extent, and the land leveled and disked. It has not been deemed feasible to make physical improvements such as painting on advice of counsel because of the imminent move. The Company has sincerely tried to cooperate to the extent possible during the time they have owned the operation, about two years.

The parking problem was mentioned by Councilman Sciarrotta and Mr. Timmons said the corner property is now leveled and the trees trimmed and parking there is practical. But, here again, he doubted the advisability of spending the money necessary to blacktop and improve this property which obviously should be for R-3 use.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if it would not be possible to set an abatement date such as was done with the dairy farms; file an abatement proceeding and consent judgment with a stipulation that it be stayed until a certain date.

Those who oppose the continuing use were next to speak. Mr. Sigard Gottlieb, 3627 West 171st Street, who originally complained of the matter, said Heibert has cleaned up the property somewhat but the parking problem when the rainy season comes again will be the same as it has been. There will either be a muddy situation on 171st Street or cars will be parked on the street. The motors still start at 7 a.m. in the factory and otherwise Mr. Gottlieb said his presentation would be the same as he made at Planning Commission level.

Mr. Clinton Wilson, 17010 Cranbrook, confirmed that the factory does start its motors at 7 a.m. The parking problem has been improved but there will still be mud this winter and there is overflow parking now. He maintains that it would be to the advantage of the residents and the property, if the owners would comply with what they have known they would have to do - clear out at the end of this year. Mr. Wilson has been reluctant to improve his home because of this unsettled situation.

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

Mayor Isen referred to a letter dated November 22, 1960 written by Robert K. Dower, then Deputy City Attorney, and quoted from it the statement (to Mr. Cornelius Hiebert) that the nonconforming use of the land as a furniture and cabinet factory could be continued to a firm date of January 1, 1968. An inspection of the premises by Mayor Isen confirmed that there has been considerable cleaning up since the more recent complaints were registered. However, this is still definitely a non-conforming use. The old buildings have been depreciated long since and the moveable equipment could move to any new location. Certainly, the neighborhood of apartment houses should not be forced to put up with the situation for more than one and one-half years. Mayor Isen suggested a compromise to July of 1969 and said he would rely on a stipulation of the men who own the company to that effect.

Mr. McDaniel said that would be too short a time. Mayor Isen stated he is not thinking of a consent judgment in this regard but rather a gentleman's agreement. Mr. McDaniel said he would be willing to conform to every possible degree if the time were set for 1970, July 1st. He could not advise his clients to try for any shorter period of time. The hope is to find, or build a large enough plant to combine the furniture and cabinet factory with an upholstery operation now being operated in Los Angeles. No such buildings seem to be available. They would like to construct a typical tiltup concrete building.

Mayor Isen moved that this particular property be abated as of January 1, 1969 with the provision that in the event that Heibert Company has not moved, but shows an effort to do so although a location has been produced and they are in process, that it be extended on their application for six months thereafter. In substance, it would be a year and a half, with possibility of an additional six months in the event they are in process and make a proper showing before the Council. Thus the maximum would be two years. Councilman Beasley refused to second this motion.

Mr. Clinton Wilson spoke again, saying there have been rumors of proposed moves by Heibert Cabinet Company for the four years he has lived in the neighborhood, although the company has known it must move for ten years, on the last day of 1967. Mayor Isen reminded him that litigation would take even longer. There is a practical problem here which is not easy of solution.

Councilman Miller seconded Mayor Isen's motion in order to bring it to issue and asked Mr. Timmons if the motion would meet with their compliance. Mr. Timmons said he could not make that decision without conferring with the other owners. Even though the statement was made that "we are in escrow" earlier in the meeting, Mr. Timmons said there has been no successful financial arrangements.

Mr. Timmons and his two business partners left the room to confer with the thought of coming back a little later and announcing their decision.

In the meantime, Mayor Isen suggested the next item be considered.

11. ZONE CHANGE 67-5, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION: Consideration of a change of zone from R-3 and C-2 to C-5 on property located on the south side of Redondo Beach Boulevard between Van Ness Avenue and the Radium Drive-in Theatre. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter.

Mrs. Eugene Ballif of 22911 West Eighth Street, Newhall, said she and her husband own a lot in this block, the one undeveloped lot, numbered 4, which is the fourth lot from Van Ness. The Ballifs object to the proposed zone change, and would prefer that it remain C-2.

Mr. Nicholas Ivanoff who resides at 2305 West 171st Street, directly behind the subject property and one lot over, said he has no objection to apartment houses nor to commercial. It is now C-2 and that permits apartments. There is a wall and an alley between his property and the subject property.

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

Councilman Beasley moved the property remain C-2 and that the Council do not concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Vico seconded.

Further discussion described the types of stores in the immediate area - gas station, liquor store, beauty or barber shop, and a six-unit apartment house. There is also an empty lot and the Kenmore Shopping Center developed by Mr. Ivanoff. All the stores are set back twenty feet except a medical building which did not conform in this respect.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion was unanimously favorable.

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Don McDaniel of the Heibert Company reported that he and the others will agree to a fixed, certain date of two years from July 1st of this year and will sign a stipulated judgment with stay of execution until July 1, 1969. Mayor Isen expressed the belief that was a reasonable compromise and Councilman Beasley moved to accept the proposal just stated and instruct the City Attorney to prepare such a stipulated judgment. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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12. VARIANCE 67-14, PAUL G. MARINKOVICH: Request to allow a reduction in required off-street parking in connection with a proposed restaurant and cocktail lounge located at 3809-11 Pacific Coast Highway.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked Mr. Marinkovich to tell the Council why he needs the variance.

Paul Marinkovich of 1739 South Grand, San Pedro, said there might be a little parking problem during the lunch hour but all the stores in the vicinity are closed in the evenings and there would be plenty of space for his operation's parking.

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

Mayor Isen commented that there is ample room also along the streets because there are very few residences - a similar situation to downtown Torrance. He welcomed the advent of such a restaurant as Mr. Marinkovich will establish.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested variance; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The variance is in effect immediately and Mayor Isen assured Mr. Marinkovich that he could apply for a building permit tomorrow if he wishes. This is a "shortcut variance" procedure.

At 9:00 p.m., on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, there being no objection, the Council recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting.

The Council returned to its agenda after a general recess, at 9:20 p.m.

13: PROPOSED REVISION OF MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS, AMENDMENT NO. 3. Planning Commission and Planning Department recommends approval of amendment No. 3, to add Madrona Avenue as a secondary arterial with a 77 foot right of way from Sepulveda Boulevard south to approximately 230th Street; 84 foot right of way from 230th Street to Pacific Coast Highway and a sixty foot right of way from Pacific Coast Highway to Bluff Street.

14. PROPOSED REVISION OF MASTER PLAN OF HIGHWAYS, AMENDMENT NO. 5. Planning Commission and Planning Department recommends approval of Amendment No. 5 to add Maple Avenue as a secondary highway connection between 235th Street and Skypark Drive to be an additional north/south 84 foot street.

These two items being so closely related, Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, they could be heard simultaneously. There was no objection.

Affidavits of Publication as to each were presented by City Clerk Coil and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director for comments and Mr. Shartle spoke in detail, as follows: The City officials and Staff have for sometime recognized the need for a major arterial parallel to and east of Hawthorne, between Hawthorne and Crenshaw Boulevards. If it were not for existing developments, the ideal situation would be somewhere half way between the two, from Pacific Coast Highway to the northerly City limits. However, the most logical and practicable place would be some extension of Prairie Avenue south through Mobil Oil, to tie in with Madrona Avenue, or Maple Avenue, thence south crossing Lomita and then westerly of the Airport and south to the City limits, tying in with Hawthorne Boulevard near the southern city line.

Mr. Shartle exhibited an aerial photograph of the City and pointed out the various alternative alignments which have been considered, one east and one west of Civic Center. There are disadvantages as well as advantages as to either. The possibility has come out during public hearings that the Santa Fe might move their spur line running down Madrona Avenue - at least the southerly portion - and this would make the Madrona Avenue alternative more attractive since the railroad right of way could be utilized as part of the street right of way. The right of way of the Santa Fe is about thirty feet wide along Madrona and along the south line of the Butcher and Wilson tract into the Ryan plant. If the railroad were removed the cost would be materially reduced. There are numerous developments pending which cannot materialize because of the lack of an arterial and the uncertainty connected with it. In Mr. Shartle's opinion it is essential that the master plan be amended to incorporate some such alignment and he spoke of the obvious traffic problems which will accrue with the new Financial Center as portrayed

in the Wilbur Smith & Associates report, involving some 90,000 cars a day superimposed on what is already in existence and what is to come. Hawthorne Boulevard is now carrying far more than its designed capacity.

He pointed out the easterly portion of the Victor Precinct which is presently undeveloped. However it is developed there will be more traffic, whether industrially or for high rise apartment buildings. The Civic Center generates traffic as does the industrial development on Lomita Boulevard and the Meadow Park Development.

After many public hearings the recommendation is to establish the Madrona Avenue alignment as a major arterial in continuation of Prairie Avenue south, tying in with Madrona Avenue as a 100 foot wide street, stopping at Sepulveda Boulevard. The Commission's recommendation to the Council is to extend it not as a major arterial, but as a secondary arterial normally 84 feet wide, but reduced down at some locations to 77 feet because of a tight condition adjacent to the New Horizons, and tying it in with the Redevelopment project, where there is an 84 feet wide design; reducing it to 60 feet at Pacific Coast Highway and going along Madison which is now a 60 foot right of way - thence to Hawthorne Boulevard at the south city limits. This would provide a continuous route to be a major on the northern section, reduced to a secondary between Sepulveda and Lomita Boulevards and Pacific Coast Highway and to a local collector street south of that.

Also, it is felt necessary to provide a tie to Lomita and 235th Street between Maple Avenue and 235th. Mr. Shartle pointed out this route on the aerial photograph. Part of that now exists as Early Street and about 600 feet does not now exist. It is recommended to remain 84 feet wide as a secondary arterial. Maple Street north of there to Del Amo Boulevard is a secondary arterial, 84 feet in width and there is no change proposed in Maple as it exists now, nor in 235th Street. There would be a widening of Maple through the condominium area, but that does not involve any change in the master plan as it now exists. Ultimately, it would be 84 feet if possible, or if absolutely necessary, some lesser amount. It is now sixty feet wide through here, Carson to Monterey. The master plan calls for 84 feet, and no change is contemplated to the master plan in this section.

Councilman Beasley complained that this was "double talk" saying there was no money available to condemn those apartment houses. Mr. Shartle acknowledged there is a problem. Mr. Nollac said now there is forty feet of pavement and sixty feet of right of way; it will be necessary to design to get four lanes of traffic and it might involve no parking, pushing the curbs back. It will take some squeezing to get a 70 foot right of way even with reduced parking. In the future something will have to be done to get the traffic through.

Mayor Isen did not approve of alarming the people with something which probably will not materialize for fifteen years. Mr. Nollac said conditions were different at the time the own-your-own apartments went in.

Mayor Isen called the matter back to its status as a public hearing and Mr. Shartle continued to describe the proposed route of Maple using the aerial photographs exhibited in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Beasley asked what would be planned in case a golf course was constructed in this area as has been talked of. Many alignments have been considered, Mr. Shartle said and the Commission feels the one which he has been describing is the most logical. What he is doing is outlining a traffic pattern which will be needed for the future needs of the City. The determination is, of course, the province of the Council. No certain time has been projected, Mr. Nollac said, possibly 8, 10, or 12 years from now but the plans must be established in order to protect the rights of way.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Shartle also detailed the route recommended for Madrona Avenue. Torrance Heights houses exist along the west side of the railroad right of way and if the railroad comes out it would be possible to get Madrona through as a 77 foot right of way although it would be necessary to skimp on parking, sidewalks and grass area, and probably to acquire four or five homes. There are also four homes between 229th Street and 229th Place which would have to come out. If the railroad is removed it would be possible to leave the New Horizons wall where it is and not take any of the property from the homes across the street. The street right of way and the railroad right of way would give 77 feet. Most of the homes face the adjacent side streets with the sides of the lots on Madrona.

There was a difference of opinion as to when (and if) the railroad might be removed.

Traveling on down the street, the route passes the Sam Levy School which is set back far enough for half of the street to go through. Then adjacent to two industrial buildings facing Lomita Boulevard and then across the area presently proposed for the medical center and hospital complex which have worked this alignment into their development.

A signal will be necessary on Pacific Coast Highway.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Shartle answer questions from interested people in the audience. The persons who asked questions did not come to the front of the room, nor identify themselves. Traffic Engineer Horkay, Public Works Director Nollac and Planning Director Shartle furnished the answers.

People were then invited to come forward and identify themselves and comment according to their particular views.

Mr. Donald Zabodnik, 3423 229th Place, said he lives directly across from the Sam Levy School and represents the Torrance Heights Civic Association which was formed specifically to protest the route presently being taken along Madrona. The area is bounded by Sepulveda, Hawthorne, Lomita Boulevard and Madrona. He protested that there are five elementary schools located on this proposed route. 229th Place which was originally closed is now open to traffic from Crenshaw to Hawthorne. A major arterial would certainly compound the present problem. The people bought their homes because they wanted to live in a community not affected by a large amount of traffic. Two of the homes at the end of 229th Place, he said would have to be removed in the event the tracks did not come out. He deems it absolutely essential that the tracks be removed. Without any commitment from Santa Fe that the tracks will be removed the whole route is purely academic. His principal concern is for the school children, and he feels the principal traffic would be through traffic to Palos Verdes. What would be done about the people who use the spur tracks if they were removed? His association is firmly opposed to the route, and if it is permitted, something must be done to remove the traffic from the streets that would intersect with Madrona Avenue.

Mr. Zabodnik delivered some letters from people who could not attend this meeting to the City Clerk.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Nollac about the possibility of putting more traffic lanes on Hawthorne, perhaps by cutting down the islands. Even so, Mr. Nollac said these proposed streets are going to be needed. Crenshaw is now handling more traffic than was planned even for its ultimate design. Even with NO PARKING on Hawthorne, it will not carry the load it will have.

William Sterling, Treasurer of the Torrance Heights Civic Association, said he had found dealings with Torrance Planning and officials had been amicable. He recognized that plans must be made far in advance so that people may know what to expect if they wish to build in this area. He spoke of the proposed Torrance Freeway which may alleviate some of the congestion, but this cannot be counted on at this time. The railroad presents a tremendous problem. He said both Maple and Madrona should be equally considered and probably Maple would prove to be the less expensive. The higher grade and the removal and replacement of the wall along the west side of the condominium would make Madrona a very expensive project.

Mr. Owen Silverman, Vice President of Torrance Heights Civic Association, pointed out how close the arterial would come to the back windows of the condominium. He favored tabling the matter for a time to talk with the railroad company again, considering the twenty-five homes which might have to be removed if the tracks do not come out. Three houses are now listed for sale, and many property owners are deeply concerned.

Mrs. Nelson Keyser, 22823 Nadine Circle, a unit of New Horizons on the Madrona wall. She had written a letter which she delivered to the City Clerk at the recess prior to this hearing. She thought it would not be out of place to deadend arterials to protect residence areas, and she too mentioned the through traffic which does not begin or end in Torrance.

Councilman Miller asked Traffic Engineer Horkay a question regarding the Madrona route from the north and improved to Sepulveda joining the Maple route near Sepulveda. Mayor Isen said there is not going to be any decision tonight, but Councilman Miller insisted on an answer to his question. Using the map, Mr. Horkay said there is no certainty at this point and the purpose is to control future building in the area.

Councilman Lyman pointed out as to the motorists from other cities, the potential sales tax to be derived. Better than half of it comes from residents of other cities than Torrance, so that it is impossible to ignore about \$2 million.

An idea advanced by Mayor Isen was to have a representative committee from groups within the city meet and tresh out something as a compromise considering the recommendations and work done by Planning Department, Planning Commission and Engineering. Mr. Shartle and Mr. Nollac maintain that a great deal of this has been done already. Mayor Isen proposed that they try again. Councilman Beasley said this fall the City will receive from the Highway Division their proposal as to the new freeway. Also there is legislation in the mill which will provide a new manner of selection of streets and their funding.

Mr. Elvin F. Schoonover, 3546 Senefeld Drive, said three new homes have been built in his neighborhood on the understanding that there would be 34 feet of paving. If the route traverses that route, it will cut their setback down to ten feet. He suggested the Planning Commission study Anza Avenue go to across Pacific Coast Highway and hit Bluff Street - or perhaps one way streets as to Crenshaw and Hawthorne Boulevards.

John Foley, attorney representing Dan Butcher, was principally concerned with Item 13 - Amendment No. 3 - Madrona Avenue, commended the staff members, but said it is a serious enough problem to require considerable time.

Opposition has been raised to continuing Prairie Avenue through the city and Mr. Foley has gained the impression that Item No. 13 is not to the point of decision. Item No. 14 is being considered because Madrona would narrow down to a secondary artery and more laterals are needed to provide diversification of traffic. He considers it would be ridiculous to bring Madrona down to reach Lomita Boulevard only a block from where Madrona would reach it. Two parallel arterials would only funnel traffic into the condominium and Item 14 alone is of no value but it will cut the Butcher property right in half and there is some possibility of its development as a golf course. He advised waiting to see what happens with respect to the Santa Fe railroad, what money is available and where and when the freeway is going in.

Mrs. Owen Griffith, President of the Sam Levy School PTA who lives at 3422 West 229th Place, invited the council to come down and look over the situation. To put Madrona through, she said would change the whole neighborhood and she sees no way to get a 77 foot street.

Rudolph Gallucci, 3403 225th Street, at the corner of Madrona, spoke next. He said if the streets go in as recommended it would leave only ten feet to the edge of his house. His garage is on Madrona and he said 18 of the 21 homes would have to back out onto Madrona which he considers suicidal. It would be necessary to take homes to make a 77 foot street through here and he does not want to move. The neighbors would like to have some assurance of what is going to be done.

Mrs. Dee Sannum, 3546 Newton Street, did not understand why it was taken for granted the street would follow down Madison and she mentioned the schools which would be on the highway. Mr. Shartle explained there would still be a sidewalk.

Mrs. Packman of 3545 Newton asked about trucking and whether it would be restricted. City Attorney Remelmeyer told her that is a decision which can be made by the Council. She also asked what effect this would have on bank financing. Councilman Miller said it would affect financing adversely, even if it were only a paper street.

City Clerk Coil mentioned four letters all in opposition the proposed Madrona route, including the one written by Mrs. Keyser who spoke this evening. They were ordered filed and considered with the other material.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and the motion carried with the understanding that it may be reopened if that is found to be advisable.

A motion was made by Councilman Olson that these matters (Items 13 and 14) be referred to the Public Works Committee until certain basic uncertainties are resolved and those people who own vacant property be made aware of the possibility of a road going through there so that they may align any buildings to conform. Councilman Beasley seconded and pointed out that even this preliminary time might be as long as a year. Mayor Isen suggested a citizens' committee to work with Planning and the Public Works Committee. There is no way to refuse a building permit in the meantime.

Councilman Vico disapproved of all these restrictions on people's rights as to their property.

The thought advanced by Mayor Isen was that there be a plan of paper streets made up through the industrial section which would be harmonious to what has been discussed. Whether or not the streets ever go through north and south, those streets are still going to be needed.

As to Councilman Miller's motion, Mayor Isen asked if there was any objection and none was voiced.

Mayor Isen then moved that the Planning Director and Planning Commission present to this Council a recommendation as to paper streets to go within the affected area insofar as industry is concerned. Councilman Miller seconded, and there was no objection.

Anyone who is interested in being notified was asked to leave their requests, their names and addresses with Planning Director Shartle.

Another motion by Mayor Isen was to start machinery immediately to widen Hawthorne Boulevard all the way through the City to full capacity, and eliminate parking thus adding two more lanes, one lane on each side. Mr. Horkay said legally parking could be eliminated on Hawthorne at any time although there would undoubtedly be complaints. There was no formal action on this phase.

A recess was declared and the Council resumed at 11:10 p.m.

15. CONTINUED HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISION IN MASTER PLAN NO. 1 - 238th Street. The Planning Commission recommends approval. Planning Department recommends approval subject to the condition that Maple Avenue be extended southerly to Lomita Boulevard.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Don Wilson, who resides at 2777 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates, owner of the property at the easterly end of this subject property that would be affected by the master plan. He said he has no need for that street to run through his property. He has sold 22 acres to the Edison Company. Several years ago when the street went through different conditions existed. Since then the Sam Levy School has been placed here and has deleted the westerly terminus of the street. Another portion of the street running at the easterly end of the sump has been deleted as well. Mr. Wilson stated he expects Mr. Butcher will oppose the deletion of 238th because of a letter to the Planning Commission. On May 17th this matter was discussed at Planning Commission level and Mr. Wilson read from the minutes of that meeting. Mr. Butcher has represented to Mr. Wilson that he has access to his property to the north through Utah Construction Company. Early Street has been improved to the southerly terminus; 229th has been provided to provide access from the west and Mr. Wilson feels that 238th no longer will serve the purposes for which it was originally intended. Mr. Wilson deleted his statement re 229th St.

John Foley, representing Dan Butcher, said he is not particularly opposed to Mr. Wilson's position, but does not think this is the time to abandon the proposed street. Obviously this has come up because of Edison Company's purchase of property and now want the street deleted although they have represented to the Council that they have no use for the property for seven years. The escrow for the property has long since closed. If it had been mandatory for them to have the street he felt that they would have assured it. The street was put there for some logical reason and there is no reason to delete it until it is determined how the area will develop. Obviously there is a street problem in this vicinity. He pointed out on the map the boundaries of the Wilson and Butcher properties at the request of Councilman Miller. Mr. Foley said Mr. Butcher has no access to his property; it is landlocked. Much depends on what is done about Madrona Avenue. As of now, he sees no reason to abandon the street.

Mr. Lew Jenkins said the Edison Company had made a mistake in not determining this paper street existed before entering into the escrow with Mr. Wilson.

The 22 acres were purchased for the purpose of installing a major transmission station and the Edison Company intends to occupy all of those 22 acres. To permit the street to remain would render the property valueless for that purpose. The \$10 million cost to construct the station is based on today's costs. It may be necessary to build the station five or six years from now rather than seven. Not knowing whether the street is to be deleted, nor how to proceed with planning would certainly make the purchase of questionable value. It is a 75 foot strip of land at the south end of the Butcher property to provide ingress and egress. The presence of the oil tanks, Mr. Jenkins said, presents no problem as the utility company complies with all state regulations. The proposed routes have been reviewed with the City staff. The Edison Company determines their location under a franchise granted by ordinance in each of the cities where lines are placed.

Mr. Wilson said when Mr. Butcher bought the property he knew it was landlocked and so he acquired the right of way to be able to get out.

The City could get 30 or 40 more feet and add it to Early Avenue in tie in just beyond the Edison Company, Mr. Beasley said, and all the land to the east could be abandoned. This would have to be by condemnation with the subdivider putting up the money.

Mr. Foley said that might be feasible and he believes the matter should be continued to study that aspect. His client knew there was a paper street because he deliberately investigated and found out; Edison did not and now they want it abandoned. The City should not want M-2 type traffic going up through to the north and he urged that the land not be locked in just because Edison Company forget to find out about it.

Again, Mr. Wilson contended that Mr. Butcher had not wanted 238th Street through. He has worked with this land for a long time and is now attempting to subdivide and sell it and to eliminate 238th Street.

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

The councilmen then expressed views on the subject and Councilman Miller moved to delete from the Master Plan that portion of 238th, for clarity called the Wilson/Edison property. Mayor Isen seconded.

A second motion by Councilman Miller was to instruct the Planning Director to lay out a plan to give access to Mr. Butcher's property and to direct the City Attorney to file legal proceedings to provide access from 235th Street to 238th Street, subject to Council approval. Councilman Olson seconded.

Roll call vote on the first motion was:

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

On the second motion:

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

16. APPEAL OF DECISION RE D67-12; DON WILSON BUILDERS:

Mr. Lew Jenkins said he had talked with the City Manager about deleting this from the agenda. Councilman Lyman said he had a lot of questions he would like to have answered by the Edison Company. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Jenkins to consult with Mr. Lyman and the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Olson moved that agenda Item No. 16 be withdrawn from the agenda. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

16A. COMMUNICATION FROM PRESS-HERALD RE SPECIAL EDITION COMMEMORATING OPENING OF DEL AMO FINANCIAL CENTER TO BE PUBLISHED AUGUST 2nd.

This is the item erroneously listed as an informational item. Mayor Isen said in the interests of equal treatment, Daily Breeze had requested two advertisements be taken by the City: one for the new Courthouse and one for the Financial Center. This was referred to Management for a recommendation which never did come back to Council. \$375 was spent on the ad in the new Courthouse Edition and a like amount on the Breeze Financial Center edition. In the interests of equal treatment, Mayor Isen moved that \$750 be appropriated from the General Fund for similar purposes as to the Press-Herald. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

A short recess was declared and when the Council returned it was announced that Councilman Lyman did not feel well and had been excused from the balance of the meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

17. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE REAR YARD REGULATIONS AND EAVE OVERHANG:
The Planning Commission and Planning Department submit proposed ordinance which is recommended for approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in principle and refer to the City Attorney for preparation of proper ordinance. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CORDARY AVENUE FROM 102 FEET SOUTHERLY TO 252 FEET SOUTHERLY OF 177th STREET. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that contract be awarded to McAmis Engineering at a total bid of \$4,454.65, and all other bids be rejected.

19. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ARLINGTON AVENUE FROM 222nd STREET TO LINCOLN AVENUE (B67-32) JOB No. 66106. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that contract be awarded to S & S Construction on the basis if alternate proposal, \$35,043.70, and all other bids be rejected.

20. PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION - DISTRICT NO. 2. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that subject district be approved and area charge therein be established, (.278 per square foot)

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Director as to each of Items 18, 19 and 20. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

21. PERMISSION TO CONNECT PALOS VERDES ESTATES SEWER SYSTEM TO TORRANCE SEWER SYSTEM:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and

read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALOS VERDES ESTATES AND TORRANCE FOR THE CONNECTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BY PALOS VERDES ESTATES TO A PRE-EXISTING TORRANCE SEWER SYSTEM AT LOT 68, TRACT 30152 IN TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-164 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

22. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND - ESTABLISHMENT SEWER DISTRICT NO. 76. Two recommendations of Director of Public Works, as follows: 1. that the developer who installed sanitary sewers in Llewellyn Avenue from Engracia to the first alley south be reimbursed \$1,266.40 from Sewer Revolving Fund; and 2. that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 76 with connection charge of \$4.41 per front foot be established to recover cost of sewer construction.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with both recommendations of the Public Works Director 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.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

23. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re table of fees for erection of tents, devices, hoists, conveyors, etc.

ORDINANCE NO. 1782

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 81.6.4 OF THE "TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 81.6.4 THEREFOR PROVIDING A TABLE OF FEES FOR ERECTION OF TENTS, DEVICES, HOISTS, CONVEYORS, ETC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1782 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

24. TEMPORARY SIGNS: Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that the request of B. R. Morris Development for an extension of time for temporary sign to remain at 3655 Pacific Coast Highway be approved.

25. TEMPORARY SIGNS: Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that the request of Southwood Construction Co. for an extension of time for temporary billboard to remain at 4555 Pacific Coast Highway be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval as to Items 24 and 25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

REAL PROPERTY:26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Property Acquisition Agreement (Kent Avenue).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUISITION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOUTH BAY REALTY COMPANY, INC., RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF FUTURE KENT AVENUE BY EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-165 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:27. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 12:

- A. PROPOSED RESOLUTION instructing the City Treasurer, etc.
- B. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving and filing report, etc.
- C. PROPOSED RESOLUTION declaring intention to order, etc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF, CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-11-67, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION, ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 12".

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-166 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION, THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 12.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-167 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED, AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1967, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1970 FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 12.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-168 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

28. PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending Section 14.1.29 of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to the determination of the types of examinations to be given.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1783

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1.29 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE TYPES OF EXAMINATIONS TO BE GIVEN FOR POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of ordinance No. 1783. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1783 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Olson (he was absent when this was discussed)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

29. PROPOSED ORDINANCE adding Section 14.1.30 to the Torrance Municipal Code to provide for standby pay for Water Department personnel.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1784

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 14.1.30 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR STANDBY PAY FOR WATER DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

Councilman Vico moved to approve Ordinance No. 1784 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:30. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

BUDGETED:

1. \$342.47 to Econolite for the purchase of traffic signal replacement parts to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department "as required".
2. \$2,660.34 to International Business Machines for 310,000 continuous form water bills consisting of 200,000 original bills; 20,000 second notices; 10,000 urgent notices; and 40,000 final notices; and 40,000 closing bills to be used during the year for City water and refuse service.
3. \$1,035.74 to ABC Nursery for the purchase of landscaping plants to be used by the Park Department in the beautification of Madrid Avenue program presently under way.
4. \$591.55 to ABC Sandblasting for sandblasting 15,800 feet of street striping paint on Lomita Boulevard between Hawthorne and Crenshaw Boulevards.
5. \$1,065.16 to BMC Truck and Coach Division for engine repair parts to be used in repairing City Unit No. 331, a factory direct purchase.
6. \$671.29 to Smith & Thorp Co. for one VG4D Wisconsin Engine for engine replacement on City Unit No. 2411.

REIMBURSEABLE:

7. \$399.88 to Hersey Sparling Meter Co. for one only 2 inch CT meter with bronze case and check valves on main and intermediate flow lines. Payment has been received from Ronald Moran, Inc.

SPECIAL - LIBRARY BOOKS:

8. \$2,033.46 to Twayne Publishers, Inc. for 825 reference books of United States, English, and world authors series.
9. \$449.80 to Gale Research Co. for 31 adult non-fiction books.
10. \$1,349.30 to Herweg & Romine for 593 adult non-fiction books.

Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING REPRODUCTION PAPER - FISCAL YEAR 1967-68. Recommendation of Finance Director that General Analine and Film Co. be awarded the contract, at \$935.29, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SPORTING GOODS BID - FISCAL YEAR 1967-68. Recommendation of Finance Director that Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop be awarded the contract at \$3,523.14 including tax and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommended award as stated. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

33. REQUEST FROM SOUTH BAY COUNCIL OF THE CHAMBER SYMPHONY SOCIETY for assistance in defraying a \$400 deficit resulting from Concerts for Youth programs. \$50 from each of the eight South Bay cities is being requested.

Originally this was sponsored by Thompson-Ramo-Woolridge, but is now evidently the responsibility of the cities and most of them have made the \$50 contribution, Mr. Ferraro said.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to appropriate \$50 from the General Fund unappropriated balance for this purpose; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

34. PACIFIC COAST LITTLE LEAGUE'S REQUEST FOR ONE YEAR EXTENSION ON THE AIRPORT:

The Airport Manager said he would not object to an extension of one year from August 1, 1967 to July 31, 1968 subject to thirty days notice of cancellation by the City and City Manager Ferraro concurred.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation and so extend the lease. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

35. PROPOSED RESOLUTION in appreciation of Donald W. Walker's service.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. DONALD W.
WALKER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
THROUGH HIS WORK ON THE TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-169. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

36. PROPOSED ORDINANCES PROTECTING PUBLIC PROPERTY FROM TRESPASSING AND PROTECTING PUBLIC PROPERTY FROM DAMAGE: The recommendation of Director of Public Works that Council direct the City Attorney to prepare subject

ordinances and present same to Council for approval and adoption.

Councilman Miller moved to so direct the City Attorney; Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

37. RELEASE OF BOND - TRACT NO. 20804, SUBDIVIDER, PHIL POULIN:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to authorize the bond's release. No. B 29-73-30, Amount \$5,800. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

38. PAINING OF HOUSE NUMBERS ON CURBS: Recommendation of License Supervisor to revise policy and giving reasons.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro what had happened to the custom of this being handled by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. de Llamas the contractor had been found to be unsatisfactory and the Junior Chamber abandoned the project. There have been numerous problems, with collection, with unauthorized persons representing themselves as authorized to do the work, etc.

Mr. Al Rohrmann said he had a license previously then the Chamber of Commerce obtained the license. He represented the DeMolay organization which has utilized this as a means of raising funds. The donation was not mandatory but was made at the option of each home owner. His DeMolay boys would be taken out on the project, he said, four or five times a year and work a neighborhood at a time as a community service.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the permit as requested and Councilman Beasley seconded - City Manager Ferraro asked for a stipulation that the individuals have a solicitor's permit - and Public Works Director Nollac asked that that the approval of the Traffic Engineer be obtained as to the type of numbering.

Roll call vote on the motion set forth above was unanimously favorable and Mayor Isen suggested that the organization work closely with the License Department and if there is any encroachment notify the License Supervisor so he can take proper action.

SECOND READINGS:

39. ORDINANCE NO. 1779:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1779

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR SAID CITY CLERK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1779 at its second reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

40. ORDINANCE NO. 1780:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1780

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1780 at its second and final reading. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Lyman absent).

41. ORDINANCE NO. 1778:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1778

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A PART OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS AND CONSENTING TO THE IMPROVEMENT THEREOF BY SAID COUNTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1778 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

42. ORDINANCE NO. 1781:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1781

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33.8.1 AND 33.8.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 33.8.3 REGULATING ADVERTISING ON BENCHES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ESTABLISHING LICENSE TAXES AND INSPECTION FEES THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1781 at its second and final reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

43. Councilman Miller said apparently there has been quite a large increase in the City's assessed valuation and he proposed that the Council consider reducing the tax rate by perhaps 5¢, leaving the balance to go toward expediting capital improvements. Mayor Isen said he has a definite motion on the subject when it comes to his oral communication, and he proceeded with his communication, as follows:

44. Mayor Isen said so far as any study is concerned, it is the province of the Council to make policy. The news of the large increase was very welcome and the City of Torrance should be a trailblazer, even though the portion of the tax dollar for the City is small. When assessed valuations go up, if the tax rate is not decreased, taxes increase anyway.

Mayor Isen does not believe there is any further study required by Management. The taxpayer is entitled to some relief and it has been difficult to give him that break because of increased services, higher City employee wages, more employees. Management has been conservative in its estimate of the sales tax; there are more stores and factories coming in. Mayor Isen favored a 10¢ reduction. This would still leave quite a windfall of about \$170,000 plus a balanced budget and the \$25 or \$30,000 that was in the budget. There would still be an ample reserve if the rate were reduced to 1.14 it would be a beneficial achievement.

Thus, Mayor Isen's recommendation to the City Manager was that at such time as the final tax rate is established by ordinance it be set at no less than 10¢ less than the present rate.

Councilman Miller thought Management should have some say and commented that his remarks were simply as guidelines.

City Manager Ferraro said the figures which are being considered are not final.

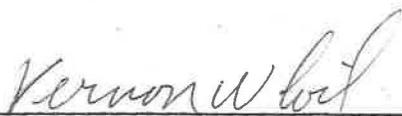
Councilman Olson seconded Mayor Isen's motion and Mayor Isen added to the motion that, in the event errors had been made in the County Assessor's figures, appropriate revisions would be made.

Mr. Ferraro urged consideration of two things: the capital improvement program, and what is needed in the Police Department and the Fire Department. He said perhaps 7¢ could be cut, but that extra 3¢ would be very meaningful. Councilman Beasley said there is still a month to think this over. Mayor Isen said his motion is preliminary and Councilman Miller moved to refer this proposal for one week for a little margin of time to think it over. This is a substitute motion and it was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Olson favored some type of reduction and thought it would be reasonable to wait for a week.

Roll call on the substitute motion to hold the matter for one week was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent). Mayor Isen said he would repeat his motion one week from now.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 1967.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance