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Torrance, California
September 5, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 5, 1967, having been adjourned from the regular meeting held August 22, 1967, in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, Talbert and Mayor Isen. Councilman Lyman arrived at 6:05 p.m. Also in attendance were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert.

Mayor Isen welcomed Dennis McCarbery of the South Bay Daily Breeze who will be attending Council meetings during the vacation of Dave Polis.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Dale Cushman led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Lloyd C. Warneke, Ascension Lutheran Church, Minister of the Month of September, opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Talbert, the minutes of the regular meeting held August 22, 1967, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Talbert, 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, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-199

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING JUDGE OTTO B. WILLETT
AND EXTENDING THE SYMPATHY OF THE COMMUNITY TO HIS
FAMILY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-199 and to place it in perma plaque form. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 28455, SUBDIVIDER, DON WILSON BUILDERS; ENGINEER: ENGINEERING SERVICE CORPORATION. Eleven lot subdivision on property located on the south side of 235th Street westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with conditions. Planning Department does not entirely concur in those conditions.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission with the conditions it imposed. Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

10. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23102, SUBDIVIDER, DON WILSON BUILDERS; ENGINEER: ENGINEERING SERVICE CORPORATION. One lot subdivision on property located at the southwest corner of 235th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard zoned C-3. Recommended for approval with conditions by the Planning Commission, the Planning Department and the Director of Public Works.

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

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, CUP 67-12, Celmer, Odell and Garcia.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO
ALLOW CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A VETERINARY
HOSPITAL ON C-5 ZONED PROPERTY AS APPLIED FOR IN
PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 67-5, DELMER, ODELL
AND GARCIA (P.C. RES. NO. 67-13).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 67-200; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. CUP 67-12, Fitzhugh J. Dodson.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A NURSERY SCHOOL ON A-1 AND C-2 ZONED PROPERTY AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE CUP 67-12 - Fitzhugh J. Dodson.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-201 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCE reclassifying certain property in ZC67-7.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1801

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD BETWEEN CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND ATKINSON AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 67-7. (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1801 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

14. PROPOSED ORDINANCE reclassifying certain property in ZC66-25, Garrett Corporation.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1802

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY ON THE EAST SIDE OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 66-25. (GARRETT CORPORATION)

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1802 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Lyman absent).

15. Ordinance No. 1 substituting new provisions relating to the procedure for processing applications for changes of zone.

Ordinance No. 2 substituting new provisions relating to the procedure for processing applications for variances.

Ordinance No. 3 substituting new provisions relating to the procedure for processing applications for precise plans.

Mayor Isen commented that while he favors elimination of red tape wherever possible, these ordinances do not seem to present the proper method of doing so, as the Council would be relinquishing its right to act upon recommendation. A very important function of the Council is the passing on zoning and variances matters. There is a possibility of interested citizens missing the Planning Commission meetings but they know it will be coming to Council for final action. He does not approve of the Council being merely an appellate body on matters of this kind. Under the proposed provisions, neither citizens nor members of the Council would have any right of appeal. Why would the Council want to abdicate one of its principal functions?

Councilman Talbert spoke from the standpoint of the Commission of which he was so recently a member. His suggestion was that possibly there could be one hearing only before the Planning Commission and one before the Council. New viewpoints are revealed at each hearing.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the joint committee had recommended only one hearing at Planning level and the Planning Commission preferred to have two. Mayor Isen repeated his thought that as elected officials the Council has the responsibility of hearing, not just deciding on appeal. A decision on appeal does not have the impact of an original decision; the original and ultimate decision is the right and responsibility of the Council.

The time element of the existing procedure was outlined by Councilman Beasley. Both Councilman Miller and Mayor Isen said there might be some advantageous way of reducing that time, and Mayor Isen suggested Item 15 go back to the City Attorney and the Committee for further study along the lines of the remarks here made. The consensus was that the Council should retain the right of decision on variances and zoning matters, but if possible, the time should be reduced.

No formal motion was made, nor action taken, but the understanding was that the study would be continued along these lines.

16. PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending sections of the Code to increase the Conditional Use Permit, Division of Lot, and Waiver fees.

Councilman Beasley moved that this proposed ordinance be filed and discussed further at budget time. City Manager Ferraro, however, stated this proposed ordinance was prepared as a result of budget discussions. The money is needed; it is a part of the budget program which is just now getting to the Council for action. Mr. Beasley and Mayor Isen thought some of the fees were excessive. Mr. Ferraro said it costs \$35 merely to process an item for the agenda; the fees are not excessive. Under this set of facts, Councilman Beasley withdrew any objection he might have had and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1803

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 95.2.1, 95-4.1, 71.4.9 and 94.2.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE APPLICATION FEE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM \$50 to \$100, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS REQUIREMENTS FROM NOTHING TO \$100, FOR DIVISION OF LOTS FROM \$25 TO \$50, AND FOR WAIVER FROM \$15 to \$25; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 95.2.4, 71.4.13 and 94.2.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE APPLICATION FEE FOR APPEAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, DIVISION OF LOTS AND WAIVERS FROM \$15 to .50% OF THE APPLICATION FEE.

Councilman Beasley had several questions which were answered by City Manager Ferraro's statement that this ordinance would permit more flexibility than was previously possible, by providing areas of exemption.

Councilman Talbert moved to approve Ordinance No. 1803 at its first reading; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Miller said in some of these cases it is practical to charge more and in some it is not and would prove too costly.

Mayor Isen said his question was not answered - as to an entertainment license, for instance. Mr. Ferraro explained satisfactorily, but Mayor Isen said while he would vote favorably to the ordinance, he does not doubt that modifications will be necessary. The exemptions are a step forward as giving more latitude.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

17. PROPOSED ORDINANCE repealing section of the Code relating to designated streets for truck use and substituting a new section therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1804

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 61.9.3 OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DESIGNATED STREETS FOR TRUCK USE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 61.9.3 THEREFOR.

The substitution contains thirteen street locations and Director of Public Works proposed that another be added:

"n) 182nd Street between the westerly and easterly City limits."

as a designated street for truck use.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1804, including this addition (n); Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Lyman absent).

18. RELOCATION OF OIL LINES IN 230th PLACE BETWEEN PENNSYLVANIA AND ARLINGTON AVENUE AUTHORIZATION FROM MISCELLANEOUS MINOR STREET IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION. Recommendation of Public Works Director that \$1800 be authorized from Miscellaneous Minor Street Improvement Appropriation for the referenced purpose.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to so appropriate and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

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Councilman Lyman joined the meeting at this point.

19. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO CABRILLO AVENUE. (B66-7) JOB NO. 65021. Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council accept the work and that final payment be made to the contractor, \$58,914.57.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in each of the two phases of the recommendation. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

20. PROPOSED ORDINANCE removing the prohibition against building in the Victor Precinct Flood Hazard Area, Drainage District 5E.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1805

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1360 WHICH PROHIBITS BUILDING IN THE VICTOR PRECINCT FLOOD HAZARD AREA (DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1805 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. REQUEST OF DON WILSON FOR PAYMENT OF STORM DRAIN MONEYS.

The recommendation is to accept the offer proposed and appropriate \$17,500 to be paid from the Drainage Improvement Fund. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

22. PROPOSED ORDINANCE exempting certain types of real estate signs from the billboard moratorium. (Request from Home Savings and Loan to erect billboard with recommendation from Mr. McKinnon for denial, to be considered with the above exemption).

Mayor Isen moved that the proposed ordinance be amended by adding condition 7, to read as follows:

"7. The subject billboard may be located in an R-3 Zone, but if so located shall not exceed five (5) feet in height and ten (10) feet in width, and the lot on which it is located shall be vacant except for such billboard, and that the conflicting provisions of Section 92.2.3 of the Torrance Municipal Code are hereby suspended for so long a period as this ordinance is in effect."

Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. With this change, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1806

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1786 WHICH DECLARED A MORATORIUM ON BILLBOARDS SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROHIBITIONS THEREOF CERTAIN TYPES OF BILLBOARDS ADVERTISING IMPROVEMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR SALE AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1806 as an emergency measure at this, its first and only reading. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. PROPOSED ORDINANCE adding section to the Code to require the fencing of oil tanks.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1807

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 97.6.7 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE THE FENCING OF OIL TANKS.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1807 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Lyman spoke of two other points which he thought it would be well to investigate and which have been discussed in the past. First is some sort of inspection system and second, some system of fees which would pay for the enforcement of these regulatory ordinances. He said he believes Seal Beach or Huntington Beach has some such ordinance and these matters should be referred to the oil committee for investigation. Another thing which was discussed was a type of severance tax and the committee could also look into this.

Mayor Isen said his oral communication deals with this subject and he made that communication at this time. He suggested that the committee or management or staff should give the Council the answer on what the oil production in Torrance is at the present time. Mr. Remelmeyer said he could get those figures, as of a year ago. Mayor Isen's idea was the imposing of a barrel tax on oil produced and he asked that a check with the City of Signal Hill be made to determine what they do as to a proper and fair tax on oil produced. Signal Hill's oil code evidently requires that its thirty remaining oil derricks and oil tanks to be painted a pastel color. He asked that Torrance Beautiful Commission take note of that - without further comment from him. If a barrel tax were large enough, perhaps it could obviate the inspection fee.

Councilman Lyman pointed out that the barrel (or severance) tax would be strictly for revenue, but an inspection fee would cover the cost of enforcing the provisions, and he would favor both.

REAL PROPERTY:

24. TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES: Communication from City Manager re proposed auction sale 91-A.

Councilman Beasley complained that the markings on the maps are not clear, but this is evidently a flaw in reproduction from the originals. The recommendation is to purchase Parcels 252 and 1410 for park purposes and Parcels 984, 986, 988, 991, 992, 994, 997, 1411 and 1412 for street purposes.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

25. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing NO PARKING ANYTIME signs on the west side of Atkinson Avenue from Artesia Boulevard to 650 feet southerly of Artesia Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-202

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-202 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING installation of a STOP sign on 229th Place, at its intersection with Nadine Circle.

The wording of the transmittal letter and the resolution should be changed to show 229th Place rather than 229th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 63-35, ARTICLE III, WHICH ESTABLISHES "THROUGH STREETS", BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-203 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. PROPOSED RESOLUTION prohibiting parking on Hawthorne Boulevard between 182nd Street and 190th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-204

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-204 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller called attention to Mr. Moran's request for some

action to redesign the railroad overpass and complex intersection of 190th and Hawthorne Boulevard and asked for a report. City Manager Ferraro promised a complete report on the subject.

Mayor Isen mentioned to the Traffic Engineer, Mr. Horkay, the problem with east/west traffic on Pacific Coast Highway and the left turn congestion at Hawthorne. Mr. Horkay said it will be redesigned when the left turn signals are put on Hawthorne. In the meantime, he will see what can be done to alleviate the pile-up of traffic attempting to turn left.

Councilman Sciarrotta said it is practically impossible to make a left turn at Torrance Boulevard and Crenshaw - only two cars can get through on a light. Mr. Ferraro said there is a right of way problem with the florist on that corner. He will furnish a report to the Council.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

28. PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending salary ordinance to add seven new classes to the Classification and Salary Plan.

The positions are Water Quality Inspector and Library Page, Library Aide, Librarian, Senior Librarian, Principal Librarian, and Chief Librarian.

Councilman Beasley questioned the need of the Water Quality Inspector and Personnel Director Donovan explained that this is a requirement of the County Health Service and is set up in the budget, as a craft position rather than a professional position. Public Works Director Nollac further explained the duties and need of such an employee.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1808

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NOS. 1765 and 1771
TO ADD NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY RATES
TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1808 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:25 p.m., on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the Council recessed for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, and returned to its agenda following a general recess, at 6:45 p.m.

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29. Recommendation of City Attorney that Council adopt a motion to permit Mr. McNary to receive same vacation pay, sick leave and holiday benefits as other members of the classified service.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

30. PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS - report from City Manager.

Mayor Isen had written a letter dated August 29, 1967, urging reconsideration of the probationary periods for department heads and his letter is a part of the agenda material. He supplemented his written communication orally.

Councilman Beasley moved that the item be filed. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen stated it might be well to just order the whole white ordinance filed and modify a few of the provisions of existing ordinances as they apply to Civil Service. Councilman Beasley said if the motion were made to do so, he would second it.

Ray Saukkola, President of Torrance City Employees' Association, said after consulting the Association attorney, they feel it would be in the best interests of the City if the Council would file the "white" ordinance and work with the existing ordinances. Councilman Beasley so moved and Councilman Vico seconded. Mayor Isen declared that the motion is ambiguous and advised Councilman Beasley to state his motion definitively.

Councilman Beasley explained his action - he can understand the dissatisfaction of the employees, as well as the attitude of management on the subject and he doubts whether a comprehensive civil service ordinance can be passed at any one time. His proposal would be to take up each matter as it comes before the Council and decide it on its own individual merits. He said he has been given no reason to extend the probationary period for department heads, although as Mayor Isen pointed out it was included in the white ordinance which was compiled by the committee composed of Councilmen Sciarrotta, Beasley and Olson. In the opinion of Councilman Miller, the minority should bow to the majority and accept the decision. The recommendation of the Committee was not, however, to take the matter of probationary periods separately from the body of the ordinance, and he could see no urgency to do so.

There is urgency because there are two department head positions to be filled, Mayor Isen said. Councilman Lyman could see no urgency whatever. Councilman Sciarrotta thought it was a matter of recodification, principally, although Mr. Remelmeyer said it is the substance, not the form, which needs revamping.

Councilman Beasley changed his motion from "file" to "table" so it could be brought back at any time in the future; Councilman Miller seconded that change.

Mr. Saukkola said that his association feels that any change should be made on the basis of reference the current rules and ordinance, not by starting "from scratch". There should be clarification of any ambiguities according to James Hall, the Association's attorney.

Mayor Isen asked if this action would put a stop to the work now being done in the City Attorney's office as previously ordered by the Council. He said there could be a reclassification in proper order of each and every civil service ordinance which exists, together with the proposed changes and in another area, the brand new additions for consideration. He would vote in favor of Councilman Beasley's motion if it were followed by such a request, and he outlined the history of the civil service rules in Torrance over the past twelve years.

An entirely different philosophy of civil service exists between the green and the white versions, Mr. Beasley said. Mayor Isen went on record as opposing any management-oriented civil service ordinance.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that the Council go through the ordinance, chapter by chapter, in a leisurely manner. Councilman Beasley said the green ordinance could be changed in some respects advantageously, but he did not believe the white ordinance could be made acceptable.

At the first time the Commission studied the ordinance, Mr. Saukkola said representatives of the employees groups appeared and gave their ideas, as did Management representatives. The product of those meetings which extended over about fifteen months was the green ordinance. None of the employee groups had the opportunity or were invited to appear before the Council committee of three. City Attorney Remelmeyer said they were asked to present their case in writing but Mr. Saukkola again stressed that at no time were any employee representatives allowed to appear before the committee. Since the committee has acknowledged they were not in agreement on many phases, it appears that the entire ordinance and employment policy of the City could have been promulgated by two members of the Council. There are some ambiguities in the civil service ordinance as it has been in use, but they could be cleared up and civil service practices should remain as the citizens voted for it when they amended the charter years ago.

From the lawyer's standpoint, Mr. Remelmeyer said the present system is difficult to operate and however it is clarified it should be kept in harmony with the Charter. Councilman Lyman branded the civil service ordinance, in his opinion, as the worst piece of legislation he has ever had to deal with as far as interpretation is concerned. After all the time and money expended, it now appears the whole thing is going to be scrapped.

Councilman Beasley does not believe anyone is willing to get this ordinance in shape where it can obtain the five out of seven votes necessary to pass.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Remelmeyer list the provisions which he considers to be bad and his opinion as to the reasons and alternates which would correct the provisions. Surely the Council could agree five out of seven on some alternatives. This job could be done by the City Attorney's office and Management together with interested employees. The Council could then judge the results and make a decision. He can see no future for the white version.

Philip Joseph, President of Torrance Police Officers Association, supported the position of Ray Saukkola, President of the City Employees' Association. The white version should be filed and the existing ordinance recodified. A proposed grievance committee for the Police Department was mentioned to protect the rights of police officers in the event of disciplinary action.

In view of all that has been said, Councilman Beasley repeated his motion to table the "white" ordinance and Councilman Miller again seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to take the present ordinance and add any new sections that need to be added. Councilman Beasley seconded. City Attorney Remelmeyer said this would be a mammoth task. He would like to bring in particular sections are they are ready. The Council, the employees groups, or management can bring forward portions which they believe need revision, amendment or additions. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF JUNIOR TYPIST CLERK AT AIRPORT:

The recommendation is to reclassify the position to that of Intermediate Typist Clerk to be filled in accordance with Civil Service rules.

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

32. Claim of Southern California Edison Company vs the City for damages to a light pole at Del Amo and Carson on June 18, 1967.

33. CLAIM OF JOHN DUNSCOMB vs. the City for personal injuries sustained at El Nido Park while playing baseball.

As to both Items 32 and 33, Councilman Lyman moved that they be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

34. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300:

Councilman Beasley moved to approve items listed as 1 through 17, as follows:

1. \$398.26 to A Johnson Stationery and Supply Co. for two tables eight side chairs and one file cabinet requested as budget items by the Police Department.
2. \$463.05 to IBM for one electric typewriter required as a new addition for a new typist clerk position in the Police Department and authorized in the 1967-68 budget.
3. \$594.41 to Mission Call Control Co. for one only telephone answering device to be used in the Vice Section of the Police Department for answering, accepting messages and follow-up work.
4. \$2,382.14 to Hersey-sparling Meter Co. for: \$1,103.76 for meter repair parts used by the Water Department; and \$952.88 for three 3 inch Hersey CF meters used by Water Department solely for temporary hydrant service.
5. \$325.50 to Brooks Products, Inc. for 100 C.I. meter box covers to be used by Water Department as requested.
6. \$1,942.35 to Dearth Machinery for one replacement fork, one replacement water tank and repair parts needed to repair Wayne Street Sweepers presently "down" at the City Yard.
7. \$441.00 to Pasadena Wholesale Co. for 4,000 rounds of .38 cal. special ammunition to be used by the Police Department as required.
8. \$2,463.51 to Western Water Works Supply Co. for 1,000 feet of 10" 12 guage coated pipe and 25 only couplings to be used by the Street Department as replacement line at the 236th St. sump pump.
9. \$991.62 to Stenocord Dictation Systems for three Carri-Voice portable sound systems plus external speakers and microphones to be used by the Recreation Department for group activities.
10. \$553.75 to Pacific Paper Co. for one heavy duty paper shredder requested by the Police Department for proper disposal of police records no longer needed.
11. \$819.00 to Prismo California Co. for 300 gallons of street marking paint requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

12. \$1,431.74 to J. Jones Co. for 12 only hydrant heads to be put in stock by the Water Department and used as required.

13. \$1,972.91 to Jumbo Equipment Co. to perform a major overhaul on the Hi Ranger manned tower unit which is used by the Park Department for trimming trees - a safety requirement performed every three years.

14. \$304.15 to Crown Auto Body of Torrance to repair a 1967 Police black and white vehicle involved in an accident (Unit 51).

REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

15. \$1,007.48 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only CT Water Meter, all bronze case, with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines to Torrance specifications to be used by the Water Department for Rome Cable Service.

SPECIAL ITEM - LIBRARY BOOKS:

16. \$5,218.57 to Mayfair Subscription Agency of California for a miscellaneous list of periodical subscriptions requested by the City Librarian for each of the five library branches.

17. \$644.59 to Spencer Cook Co. for 200 assorted adult non-fiction books requested by the City Librarian.

Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

although Councilman Beasley expressed disapproval of Item 3 on the theory that there are enough people around to answer phones.

35. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CARPET AND DRAPERIES FOR CITY HALL OFFICES B67-37 and 67-41. The recommendation of the Purchasing Supervisor is to award the contract to B & H Carpet Company in the amount of \$7,232.50. (\$4,382.50 for carpet and \$2,850.00 for draperies).

Councilman Miller moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. PROPOSED ORDINANCE (emergency) re cigarette tax enforcement and collection.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1809

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUSPENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL CIGARETTE TAX, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Lyman

Councilman/Moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1809. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1809 at its first and only reading; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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Going back to the subject of the Civil Service Ordinance, Mayor Isen suggested to Mr. Remelmeyer that the persons who were hired to reclassify the Code be contacted to see if they could do the work on the civil service ordinance. Mr. Remelmeyer will check into this and report back to the Council.

37. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Gamlin Industries, Inc. for maintenance of City records.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 1967, WITH MARJORIE LINDA-MOOD, DBA GAMLIN INDUSTRIES, FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF CITY RECORDS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-205 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re levying of fees by City officers for furnishing public records.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 67-130 RELATING TO THE LEVYING OF FEES BY CITY OFFICERS FOR FURNISHING PUBLIC RECORDS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-206 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

39. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an amendment to lease agreement between the City and Edwin and Florence Saville.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THE AMENDMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 1, 1967 BETWEEN THE CITY AND EDWIN N. AND FLORENCE L. SAVILLE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-207 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT OF EDWIN N. SAVILLE LEASE TO ROBERT O. AND KAREN L. NALLICK. Recommendation of Airport Manager and Airport Commission to approve.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. COMMUNICATION FROM LEON SELTZER: Attorney at law re Kidwell Aviation Company leases, additional security only for a loan of \$105,000 which Budget Financial Corporation is about to make to Mr. Kidwell.

Mr. Seltzer, 1680 Vine Street, Hollywood 28, Attorney for Mr. Kidwell, explained that the purpose is to execute a security agreement, with the leases as additional security for the loan of \$105,000. He needs consent of the Council to the execution of an assignment.

City Manager Ferraro's suggestion was to refer this matter to the Airport Negotiation Team for review. Mayor Isen said the Council could give consent subject to the approval of any new person's possession of the premises, in event of foreclosure. In effect, this would be a mortgage of the leases. There is a tight time element on obtaining this loan and Mr. Seltzer said he would like to have a decision this evening. It is a policy matter, Mr. Remelmeyer said, and under Mayor Isen's theory would be proper in that the Council would have to give consent before any assignment in case of foreclosure. That right could be expressly reserved and should be so stated in the motion.

Mayor Isen moved that Mr. Kidwell's assignment of the leases to be used as additional security for the loan, to Budget Financial Corporation be approved, subject to the very strict condition that any subsequent party in possession of the premises be it by foreclosure or sale, would have only such rights of possession as are granted by permission and consent of the City through proper channels of the Airport Commission and the City Council. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Mayor Isen's motion.

Councilman Lyman said this is a very complicated situation and he is well versed in this type of negotiation and in many cases the courts have refused to recognize such clauses as Mayor Isen has added to his motion. He would ask for some legal research on the question, at least. It is fraught with dangerous possibilities. There should be some documentation of the intent to avoid trouble in the future. Mayor Isen agreed, and supplemented his motion so that it would be put in proper legal form by the City Attorney indicating his approval and that it be agreed to by Mr. Kidwell, in writing, and by Budget Financial Corporation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded this supplementary provision to the motion.

Mayor Isen clarified the intent of the motion as being to give authority to City Attorney Remelmeyer to word the motion concisely - a consent by the Council to the assignment of the lease with the conditions and requiring the signature and consent also of Kidwell Aviation Company and Budget Financial Corporation. The intent is that there never be any foreign entity, Budget Financial or a purchaser on a foreclosure sale going in and being able to operate unless they went through the regular procedures well established on assignment of leases, through the Airport Commission and on up to the Council.

Mr. Seltzer said this poses a problem and he suggested limiting it to the complete assignment of the operation or of the leaseholds. This would protect the City's interests and give Kidwell a little leeway. Mayor Isen agreed that Mr. Seltzer's theory is right. The collection of rents would go to Budget Financial in event of default. There are three separate leases, one of which expires in 1971 - the others longer. The loan is for five years only and the expiration term of the loan itself would be prior to the expiration of two of the three leases.

Roll call vote on the motion, with all its supplementary material and clarification, was:

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

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

42. COMMUNICATION FROM LAS VECINAS WOMEN'S CLUB requesting use of eighteen tables and 170 chairs from Parks and Recreation Department for the annual Pancake Breakfast on October 15, 1967.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this communication would be referred to the City Manager; there was none.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

43. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY LIBRARIAN that Council instruct the City Attorney to draw up a contract between the City and Professional Library Services for cataloging and processing.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and so instruct the City Attorney; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

44. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing purchase of Roth property in Meadow Park Project Area.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM JACK M. ROTH (Meadow Park Urban Area).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-208 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

45. REQUEST OF HARRY KISSEL FOR TWELVE MONTHS EXTENSION IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 30035. Recommendation of approval from Public Works Director.

46. REQUEST OF SOUTH BAY REALTY CO. FOR TWELVE MONTHS EXTENSION IN WHICH TO COMPLETE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 30170. Recommendation of approval by Public Works Director.

Councilman Vico moved to concur as to Items 45 and 46 and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable except for Councilman Miller who abstained from voting.

47. PROPOSED RESOLUTION instructing City Engineer to prepare plans, etc. for construction of sidewalks in Spencer and Earl Streets.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, MAP, AND ESTIMATES OF COSTS AND EXPENSES, FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS IN SPENCER AND EARL STREETS. (Spencer and Earl Streets Improvement District A-11-67-1).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-209 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

48. Mayor Isen proclaimed September 4 - 10, 1967 as UNION LABEL WEEK:

49. Mayor Isen proclaimed October 2 - 6, 1967 as TORRANCE COUNCIL PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WEEK.

and instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to see that interested persons receive copies of these two proclamations.

SECOND READINGS:

50. ORDINANCE NO. 1797:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1797

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 2 ENTITLED "PRECISE PLANNING" OF CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SUBSECTION (d) TO SECTION 96.2.1 TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR MODIFICATIONS OF APPROVED PRECISE PLANS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1797 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

51. ORDINANCE NO. 1798:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1798

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1765 TO ADD TWO NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1798 at its second and final reading. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

52. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked for a motion, as the Council, to authorize the execution of the contract which is the subject of 3.B. of the Redevelopment Agency agenda. Mayor Isen so moved; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

53. Councilman Beasley referred to the successful weed abatement program in Torrance over the past several years and said the City of Vallejo has adopted an anti-litter ordinance. He asked that the City Manager refer such legislation to the Torrance Beautiful Commission for study.

54. Councilman Beasley also spoke of the improvement of Del Amo Boulevard throughout the City. It is a badly needed through street. From Anza Avenue west to the City line is only about 2500 feet. Money is available and Redondo Beach would like to complete their side of the street. This would mean it would be easier for Redondo Beach people to come to Torrance for shopping. He said he would like to instruct the Public Works Director to switch this project around on the six-year plan and proceed with the engineering. Mr. Nollac said he would bring in a report and recommendation on the request of Councilman Beasley.

55. Councilman Miller said the City Selection Committee of the Rapid Transit District is to meet on Thursday, September 7th. It is an important meeting for the appointment of the representative for Corridor B. Mr. Miller said he would be out of town and it is imperative that there be a representative. He nominated Councilman Lyman as his alternate to represent Torrance.

Mayor Isen said this would require an appropriate resolution and at his request City Clerk Coil assigned a number, 67-210, to such a resolution to be prepared and given to Mr. Lyman to take to the meeting with him.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-210

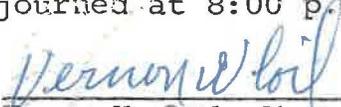
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT COUNCILMAN DAVID LYMAN ACT AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-210; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

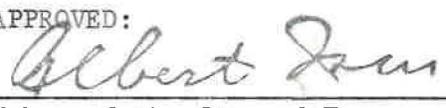
56. Mayor Isen said Councilman Talbert had not formally resigned from the Planning Commission and, for the record, Councilman Talbert announced his resignation from the Torrance Planning Commission.

A personnel session will be held at 7:15 p.m., next Tuesday, September 12, 1967, with reference to that vacancy and any other Commission vacancies which may exist. Mr. Ferraro said he will at that time address the members of the Council on re-implementation of the Commission attendance rules and reports.

The Council was regularly adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary