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Adjourned at 9 p.m.

Torrance, California
February 27, 1968

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 1968, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Lyman arrived almost immediately thereafter. Absent: None. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Don Lee led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Wally Kornegay, First Nazarene Church, opened the meeting with an invocation and in answer to Mayor Isen's question, said the new Civic Center Church hopefully will be completed in about twelve weeks.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 20, 1968, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. 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.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. ZC 67-16. ZONE CHANGE FROM M-1 TO R-1. PENINSULA ENTERPRISES (KENNETH BATTRAM) Property located on the south side of 178th Street, westerly of Western Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

One letter in opposition to the proposed zone change had been received, from Mrs. Anna R. Schwartz, 346 North Flores Street, Los Angeles, and City Clerk Coil read it aloud.

No one responding to Mayor Isen's invitation to speak on the subject, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. CASE NO. 67-14. PENINSULA ENTERPRISES (KENNETH BATTRAM). Zone Change from A-1 and M-1 to R-1 and M-1 on property located on the north side of the San Diego Freeway westerly of Western Avenue described as a portion of Lot 70, McDonald Tract. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

This, too, being a public hearing, Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. COMMUNICATION FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR re request for temporary use by the Prairie Avenue Foursquare Church of vacated store building on the corner of 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue.

Answering a specific question by Mayor Isen, Building and Safety Director McKinnon said the Church has every intention of complying with all building requirements even though it will be an expensive venture for the eighteen months.

Public Works Director Nollac asked that there be an addition to any motion in case the Council concurs: "No automobiles shall be permitted to back onto 182nd Street". Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the permission be granted, with the added condition suggested by Mr. Nollac. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM PUC FOR RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT 182nd STREET WEST OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD. Recommendation of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager that attached resolution be approved and adopted by the City Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-HALF OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE 182ND STREET CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-18.4.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-36 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM DEL AMO BOULEVARD TO MARICOPA STREET. Three recommendations of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager: (1) That Council adopt Resolution authorizing agreement with Santa Fe Railway Co.; (2) That \$42,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for subject project; and (3) that Council adopt resolution requesting Board of Supervisors to provide \$42,000 from Highway-Through-Cities Funds.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING AND THE UPGRADING OF CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE CRENSHAW BLVD. CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE'S HARBOR DISTRICT MAIN TRACK,, DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-20.9.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-37 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM "HIGHWAY-THROUGH-CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS" FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN DEL AMO BLVD. AND MARICOPA ST.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-38 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to appropriate from 2106 Gas Tax Funds \$42,000 for the subject project and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen suggested to the City Manager that a letter be written to Santa Fe congratulating them on the little building and the landscaping as being quite an improvement over the old location and asking if they would maintain the siding and do a little bit of beautification there. Mr. Ferraro said he would do so. Councilman Miller said the impression had been that the interference would be reduced which was caused by switching; however, it seems only to have moved it to the Crenshaw area from the residential area of Carson and Madrid. He asked for some background information on this traffic situation.

13. UPGRADING RAILROAD CROSSING PROTECTION AT WESTERN AVENUE NORTH OF DEL AMO. Recommendations of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager (1) that submitted resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Santa Fe Railway Co. be adopted; and (2) that \$6,000 be appropriated from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1968 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING AND THE UPGRADING OF CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE WESTERN AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE'S ALUMINUM SPUR TRACK CROSSING NO. 2H-21.7-C.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-39 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to appropriate \$6,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced project and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

14. EXTENSION OF ANZA AVENUE FROM 238th STREET TO NEWTON STREET: Recommendation of City Council Public Works Committee that Council approve in principle the proposal of several property owners owning property to be dedicated for Anza Avenue wherein said owners agree to subsidize acquisition of the needed right of way in the amount of \$15,000, it being understood that the City will provide the engineering, curb and gutter and paving for the project.

Mayor Isen spoke favorably of the project and Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM ARLINGTON AVENUE TO CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. Recommendation of Council Public Works Committee that the City Council authorize acquisition of right of way and appropriate \$65,000 from (Section 2106, added by Public Works Director Nollac) gas tax funds for purchase of same, and that City Attorney and City Manager be instructed to recommend an appraiser for this project.

There was considerable confusion and discussion regarding "the most recent Council policy re employment of appraisers". Mr. Nollac asked that the phrase "Section 2106" be added immediately prior to the words "gas tax funds" and Mayor Isen asked that the words "for the purchase of same" be deleted. With these two changes, Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation of the Committee. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

On the question of hiring appraisers, Councilman Beasley moved that the Finance Committee meet and make a firm and concrete proposal on the policy of hiring appraisers, as soon as possible. City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested that Management and the City Attorney recommend three appraisers with the Council to select one of them in this case. Councilman Lyman moved in accordance with Mr. Remelmeyer's suggestion and Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Talbert and Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley set forth the general theory that the Council should establish policy and Management should carry it out; to do otherwise is to weaken the Council's powers.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. APPROPRIATION FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION IN SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 61. Recommendation of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager, that Council appropriate \$3,000 from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction per submitted sketch.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

17. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 65. Recommendation of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 65 with connection charges, as outlined, be established. (Via Valmonte-Hawthorne).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 65, with a connection charge of \$6.71 per assessable front foot for Zone A (direct benefit) and \$787.50 per acre for Zone B (indirect benefit) be established. 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.

18. STORM DRAIN EASEMENT FOR DRAILLE DRIVE PROJECT (1965-66 Capital Improvements Project I. D. No. 230). Recommendation of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager that Council approve and adopt the submitted resolution authorizing execution of storm drain easement agreement between Judith Norman and the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A STORM DRAIN EASEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JUDITH NORMAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-40 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ELECTION MATTERS:

19. RESOLUTION re General Municipal Election to be held April 9th.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON TUESDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1968, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF SAID CITY AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY OF CERTAIN QUESTIONS, PROPOSITIONS OR MEASURES RELATING TO (A) REPEAL OF THE UNIFORM HOUSING CODE AND (B) COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 68-41 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-41 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. RECOMMENDATION THAT WELLS FARGO BANK be designated as paying agency for 1967 Library Bond Issue, Series A, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WELLS FARGO BANK DESIGNATING THE WELLS FARGO BANK AS THE PAYING AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1967 LIBRARY BOND ISSUE, SERIES A, DUE SERIALY JANUARY 1, 1969- JANUARY 1, 1988.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-42 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. REQUEST OF CITY TREASURER FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SEMINAR April 17-19, 1968, with appropriate expenses allowed.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

22. 1967-68 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

This is a submittal of the first year of the program for Council consideration. Finance Director asked that the first item be changed to read:

"1. Appropriate \$303,600 from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus and \$52,000 from the Park and Recreation Facilities Fund."

Mayor Isen clarified the location of the relocation of Fire Station as being in the vicinity of Yukon and 182nd Street. City Manager Ferraro said the City is negotiating with Southern California Edison Company on this.

With the corrected item shown above, Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the City Manager's recommendation on Capital Improvements for the first year of the program; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Sciarrotta specifically moved to approve paragraphs 3 and 4 shown on the second page of the report:

3. Direct the City Manager to initiate the steps necessary to provide tax exempt lease financing for the City Hall addition.

4. Direct the City Manager to present for Council consideration a proposal for financing specific Park and Recreation improvement projects by means of a General Obligation bond issue.

Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF BUDGETED AND REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300.

City Manager Ferraro asked that Items 3. a and 3. b, be withdrawn from the list as they would require formal bid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to Items listed as:

A. Budgeted:

1. \$315 to Western Highway Products for 100 traffic signs (NO PARKING) requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

2. \$353.96 to Olympic Wholesale Sporting Goods Co. for 4 cases of .38 Special ammunition (148 grain) and 2 kegs of black powder (30 lbs) required by the Police Department for the pistol range.
4. \$396.27 to GMC Truck and Coach Division of Oakland, California, for parts necessary to overhaul city bus No. 338 now out of service.
5. \$1181.25 to J. Jones Company for 200 only 3/4 inch and 50 only 1-1/2 inch angle valves requested by the Water Department for stock to be used "as needed" for water service.
6. \$315 to Coast Visual Education Company for one only Bessler Opaque Viewer Projector requested by the Fire Department for training purposes.
7. \$343.98 to GarWood Truck Equipment Co. for one only hydraulic valve required for rubbish packer #681 now out of service.
8. \$325.55 to Southwest Tractor Sales, Inc. to overhaul a 1966 Ford tractor transmission unit No. 514.

B. Reimbursable

9. \$719.25 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only 8 inch flow check detector to L. A. City design for water service at Hiebert, Inc. Money has been received for this service.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

24. AERIAL SURVEY OF ALTA LOMA PARK: Recommendation of Director of Recreation that Council rescind its previous action on January 16, 1968, awarding the bid to Pacific Air Industries, and that the bid of American Aerial Survey Company be accepted.

This recommendation is made to correct an error. Councilman Vico moved that the Council rescind its previous action noted and award the contract to American Aerial Survey Company, 564 South Steward Drive, Covina, California, low bidder, in the amount of \$469 and reject all other bids. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

25. PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY WITH CITY OF TORRANCE - - Torrance Civic Center, with recommendation of City Manager, City Attorney and County Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in each of the items of the recommendation as set forth and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Isen asked that suitable letters be written to Supervisors Chace and Hahn, after the Board of Supervisors has completed its action on this item, thanking them for their magnificent cooperation.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:26. ORDINANCE NO. 1850:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1850

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1779
ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY CLERK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1850 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. ORDINANCE NO. 1851:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1851

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1652
ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY TREASURER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1851 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

28. Mayor Isen proclaimed March 15, 16 and 17, 1968, as TORRANCE "OPERATION NEPAL DAYS".

29. City Manager Ferraro corrected what might have been construed as a mistake in the scheduling of the opening of City operation of some of the City library branches.

30. City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out a matter in which the County Assessor would like to have the City Council assist in establishing the fair market value of the old Sheridan Gray leasehold at the Airport, and to hire whatever professional help is necessary to so establish the value, the cost of which should not exceed \$500. Airport Manager Egan confirmed Mr. Remelmeyer's statements. Mayor Isen proposed that Messrs. Remelmeyer and Egan give the benefit of their knowledge, even though they do not qualify as experts.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the City Attorney's recommendation to the extent that the City Attorney and the Airport Manager be permitted to submit testimony of current value based upon rentals the City now receives on leases made subsequent to the original leases. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

31. City Treasurer Rupert reported that a record had been broken in January for daily interest receipts of \$750; normally they run about \$375 to \$550.

32. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had received information that the fixed assets pertaining to bus equipment amount to a replacement value of \$290,622.44. The offer made by SCRTD was \$110,000 and this would cause a loss of \$180,000 in equipment alone. According to the way Mayor Isen figures, the bus lines would be sold out for \$40,000.

33. Councilman Talbert's oral communication also pertained to the bus lines - while all these negotiations are being conducted, the City is continuing to lose money in their operation. He would like to know what figure would provide a fair charge for transportation on the Torrance bus system and cover the loss that the City is currently taking. He believes, with all the delays, it might be better to raise the fares and not sell the bus lines. Mr. Ferraro will provide such information.

34. Mr. Dudley Gray, 2424 Torrance Boulevard, said he would like to speak on an important subject which he has previously discussed with the Airport Commission, the City Attorney and the Prosecuting Attorney. He spoke of the tragic air crash this past weekend in which a family was killed and an operation in Torrance which does not have a license or permit and which could conceivably cause a liability to the City. He said the Council should take immediate steps to enforce what ordinances it has which are pertinent. Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Remelmeyer get this matter out into the open within the next ten days. Councilman Beasley so moved; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

35. Mr. Ray Saukkola, President of the Torrance City Employees' Association, said the office of the City Manager had been requested to look into the salary schedules which were adopted at the time of the first of the year increase. In some cases the increase has not amounted to 2½%, he said. This is a technical complicated calculation based on keeping even on the step plan and "rounding off" the amounts.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Mr. Ray Saukkola and Finance Director Dundore get together and compare the figures. There was no objection.

36. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Ferraro about his promise to get some photographs of the types of signs which would be violating the new ordinance and which would have to be taken down. Mr. Ferraro said that has been done and there is a presentation ready to be made to the Council committee (Isen, Sciarrotta and Talbert). Councilman Vico thought the affected merchants should be notified, but Mayor Isen said there will be public hearings in due course. Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., was named as a time for the committee meeting, with the Press invited.

37. Mrs. Annie Luna of 2151 Del Amo Boulevard said there was a fire Sunday night on Arlington Avenue in her neighborhood and the resulting partly burned down structure is a hazard. City Manager Ferraro said he would investigate.

At 8:56 the meeting was regularly adjourned, followed by the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil

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

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes
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