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Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Torrance, California
March 12, 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 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 1968, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen: Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Beasley. Councilman Lyman arrived at 8:10 p.m. Also in attendance were City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, a Torrance student in Political Science at El Camino College, Doug Roberts, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Thomas Griffith of the Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 5, 1968, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and 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. (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent.)

City Manager Ferraro said he had received a note from Councilman Beasley saying he will be going into UCLA Medical Center for a series of tests and will be unable to come to City Hall for an indefinite period of time. Mayor Isen asked that the Council's regrets and best wishes be extended to Mr. Beasley.

Mayor Isen observed the presence of Warner Berg, the instructor in citizenship for foreign born persons at Torrance High School, for their annual visit to the seat of grass roots government, the City Council meeting. There was a large class of various nationalities and ages. They had attended the 7:30 showing of the police training film also. Mr. Berg introduced his class to the Council and they were enthusiastically welcomed.

A brief explanation of Council procedure followed from Mayor Isen.

HEARINGS:

8. VACATION OF SANTA CLARA STREET BETWEEN ENGRACIA AVENUE AND MULLIN AVENUE. Recommendation of Public Works Director that following public hearing, the attached resolution be adopted.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF SANTA CLARA STREET BETWEEN ENGRACIA AVENUE AND MULLIN AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-49 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Lyman.

(Mr. Lyman entered the meeting during the early part of the consideration of Item 9.)

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. PRECISE PLAN 68-1, SOUTH DEL AMO CORPORATION, BEN L. BEAR, JR. Precise Plan of development for property between Hawthorne Boulevard and Samuel Street and 227th and 228th Streets. The Planning Commission recommends approval subject to certain conditions.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

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

Councilman Talbert questioned the propriety of having control of the paint colors in the belief that it is almost impossible to regulate aesthetics. Mayor Isen said that is not true as to precise plans; it is to the good of the area to work out all the details. He cited the

situation several years ago at White Front.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation, with all conditions. Councilman Miller seconded, but a man in the audience complained that he had not had an opportunity to speak.

Councilman Miller moved to reconsider the closing of the public hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. On motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Miller, the hearing was declared to be still open and the man was invited to come forward.

Gerard W. Burchard of 22804 Samuel Street, immediately opposite the proposed building, asked Mr. Shartle the size of the wall which would be used to separate the business function from the residential area. Mr. Shartle said the Commission felt since this is part of a larger development ten feet would be excessive and six feet would be proper. The councilmen and Building and Safety Superintendent McKinnon discussed with Mr. Burchard from what point that six feet would be measured; normally six feet would be the minimum. Mr. McKinnon said ordinarily this is averaged out over the length of the fence, adjusted within the length of the blocks themselves where the ground undulates.

Mr. John Grist, the architect, 2765 West Broadway, Los Angeles, said there will be grading done and the low point eliminated. He favored the suggestion of six feet above the curblin. Mayor Isen proposed that that wording be added as a condition to the wording of subparagraph 12.

Drainage will be a part of the grading plan, Mr. McKinnon said. It is allowed for in subparagraph 1.

Harold Ayer, 22808 South Samuel, said he would like to hold out for a ten foot fence. He was assured there will be no exists onto Samuel Street.

On motion of Councilman Vico, seconded by Councilman Talbert, the hearing was again closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation - making the six foot at the elevation of the curb in connection with condition numbered 12. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM MONTEREY TO NORTH OF SEPULVEDA. Recommendation of Public Works Director that \$65,000 of 2106 Gas Tax Funds be appropriated for the subject project.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and appropriate \$65,000 as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

11. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF CURB AND GUTTER IN REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD WEST OF ILLINOIS COURT: INFORMAL BID JOB NO. 68044. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) Council accept the work and (2) that final payment be made to the contractor on the basis of "as-built" quantities.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both phases of the recommendation. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

12. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CYPRESS STREET FROM SEPULVEDA TO 227TH STREET AND 227th STREET FROM CYPRESS (B68-4) JOB NO. 68017. Recommendation of Public Works Director that (1) Council accept the work on subject project; (2) an additional appropriation of \$250 be made to cover work thereon; and (3) final payment be made to contractor on the basis of "as built" quantities.

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

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. EASEMENT FROM CITY TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT: Recommendation of Public Works Director that attached resolution authorizing the execution of an easement deed to the L. A. County Flood Control District be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-50 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

14. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - CONSTRUCTION OF TWO TORRANCE PARK RESTROOMS and SIDEWALKS (2001 Santa Fe Avenue) B67-48. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that work be accepted as complete and satisfactory and that payment be made to the contractor.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in both phases of the stated recommendation. The contractor is Carlson and Sarver Construction Company and the amount of \$21,456.00. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. CLAIM OF RICHARD DENNIS CREAL for personal damages on November 25, 1967, at 117 Avenue I, Redondo Beach. Recommendation of City Clerk to deny and refer to the City Attorney.

Councilman Miller moved to so deny and refer the claim. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried, there being no objection.

16. REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FOR POLICE MOTORCYCLE AND AWARD OF BID:
The recommendation is to award the bid to Rich Budelier Company, in the amount of \$2,148.67.

Councilman Miller moved to so award the bid and appropriate the sum from the Equipment Fund. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

17. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved approval of the following listed thirteen expenditures:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$779.10 to Jones Chemical Company to supply one only chlorine fibreglass storage tank (1,000 gal.) and fittings requested by the Building and Maintenance Department as part of the City pool rejuvenation program.

2. \$398.16 to Zellerbach Paper Company for 7 of the 27 supplies to conduct classes in teaching arts and crafts; also \$460.76 to Stationers Corp. for 20 of the 27 items.

3. \$682.72 to Inland Pipe and Supply Co. for 57 different types of plumbing hardware requested by the Park Department to install a sprinkler system for the landscaping of Madrid Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Sierra Street.

4. \$394.44 to Inland Pipe and Supply Co. for 44 different types of plumbing requested by the Park Department to install an automatic sprinkler system for the Torrance Library at Post Avenue and Cravens.

5. \$583.80 to Motorola Communications and Electronics for one only portable Motorola test set Model S-1059A requested by the Communications Division of Traffic and Lighting for testing City radios.

6. \$924.40 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for stock of repair parts for Hersey-Sparling water meters required by the Water Department, to be used as needed.

7. \$474 to Bell and Howell Company for an inserting attachment required in the City's Phillipsburg envelope inserter.

B. SPECIAL ITEMS - LIBRARY BOOKS:

8. \$640.50 to Harper and Tow, c/o Jack H. Dawley for 65 adult non-fiction and 40 juvenile books with processing kits.

9. \$849.13 to G. P. Putnam's Sons, c/o Henry C. Channing for 57 adult non-fiction books; 32 adult fiction books; and 106 juvenile books with processing kits.

10. \$636.62 to Random House Publishing Company, c/o Harry Rinehimer for 44 adult non-fiction books and 65 juvenile books with book processing kits.
11. \$530.99 to Collier-Macmillan Library Service for 82 adult non-fiction books.
12. \$708.49 to Doubleday and Co., Inc., c/o John Thorne for 145 adult non-fiction books.
13. \$344.35 to McGraw-Hill Book Co. - Norbert Weber Library Services for 59 adult non-fiction books.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

18. ANNUAL REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND FINANCE DIRECTOR:

Request for Council acceptance of subject reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the subject reports; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

19. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of amendment to Aero Care leasehold and petroleum agreement.

Airport Egan listed a further recommendation on this item. The leaseholder has brought a conditional sales contract he has made with Mobil Oil and has asked that the City subordinate its title to the installation which Mobil will be putting in during the period of the conditional sales contract, which title to remain in Mobil during that period. Mr. Egan said he would approve if the restriction were attached "subject to restoration of the facilities if the installation were removed, to the satisfaction of the Airport Manager". He asked if the Council would approve the addition of appropriate clauses to the Aero Care amendment, subject to City Attorney's approval.

Mayor Isen moved to approve items 1, 2 and 3 (enabling documents listed in the transmittal letter from the Airport Manager) with the further amendment as contained in the last preceding paragraph above. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the resolution is to be corrected if necessary to include the appropriate wording. There was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AERO CARE, INCORPORATED DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 1959 and APPROVING PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS WITH AERO CARE, INCORPORATED AND MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-51 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

WATER SYSTEM:

20. CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT BLOCK WALL AT WATER DEPARTMENT YARD:
Water System Manager recommending construction of cement block wall on perimeter of Water Department Yard for an estimated cost of \$14,000 of which \$3,400 could be assumed by owners of adjacent property.

Mayor Isen asked how many home owners would be asked to contribute and was told there are approximately ten.

Mr. Ed Smith of 829 Elm Avenue, just north of the project, said it had not been the understanding of the neighbors that they would be asked to share the expenses. He does not believe that it is fair to expect them to do so, especially in that their taxes have been increased by about a half during the past year. The block wall fence would be the property of the City, as it would be on City property. City Manager Ferraro acknowledged that this is the first time such a situation has come to his attention. He described what is planned here in the way of an opaque fence, rather than chain link as would ordinarily be used. Only 25% contribution is being considered; not half and half.

Mayor Isen said it is obviously the City's responsibility to pay for this project and he moved that it do so, with no contribution asked of the local home owners. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

21. Request of City Librarian for approval of lease on building located at 1265 Sartori and special allocation of funds for initial clean-up.

The recommendation of the City Librarian is to approve an allocation of \$800 initial clean-up cost, approve a two-year lease agreement with George Bender, rental to be \$350 per month effective March 13, 1968 and instruct the City Attorney to draw up necessary papers to cover this transaction. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

22. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce relative to the Miss Torrance pageant.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 68-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT, DATED MARCH _____, 1968, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO THE MISS TORRANCE PAGEANT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-52 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. REQUEST OF R & L HARRIS, INC., FOR A ONE YEAR EXTENSION IN WHICH TO COMPLETE PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS IN TRACT NO. 30357. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that request be granted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur subject to approval of the surety. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

24. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing the Chief of Police to destroy certain records pursuant to Section 34090.5 of the Government Code.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 34090.5.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-53 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

25. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23526, SUBDIVIDER: SUNNYGLEN CONSTRUCTION CO. Recommendation of Public Works and Planning Directors, with concurrence of Planning Commission Chairman, that subject tract map be approved.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in approval. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. LETTER TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FROM SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT re unauthorized sale of vehicles on vacant lots.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this item to the City Attorney for a report on the legal alternatives for revising Ordinance No. 1570, as soon as possible. Councilman Talbert seconded. There was no objection.

This reminded Mayor Isen that there are a number of questions which the City Attorney has been requested by the Council to check and report on and which he has not yet done. A "for instance" is the building permit matter or question on the new Griswold office building near Sepulveda and Hawthorne. Mr. Remelmeyer will check the files and report.

PROCLAMATIONS:

27. Mayor Isen proclaimed March 19, 1968, as ORT DAY.

28. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 24 - 30, 1968, as CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK.

28A. POISON PREVENTION WEEK: March 17 - 23, 1968. Mayor Isen so proclaimed.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

29. ORDINANCE NO. 1852:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1852

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 91.4.6 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH SETS FORTH THE REAR YARD REQUIRED IN THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICTS AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 92.5.1 (b) OF SAID CODE TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN EAVES ON SEPARATE BUILDINGS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1852 at its second and final reading. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

30. Mayor Isen detailed and commented on the information contained in Item C of Information Items - Summary of Council meetings showing month by month number of items presented, ordinances, resolutions, hearings, and information items. 1967 showed a distinct increase over 1966 in each and all categories.

31. Chief Walter Koenig thanked the Council for the splendid interest shown in the Police Department as evidenced by the training film. He also thanked the telephone company for having sponsored one of the Police Academy graduates along with the representatives of the three other utilities companies in the City. Four more young men have now entered the Sheriff's academy for their sixteen weeks course. Examinations are being held and everything is looking good for police recruitment. He thanked all who had helped to make this possible.

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At 8:45 p.m., a recess was declared to hold the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. Following that meeting and a general recess, the Council returned to the agenda at 9:00 p.m.

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After return from recess, City Manager Ferraro introduced from the audience Mrs. Walter Koenig, wife of the Police Chief.

Mayor Isen introduced Ray Saukkola and his bride of a few weeks and wished them every happiness.

A young man from Afghanistan, a member of the foreign students present this evening, had made a big impression on Mayor Isen, with his knowledge of the English language and his impressions of this country. Mayor Isen asked him to come forward and he made some interesting comments in comparing the rights of the citizens here with those of his homeland.

32. Mr. Lyman gave his oral communication privilege to a Mr. Sheaman, Mr. Sam Sheaman of 18102 Amie Avenue, who reported the flooding problem on Amie between 180th and 182nd Streets. There are three or four properties which are thus affected. Mayor Isen said all that could be done here tonight is refer the problem to Public Works Director Nollac and his staff. When a report has been made a copy thereof will go to Mr. Sheaman. Some pictures which he had brought were delivered to Mr. Ferraro.

33. Councilman Sciarrotta read a letter he had just received from the Consul General of Guatemala, expressing some reason to believe that the Guatemalan Military Marimba Band may take part in Torrance's next Armed Forces Day parade.

34. As liaison from the Council to the Library Commission, Councilman Sciarrotta called to the attention of the Council the fact that there is a vacancy on the Library Commission since Mrs. Mosley's death. He requested that Mayor Isen appoint Mr. J. B. Mosley to fill his wife's unexpired term. There were no objections from the Council and the Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

35. Councilman Vico asked if any report had been made in response to his request for information on the cost of planting trees down the middle of Hawthorne Boulevard from Artesia to the Southern City boundary. Mr. Ferraro said there is a rough estimate prepared by the Parks Department. A final estimate will take about thirty days.

36. Councilman Vico also asked if there is enough money in the budget to equip the various parks that are being acquired, particularly Alta Loma Park. Mr. Ferraro said Phase I will be in the budget.

37. Councilman Vico asked if there is any plan to put a park at the Pueblo. Assistant City Manager Scharfman said American Standard has agreed to lease two acres of land to the City for \$1.00 per year and the City Attorney is preparing the documents. Within thirty days there will be a report on how to get into that two acres.

38. Mayor Isen said he has two orals: One of which would involve asking several questions of City Librarian West and Personnel Director Donovan. He asked for clarification as to the opening dates of the branch libraries. Mr. West said the library (Isabel Henderson) will close on March 27th and it will take about two weeks for the County to remove its books, clean the building and restock it with Torrance books. It is planned to reopen on April 15th. The closed period has no relation to the Civil Service controversy. Sufficient publicity is planned so that people will know where to return books that are out on loan.

39. Mayor Isen proceeded as to the library matter, with questions regarding the Civil Service examinations and status. It was necessary for about eleven people to take examinations, apart from the ones which were involved in the Civil Service controversy. Mr. Donovan said examinations have been given for two classes of Library employee; the lists were approved by the Commission. Another exam is now in process.

According to information which came to Mayor Isen, a written examination was given, followed by an oral, contracted with the County, in which 75% of the questions were mathematical. He asked if this is an ordinary procedure and was told it is not. Mr. Donovan said two protests to the same effect were considered by the Civil Service Commission and as a result the written portions of the examinations were cancelled.

Mayor Isen's protest was as to what seems a very incompetent examining system of the County. Does this same method follow as to other departments?

City Manager Ferraro reminded Mayor Isen that testing is purely a Civil Service Commission function; it does not come within Administration duties. Regardless of whose duty it is, Mayor Isen said this situation needs investigation. It does not seem the City is getting its money's worth from the County and it might be better to back to a private agency. He asked for a report.

Mr. Donovan said the situation had been explained to the County and they knew what was desired, or at least the City Personnel Department thought they knew. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had been aware of similar errors in judgment as to examinations in the past when he was on the Civil Service Commission. Mayor Isen wondered if it would be necessary to establish an examination for examiners.

40. Mayor Isen reviewed the financial report made by Finance Director Dundore, questioned some of the conclusions and compared the costs of the bus line operation, an essential municipal service, with that of Parks and Recreation functions. He asked the City Manager as to the contemplated bus line sale, how many drivers still wish to go to the Rapid Transit District and how many wish to be placed within the City of Torrance employe in other departments. He asked that it be an itemized, non-confusing report of where the openings are, how they were created, how the applicant bus driver will get into that opening and how much he will receive; how much the total program as to wages will cost compared with the wages that are being paid to the bus drivers now. Mayor Isen is inclined to feel that the people who ride the buses would be glad to pay an extra 10¢ fare rather than be without transportation.

41. Along the lines of Mayor Isen's request, Councilman Miller asked for a report as to how many people use the park and recreation facilities compared with the figures which come out in the similar report as to the buses.

42. Mr. Bill Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza Avenue, a candidate for council membership, complained of unfair campaign tactics used by one of the incumbents, Councilman Talbert, in a news release and photo with Supervisor Chace. He urged the Council to take steps to establish a code which would protect Torrance citizens from misleading and untrue campaign statements. Further, he asked that equal time be given the candidates who are not on the council to those who are.

43. Another candidate, Leo Salisbury, 25804 Matfield, complained that a retraction does not achieve the desired result; he suggested a demand for an apology or that the council censure the person referred to.

44. Councilman Lyman did not feel that the incumbent under discussion was responsible for the impression that had been created and said he felt sure the populace can discern what is to be given credence and what is not.

45. A Mr. Menlo came forward and asked for an extension of 180 days with respect to a convalescent home on Emerald Street which he is building. The City Manager said there is no objection, although he believes it should be taken up as a regular agenda item. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the six months' extension; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

The meeting was regularly adjourned, following a further communication from a candidate, Blaine Asher, 4608 Pacific Coast Highway, to "Please Vote for Asher", at 9:45 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance