

# New Off-Street Parking Standards Win Approval

New off-street parking requirements were approved by the City Council last night. The ordinance establishing the new standards must clear a second reading before it becomes law.

Major changes involve parking for business establishments, according to Charles Shartle, planning director for the city. In most cases, Shartle told councilmen, the new requirements are less than those now enforced by the city.

No changes involve parking requirements. Single-family homes must continue to meet the requirements for a closed garage for two cars, while apartment owners must provide one and one-half parking spaces for each apartment in the building.

**BUSINESS PARKING** requirements are to be determined, in most cases, by the

amount of floor space in the buildings.

The new ordinance provides for sharp increases in the parking formerly required for restaurants. Owners of such establishments must provide one space for each 100 square feet of floor under the new requirements.

The new requirements were approved unanimously by the council.

**IN OTHER ACTION** last night, the council:

## Nurses Set Session in San Pedro

Twenty-second-year nursing students will represent Harbor College at the Student Nurses Convention of California on Friday and Saturday at the Hacienda Motor Hotel in San Pedro.

The SNAC Convention is held annually to give the opportunity for nurses to meet and discuss various problems of nursing profession.

This year the conference is being sponsored by and held in conjunction with the California League of Nursing.

• Authorized preliminary engineering work for the extension of Maple Avenue south of Monterey Street to Sepulveda Boulevard and named C. M. Leonard and Associates, Inc., to conduct the necessary surveys.

• Appropriated \$50,000 from the city's gas tax funds for the improvement of Del Amo Boulevard between Anza Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard. The county previously appropriated \$150,000 for the project.

• Rejected, on recommendation of City Manager Edward J. Ferraro, bids for equipment for the police department's communications center. Councilmen authorized Ferraro to negotiate with firms responding with bids.

• Approved, on final reading, an ordinance which prohibits parking in alleys throughout the city.

• Approved, on final reading, an ordinance which requires a deposit of \$30, in addition to the license fees, from operators of retail routes in the city. The fee will be used as a deposit against city cigarette taxes.

• Authorized the destruction of some city records covering the years 1958 and 1960. Most of the city's records now are being microfilmed.



**GIFTS FOR SERVICEMEN** . . . Members of Girl Scout Troop of North Torrance display some of the 17 boxes of foodstuffs, soap, toilet articles, and other gifts they purchased and gathered for servicemen in Viet Nam. Leaders report the girls earned the money to finance the purchasing and mailing of the gifts. (Press-Herald Photo)

# City's Books Balance, Auditors Report Says

Statements of the financial condition of the city of Torrance were released last night in a two-fold report to the City Council.

An independent auditors report concluded "that the statements prepared by Director of Finance William Dundore present fairly the financial condition of the city as of June 30, 1965."

The report, presented by the auditing firm of Cotton and Francisco, also said "the books of City Treasurer Tom Rupert were reconciled with the balance as reflected in the Office of the Director of Finance and were found to be in balance."

**IN THE SECOND** presentation, the city's annual Financial Report, Dundore said the city operated well within its budget during fiscal 1965.

General fund revenues exceeded estimates by more than \$230,000. Expenditures

and encumbrances were nearly \$410,000 less than budget appropriations.

Total cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$5,264,473. Of the total, \$4,903,750 was deposited in interest-bearing short-term investment accounts under Rupert's direction.

**THE GENERAL** fund unappropriated surplus totaled \$568,896 at the end of the fiscal year, Rupert said.

Reports on two new tax levies imposed by the city were included in the report. A transient occupancy tax fell short of estimates and produced only \$13,712. A new city cigarette tax of two cents per pack produced \$205,648 — far more than initial estimates.

You can't get lost on a straight and narrow road. —James J. Marrs, Enid, Okla.

# Beauty Judges Named

A Torrance school teacher and the city's recreation director have been named to panel of judges for the 1966 Miss Torrance Beauty Pageant, to be held Friday, March 11, at the city's Recreation Center.

The teacher, Patricia Ann Turk, is Miss Mississippi of 1964-65. A newcomer to the city, she teaches third grade at Arnold Elementary School. She has been featured on the cover of several national magazines and is Miss California Young Republican.

Recreation Director Harry B. Van Bellehem was appointed last night to represent the Torrance City Council.

Other judges include two-time Emmy Award nominee Beverly Washburn, actor Paul Comi, Richard X. Slattery, star of NBC-TV's "Mr. Roberts," and Geoff Edwards of KFI Radio.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Entries still are being accepted, according to cochairmen Leonard A. Ensminger and Flavio Bisognano.

The winner will receive \$300 and several other prizes. Two princesses to be selected will receive \$100 cash awards.

# Volleyball Class Set In Lomita

A "slim and trim" volleyball class for women will get under way tomorrow at Lomita Park.

The two-part class will feature "slim and trim" exercises from 9:30 until 10 a.m., followed by a volleyball until 11:30.

Women may attend either segment of the class, although they are encouraged to be on hand for the entire program.

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