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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., July 18, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Councilmen responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Vico, Isen. Councilmen Drale and Bradford joined the meeting at 5:38 and 5:43 respectively. ABSENT: None. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Fred Mill led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. M. Sippel of First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minute Secretary noted the following correction to the minutes of the July 11th meeting:

Following items 12, 13 and 14, on page 4 of the minutes of the July 11th meeting, just prior to the sentence regarding time of recess, there should be inserted:

"Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of acceptance of notices of completion listed under Items 12, 13 and 14. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote."

With this correction, Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 11, 1961, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Drale and Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the 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.

HEARINGS:

7. STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 (Act of 1919) Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 61-103.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 o'clock P.M., having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by Resolution No. 61-104 when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, or to the extent of said assessment district, may appear before the City Council of Torrance and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with Resolution of Intention No. 61-103.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented Affidavit of publication of Notice of Hearing and Affidavit of Posting of Notice of Improvement and Councilman Beasley moved they be accepted and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Engineer of work, L. J. Thompson, and Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer were duly sworn by Mayor Isen and gave testimony concerning the nature of work and extent of the assessment district.

Mr. Thompson said the district will take in 30 or 40 new subdivisions involving about six miles of streets; there are about 1131 parcels, approximately half of which require energy and maintenance only for a three-year period, and the other half also require installation. The first half are covered by Zone 1, the assessment for a 50 foot lot to run about \$8 per year. The second which requires installation also, would cost about twice as much. In addition, on the east side of Hawthorne from Sepulveda north, there will be installed on wooden poles, already existing, 20,000 lumin mercury vapor lights. Those will run about 40¢ per foot per year. If this is all confirmed by the Council, one-half thereof will be sent to the Tax Collector for collection with the taxes.

Mayor Isen asked Deputy City Clerk Bramhall if there were any written protests and the answer was negative. Mayor Isen asked if anyone present who had filed a written protest wished to speak; there were no replies. Mayor Isen asked if there were any oral protests; there were none.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER; CONFIRMING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT; OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 61-103; ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID DIAGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1961 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1964; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM

AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND
EMPOWERING TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS.
(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5).

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 61-137. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-137. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 26770. Letter of transmittal from Planning, Building and Engineering Divisions, submitting for approval Tentative Tract Map No, 26770, presented by R. A. Watt, consisting of 23 lots located southwest of Garnet and Entradero. Attached were letter dated June 16, 1961, from City Engineer Nollac, excerpts from June 21, 1961, Planning Commission minutes, and location sketch.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the three departments listed, including the eleven recommendations listed in memorandum signed by W. M. Nollac, City Engineer, and approved by Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, dated June 16, 1961. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Beasley asked for discussion of the blocking of Entradero and Wood Avenues. He thought at least Entradero should come through. City Engineer Nollac said he thought the recommendations are in conformance with what has been planned and adopted by the Planning Commission as a block study for a street pattern in the area. The Planning Commission plans to establish as the major traffic carrying pattern of the Victor Precinct, Victor, Emerald, Earl and Spencer Street, as sixty foot streets. The others are the usual 54 feet. Mr. Nollac called attention to the two additional conditions listed in his memorandum dated July 14, 1961. Mayor Isen asked what zoning prevails here and Mr. Nollac could not say, but said he would determine and advise the Council later in this same meeting.

At this point Councilman Bradford joined the meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

9. FOODS COMPANY MARKETS: Mr. A. Swartz with perspective rendering of proposed Thrifty Drug Store Building.

Mr. Swartz came forward and exhibited the drawing of the proposed Thrifty Drug Store adjacent to Foods Company, 2655 Pacific Coast Highway. He described the type of construction which will conform to that of Foods Company. Mr. Remelmeyer said all that is necessary is a motion to approve, as the Council has the right to approve plans and specifications on this entire lease.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the perspective rendering as presented, subject to the approval of the Building Division. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and, there being no objection, carried.

10. Garrett Corporation, dated July 10, 1961, by T. G. Hawkins, Treasurer, regarding rezoning of industrial property.

Councilman Benstead moved to file the letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. However, Mayor Isen thought the subject of the letter sufficiently vital to justify a complete reading thereof. Deputy City Clerk Bramhall read the letter aloud, which deals in general with the hearing held by the Torrance City Council June 27, 1961 on Case No. 711 involving a proposed change of zoning from M-2 to R-1 and C-1 on various lots aggregating approximately 155 acres of Tract 2200 located on Crenshaw between Sepulveda and Lomita Boulevards. Specifically, the letter mentions the Torrance plant of the Garrett Corporation and a possible choice between future expansion in Torrance or Phoenix, Arizona, with the tax factor conceivably being a means of decision.

There was no objection to filing the letter, but Councilman Beasley suggested a reply to Mr. Hawkins pointing out what is being done toward keeping the tax line and, in fact reducing taxes, and expressing appreciation of his interest. City Manager Peebles said he will write such a letter.

11. Don Wilson request dated July 13, 1961, for issuance of building permits for homes in Tract 26551. The ordinance, No. 1234 is not yet effective, and interim permission is indicated.

Councilman Drale asked if there were any protests and there appearing none, moved that the request be granted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Mr. John C. Sabella re parking spaces in front of his store at 1223 El Prado, with comment of Traffic and Lighting Engineer. The business is that of TV and radio repairs. The recommendation is for denial as being against policy of the City Council.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

13. Star-Light Electronic Company, by Mr. John L. Luskin, President, protesting award of bid for flashing barricades.

City Manager Peebles asked Assistant City Attorney Dower for a report on this subject and Mr. Dower outlined the circumstances which led to receipt of the letter from Mr. Luskin. There was no denial that the Neo-Flasher Mfg. Co.'s bid was not properly marked on the envelope with "Bid Proposal", was opened prior to bid opening time, inadvertently, and sealed again. Under the facts set forth, this would have no effect on award of the bid. Neo-Flasher was the lowest bid.

Councilman Blount asked if there was any emergency in awarding this bid and it developed the contract has already been signed by both parties. The persons present and method of opening of bids were reviewed and Councilman Drale moved that in the future, either the City Attorney or Assistant City Attorney also be present at the time of opening bids. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen said in this case it is impossible that the bid was tampered with in any way and asked that City Manager Peebles see that a polite letter of explanation be written to Mr. Luskin, with a copy thereof to appear under informational items on next week's agenda.

14. Home Savings and Loan letter dated July 11, 1961, signed by Joseph J. Tarnow, Assistant Vice President, Construction and Property Management which in effect is a request for payment of \$3,000 alleged to be due as rental of the space occupied by the Recreation Department from August 21, 1960 through June, 1961, at the rate of \$300 per month.

City Manager Peebles explained the basis of the rental charge and City Attorney Remelmeyer said it appears to be a legitimate bill.

Councilman Drale moved to pay Home Savings and Loan the sum of \$3,000 to be taken from the General Fund. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Director of Finance Scharfman, in answer to question by Mayor Isen, as to why he had not caught this oversight, said there is no formal document in his office showing the agreement.

8. (Continued) In answer to the question brought under Item 8 as to zoning of land in Tract No. 26770, City Engineer Nollac reported it is R-1. Councilman Blount and Councilman Vico, the second, said the motion made and seconded earlier this evening on this item should remain the same and the two items mentioned by Mr. Nollac were thus added to the eleven previously mentioned. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

15. Letter from Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts dated July 6, 1961, voicing opposition to granting of rezoning the five acres on the southeast corner of Anza and Emerald Streets from M-1 to R-3.

Mayor Isen said nothing could be done with Mrs. Watts' letter except order it filed. There was no objection.

ENGINEERING DIVISION;

16. Vacation of Undedicated southerly service road of Sepulveda Boulevard westerly of Palos Verdes Boulevard.

City Engineer Nollac said there is another problem connected with this item. In the middle of the driveway is a large date palm tree. Park Superintendent has investigated and found the tree is in good condition. The suggestion has been made to the property owner that the City move the tree further down Palos Verdes Blvd. and relocate it where it will not be in a driveway, the owner to contribute \$75 to the City toward that removal. He asked for approval to remove the tree; there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-138

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE WHATEVER INTEREST THE CITY MAY HAVE ACQUIRED IN THE UNDEDICATED SOUTHERLY SERVICE ROAD OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD WESTERLY OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-138. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

17. 1958 Storm Drain Bond Issue Projects Nos. 585 and 586.

Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, submitting letter from Los Angeles County Flood Control District transmitting specifications and recommending approval of same.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECTS NOS. 585 and 586 AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-139. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDING DIVISION:

18. Memorandum from Superintendent of Building Inspections Schlens, recommending approval of request of Chapel Theatre to use abandoned building on Fish Shanty property, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles. Attached were letter dated July 2, 1961 from Chapel Theatre and letter dated June 28, 1961, from Meadow Park, Inc., to Mr. Gish, Resident Director of Chapel Theater.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur subject to all the conditions applicable. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC MATTERS:

19. Memorandum by Assistant Chief of Police Porter, with comment of City Manager Peebles, regarding movement of trucks along Madison, Newton and Hawthorne.

Assistant Chief Porter talked along the lines of his communication, the gist of which is that the traffic conditions show marked improvement, although Councilmen Beasley and Blount said they had observed some rather bad situations. Councilman Beasley thought some of the drivers should be stopped and warned. Councilman Drale suggested alerting the State Police Patrol to watch and then check the loads, as well as the speed of the trucks.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

20. T. E. Donovan, Secretary, Civil Service Board, transmittal of recommendation regarding reclassification of Junior Typist Clerk position in Engineering Department to Stenographer-Clerk, approved by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead inquired if the person will take a promotional examination and Mr. Donovan said this incumbent has taken the examination and is among the top three on the eligible list.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the reclassification. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

21. Recommendation that position of City Personnel Nurse be re-established, approved by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley said due to a lack of proper information and the communication thereof regarding this position, Management should make some sort of clarification regarding the duties of the City Personnel Nurse. Councilman Bradford moved to reestablish the position in this year's budget. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen remarked that there is a great deal of paper work on industrial accident and compensation reports to be done and if the position were not reestablished someone else would have to take those over. However, he asked that the home calls be discontinued. City Manager Peebles said the duties of the position are being studied with the view of clarification. Mr. Peebles mentioned the importance of having the nurse's services in industrial cases.

Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

22. Submittal of new class title for Junior Accountant to Accountant, approved by City Manager Peebles.

There is no change of salary asked, but Councilman Drale thought there might be some possibility more would be asked in the future. Mayor Isen suggested keeping the title as is. Councilman Benstead so moved and the motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

23. Submittal of new class title and revised class specification for former class title of Accountant to Chief Accountant, approved by City Manager Peebles.

This is a companion item to Item No. 22 and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, it would be hand as Item 22 had been; there was no objection.

24. Recommendation re personnel change, from City Manager Peebles. The change contemplated is to reallocate some of the duties of the position of Director of Public Works to division heads within the department and not fill the position of Director of Public Works at this time. Also, to transfer the Secretary of Public Works Department to the Manager's officeto help carry the additional stenographic load due to the above outlined proposal.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, who asked that a study be made of the organization and work of the garage. City Manager Peebles said that study will be made. The vote on the motion to concur as to the personnel change listed, was unanimously favorable.

A recess was declared at 6:30 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 6:40.

22 and 23.

Following recess, Councilman Drale moved for reconsideration of the two items involving change of title: Junior Accountant, and Accountant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there were no objections.

Councilman Drale said he had determined that with the 7½% increase they are to receive, there would be no need of salary adjustment and moved to concur in the recommendation of the Personnel Assistant and approved by the City Manager as to each of the two items, it being expressly understood there would be no change in salary in connection with the change of title.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Memorandum from Acting City Manager Bramhall dated June 29, 1961, to Civil Service Board regarding sick leave pay for Paul Hughes, with recommendation of the Civil Service Board attached. Mr. Bramhall's recommendation does not coincide with that of the Civil Service Board. Councilman Blount called attention to, and moved to concur in the terms of Mr. Bramhall's report, the result of which would be that Mr. Hughes be granted sick leave pay for October 20, 1960, the day on which he reported sick in the proper manner, and that he not be paid for sick leave for October 21 on which day he did not comply in the proper manner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and, there being no objection, was ordered carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

26. 229th Street Assessment District, No. A'11-61-3).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-140

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON FOR ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES.

(229th St. Assessment District No. A'11-61-3)

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-140. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-141

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING ATTORNEYS AND FIXING COMPENSATION.

(229th Street Assessment District No. A'11-61-3)

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-141. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, after ascertaining that the compensation paid under this resolution goes into the General Fund, not to the City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney personally. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-142

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON AND FRANCISCO FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1961-1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-142. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked if bids were taken on this service from local firms and Director of Finance Scharfman answered that bidding is not ethical in certain professional occupations, including Certified Public Accountants. Councilman Bradford thought there were firms in Torrance capable of performing the work. Accounting firms will submit hourly rates, Mr. Scharfman said, but it is not possible to determine the amount of time necessary. Cotton and Francisco are thoroughly familiar with the work to be done. Councilman Bradford predicted that some other arrangement would be made during the coming year for consideration at next budget time.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Vico.

ORDINANCES:

29. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1245

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 13 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED "REFUSE", ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS REGULATING THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE IN THE CITY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1245 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1250

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.414 ENTITLED "CHILD CARE AND DAY NURSERY" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1250 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

31. First reading of ordinance relating to Fiscal Administration in accordance with unanimously carried motion at May 2nd meeting to establish uniform fiscal administration throughout various departments.

City Manager Peebles said he would like to have time to review this and Councilman Benstead moved to bring it back on the agenda next week with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford,
Vico, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

32. First reading of ordinance relating to trespassing animals, with outline of the background of the controversy, dated July 13, 1961 from Assistant City Attorney Power and previous opinion from City Attorney Remelmeyer dated May 8, 1961.

Mrs. Blonk of the South Bay Humane Society was present with some examples of traps, which she exhibited and explained.

Mrs. Marylou Cushman of 4806 Carmelyn complained of the cruelty to cats involved in use of the traps.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1251

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.21 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE CAPTURE OF TRESPASSING ANIMALS BY TRAPPING.

Councilman Drale moved to approve at its first reading Ordinance No. 1251. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen stated the Council has now gone as far as it can in its jurisdiction and asked that any complainants feel free to apply to any higher authority they wish.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

33. This item concerns a request from a resident at 128 Via Sego to remove and replace approximately 320 square feet of driveway broken by the root of a eucalyptus tree in the City's parkway. City Manager Peebles asked in this connection a policy be established in such matters:

"When driveways are damaged, due to the existing parkway trees, the City agrees to either remove the tree or try to remove the root that is causing the damage and save the tree, providing the property owner is willing to pay the cost of redoing their driveway."

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to establish the policy above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

34. This item concerns a proposed policy to be used in consideration of sales tax on bids received. City Manager Peebles recommends the following policy be established to make an out-of-town bidder aware that we are considering revenue from tax so that he may bid accordingly:

"When advertising for bids on any items the advertisement state that local sales tax will be taken into consideration in determining the low bidder."

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation and establish such policy. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, which carried, there being no objection.

35. Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council request the City Attorney to start condemnation proceedings immediately to acquire right of entry so that the extension of Carson Street in the vicinity of Torrance High School may go to bid.

Mayor Isen moved to start condemnation proceedings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Drale asked for discussion. He does not think Mr. Donald Findley's (Remco-Real Estate Management) request is unreasonable, and feels it will be more expensive to condemn than to comply with Remco's requests.

Mayor Isen asked for roll call vote on the motion and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Vico,
Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

36. This item is a recommendation of the City Manager that clarification be made in the minutes of the Council meeting held March 14, 1961, item 14 on page 4, to establish definitely that the extension of time was six months from March 14, 1961.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

37. Recommendation of City Manager Peebles that the \$4,500 returned to the General Fund from the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue from Sepulveda to Lincoln, be re-allocated and used for construction of a stairway at El Retiro Park which was promised to the people of the area when funds became available.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. Recommendation of City Manager Peebles that the City be represented at the hearing in Sacramento July 28, 1961, regarding prospecting and mining on Torrance Beach.

Councilman Benstead moved to send either the City Attorney or Assistant City Attorney to represent Torrance in strongly protesting at this hearing and the suggestion was made by Councilman Blount that the representative be sure he is on the agenda for the hearing before making the trip. The motion including Mr. Blount's suggestion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. Miscellaneous recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

1. That J. I. Scharfman, Finance Director, be authorized to enroll in the IBM Customer Executive Program, which is to be conducted at San Jose during the week beginning October 16, 1961, with appropriate expenses paid.

EXPENDITURES:

1. To Henry Radio for two Model No. 3341, two-meter Communicator 4 Conset sets for Civil Defense, the sum of \$691.70, funds to come from the 1960-61 budget.

2. To Parrish Stationers for one four-drawer legal-size file cabinet for the Traffic and Lighting Division, the sum of \$91.44, a budget item.

3. To California Desk for one Sierra conference table and four steelcase arm chairs for the Traffic and Lighting Division the sum of \$371.55. Other bids received were from Parrish Stationers in the amount of \$378.56 and from Torrance Desk in the amount of \$334.46 (furniture offered by Torrance Desk does not match our present furnishings. (A budget item).

NOTE: City Manager Peebles asked that a correction be made in his recommendation as to Item 3 - that the award be made to Torrance Desk in the amount of \$334.46, the low bidder.

4. To IBM Electric Typewriter Division for one IBM Electric Typewriter, Model No. 8112-87-49-4, the sum of \$419.64 for the City Attorney's office, a budget item.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation as to Personnel, and items numbered 1, 2 and 4 of Expenditures (Item 3 to be considered separately). Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation, as corrected, on Item 3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Isen. (Torrance Desk is a tenant of Mayor Isen.)

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. That the bid of Steiny and Mitchel, Inc., for installation of Traffic Signals at thirteen intersections, in the amount of \$125,400 be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager as set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. City Manager Peebles pointed out that the engineering estimate was \$130,000 but there is a problem at Carson and Border which will be ironed out to the best interests of everyone within the next week. Mayor Isen remarked that this award will give to Torrance intersections improvement in excess of what has been accomplished in that line for the previous five years.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

40. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH C. N. CAKE AND JUDY CAKE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE STATION SITE NO. 5, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREFOR.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-143. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. Next considered was self-explanatory letter received by the Council July 17, 1961, from Douglas J. Horlander. Councilman Benstead moved it be filed as he considered it a matter to be handled through Personnel, not the Council. Assistant City Attorney Dower said it might have a bearing on admissibility of evidence at the hearing which has been set on this matter before the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Blount asked that it be spread on the minutes, as requested. Councilman Drale moved the letter of Douglas J. Horlander dated July 17, 1961, be spread on the minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Isen.

40. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned. The entire letter is as follows:

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20605 Madrona Ave.
Torrance, Calif.
July 17, 1961

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The Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, Calif.

Gentlemen: Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-143. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. I respectfully request that this letter be read into the official minutes of your next scheduled meeting by the City Clerk. The Council July 17, 1961, from Douglas J. Horlander. Councilman Benstead moved it be filed as he considered it a matter to be handled through Personnel, not the Council. Assistant City Attorney Dower said it might have a bearing on admissibility of evidence at the hearing which has been set on this matter before the Civil Service Board. The Los Angeles Times, in their July 16th edition did carry a direct quote from your agent or representative, Mr. W. E. Peebles, and I quote "I personally discovered during my association with Horlander that he showed absolutely no loyalty to either the public works department or the city".

Gentlemen, I ask you, please review my record, it speaks for itself. The very trouble I find myself in now stems from the fact that I was too loyal to the city and the people of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by the following roll call vote: At this time I request that this statement by Mr. Peebles be retracted and a public apology by same be made no later than July 31, or that he prepare the necessary charges and file them with the Civil Service Commission, which was established to hear and act on these very things.

Very truly yours,
Douglas J. Horlander

/s/

(The letter bears the stamp "Received Jul 17 1961 City Clerk California 11:30 o'clock.")

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42. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Yates to make the announcement he has been patiently waiting to make. Mr. Yates stated he is Past Exalted Ruler of the Torrance B.P.O.E., which plans to sponsor a dinner to honor those who have been responsible for enacting anti-narcotics legislation. The dinner is to be at the Gardena Elks Lodge and Mr. Yates left tickets with the City Manager and urged all Councilmen to attend.

43. Director of Finance Scharfman reminded the Council that the accounts which the auditors would be examining were those of his department and he wanted it known he is not in any way involved in selecting the auditing firm.

44. Mrs. Betty Wallace, 5620 Via del Colado, spoke regarding a problem she has had with the Police Department and which is being investigated.

45. Councilman Bradford asked what has been done about the offer of easement between the Ranchers Market and the apartment house on Crenshaw Boulevard which was offered to the City by Mrs. Clouch. City Manager Peebles said the Flood Control people are handling it. Mr. Peebles will check it. Councilman Bradford said there is still no drain under Crenshaw as was planned two years ago. He felt the City should accept the easement, pave the street and put in barricades so as to have use of the street.

46. Councilman Bradford said he would like to have an ordinance or resolution drafted stopping all rezoning of M-1 property within the Victor Precinct until the Planning Department of this city will do what was requested by the Council: furnish a map showing how the development of Victor Precinct is good planning. Councilman Benstead said he thought further that another survey should be made of Victor Precinct to see what the people want out there. City Manager Peebles said a study is now in process. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if such an ordinance would be legal and Mr. Remelmeyer said it could be made legal as long as there is good reason for prohibiting bringing in rezoning petitions. This could be an interim zoning ordinance of a temporary nature - or the applications for rezoning could be denied as they come before the Council. He asked Councilman Bradford if he wants rezoning held in abeyance until a comprehensive zoning study is made. Mr. Bradford said he wants a detailed map of what property is M-1 and he believes the Council has a right to know what property is left so they can form an opinion. Councilman Drale suggested a Council policy be established, sort of a gentlemen's agreement to hold in abeyance until a map is presented showing definite plans. City Manager Peebles said the City is in the process of trying to get a Planning Director. Mayor Isen asked that this matter be held pending arrival of a new Planning Director.

Councilman Bradford moved a policy be set by the Council that future rezoning of property be held in abeyance until we have a Planning Director and a survey of the Victor Precinct. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Isen.

47. Councilman Benstead submitted the name of Jack Westergard, 21701 Reynolds Drive, Torrance, FRontier 11764, as a member of the Traffic Safety Council.

48. Councilman Drale called to the attention of the Council the question of whether the Customhouse in San Pedro should be moved to Los Angeles and moved that the City Council of Torrance do what it can to help San Pedro keep the Customhouse. Mayor Isen asked that

this be held for the time being; it could be a controversial issue.

49. Mr. Harold Frenz, President of the Chamber of Commerce, commended the Council for the large number of matters it handled in a short time. He expressed the intention of working closely with the Council for the betterment of Torrance and the hope that the Chamber can become self-sustaining. He stressed the thought that a Chamber of Commerce is organized to be of assistance to all citizens, not strictly business men.

50. City Engineer Nollac asked that the attention of the Council go back to Item 16. He wished clarification of whether or not the Council intended by their motion to order the undedicated southerly service road closed to traffic at this time to allow the construction of the signals to proceed. Mayor Isen said that was the intention of the motion.

51. It has been discovered that an error was made in the transmittal letter covering easement deeds which were accepted by action of the Council on June 20, 1961. To correct this, Item 8 of Transmittal of Easement Deeds, at the top of page 20 of the June 20th minutes should be corrected to show Lot 5 in place of Lot 1 in the fourth line thereof. The deed was given by John C. and Mary D. Simmons.

52. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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