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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, January 23, 1962, at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, James Cicchini led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Monrad Bergeson, Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Bradford moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 1962. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objections, so carried.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Benstead 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 was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. HEARINGS:

Vacate Arlington Avenue - Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 62-1. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, concurred by City Manager Peebles, transmitting Resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of Arlington Avenue. Location sketch was attached.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication with respect to Items 8 through 13 of this agenda and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mrs. Hutsler, 2755 Arlington, came forward and asked for waiver of \$100 vacation fee since she proposed to put in the curbs, gutters and sidewalks and because she has recently donated 17' of property on Sepulveda. City Engineer Nollac explained that the oil company establishing the service station on this property will install the improvements. To Mayor Isen's query as to whether Council could proceed without the \$100 fee, City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the usual policy is to collect the money first. Councilman Bradford moved the waiver be denied. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Bradford moved recommendation be held for one week and, upon receipt of \$100 fee, be returned to Council for action. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead; no objections, so carried.

9. CASE NO. 752 - Change of Zone - Y. Mishima, petitioner. Third and final hearing before the City Council on petition of Yasburo Mishima, 18505 South Western Avenue, for a Change of Zone from M-1 and A-1 to C-3, R-3 and R-1 on a portion of the south half of the southeast quarter of Lot 71, McDonald Tract, situated W/s of Western, north of 186th Street. Submitted were letter of transmittal recommending approval, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 3, 1962.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Jay Stroh, 1878 W. 186th Street, representing homeowners in this area, stated there was no objection to rezoning from M-1 and A-1 on Western to C-3 nor to a change from A-1 and M-1 to R-1 on the easterly section; the objection is to the land in between being changed from M-1 and A-1 to R-3. There are only two entrances to this area and rezoning to R-3 will create overpopulation, traffic congestion and crowded schools.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead; no objections, so carried. After discussion of the location sketch showing streets and alleys, Councilman Beasley moved to refer this case back to the Planning Commission for clarification of the R-3 rezoning. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen; no objections, so carried. Councilman Drale noted there should be no R-3 in this area.

10. CASE NO. 755 - Variance - Robert Follick et al., 15005 Lemoli Ave., Gardena, petitioner. Formal hearing before the City Council on petition for a variance to permit the building of two homes on A-1 lot in a portion of Lot 22, Tract 397, situated east of 2364 West 239th Street, between Arlington and Pennsylvania. Recommended for approval. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 3, 1962, and plot plan for Councilmen.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford; no objections, so carried. To Councilman Drale's query relative to a street between the boundary of the City of Torrance and L.A. County, Acting Planning Director Cleveland explained that the property is built up to that line and therefore a street is not able to go through. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of variance in Case No. 755. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale; no objections, so carried.

11. CASE NO. 757 - Variance - Monarch Investment Company, 400 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, petitioner. Recommended for approval. Formal hearing on petition for a variance on a portion of Lot F, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, situated at the southwest corner of Western and Sepulveda to permit a super service station in A-1 Zone. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 3, 1962, and plot plan for Councilmen.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford; no objections, so carried. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of variance in Case No. 757. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford; no objections, so carried.

12. CASE NO. 759 - Variance - Harold I. Greene and Howard Hugo, 3516 West Magnolia, Burbank, petitioners. Formal hearing on petition for a variance to construct retail stores (for relief of the maximum requirement of the off-street parking ordinance) on a portion of Lots 6 and 7, Tract 454 on Sepulveda between Ocean and Kent. Recommended for approval per Exhibit "A". Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 3, 1962, and plot plan for Councilmen.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale; no objections, so carried. Councilman Benstead asked how many parking spaces were lacking and Mr. Cleveland replied 37. Councilman Benstead said we have a parking ordinance and we should adhere to it. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of variance in Case No. 759. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by following roll call vote:

- AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Vico
- NOES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount and Mayor Isen

13. CASE NO. 760 - Variance - K. K. Keshishian, 3838 West Santa Barbara Avenue, Los Angeles, petitioner. Formal hearing on petition for a variance to provide relief from the maximum requirements of the off-street parking ordinance on the southerly 88 feet of Lot 33, Tract 2895, situated at 20361 Hawthorne Blvd., in Zone M-1. Recommended for approval per Exhibit "A". Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 3, 1962, and plot plan for Councilmen.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objections, so carried. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of variance in Case No. 760. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Vico and Mayor Isen
NOES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount, Bradford

14. CASE NO. 738 - Akira Kimura et al. petitioner. Cover letter from Acting Planning Director Cleveland, submitting ordinance reclassifying property described in Case No. 738, together with allied information in chronological order, as follows: Ordinance amending Appendix I of The Code, reclassifying that property described in Planning Commission Case No. 738 from A-1 to R-3; resume of Planning Commission Case No. 738; excerpt from January 2, 1962 Council minutes; transmittal form recommending approval; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 3, 1962; excerpt from November 28, 1961 Council minutes; excerpt from October 18, 1961 Planning Commission minutes and exhibit for Councilmen.

Mayor Isen announced that vote by the Council on this ordinance will be paramount to a reconsideration of the matter. Councilman Blount stated that in the past two weeks he recalled two cases of controversial nature where one or more Planning Commissioners abstained from voting. He believes policy indicates that where we have abstaining votes some reason should be given for the abstention. He expressed the thought that perhaps this information has not been passed on to the various commissioners.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1292

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 738
(Change of Zone from A-1 to R-3)

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Charles Deck, 20513 Toluca, President of Torrance Property Owners Association, said that approximately 400 homeowners in the area have

invested thousands of dollars in their property hoping the area would remain R-1; R-3 zoning would mean additional children crossing six lanes of traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard to go to school and would make a hodge-podge development between R-1 and R-3. For these reasons he would like to see the R-3 proposition denied.

Carl Seaberg, 3610 227th Street, representing a group of homeowners in the same area, presented a petition of protest containing 120 signatures. His group feels that rezoning to R-3 would put an economic obsolescence on the R-1 property and that traffic congestion would be hazardous to the children; the school situation would have to be corrected to accommodate the additional influx of children to this area and there is insufficient ingress/egress.

George Kurtz, attorney for parties in interest, Frank Tarrino and Cecil Hefner, said that this whole area calls for a buffer strip between the commercial development on Hawthorne and the residential development east of Madison. It is the intention of the owner of the property to dedicate 30' east of the property under consideration so that there will be a widening of Madison and will therefore provide sufficient ingress/egress. Mr. Kurtz discussed the type of luxury apartments his client intends to construct, the tax yield per unit, and the fact that high rental apartments tend to attract families with few, if any, children.

Councilman Blount took exception to the high tax yield quoted by Mr. Kurtz saying that the City would realize only one sixth of the figure quoted. Councilman Beasley asked about the opening of streets in this area and Mr. Kurtz said the streets would be developed as the property is developed. Mayor Isen said there was no control over the luxury type of improvements and that indeed proponent could erect the barest minimum apartment if he so desired no matter what his intention at the moment.

Councilman Benstead said that no matter who develops this property 30' will still have to be dedicated for the widening of Madison. Councilman Drale attempted to determine if the property surrounding proposed project is vacant and if so he did not think Council was doing justice to the owner of this property. Acting Planning Director Cleveland said there were single family dwellings on the east side of Madison and on the south side of 227th, no houses on the west side of proposed Samuel.

Roy Seidler, 3602 W. 227th Street, thought Mr. Drale's point irrelevant saying that if part of the area becomes R-3 a precedent is thereby established. He reiterated his position of favoring R-1 zoning.

Mrs. Pat McManus, 3510 228th Street, said the parking situation on the streets is becoming congested at the present time without apartment houses adding to it and thought rezoning would create additional hazard to the children in the neighborhood.

W. H. Phelps, 3423 W. 228th Street, reiterated the opinions of the other opponents re buffer strip not being economical, schools overcrowded and the City would realize little revenue from such a multiple housing unit.

Bud Rose, 3326 Newton, spoke of the hazard to the school children as a result of increased traffic congestion in this area.

Frank Tarrino, one of the principals involved, maintained that these apartments would be rented to people without children mainly because of the danger of the swimming pool.

Leslie Smith, 237 W. 226th Street, thought that the fact that apartment owners would not rent to children was a shocking situation.

Mayor Isen asked those in the audience who were opposed to this rezoning to raise their hands; there was a considerable number of hands raised.

Thomas Ellsbury, 3519 229th Street, presented a petition of protest containing 23 additional signatures and stated that a change of zone at this time would create a nuisance in his opinion.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection thereto.

Mayor Isen moved to deny Ordinance No. 1292. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Vico and
Mayor Isen
NOES: Councilman Drale

Councilman Drale qualified his nay vote by stating that inasmuch as there are relatively few people living on three sides of the property in question he felt proponent was being denied the right to develop his property to its best use without danger to his neighbor.

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At 9:25 P.M., Mayor Isen declared a recess which reconvened at 9:35 P.M., with the exception of Councilman Bradford.

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HICKMAN DRIVE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT:

15. City Attorney Remelmeyer, transmitting cost estimate, plans, specifications, prepared by City Engineer Nollac, and Resolutions relating to the formation of an Assessment District (1911 Act) for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks to be known as Hickman Drive Assessment District No. A'11-60-3, as follows:
 - A. RESOLUTION approving and ordering the filing of plans, specifications and district map for construction of certain curbs, gutters and sidewalks.
 - B. RESOLUTION appointing an attorney and fixing compensation.
 - C. RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest that certain contract between the City of Torrance and Laurence J. Thompson, with copy of proposed contract attached.

D. RESOLUTION declaring intention to order the construction of certain curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Hickman Drive; fixing the time and place for Hearing; declaring the work to be of public benefit, etc.

15A. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DISTRICT MAP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-13. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent)

15B. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING AN ATTORNEY AND FIXING COMPENSATION.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-14. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent)

15C. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-15

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.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-15. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent)

15D. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CURBS, GUTTERS

AND SIDEWALKS ON HICKMAN DRIVE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT AND WHETHER PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL APPLY THERETO; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-16. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-16. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent)

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At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles introduced Mr. Orin Johnson from the audience as the new Senior Administrative Assistant of the City of Torrance.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

16. Claim for damages on behalf of Judith Terhune, 3715 Livingstone Drive, Long Beach, accident November 23, 1961, on Hawthorne Blvd. near Del Amo, automobile collided with barricades, submitted by John A. MacDowell, of Law Offices of English & MacDowell, 11301 Long Beach Boulevard, Lynwood.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the claim and refer it to Legal Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico; no objections, so ordered.

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Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at this time.

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17. Mr. John S. Trier re Torrance Municipal Airport management.

Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Trier file proposed claim and have it come before Council through regular channels and saw no need for discussion of the matter at this time. Councilmen Drale and Blount requested clarification of the incident and thought Mr. Trier should

be allowed to speak. City Attorney Remelmeyer said that in view of the fact that Mr. Trier is going to file a lawsuit against the City, any comments by Councilmen should be confined to a minimum. With the consent of Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles gave a brief accounting of the incident for the benefit of the councilmen - Mr. Trier's airplane caught fire; there evidently were certain misunderstandings between all parties concerned relative to the way the fire was handled, the way the calls were answered and the equipment that was used.

Mayor Isen moved that if Mr. Trier requests any discussion re policy and procedure regarding the administration of the airport, he take it up directly with the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Vico and Mayor Isen
NOES: Councilmen Blount, Drale

18. Mr. Donald E. Whann, re trucks on Madison and Newton Streets.

Mayor Isen explained that Council had previously voted an emergency ordinance designating Madison Street as a truck route. Councilman Drale moved to instruct City Attorney Remelmeyer to prepare an emergency ordinance rescinding the previous emergency ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Donald Whann, 3545 Senefeld Drive, mentioned the repair of damage to Senefeld Drive, caused by the trucks, has deteriorated. Councilman Drale thought any damage done by the trucks should be rectified.

Councilman Blount moved to amend the motion, that the City Manager be requested to contact Torrance Sand & Gravel Company and all City department heads including Police, Fire, Building, Planning, etc., in an effort to cooperate in the discontinuance of hauling dirt on Madison. Councilman Drale accepted the amendment. Motion carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico and
Mayor Isen
NOES: Councilman Beasley

19. Mr. Richard A. Carter, Field Scout Executive, Harbor District of Boy Scouts of America, requesting use of lobby in City Hall for two evenings: February 16 and 26, from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Councilman Blount moved Boy Scouts be allowed use of City Hall lobby for the specified two evenings. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico; no objections, so carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DIVISION

20. James Cicchini, requesting permission to erect an oversized sign for James Cicchini Real Estate and Hazel's Beauty Shop at 1407 and 1405 Crenshaw Boulevard with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Building Inspection for approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount; no objections, so carried.

21. Campbell, Lowe & Williams, requesting permission to erect oversized sign at southeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Building Inspection for approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico; no objections, so carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION

22. Award of Contract - El Retiro Park Stairway - City Engineer Nollac, concurred by City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that the bid of Coudray Company in the amount of \$4,280 for construction of El Retiro Park Stairway be accepted. Bid summary was attached.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer for approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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At 10:00 P.M. Councilman Blount left the meeting due to illness in his family.

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23. Release of Subdivision Bond on Tract No. 26119 (Subdivider: R. A. Watt Construction) - Resubmitted. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that Bond No. 22338 in the amount of \$85,000 be released. Attached were breakdown from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in recommendation of City Engineer to release bond. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT

24. A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent, requesting authorization to extend water mains in two locations in South Torrance prior to collection from consumers (Water Main Extension Revolving Fund), with signature of concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Water Superintendent for permission to install extensions. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

RESOLUTIONS

25. General Municipal Election, April 10, 1962. Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to permit the Registrar of Voters to render specified services to the City of Torrance relating to the conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held April 10, 1962, with cover letter from City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 10, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-17. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico. City Manager Peebles stated that this will cost approximately \$400 - \$450. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

26. State Trailer Park Act. Resolution declaring the City's assumption of responsibility for enforcement of the State Trailer Act, with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE CITY'S ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF PART 2, DIVISION 13 OF THE STATE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE GOVERNING MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS AND DIRECTING THAT NOTICE THEREOF BE SENT TO THE STATE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-18. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1291

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 3.28 OF CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "AIRPORT" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO AVIATION LIABILITY
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW
PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT
MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1291 at its second and final reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Vico and Mayor Isen
NOES: Councilman Beasley
ABSENT: Councilman Blount

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1290

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.31 ENTITLED, "CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS" OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE THAT CURBS AND GUTTERS NEED NOT BE CONSTRUCTED ON ANY PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO THE CITY FOR THE OPENING OR WIDENING OF ANY MAJOR OR SECONDARY STREET.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1290 at its second and final reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

29. Recommendation for approval of six foot chain link fencing on Dominguez Channel bridges in the amount of \$1,852.74, and that the L. A. County Flood Control District be billed for this amount.

City Manager Peebles asked that the L. A. County Flood Control District be billed for the above amount plus incidental costs and stated that Artesia was not fenced since it is a State highway. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager for approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

30. Recommendation on acceptance of bid on Fire, Extended Coverage, Malicious Mischief and Vandalism Insurance to the City of Torrance. Cover letter from City Manager Peebles recommending contract be awarded to lowest bidder, Northern Insurance of New York, Lester King, Agent, in the total amount of \$3,327.09.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles for approval of contract award. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

31. Medical Insurance Plan for City Employees. City Manager's letter announcing future report to Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to submit future report to City Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico; no objections, so carried.

32. Request of City Engineer re Junior Civil Engineer position.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles re approval of position. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

33. Coverage of Water Department employees with all other City employees in the State Employees' Retirement System.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to consolidate the two contracts. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

34. Miscellaneous Recommendations

1. \$317.99 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 2" Model CT Meter for Water Department (Budget item).
2. \$1,516.98 to V & E Draperies for replacement of draperies at Fire Stations 1, 2, 3 and 4. (Funds are available in the Fire Department budget)
3. \$364.00 to Metropolitan Transit Authority for one rebuilt Hydraulic Transmission for Bus Model 4505-TDH (only source of supply) (budget item).
4. \$250.00 to United States Conference of Mayors for 1962 Annual Membership dues. (budget item)

Councilman Bradford moved to approve the above expenditures. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

35. Recommendation that the firm of Denn Engineers, 23870 Hawthorne Avenue, Torrance, be retained to make a topographical survey and map of the Civic Center site.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles for approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

36. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 4 through 10, 1962 as Dental Health Week.

37. Claim for damages, Donald E. and Margaret Whann, 3545 Senefeld Dr., Torrance, California.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

38. City Manager Peebles received a petition from residents in North Torrance in the vicinity of Yukon where the freeway underpass is at 180th Street with respect to fencing for sidewalks. Since this is a State Division of Highways freeway problem, Mr. Peebles requested permission to make prints of the petition and forward them to the Division of Highways. Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead; no objections, so carried.

39. City Manager Peebles request Director of Finance Scharfman be permitted to attend the Annual Seminar of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers in Fresno with appropriate expenses and time off included. Councilman Drale moved to concur in recommendation of City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Blount absent)

40. Council concurred in the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer that Mr. M. Tellefson of 9616 Culver Boulevard, Culver City, the former City Attorney of the cities of Culver City and Hermosa Beach, be authorized to represent the City of Torrance in the Carol Lane case, to prepare a brief on behalf of the cities of Southern California; and authorized Director of Finance Scharfman to pay Mr. M. Tellefson the sum of \$100 as compensation for said service to the City.

41. City Engineer Nollac presented a letter from Sheets Construction Company re estimate of extra costs for Carson Park in the amount of \$1,135.80 due to changes ordered last week. Councilman Drale moved to approve payment; motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

After discussion between Councilman Bradford and City Engineer Nollac of the removal of the "curlicues", Councilman Bradford said he would like to meet with the Superintendent of the construction company and Mr. Nollac and review this estimate; he believes the extra costs are not applicable to the removal of the "curlicues" but to an error in the original bid. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles if he thought this bill was in order and Mr. Peebles answered in the affirmative. The motion failed by the following tie vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale and Mayor Isen

NOES: Councilmen Benstead, Vico

ABSTAIN: Councilman Bradford

ABSENT: Councilman Blount

Councilman Bradford expressed a desire for a more extensive itemization of the estimate and agreed to a meeting with Councilman

Vico, City Manager Peebles and a representative of the construction company. Councilman Bradford then changed his abstention vote to aye; motion therefore carried.

42. Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection thereto.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By *Gale Whitacre*
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Ison
Mayor of the City of Torrance