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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, February 6, 1962 at 5:30 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, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 6:05 P.M. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Rose Craig led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

5. On motion regularly made by Councilman Benstead and seconded by Councilman Drale, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 30, 1962 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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 Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 754, Variance, Seymour R. Rayor, 606 East Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, petitioner.

Formal hearing on petition for variance and conditional use permit of the off street parking ordinance to permit the construction of an office building on property described as Lots 22 and 23, Block 91, Torrance Tract, situated at 1408 and 1412 Crenshaw Boulevard in a commercial zone. Recommended for approval per revised Exhibit A attached to councilmen's copy. Submitted were transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 17 and January 3, 1962.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication covering cases Nos. 754, 758 and 763, Items 8, 9 and 10 of this agenda, and, there being no objection, Mayor Isen ordered it filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 754; there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen; there was no objection.

Answering a question by Councilman Drale, Acting Planning Director Cleveland said there are now 22 parking places. The office building is planned to be used by the government Social Security office and Mayor Isen said it would be a fine addition to the City. Both Councilmen Beasley and Benstead protested the lack of parking space in this area.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance requested and Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

The normal number of parking spaces for this building would be 35, leaving a shortage of 60%.

Mr. Rayor, the petitioner, came forward and exhibited to the councilmen a letter and some plans which he said are final approval of a five year lease by the government. Mayor Isen pointed out there could be 22 more parking spaces by tandem parking which should be satisfactory in that they would be used by employees who would be at the building all day. Mr. Rayor owns the building occupied by the Social Security agency in Ingelwood and compared conditions with those in Inglewood in a favorable light. There will be 17 employees, 5 of whom are out in the field during the day.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Drale if he would amend his motion to permit tandem parking, but Councilman Drale preferred to favor approval as requested. Councilman Beasley said under the circumstances, he would vote yes on this motion although he wanted to make it clear this should not establish a precedent with respect to future similar requests.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. Case No. 758, Variance, Daniel D. Francis, 2910 164th Street, petitioner.

Formal hearing on petition for a variance and conditional permit to construct seven buildings consisting of four single family residences with a maximum of five units in rear on Pennsylvania; three single family residences with a maximum of seven units in rear on 239th Street, in Land Use Zone A-1, described as Lots 9 and 10, Tract 397, situated at the northeast corner of 239th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Recommended for approval Submitted were letter of transmittal, plot plan, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 17, 1962.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 758; there was no response.

Mayor Isen asked what happened to the petition protesting and Acting Planning Director Cleveland answered that after the petitioner changed his request there appeared to be no objection to the request for two single family residences on these lots. Councilman Benstead stated nothing to this effect shows in the Planning Commission minutes.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. There were no objections.

Councilman Drale asked about the zoning surrounding the property and Mr. Cleveland stated it is R-1 to the north, single family on the west side of Pennsylvania; single to the east; on the south one house on the corner of 239th and Pennsylvania, and a variance was granted almost across the street for two houses on a lot a couple of weeks ago. Councilman Drale suggested the matter go back to the Planning Commission for further study.

Mr. Hamilton of 2322 239th Street was permitted to speak. He merely wanted to see the revised plot plan.

Mayor Isen asked that the interested parties confer in Room 209 and the Council could come back to this item of business a little later in the meeting.

10. Case No. 763, Variance, Jerry Garcia, 18521 Mansel, Petitioner. Formal hearing on petition for a variance and conditional permit to construct a duplex on the rear of 18517 Mansel, property described as the north half of Lot 31, Lot 32 and the south half of Lot 33, Block D, Belvedere Tract, in Zone R-2. Recommended for approval per Exhibit A, attached to councilmen's copy. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 17, 1962.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 763; there was no response.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (in conference room with people on Case 758), Bradford.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Pacific Telephone Company letter dated January 19, 1962, held from meeting of January 30, 1962 concerning parking facility at new telephone building on Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. Watson who spoke on behalf of the company last week, was not able to be present this evening and Mr. H. W. Clark, 740 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, represented the company. He stated the local office had received approval from their San Francisco office to negotiate for commercially zoned property for additional parking and mentioned what he called a preference of the City Council. Mayor Isen said the Council had indicated no preference.

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Mr. Clark said during the past week appraisers have been in the field evaluating property but as yet no reports have been received. The status now is that the company is continuing to negotiate for property and he said the company was quite surprised to find they are being denied the certificate of occupancy. Mayor Isen did not think there should be any argument on that subject although Mr. Clark said he would like to explore it. Councilman Drale asked to hear the motion from the council minutes of a year ago and Mr. Clark read a bare motion to concur in the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval, as well as the motion of the Planning Commission which was for approval with a condition that the building be started within a six month time limit. Mayor Isen stated this is not his recollection of what transpired and asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to read more at length from the minutes of a year ago, including conditions as to parking which were understood to be a part of the motion to approve. Mr. Clark again stated the request was for a simple variance, which was granted, with the only condition being time of construction of the building. He does not recognize the condition as to furnishing parking facility, although he does maintain the company intends to do so. Both Councilmen Drale and Beasley considered Mr. Clark's promise on behalf of the company to be sufficient and advised Mr. Clark to seriously negotiate even though the company may not agree with the amount of the appraisals. Mr. Clark said three appraisals have been sent in to the San Francisco office and as soon as approval is received the local company will most certainly provide the parking and it will be in accordance with the City regulations on setbacks, landscaping, etc.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Cleveland what would have been required in the way of parking spaces and Mr. Cleveland answered about 100 spaces for the size of building although the plans show 21, or possibly 36 by use of tandem parking. Councilman Blount asked if it would not be possible for the company to use some of the parking spaces near their building on Cravens and Mr. Clark said it would be possible to use approximately 20 spaces there.

Mayor Isen clarified his position: he appreciates the problem and wishes to cooperate but the promise to provide necessary parking is not enough; there must be some sort of legal assurance.

Councilman Bradford arrived at this point in the meeting.

Mr. Clark insisted the minutes had shown approval of the variance with only the one condition although Mayor Isen said that having been present and having an accurate memory of the transaction, he could not agree. He stated definitely that Mr. Clark had accepted the conditions set forth in the material read from the minutes of that Council meeting as being binding on the company.

Councilman Drale asked for assurance that the employees would actually use the space at the Cravens Avenue building for parking until such time as the additional parking at the new building is furnished and Mr. Clark said the employees certainly would be so instructed.

Mr. Robert J. Baldwin who owns the property at 2166, 2168 and 2170 Torrance Boulevard, adjoining the telephone company property stated he does not desire to sell his property and the company knew that when they bought theirs. He described the inconvenience caused by the construction of the building and the resulting loss of one of his tenants and asked when the additional parking would be supplied if it could not be supplied in the seven months which have already elapsed.

Mr. Clark stated further information and asked that it be written into the record: There are 41 spaces at Cravens Avenue available for parking; there will be 12 employees in the new building when it is opened in March; the new building will be a commercial office only. He stated also that the residential property which was being considered is now being appraised. After the equipment is all installed, about six or eight months from March, an additional 54 persons will move into the new building making the total of 66.

The question arose as to a certificate of partial occupancy and City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is some possibility of doing so if there is a physical division of the building to be occupied from that which is not.

Councilman Bradford did not feel the company had acted in very good faith in negotiating for property in the neighborhood.

Mayor Isen said if this can be continued to the Council meeting on February 20th the Company would be issued the Certificate of Occupancy if they could then state they had gone to escrow and give some firm evidence thereof.

Mr. Clark continued to press for referral to the Building Department and issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Going back to the partial occupancy question, Jack McKinnon of the Building Department stated the building code does so provide, but only when all other City regulations have been met.

Mayor Isen moved to continue the matter until the 5:30 meeting on February 20th. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which failed, as follows:

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

Councilman Beasley asked for the question on the original motion and roll call vote was as follows:

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

The motion thus carried and Mr. Clark reiterated the intention of the company to provide the necessary parking. Mayor Isen deplored the fact there is nothing legal or binding in the promise of Mr. Clark on behalf of his company.

9. Returning to Case No. 758, Mr. Hamilton stated he and his neighbors had gone over this with Mr. Francis in the conference room. His understanding is that the A-1 zone stays the same and a zoning variance would be granted to build the houses on 239th. He withdrew his objection and stated that 7 of the 80 petitioners on the protest were present at this meeting.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

A recess was declared at 6:20 and the Council reconvened at 6:35 P.M.

12. H. C. Shattuck, dated January 26, 1962, requesting permission that Boy Scout Troop 315 to camp out in El Prado Park on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the requested permission. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection. Councilman Blount asked that four of five extra cans be placed at the park so that the boys may keep it as clean as possible.

13. The American National Red Cross, dated January 24, 1962, requesting permission to fly flag over Torrance City Hall during their annual fund raising drive in March.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

14. Award of contract - Improvement of Calle Mayor from Pacific Coast Highway to 180 feet east of Mayor Drive, Project No. 76. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that bid of Savala Construction Company in the amount of \$72,926.60 be accepted, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Notice of Completion, Palos Verdes Boulevard Parking Lot, Aggregate Construction Company, contractor. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that the work be accepted.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of acceptance of the work. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Notice of Completion, Emerald Street from Anza Avenue to Victor Street. D & W Paving Contractor. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that the work be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the work be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Transmittal of Easements for Acceptance by City Council.

Councilman Bradford moved the following five street easement deeds and one storm drain easement be accepted:

1. Dated January 24, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street over a portion of Lot 70, Tract No. 639, given by Philip G. and Sally A. Campbell.
2. Dated January 25, 1962 for the widening of 182nd Street over a portion of Lot 27, Resurvey of the R. O. Hickman Tract, given by Alfred Porin.
3. Dated January 25, 1962 for the widening of Ainsworth Avenue over a portion of Lot 58, La Fresa Tract, given by George V. Foutts.

4. Dated January 17, 1962 to provide a corner radius at the southeasterly corner of Llewellyn and Engracia Avenues over a portion of Lot 1, Block 123, Tract No. 2807, given by J. and S. Enterprises, Inc.
5. Dated January 25, 1962 for the widening of Emerald and Amie Streets and to provide a corner radius at the Northwesterly corner of Emerald and Amie Streets over portions of Lot 20, Tract No. 3458, given by William A. and Frances L. Davis.
6. Storm Drain Easement deed dated December 18, 1961 for the storm drain in the West Torrance High School property from Henrietta Street to easterly of Victor Street between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard, over portions of Lots 17, 18, 19, 45 and 46, Tract No. 2895, given by the Torrance Unified School District.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion; there was no objection and it was so ordered.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

18. Recommendation of J. O. Whitmer, Traffic & Lighting Engineer, approved by City Manager Peebles, that bid of Steiny & Mitchel, Inc. in the amount of \$18,774.00 for the installation of traffic signals at Torrance Boulevard and Hickory Avenue and Maple Avenue be accepted, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract for the work to the low bidder as set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Bradford asked and Traffic Engineer answered that this comes from the State Gas Tax Fund and eliminates all but one of the "chinese lanterns" from the streets of Torrance.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

19. Airport Insurance - Recommendation on bids. Airport Manager Egan submitting recommendation that the bid of the Davy Company (Insurance Company of North America) in the amount of \$2,235.14 be accepted, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Recommendation of the Airport Commission of approval of Palos Verdes High School letter of January 16, 1962 requesting permission that their Aviation Club be allowed to use Airport facilities.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in approval and the motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. Councilman Benstead did not approve, saying it is a dangerous risk and too much responsibility on one man, even though no flying is anticipated. He also noted this is not even a Torrance group. Councilman Blount amended his motion to provide that if Airport Manager Egan decides the members of the clubs are a hazard or are creating a hazard, or that the facilities or operation are being taxed by their presence, it would be within his authority to refuse them the use of the Airport and his decision would control.

On this subject, there was a discussion of the old office building and when it will be razed. This is the building which would be used by the boys and as a result of the discussion, Councilman Blount completely withdrew his motion.

Mayor Isen asked that Airport Manager Egan write a nice letter to the Palos Verdes High School stating the building they were seeking to use is ready to be torn down and that when a new building is ready and available they should renew their request.

Councilman Beasley moved to permit the Fire Department to use the old office building as fire practice material, within sixty days. Airport Manager Egan protested that the City has not even gone to bid on a building to replace it. City Manager Peebles stated the plans are being worked on now and Councilman Bradford asked why it is taking so long. Mr. Peebles replied that the plans first prepared proved totally inadequate. The new building is to be 40 x 60, constructed of metal, and will take about fifteen days to put up.

Roll call vote on Councilman Beasley's motion failed:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Vico, Mayor Isen.

Although the motion failed, Mayor Isen reminded Airport Manager Egan this is no promise to keep the building longer than is absolutely necessary to get a replacement in readiness. In answer to Councilman Benstead's question, City Manager Peebles stated there is \$12,500 earmarked for this project.

21. Recommendation of approval of request of Robert S. Miller, President of Greene Construction Company for month to month tenancy of the former Nora Pflieger Building.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

22. Recommendation that Airport Manager Egan's recommendation of January 17, 1962 relative to aircraft engine testing on the airport by Aero-Engines, Inc., be tabled.

Mayor Isen asked if it is true that this operation involves no objectionable noise. Mr. Egan said that is true, but Councilman Blount asked what is the measure of objectionable noise and Mr. Egan explained it would be any noise that is greater than the usual noise of take-off of the aircraft that usually operate around the Airport. Councilman Drale said he had not had time to go down and investigate this noise factor, but would like to have that opportunity for himself and the other councilmen. Mr. Mangel of the operating company spoke from the technical standpoint briefly; Mayor Isen said he would be willing to accept Mr. Egan's measure of what is, or is not, objectionable and Councilman Drale moved to table this recommendation until the councilmen had a chance to evaluate its merits. A date was set for Friday, February 9, at 11:30 A.M., to visit the airport, and the communication will be held until next week's Council meeting.

23. Approval of request of Trojan Air Service to expand operations to include an improved flight training program and additional charter and rental service.

Councilman Blount moved in line with our newly established policy, to grant this request. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

24. Recommendation that the following be filed as a matter of record: E. G. Kidwell letter of January 13, 1962, relative to the transfer of the Aero Propeller Company to Mr. Simon Devos from Don Tripp, also letter dated December 18, 1961 advising that Charles and Clare Popejoy purchased all assets of the Enjay Halfway House, Inc.

Mayor Isen said this would be filed as informational. City Attorney Remelmeyer, however, said the transfer of this lease requires approval of the Council. Councilman Drale moved it be tabled until next week's meeting for recommendation from the Legal Department. There is no recommendation to be made, Mr. Remelmeyer said, it is only a matter of preserving the Council's rights. Mayor Isen asked that both matters contained in this item be continued for two weeks for investigation and study. In connection with the restaurant properties, he called attention to the fact that they will revert to the City at the termination of the lease.

25. Consideration of a pending agreement between the FAA and the City entitled "Operation of Airport Traffic Control Tower by the FAA".

Councilman Drale moved to refer the subject matter of this item to City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and it was noted the agreement will be on the agenda in the near future.

26. Commission's request to City Council that they withhold any action relative to the adoption of the ordinance which modifies Section 3.28 of the Airport ordinance until the Commissioners have had an opportunity to meet with the Airport Manager and City Attorney to study this matter.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation set forth above. Motion carried, there being no objection.

27. Informational letter of January 22, 1962 re height of structures on airport effected by instrument of release now before the FAA.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this item would be filed; there was none.

28. Recommendation that the names of the current Airport Commissioners appear on the plaque which is to be designed for the new control tower.

It was the opinion of the Council that the names could be so arranged on the plaque that there would be sufficient room for the names of the Airport Commissioners also. This is to be the format used on all plaques and whether or not the commissioners names appear thereon will be decided at each individual contract time.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission in this instance and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

29. Recommendation that the City Council suggest to the City Manager that a replacement be made for Airport Steno-Secretary who is resigning March 31, 1962, be obtained by February 15, 1962.

Mayor Isen stated this is an administrative matter and is properly referred to the City Manager. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

30. Re. filing arguments for City measures to appear on the April 10, 1962 ballot.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre noted a correction from February 23 to February 26th in the last paragraph of City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter, dated February 2, 1962. Mayor Isen said he believes Mr. Remelmeyer should prepare the arguments on every measure except the Airport Revenue bond issue. Councilman Blount asked that publicity be given the right of any citizen to put on the ballot a statement for or against any of the measures, prior to February 26th.

With respect to subparagraph (b) of the communication, Mayor Isen said it would be advisable to have a statement signed by not only M. M. Schwab and George Powell, but also Francis Fox, the Honorary Chairman of the committee. Councilman Benstead did not agree because Mr. Fox is not a Torrance resident. Mayor Isen moved that there be a joint statement by the three men urging the people to support the Airport Revenue Bond issue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale,
Vico, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (did not agree with including
Mr. Fox).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 1962 THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE: (A) AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1 OF ARTICLE XI OF SAID CHARTER RELATING TO ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; (B) AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE VI OF SAID CHARTER RELATING TO TERMS OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE CITY; (C) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 2(b) OF ARTICLE V OF SAID CHARTER RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; (D) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE V OF SAID CHARTER RELATING TO THE FIRST BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION; AND (E) THE REPEAL OF SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE VI OF SAID CHARTER RELATING TO THE FIRST ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-27. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-27. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOMMENDING THAT AN APPROPRIATE STAMP BE DESIGNED BY THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 75TH ANIVERSARY OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-28. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen asked that the Deputy City Clerk write a letter to the Board of Directors of the City of Pasadena enclosing a copy of the resolution and advising them the City of Torrance is happy to cooperate, in addition to those mentioned in the communication itself.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1294

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 BY ADDING THE POSITION OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WITH ITS SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1294 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 24.2 OF ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 24 (SIGNS) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO DEFINITION OF BILLBOARDS AND BILLBOARDS ADJACENT TO LANDSCAPED FREEWAYS, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1296 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1297

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.102 ENTITLED DESIGNATED STREETS FOR TRUCK USE OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ELIMINATING MADISON AND NEWTON STREETS AS TRUCK ROUTES)

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked a correction in item (g), deleting "and Valerie Street" therefrom. With this correction, Councilman Bradford moved to approve Ordinance No. 1297 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, as follows:

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

36. FOR STUDY: Two proposed ordinances relating to hearing, grant and term of variances, with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer.

On this item, two alternatives are suggested and Mayor Isen remarked that he does not approve either, although "B" seems preferable. The particular section under discussion is paragraph 3 of Section 18F, involving the amount of time interim for application of the variance. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to rework "B" to permit thirty days for either denial or granting and to change the other sections to comply. The problem is that variances are not put into effect by resolution but are made operative immediately they are granted under present City ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

37. Standard design for plaque to be used on all future public buildings.

Mayor Isen suggested omitting from the standard design the names of commission members and placing them on the design at the discretion of the council each time the plaque is to be used. City Manager Peebles said the plaque will be inserted in the specifications and will come through in the prices bid.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in accepting the general design and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. It was noted that Mr. Blount's given name should be corrected as to spelling. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

38. Allocation of funds for frequency change. The recommendation of the City Manager is to allocate \$3,000 out of the \$30,000 saved on the Isabel Henderson library. The estimate is \$2,860 for the frequency change work and City Manager Peebles said it will come from the General Fund.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation, but that the money should come from the Police Department budget and that the work be advertised for bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Comments on reports from Messrs. Fritzen, Bowen and Perkins re proposed acquisition by City of property located south of 101 Highway and east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley thought this should be given some further study, particularly as to whether the dirt can be sold.

City Manager Peebles noted a typographic error in his last paragraph and stated he intended to recommend Item No. 5 instead of "4" as set forth. He feels the right of way for Hawthorne Avenue is of prime importance.

The Council's decision was that the matter should go back to Staff for further study and a more complete report, as well as a report from the County Sanitation District.

40. Request by County Registrar of voters for use of the City Hall as a polling place.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted and his motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. It was determined that the City Hall is open by about seven o'clock each weekday morning and roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale,
Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

PROCLAMATIONS:

41. Mayor Isen proclaimed February 11 to 17, 1962 as NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK and

The week of February 8 to 15, 1962, as TORRANCE REGISTRATION WEEK.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. City Manager Peebles said the appraisal has been made on the small triangle of land by the City's appraiser. This is the land on which Mr. Drale has built a small annex; the amount is \$640 and considering the size of the parcel of land, 99.1 square feet, is the highest ever paid for a piece of Torrance downtown property. The City will deliver a title insurance policy showing good marketable title. Councilman Benstead moved to sell the land to Mr. Drale at the appraised price of \$640 and that he be given ninety days within which to pay; also that the City furnish good marketable title insurance policy thereon. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Drale abstaining).

43. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the South Bay Bar Association and the City of Torrance are planning to host a luncheon at the Plush Horse honoring Supervisor Chace, the mayors and City officials who helped to obtain the Superior Court site on the Torrance Civic Center, to be held February 16th at noon. Torrance's share of the expense will be approximately \$130. The Council is being invited as guests, except Mayor Isen who, with the other members of the South Bay Bar Association, will pay. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the expenditure of not to exceed \$130 for this purpose. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

44. License Inspector Whitacre said he has received several calls from out of town groups regarding locations for fireworks sale stands for July 4th and asked confirmation of the fact that only local organizations will operate such stands and that the population ratio remains the same as it has been in the past. Councilman Benstead moved to confirm that understanding and the motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

45. Councilman Bradford inquired what is being done about the Youth Center and his attention was directed to the item in the Progress Report dated January 31, 1962 dealing with "Recreation Building on Civic Center". City Manager Peebles promised a more detailed report next week.

46. Councilman Drale asked for the colored map showing zoning which was requested several years ago. City Manager Peebles said that would be forthcoming when the new Planning Director is decided upon.

47. Mayor Isen described the close call he had at Merced during the trip to Sacramento recently and the damage done to his car but was grateful that he and Mrs. Isen were spared injury through the quick action of the driver of the Continental Trailways bus involved in the accident.

48. From the audience, Mr. Robert Stefanko of 2219 230th Street requested a waiver of Ordinance 1208 concerning curbs and sidewalks involving a lot split numbered Case D-71. The house is finished and inspection complete, but Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued. Mayor Isen moved that upon Mr. and Mrs. Stefanko filing a written statement to be recorded, that the improvement will be made on demand by the City, he be given a Certificate of Occupancy. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

49. Mr. Ronald Harrahill, 2230 Stanley Mills Road, Laurel Canyon, asked permission to open a pet supply store at Rolling Hills Plaza in Torrance. Building Superintendent Schlens said two problems are involved: first, this type of use is not permitted in a C zone, but would require a variance. Second, it is not one of the uses permitted by the lease. City Attorney Remelmeier said it would have to be sent back to the Planning Commission for application for a variance and for an exception to the provisions of the lease. Mr. Harrahill was advised to talk with Mr. Cleveland of the Planning Department.

50. Mr. Paul Sampson, president of Southwest Little League, 2271 Susana Street, requested that his group be allowed to finish out the season at Victor Park because they have not been able to get another location. Work on the park is now in progress. Councilman Blount moved they be permitted to stay at Victor Park to the end of their season which is July 31st and at that time that they be

A correction was noted to the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 1962, as follows: Add to Item 50, page 14, the following sentence:

"Mayor Isen asked if there was any objection, or if a roll call vote was required; there was no response and he remarked that the motion carried."

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance
Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

14.

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