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Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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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, February 20, 1962, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the 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, Mr. George Morehart of the Civil Service Board, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Father Hugh Percy, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 13, 1962, were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Drale 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 Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED COUNTY PROBATION OFFICE BUILDING PLANS

City Manager Peebles said the rendition which had been expected to be furnished by the County did not arrive and Mayor Isen announced this item would be held for later consideration.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. Waivers: W-259, Milo E. Hutchinson, 22905 Kathryn. Request for waiver of 5 feet to locate a pool five feet from side property line, above address. Recommended for approval, no communications received.

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Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

- B. W-263, B & D Construction Company, 931 South Prairie Avenue, Inglewood. Request for waiver to locate a balcony five feet from side property line in conjunction with construction of a new apartment building located on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Paseo de la Concha in Zone R-3. Recommended for approval. Two approvals and two protests received.

Councilman Drale inquired if the permission of the owners of abutting property had been obtained and Acting Planning Director Cleveland said it had not. Two protests were received, one from an adjoining neighbor and the other from the Hollywood Riviera Art Jury.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Cleveland described the reason for the requested waiver.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the waiver. However, Councilman Drale moved it be sent back to the Planning Commission for redesign and further study. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

10. Letter from Acting Planning Director Cleveland requesting extension of time on variances, Case No. 646, Dr. Bierner, 2602 West 181st Street; and Case No. 547, E. Arnold Oppenheim, for Wm. Garland Corporation, 11955 West Washington Boulevard, Culver City. Approval recommended.

Taking the two items separately, Councilman Drale moved to concur in approving the extension of three months requested on Case No. 646, Dr. Bierner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved that the time extension be given, as to Case No. 547, in the amount of 90 days, rather than six months requested. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objection.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Mrs. Johanna Madden, 2347 236th Street, concerning excess water undermining her residence.

Mayor Isen remarked that this is an incomplete claim and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the claimant should be notified that her claim is incomplete and instructed as to the proper form. Councilman Beasley moved that Mrs. Madden be permitted to file an amended claim showing the amount of damages claimed; that the claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department.

Mrs. John Koshak of 2334 236th Street, a neighbor and friend of Mrs. Madden who is an elderly lady and unable to come to City Hall, said she has been attending to the details of this claim for Mrs. Madden and described the damage done to the earthen cellar of Mrs. Madden's home.

City Manager Peebles said a complete report has been made on the damage done to Mrs. Madden's home by flooding and Mayor Isen instructed him to take what preventive measures are deemed advisable if it is determined there is any City responsibility.

Mayor Isen told Mrs. Koshak that the City is not necessarily liable but an amended claim when filed will go through regular channels. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

12. D. E. Tandy, Secretary, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local No. 1117, re payroll deductions

The request was for an increase of 70 cents in the present association dues deduction, and it was noted this deduction is made only on receipt of a signed request therefor from the employees affected. Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:**

13. RESUBMITTED. Harmon N. Belcher, Chairman, Civil Service Board, submitting recommendation concerning retitling and re-evaluation of classification of Personnel Assistant to Personnel Director.

Councilman Bradford was absent at last week's meeting and this item of business was therefore held for consideration by a full Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board to retitle and reevaluate the classification of Personnel Assistant to that of Personnel Director.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

**ENGINEERING MATTERS:**

14. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract No. 25886. Subdivider, Property Management Corporation. Letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending release of Bond No. 586428, with attached letter from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

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

**15. TRANSMITTAL OF EIGHT STREET EASEMENT DEEDS FOR ACCEPTANCE.**

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in accepting the following street easement deeds:

1. Dated February 5, 1962 for the widening of Ainsworth Avenue over a portion of Lot 45, La Fresa Tract, given by Fay X. and Elna S. Bybee.
2. Dated January 22, 1962 for the widening of 238th Street over a portion of Lot 73, Tract No. 437, given by Margaret J. and Chas. E. Middleton and Leroy and Helen M. Gothman.

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3. Dated November 1, 1961 for the widening of Carson Street over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 10778, given by Westchester Enterprises, Inc.
4. Dated January 3, 1962 for the widening of Lomita Boulevard over a portion of B. S. Weston allotment of Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by Laboratory for Electronics, Inc.
5. Dated January 26, 1962 to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of 240th and Park Streets over a portion of Lot 32, Block 1, Tract No. 7519, given by Lewis and Clara Bloom.
6. Dated February 1, 1962 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 33, Tract No. 3218, given by Sybil I. and Salvatore F. Di Maggio.
7. Dated February 1, 1962 for the widening of 236th Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, and 236th Place and to provide corner radii at the northwesterly corner of 236th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, and at the southwesterly corner of 236th Place and Pennsylvania Avenue over portions of Lot 5, Tract No. 847, given by Norris Development Company, Inc.
8. Dated November 16, 1961 for the widening of 231st Street, 232nd Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue and to provide corner radii at the northeasterly corner of 231st Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and the southeasterly corner of 232nd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue over portions of Lot 107, Tract No. 639, given by Irvin E. and Freda Allen and Cottone Bros. Construction Co.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objections.

**AIRPORT MATTERS:**

16. Letter from Airport Manager Egan, approved by City Manager Peebles, re extra cost on Airport Tower.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation, the net result of which is an extra cost of \$481.50.

Councilman Drale asked if it would not be possible to award a contract for the amount of a project, the actual cost, without having these extras appear. City Manager Peebles said it would be possible if a lump sum were requested, but it has proven more economically advantageous to ask for unit prices. Director of Finance Scharfman answered the councilmen's questions regarding the method of arriving at the amount of the extra. Councilman Drale seconded Councilman Beasley's motion and it carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

17. Recommendation relative to Aero-Engine's run-in tests at the Airport.

The recommendation is that the Council approve the run-in tests at the Airport. Councilman Benstead asked that the approval be predicated on a month to month basis and Mr. Egan stated it is actually a "day to day" basis.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of Airport Manager Egan and Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

18. Joe M. Doss, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation of approval of Mr. Robert S. Miller's letter of January 30, 1962, requesting permission to make certain improvements to the former Nora Pflieger building.

19. Recommendation of approval of Mr. Robert L. Marks' letter request of January 30, 1962 for permission to add an additional 12 x 16' to present office building to be used as a pilots' lounge.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation on each of these two items. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

20. Recommendation that the matter of abatement of aviation insurance requirements during aircraft lay-up periods be filed as a matter of record.

Councilman Blount asked some assurance that the City has an insurance requirement during lay-up periods and City Attorney Remelmeyer said that is true. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation that the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 62-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT FORM OF CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-34. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-34. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SEVTION 18 F OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) RELATING TO THE HEARING, GRANT AND TERM OF VARIANCES.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1298 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

23. Policy regarding construction extras.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles and Director of Finance Scharfman explained the features in which the proposed policy would differ from that now in effect. The Council agreed with the intent of the change; however, City Manager Peebles and Director of Finance Scharfman were instructed to reword the proposed policy to more clearly set out the desired effect.

24. Armed Forces Day parade to be held May 19, 1962.

Mayor Isen stated this is informational only and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

25. Approval of Fire Department Personnel.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to approve two positions of Fire Captain and two positions of Fire Engineer for the Fire Department on a permanent basis so that Engine No. 5 can be manned in the correct and proper manner according to Civil Service procedure.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

26. Councilman Drale's suggestion of trees on Crenshaw Boulevard between 190th and 203rd Streets.

The recommendation is to allocate \$280 from the Park Department - General Maintenance budget of 1961-62 to purchase ficus retusa trees to be installed on Crenshaw Boulevard between 190th and 203rd Streets.

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

Councilman Vico asked that where possible trees be purchased from Del Amo Nurseries who so generously donated trees to the City. This particular purchase, City Manager Peebles said, is to be from Del Amo, the low bidder.

27. Recommendation re acceptance of bid for service pins.

Councilman Bradford moved to award the contract for employee service pins to Interstate Trophy Supply Co., in accordance with memorandum dated February 16, 1962, showing summary of bids for initial presentation to employees, in a sum of approximately \$1,500 including the two thirty-year awards (the bid is \$1,207.80 exclusive thereof). The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## 28. Miscellaneous recommendations:

## Expenditures:

1. \$1,476.80, including tax, to American Rubber Manufacturing Co. for 1,000 feet of 2½" double jacket fire hose for fire department, a budget item.
2. \$709.90 to Radio Products Sales, Inc. for two Gonset Model 3341 Communicator IV, including Civil Defense Kit #3409. After payment the Federal government is prepared to reimburse the City for 50% of the cost. Funds are available in the Civil Defense budget).
3. \$137.37 to Torrance General Insurance for adjusted premium on comprehensive, fire and theft auto fleet insurance.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve expenditures listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Councilman Beasley asked if copies of the Civil Defense Report which he mentioned last week were available for distribution and City Manager Peebles said they will be made available.

30. Councilman Beasley was very complimentary of the Progress Report dated February 16, 1962, compiled by Senior Administrative Assistant Johnson, and Mayor Isen agreed.

31. Councilman Benstead asked for some information on a letter received from Mr. G. R. Kratzer and City Manager Peebles said a report will be on the agenda for next week's meeting.

32. Councilman Bradford asked if the elevations for the concrete paid for the floor of the Youth Center have been made and City Manager answered affirmatively. There will be one foot of fill and the architect now has the information.

33. Councilman Drale asked for a report on negotiations with Moneta Water Company on an agreement to purchase. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he could give the report orally if the Council wished, but he was requested to present it in writing to the Council at its next meeting.

34. In view of the importance occurrence today, Mayor Isen read a prepared statement and moved the City Attorney prepare a resolution commending Lt. Col. John Glenn, Project Mercury and the NASA. Councilman Drale asked Mayor Isen to please include that the resolution be in perma plaque form. Mayor Isen assented and his motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. A resolution will be on the agenda for next week's meeting, to be perma plaqued and sent in that form to the agencies mentioned as well as to Col. Glenn. There was no objection.

35. Item C, Information only - Mayor Isen called attention to the letter so listed at the end of the agenda and asked City Manager Peebles if the people concerned have been notified. City Manager Peebles said they have been. Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Peebles write the petitioners a letter and place a copy thereof on the agenda for next week.

36. Mayor Isen said considering the number of new neighborhoods being established in Torrance, it is necessary that something be done toward acquiring more park land. At least \$150,000 has been spent on upgrading the signalization of streets out of last year's budget and he recommended that about \$350,000 be considered in next year's budget for purchase of small neighborhood parks. His purpose was to call this to the attention of the Park and Recreation Commission and to remind them of the fact that Federal funds may be available up to one-third for open space as park area. Including the Federal money, he estimated perhaps one-half million dollars could be spent in acquiring park lands which are rapidly and steadily increasing in price. As a basis for study, he mentioned the Creiger report. Attention must be given to this problem by the Park and Recreation Commission, Mayor Isen said, with their recommendations referred to the Council. A forceful application should be made to the government for available funds when an estimate has been made of how much will be left from this year's budget and how much can be allocated from next year's. If there is no objection, he asked to refer the matter to Park and Recreation Commission. There was no objection.

37. Councilman Beasley said the decision on the location of the four-year state college will be made by the State Board of Trustees and Torrance should do something about seeing that it is located in this area.

38. Mrs. Cecelia Pons of 1731 Cabrillo Avenue outlined a problem involving a vacant building which she owns and which she would like to use for a purpose not permitted under the zoning ordinance. Mayor Isen advised her to go the Planning Commission and her request would be processed through regular channels. Mr. Cleveland was asked to help Mrs. Pons with her problem.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Gale Whitmore  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance