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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, March 6, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Commander Earl Sumpter of the American Legion Post, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Mayor Isen introduced Fireman Florindo Panches who dived into the water in an unsuccessful attempt to save the little boy who was drowned last week and expressed pride in the firemen who risk their lives for the citizens of Torrance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held February 27, 1962 be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and, there being no objection, carried.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 761 - Change of Zone. Third and Final hearing on petition of Dan E. Butcher for a change of zone from M-1 to R-3

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on property described as Lot 19, Tract 3218, except the south 100 feet of the north 202 feet of the east 10 feet of said Lot 19, situated on the south side of Emerald, 305 feet east of Anza. Submitted were letter of transmittal recommending denial, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 7, 1962, and location sketch.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication of notice and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen stated there is a matter of procedure involving this case which he would like to have clarified. He read excerpts from the minutes of Council meetings held July 18 and 25, 1961, the effect of which was to hold in abeyance any zone changes in the Victor precinct until a survey had been accomplished and the office of Planning Director filled. City Manager Peebles said the position will probably be filled within two or three weeks.

Both Councilman Benstead and Vico thought the people of the area should be consulted and their decision followed as to the type of development to be permitted. A postcard survey is now in process, City Manager Peebles said.

Councilman Beasley moved that Case No. 761 be held for ninety days until a study can be made of the area and that the Council instruct the Planning Commission to conduct hearings and make proper recommendation to the Council; this to apply to the Victor Tract only.

Mr. Butcher said he would like to have the hearing held and City Attorney Remelmeyer said that would be proper even if Councilman Beasley's motion takes effect. There was no second to the motion however, and Councilman Beasley said he would withdraw it at this time.

Mayor Isen then asked if anyone wished to speak regarding Case No. 761 and Dan E. Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, set forth his reasons for the request. The apartments are not intended nor suitable for families with children, he said, so there should be no problem regarding schools.

The fact that commercial use is permitted in M-1 zoning was discussed.

Mr. Wm. R. Kulpaca, 4300 Emerald Street, the owner of Parcel 18 spoke in favor of Mr. Butcher's requested change because although the neighborhood has waited patiently for manufacturing to come, none has. Taxes increase and no profitable use can be made of the land.

Mr. Kenneth Watts, 20905 Earl Street, strongly protested granting the change of zone as being poor planning, as well as from the standpoint of schools. He said the Victor School facilities were not designed with the thought of putting in multiple dwellings. A new school would have to be built with resultant increased taxation to all the people of Torrance, and decreased sales tax revenue.

Mr. Butcher spoke again, stating Mr. Watts was the only one in the precinct not in favor of the change.

Mr. Norman B. Owen of 223 South Helberta Avenue, Redondo Beach, who owns the property across from the proposed apartments, as well as at 4809 Emerald Street, operates a machine shop, and he fears that property owners will not permit it to exist in the middle of a housing area. He protested the change and agreed with Mr. Watts.

Mrs. Watts, also of 20905 Earl Street, the citizen who circulated the petition that enabled the area to come into Torrance, said it is not true that everyone wants the property turned into residential. She said many of her neighbors would be present if it were possible at this 5:30 hour.

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

Mayor Isen thought it obvious that this case should be taken under consideration and should be considered the first job of the new Planning Director to contact the property owners, take a poll thereof and keep the results thereof on record.

Councilman Beasley moved to poll the people in the area, make the returns thereof a public record and take this case under submission for a ninety day period. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale asked that two separate motions be considered: first, the tabling of this particular case No. 761 for ninety days. Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion and mayor Isen, the second thereof.

Roll call on the motion to table for ninety days was:

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

The motion carried.

Councilman Drale asked when it could be expected a Planning Director would be in office and ready to tackle this task. Mayor Isen asked that without a formal motion, the Council instruct City Manager Peebles immediately on hiring of a Planning Director, to give the study and polling of the area top priority and get a report back to the Council. There was no objection.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. Case No. 752. Change of zone (resubmitted) Returned to Planning Commission by City Council January 23, 1962 for clarification of the R-3 zoning. Hearing on this case was closed January 23, 1962. Submitted were letter of explanation from Acting Planning Director Cleveland dated March 1, 1962; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 21, 1962; revised Tentative Tract Map No. 24369; location sketch. The petitioner is Y. Mishima.

The hearing on this case was previously closed and the case sent back for further study and recommendation which is now before the Council.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present was interested in speaking on Case No. 752 and Mr. Jack Spahn of Barclay-Pearson Company appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked Mr. Spahn if he had a letter from Mr. Mishima agreeing to the three amendments to the tentative tract map and Mr. Spahn said his client is in full agreement with the amendments and conditions. Mr. Mishima was present and confirmed this. The three amendments listed in the recommendation are:

1. The alley be deleted, as this was to serve as a buffer between the R-1 and R-3;

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2. That Lot 8 not be built on until such time as a plan is brought in for consideration of the property to the East. Lot 8 could be used as a street opening;
3. That the half street (186th Street) not be improved at this time, but dedicated for street purposes, with a guarantee that it will be improved at such time as the rest of the property is developed.

In answer to Mr. Remelmeyer's question, City Engineer Nollac said the provisions in Item 3 of the conditions would be put into effect through the commercial improvement ordinance, lot subdivision, or lot split.

Mr. Spahn said Mr. Mishima would like to build on Lot 8 but agreed to provision 2 set forth above.

Councilman Bradford did not believe the subdivision map was ever approved by the Council and asked that the minutes of the Council meeting at which this was done be brought to the Council next meeting as well as the tape by which the meeting was recorded.

Councilman Benstead moved this case be held for one week. His motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and there was no objection. Councilman Blount asked for a report showing chronologically, the alleged passing of the subdivision. City Manager Peebles promised that would be done.

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

10. D-89. Division of Lot. Jack Kettler, petitioner. Letter dated March 1, 1962 from Acting Planning Director Cleveland, submitting recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the division in accordance with the statements set forth in the letter from Mr. Kettler dated February 24, 1962, as follows:

"With reference to the above City Planning Commission case, I am requesting that the improvements required as to the installation of curbs and gutters be hereby waived. At this time our plans are indefinite as to the development of this property. When a plan is developed for the future commercial use of this parcel and a rezoning request is initiated, street improvements and other attendant requirements will be complied with concurrently with construction. The parcel of land referred to is that portion fronting on Sepulveda Boulevard which is now zoned A-1."

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. WAIVERS:

Mayor Isen stated the waivers would be taken separately.

W-261, Anne Parker, 22221 Reynolds Drive, requesting waiver of 3' to construct a garage attached to existing dwelling 7' from the exterior (street side) property line. Recommended for approval with the condition that roof line will not extend any further than existing structure.

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

W-263, B & D Construction Co., 931 South Prairie Avenue, Inglewood, requesting waiver of 5' exterior side yard to locate balcony within 5' of property line. Property located on Paseo de la Playa between Calle Miramar and Paseo de la Concha, recommended for approval.

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

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

W-265, Earl and Thelma Chambers, 16703 Falda, requesting waiver of 9' rear yard at above address, to permit construction of awning type construction over back door, 1' from rear property line, recommended for approval.

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

W-266, Herb Klein, Myron Bayer, 195 South Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, requesting 9' waiver of building height limit to construct an apartment 44' in height. Property located on Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block F, Tract 10303, situated at 315 Palos Verdes Boulevard, recommended for approval.

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

W-267, Dan E. Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, requesting waiver of 10' front yard on east side of Anza, portion of Lot 20, Tract 3218, southeast corner of Emerald and Anza. Recommended for denial since there does not seem to be sufficient reason to change the established pattern in that area and proponent's plans as presented could be adapted to a 20' setback as required.

Councilman Beasley stated similar waivers have been granted in the general area. Councilman Bradford could not see how the granting of Mr. Butcher's request would disturb the pattern of the area. Councilman Blount moved Item W-267, Mr. Butcher be granted his request for waiver. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount asked that his comment be included in the minutes of this meeting: "Without objection, we passed a waiver of limitation on a 82 unit apartment house structure to give it additional height. Nobody says a thing in the world about the burden this is going to put on the schools. We set peculiar patterns. I would like to have that noted verbatim."

W-269, Dennis C. Lynch, 5616 Edgemere Drive, requesting front yard waiver of 5' to construct 5' high fence within 15' of front property line, recommended for approval.

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

W-270, Robert R. Waddell, 1226 Cranbrook, requesting waiver of 5' to construct addition to house within 5' of rear property line, above address, recommended for approval.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Claim of Everett Franklin Pearce, Redondo Beach, for alleged injuries and damages sustained in accident November 18, 1961, wherein his 1955 Buick struck a barricade on Redondo Beach Boulevard between Crenshaw and Hawthorne, submitted by Attorney LeRoy Center, 2850 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Redondo Beach.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

13. Claim of John S. Trier for alleged damages and injury sustained as the result of an incident at Torrance Municipal Airport January 14, 1962, wherein a fire damaged his airplane.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

14. Claim of Robert Fitzsimmons for alleged injuries and damages sustained as the result of an incident at Torrance Municipal Airport January 14, 1962 wherein he attempted to extinguish a fire.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

15. West Basin Water Association, by Carl Fossette, Executive Secretary, letter to Water Superintendent McVicar concerning special assessment to defend the judgment in the action for adjudication of water rights in the West Basin and to oppose any appeal taken from the judgment, with recommendation of approval of water superintendent and City Manager.

Councilman Benstead asked if this had been before the Water Commission. Mayor Isen said it was recommended by the Water Superintendent and is not the type of matter that would necessarily have to come from the commission, although they had noted it. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. Recommendation of Airport Manager Egan concerning 1963 Federal Airport Aid Program, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of Airport Manager Egan and City Manager Peebles to submit Phases I-1962 and II-1963 to the Federal Airport Aid Program before the deadline date of March 16, 1962. The motion was seconded by

Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale,
 Vico, Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

17. Airport Manager Egan, submitting recommendation that Fire Chief Benner be authorized to negotiate contract and place order for crash truck, and that appropriate funds for same be provided in 1962-63 budget, bearing signatures of concurrence of J. J. Benner, Fire Chief, and Wade E. Peebles, City Manager.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation that appropriate funds be provided in the 1962-63 airport budget for a crash truck unit and that Fire Chief Benner be authorized to negotiate a contract for same. The estimated cost is \$22,000.

Councilman Benstead inquired if the cost of maintenance and operation is to be charged to the Airport and it was determined the plan is to charge maintenance and operation to the Fire Department, as the Airport is entitled to fire protection. Chief Benner said with the exception of a major breakdown, the Fire Department would maintain the truck. Mayor Isen thought there was some merit to the contention that the crash truck would serve the Airport only and the Airport has separate funds. He recommended some study be given to this theory of charging a portion of maintenance to the Airport.

Roll call vote on the motion to concur was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

18. Notice of Completion - Denny Road entrance to Airport fire station. Letter dated March 1, 1962 from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending work of S. C. McAmis be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. Widening of Amapola Avenue at Torrance Boulevard. Letter dated March 1, 1962 from City Engineer Nollac, with signature of concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending \$7,000 be allocated from Unappropriated Reserve for said improvement, with attached location sketch.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Discussion revealed that the plan is to widen Amapola only to the Alley at this time and each year do a little more toward bringing these little streets up to standard. Councilman Benstead did not believe widening for such a short distance was worthwhile.

20. Intention to vacate "Old Lomita" Boulevard. Letter dated February 28, 1962 with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending resolution of intention to vacate be approved. Submitted were letter dated January 16, 1962 from Pastor & Zipser, location sketch and resolution.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned

a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE ANY RIGHTS THE CITY MAY HAVE ACQUIRED OVER THAT PORTION OF LOT 28, MEADOW PARK TRACT, BEING A TRAVELED ROAD KNOWN AS "OLD LOMITA BOULEVARD" BOUNDED WESTERLY BY HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND BOUNDED EASTERLY BY LOMITA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-38. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. Transmittal of easement deeds for acceptance by Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated February 6, 1962 for the widening of 228th Street over a portion of Lot 43, Tract No. 639, given by Harry H. and Anna A. Pegors.
2. Street easement deed dated January 3, 1962 for the widening of 229th Place over a portion of Lot 49, Tract No. 639, given by Anthony S. and Charlene Johnson.
3. Sewer easement deed dated February 23, 1962 over a portion of Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract given by the First Western Bank and Trust Company.
4. Street easement deed dated February 5, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard and 227th Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 227th Street over portions of Lot 17, Tract No. 639, given by Crenshaw-Sepulveda Corp.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

22. Letter dated March 1, 1962 re City of Torrance vs. Dominguez Water Corporation litigation over Southwest Park water lines.

Mayor Isen moved this matter be held for two weeks in order that each member of the Council may have possession of full information. Each councilman will hold the papers and it will appear on the agenda of the March 20th meeting of the Council.

23. Memorandum re lifting of Walteria Lake building restrictions.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had not distributed this memorandum but wished to first show it to the Council. Mayor Isen said it was a very fine piece of work and authorized Mr. Remelmeyer to give copies to interested parties.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1299

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1299 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1300

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 16.240 AND 16.245 OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH GOVERNS THE LICENSING, TAXATION AND REGULATION OF BUSINESSES AND TRADES IN THE CITY TO DEFINE THE TERM "HANDBILLS" AND TO EXEMPT THE DISTRIBUTION OF POLITICAL AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS LITERATURE FROM THE LICENSE TAX.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1300 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1301

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 BY DELETING THE POSITION OF PERSONNEL ASSISTANT AND ADDING THE POSITION OF PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, WITH ITS SALARY RANGE, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1301 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Vico.

27. Cover letter from City Attorney submitting ordinance concerning apartment house height limits, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and requesting the Council to fix the date of March 20, 1962 as a time for third and final hearing on said ordinance.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is customary to hold hearings on amendments to the Land Use Ordinance. Acting Planning Director will see that publication of notice is made for a hearing on March 20th.

Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. Ordinance prohibiting the shooting of darts from a blow gun.

Mayor Isen said he believes this ordinance needs more study as to proper wording. There is no intention to prohibit archery as a sport. Councilman Blount read pertinent sections of the Code.

Mrs. Wm. F. Carter read a letter composed by her husband favoring the prohibition of this dangerous weapon in the hands of children, but upholding the right of responsible people to participate in the sport of archery in proper places. Mayor Isen suggested the local archery association inquire of the Police Department as to the possibility of using the pistol range when it is not otherwise occupied, as an archery range.

Mr. Roy Nichols of Santa Monica, the Southern California Field Archery regional representative, said he had learned that the Torrance ordinance is adequate. He suggested "toys" be stricken from Section 18.62, stating there is no such thing as a toy bow and arrow set.

Mayor Isen moved to hold this for two weeks. In the meantime Mr. Nichols will submit suggestions to City Attorney Remelmeyer and the ordinance will be rewritten. Mr. Nichols is working with the 73 municipalities in Los Angeles County toward a uniform and workable regulation.

Mayor Isen asked that the ordinance be so written that the changes and additions will be shown in red. In this way, the Council can more easily determine what amendments have been made.

29. The item so numbered was deleted from the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

30. Reworded proposed policy on alterations and extras occurring on Torrance city projects constructed under unit price contracts.

Councilman Bradford asked this item be held for one week. Councilmen Benstead and Blount also thought 15% would come to too large a figure on large projects. The policy will be considered at the next Council meeting.

31. Recommendation of purchase of plaques for Fire Station No. 2 and Air Traffic Control Tower.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract of plaques to be installed on Fire Station No. 2 and Air Traffic Control Tower to Inter-State Trophy Co., 1409 Sartori Avenue, Torrance, the low bidder, in the amount of \$275.60. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. Cooperative Gas Purchase Program in conjunction with the County of Los Angeles.

City Manager Peebles said this item came in so late that he is not able to answer questions at this time. It will be on the agenda for next week with a recommendation.

33. Revamping of turn on Crenshaw Boulevard between 247th and Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to improve and revamp the turn mentioned at a cost of approximately \$25,000; \$12,500 to come from the County Aid to Cities Fund and the other \$12,500 from the City. A plan will be presented to Council to give necessary protection to the traveling public. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

34. Miscellaneous recommendations:

1. That Police Lt. Rethwisch of the Juvenile Bureau be authorized to attend the 13th Annual Training Conference sponsored by the California Juvenile Officers Association to be held in Fresno, California, from March 20 through March 23, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid.

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

35. Expenditures:

1. \$1,476.80 to American Rubber Mfg. Co. for 1,000 feet of 2½" fire hose, per spections, from Flood Control Account.
2. \$334.62 to Industrial Wholesale Electric Company for 5,000 feet of #8 solid 5,000 volt street lighting 10/64 cable, from Street Lighting Assessment District No. 4, Account No. 6504.
3. \$317.99 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 2 inch Hersey model C. T. Meter for the Water Department (Norge Village service, budget item).
4. \$260.36 including tax, plus \$720 for postage to Southwest Secretary for printing 18,000 letters and envelopes for the "Burn a Light in Your Home at Night" program for Police Department.
5. \$499.20 to Municipal Parts Company for one #1C211 belt for street sweeper.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve expenditures listed as 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale asked if Item 4 was ordered by the Council and it developed there had not been a specific order therefor, but it was done in compliance with Sheriff Pitchess' program throughout the county. Councilman Drale did not disapprove, but would have preferred that this expenditure be made in line with regular procedure. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable as to the items.

36. City Manager Peebles reminded the Council that the Civil Defense workshop is being held in the basement of City Hall this evening and recommended that the council members stop in on their way from the building.

37. Mayor Isen called attention to the copy of letter signed by the Deputy City Clerk which is proposed to be sent to candidates for the forthcoming election regarding political advertising material and the prohibition against placing it on City property. There have been telephoned complaints on this subject.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. Building Superintendent Schlens requested permission to advertise for bids for the Walteria Library and Recreation Building on Civic Center this next week.

Mayor Isen moved to grant permission as requested and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Councilman Benstead said that on the one-way parking residential streets there are polling places on the restricted side of the streets. He moved that during election times parking on both sides of these streets be permitted so that citizens will find it easier to get to the polls to vote; that this be accomplished by covering the signs which restrict parking on the particular blocks where polling places are located. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection; so ordered.

40. Councilman Benstead appointed Reverend Hugh Percy, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, as a member of the Traffic Safety Council. The City Manager's office will notify Reverend Percy.

41. Councilman Drale stated that now that Walteria Library is under way there has been some discussion about enlarging the North Torrance Library. He would like to have a recommendation from the Library Commission as to whether the North Torrance Library should be moved from the McMaster Park site to another location to be acquired, and moved the Library Commission be instructed to consider the question. There was no objection.

42. Mayor Isen commended the Traffic Safety Council, the Traffic Commission, the Police Department and interested citizens on the improved traffic casualty statistics. Despite the increase in population and number of automobiles, there has been a 33% decrease in accidents during 1961 from those in 1959. He advised that parents warn their children of traffic dangers, especially those involved in bicycling. If the service clubs and PTA's will continue to cooperate, Mayor Isen hoped for a tremendous traffic safety program for Torrance.

Councilman Drale suggested placing a sign in front of the Police Department or the City Hall stating there have been no fatal accidents up to this time in 1962 in Torrance. Mayor Isen referred the suggestion to the Traffic Commission.

43. Councilman Blount, after determining that there is a \$2.00 charge to citizens who wish to have their fingerprints taken at the Police Department, moved this service be rendered to Torrance residents free of charge. Councilman Drale thought the cost might prove prohibitive and Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles for a management report on the subject.

44. Mayor Isen called the Council's attention to the 7:00 o'clock pre-council meeting regarding the child's drowning at the Western Avenue sump, asking that members be prompt and that City Manager Peebles remind them. Residents of the area will also attend.

45. Dr. Labit requested on behalf of the businessmen of the Hawthorne-Pacific Coast Highway area, that the riser be eliminated and a painted line be substituted in the portion of Hawthorne Avenue south of Pacific Coast Highway which the County is planning. It is not a part of the State highway system. Councilman Vico so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Peebles asked clarification of the exact location affected and it was determined to be Hawthorne Boulevard from 242nd Street to Newton Street.

46. Mr. Jerome Satuloff of 2007 West 179th Street stated the position of the residents of the area of the fatal accident a week ago. He said no solution was reached at the meeting held last night. The aim is not to place blame on any property owner, he said, but to get immediate filling of the land at no cost to the owner, and immediate construction of other than a trailer park. He proposed the property owners immediately fill their land by contracting with either the City of Torrance or the County. Mayor Isen reminded him that under a free enterprise system, property owners cannot be told with whom they must contract.

City Manager Peebles said a report is in process of compilation and meetings are being held with property owners to discuss this situation. Mayor Isen asked that a copy of the report when finished be delivered to Mr. Satuloff and any other interested parties. Mr. Satuloff asked whether 178th Street is going to be cut through the park from Crenshaw to Western Avenue and Mayor Isen asked that information be included in the report.

On this subject, Councilman Drale moved that the owners be notified to immediately fence the property. Mr. Peebles stated this is the purpose of the meetings being held this week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley who reminded the Council that part of this land is owned by the City and it will be necessary for the City to contribute toward the cost of the fencing for that reason. Councilman Drale consented to including Mr. Beasley's remarks in his motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Under the circumstances, City Manager Peebles was authorized to get three informal bids and proceed with the City's phase of the fencing immediately.

47. Mrs. Marie Hill of 17819 Gramercy Place asked if the property which Mr. Beasley referred to belongs to the City. She was told it does; that it has been filled for about three years, although she thought it had been five. She requested this property be made into a park and was advised to present her request to the Park and Recreation Commission for consideration.

48. Mr. Stewart Rose complained of no action on the Walteria Lake building restriction matter.

49. Mr. Ted Koletos asked again for his building permit and Mayor Isen explained the procedure before it can be granted.

50. Mr. Rose also again set forth the position of Dr. Markham whom he represents with respect to the Walteria Lake building restrictions. Mayor Isen informed Mr. Koletos and Mr. Rose that nothing can be accomplished at this meeting on their requests.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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March 6, 1962

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

By *Gale Whitacre*
Deputy City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Torrance