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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 13, 1962 at 8:00 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, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. **ABSENT:** **COUNCILMEN:** Bradford. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Russ Cameron led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend William K. Schatz, Pastor of Seaside Community Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Beasley moved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 1962, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, 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).

Mayor Isen briefly outlined the informal discussion regarding water and park problems in North Torrance at Western Avenue and 178th Street, which was the subject of the thirty-five minute pre-council meeting this evening and asked City Manager Peebles to summarize for the benefit of interested parties who were not present. A tape recording was made of the discussion and Mayor Isen stated if enough people are interested, the Minute Secretary will replay that recording after the close of tonight's regular agenda.

City Manager Peebles stated bids were taken on the City's portion of the fence and it has been completed. The Watts property has been fenced and Mr. Guenser has agreed to bring his fencing up to the standard as placed on the Watts and City property. Mr.

Guenser has every hope that the fill will be completed by the end of 1962 and the property turned over to the City for park purposes. Mr. Peebles said all have arisen to the occasion and the fencing was accomplished rapidly.

Mayor Isen asked the pleasure of the Council as to further discussion from the audience. Councilman Beasley felt that Mr. Satuloff the spokesman for the group, would keep his neighbors well informed and recommended the councilmen proceed with the regular agenda of the evening.

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. Resubmitted. History of Planning Commission Case No. 752, petition of Y. Mishima, 18506 South Western Avenue, for a change of zone from M-1 and A-1 to C-3, R-3 and R-1 on property described as a portion of the south one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Lot 71, McDonald Tract, and Tentative Tract No. 24369, with supporting material submitted by Acting Planning Director Cleveland.

Mayor Isen called attention to the fact that the tentative tract map was approved by the Council according to the information furnished by the Acting Planning Director.

Although the hearing has been closed, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak; there was no response. Councilman Drale moved to approve Tract Map No. 24360 and permit the petitioner to build on Lot 8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked the purpose of holding Lot 8; if it pertained to drainage, and City Engineer Nollac answered it was the suggestion of the Planning Commission, not of engineering. Councilman Benstead also asked where the drainage from this tract would go and was told it would go to the north along Manhattan Place into the subdivision to the north; it will not flood anyone's property.

Acting Planning Director Cleveland exhibited map of Tract 24369 and it was identified as the one being considered this evening.

Councilman Blount asked for a delineation of the zoning on the four sides and Mr. Cleveland said to the north is R-1 along the entire periphery; to the south A-1, to the West R-1 and to the East A-1 to within 200 feet of Western Avenue which is M-1. In answer to question by Councilman Benstead as to the north boundary, Mr. Cleveland said R-1 runs to within approximately 130 feet of Western Avenue.

Councilman Vico was concerned as to whether the petitioner is going to build on Lot 8 and Jack Spahn of Barclay-Pearson Company said his client would like to build but there was some feeling of the people in the area that it should be left vacant to provide access to the property behind the M-1. The petitioner owns all the property to Western Avenue and it was determined there is no other case pending for change of zone of any of this property.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the motion of Councilman Drale (Councilman Bradford absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

9. Claim of Mathiel B. Caracci for alleged injuries and damages sustained as the result of an accident February 19, 1962, near St. Catherine Laboure Church, located at 3846 West Redondo Beach Boulevard, wherein claimant fell to the ground between a telephone pole and the curb.

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

10. Torrance Unified School District, by J. H. Hull, Secretary to the Board of Education, re Calle Mayor Drainage Canal, with comment of City Manager Peebles.

Mayor Isen stated the letter would be referred to the Engineering Department for study.

11. Meadow Park PTA by Mrs. Lillian Holmes, Safety Chairman, reporting seven danger spots for children traveling to and from school, and requesting removal of same, with report from City Manager on each item.

Councilman Drale favored concurring in the recommendations under items 1 and 6, stating the others are being taken care of by Administration.

Item 1. recommends the installation of a 4 ft A.C. walk for a distance of 300 feet at an approximate cost of \$120.

Item 6 recommends the installation of a 4 ft A.C. walk for a distance of 1000 ft. at an approximate cost of \$400.

As to Item 2, Councilman Benstead asked if there is anyway to have the owner move the fence back ten feet. City Manager Peebles said it is being investigated. Mr. Benstead also mentioned the truck specified in Item 3 and recommended the owner be instructed not to park at this particular place.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendations set forth by the City Manager in his letter dated March 7, 1962, as Items 1 through 6. His motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Bradford absent). City Manager Peebles was instructed to reply to Mrs. Holmes' letter.

12. South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, Inc., by Mrs. Frances Young, president, requesting permission to install temporary signs as to the Flower Show, and asking that the City contribute \$500 toward the expenses thereof.

Answering Councilman Benstead's question, City Attorney Remel-meyer said it is possible for the City to give public money to a private organization if it is for a public purpose. However, he doubted this would be a proper instance; there is an advertising agency, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, under contract with the City and to grant this request would probably set a dangerous precedent. He recommended reference of the item to the Chamber of Commerce and if they determine it is meritorious, they could participate out of the funds furnished them by the City for advertising.

Councilman Drale moved to approve in principle the flower show but to exclude the \$500 payment as something impossible to do. His motion included permission to erect the temporary signs and the waiving of license fee for selling snacks, as well as the license fee for the show itself, subject to the proper application being filed with the License Department.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Mrs. Young spoke from the audience and Mayor Isen complimented her on her efforts and explained why it is impossible to grant the contribution.

Councilman Drale moved to refer the matter to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Bestead seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

13. Web Service Company, Inc., by R. H. Redmond, protesting fee for vending license for coin-operated washing machines and clothes dryers, with comment of License Inspector Whitacre.

Councilman Beasley moved to file the communication and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

However, Attorney Redmond of 8929 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, representing Web Service Company, who wrote the petition to amend the pertinent Torrance ordinance, set forth the position of the company along the lines of his letter to the City Council dated February 26, favoring basing the license fee on gross receipts, or charging a flat license fee per year. Mayor Isen suggested a remedy based on the exception of coin-operated washing machines, legal title to which is in the owner of the apartment house. Because of their financial arrangements Mr. Redmond said this would not be possible in their situation.

License Inspector Whitacre said Web is in business in the City of Torrance; the machines are used only by the tenants of the particular apartment houses and the company could be charged a regular business license fee of perhaps \$24 or \$25 per year.

Councilman Drale said he is not in favor of any such change and moved a substitute that the Council concur in the recommendation of the License Inspector as set forth in his letter dated March 6, 1962. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Beasley withdrew his previous motion. Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

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

A recess was declared at 8:30 and the Council reconvened at 8:38 P.M.

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

14. Notice of Completion - Improvement of Del Amo Boulevard from Anza Avenue to Henrietta Street. Contractor: Del Mar Contractors, Inc. Recommendation for acceptance of work from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated March 6, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Vico absent).

15. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated March 1, 1962 for the widening of 235th Street and 235th Place over portions of Lot 49, Tract No. 588, given by Rodco Corp. and Seven Investment Co.

2. Sewer easement deed dated January 30, 1962 over a portion of Lot 18, La Fresa Tract, given by Bert Edmund Moore, Jr. and Gertrude Thelma Moore.
3. Sewer easement deed dated January 30, 1962 over a portion of Lot 19, La Fresa Tract, given by Mamie Strazulla Moore and Bert Edmund Moore, Jr.
4. Street easement deed dated January 24, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street and to provide a corner radius at the southwesterly corner of 229th Street and Arlington Avenue over portions of Lot 61, Tract No. 639, given by Chas. T. and Ruth A. Rippy.
5. Street Easement Deed dated February 13, 1962 to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Greenwood and Sonoma Street, over a portion of Lot 6, Block 15, Tract No. 2761, given by John F. and Jeanne A. Brislin.
6. Street easement deed dated February 26, 1962 to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Amie Avenue and Maricopa Street, over a portion of Lot 12, Tract No. 3458, given by Russell Development Co.

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

16. Make-up paving on Crenshaw Boulevard in front of Palos Verdes Bowl, 24600 Crenshaw Boulevard. Request of J. D. Howard for City to install make-up paving, with recommendation from City Engineer Nollac dated March 8, 1962 and bearing concurrence of City Manager Peebles. Attached was copy of letter dated February 27 from Mr. Howard.

Councilman Beasley asked if this is in accordance with established policy and City Manager Peebles said originally the policy was a little confusing and this item should clarify it. City Manager Peebles said the estimated figure of \$3,000 could probably be shaved a little by using City force work.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that Mr. Howard's request be granted. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

17. Cabrillo Avenue Assessment District. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer giving background information concerning the formation of this district and submitted were four resolutions to effect it.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, DISTRICT MAP AND COST ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CABRILLO AVENUE. (CABRILLO AVENUE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-60-2).

Councilman Beasley moved to specifically waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-39. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-39. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING AN ATTORNEY AND FIXING COMPENSATION. (CABRILLO AVENUE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-60-2)

Councilman Drale moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-40. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-40. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON FOR ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES. (CABRILLO AVENUE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-60-2)

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-41. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-41. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS AND GRADING AND PAVING ON CABRILLO AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT AND WHETHER PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL APPLY THERETO, DECLARING

THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT A PART OF THE COST AND EXPENSES OF SAID WORK SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE TREASURY OF THE CITY FROM THE COUNTY GAS TAX STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF. (CABRILLO AVENUE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-60-2)

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-42. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-42. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND HENRY BLACK, AN INDIVIDUAL, DOING BUSINESS AS AMERICAN AVIATION ASSOCIATES.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-43. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY TO ESTABLISH IN THE CITY TREASURY A SPECIAL AVIATION FUND AND TO DEPOSIT IN SAID FUND EACH YEAR THE SUM OF \$2,500 TO BE EXPENDED SOLELY FOR AIRPORT AND AVIATION PURPOSES ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE FOR AIRPORT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE STATE, FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE AIRPORT ASSISTANCE FUND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-44. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount moved that Section 1 of the resolution be amended to indicate that such funds are to be derived solely from Airport Funds. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion to amend and Councilman Drale accepted the amendment. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

19. Beech Avenue No Parking area. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, submitting report requested by Council with the following attachments:

- A. Historical account of prohibited parking on Amapola, Beech and Acacia Avenues;
- B. Report on narrow streets requested by Council, dated October 5, 1960;
- C. Survey on Amapola Avenue with letter and form attached.

Councilman Benstead moved the report be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

20. George T. Taniguchi, Meadow Park Nursery, requesting renewal of lease on City-owned property on Ocean Avenue, with recommendation of A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent, and concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation to renew the lease. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BENJAMIN J. RUSSELL FOR RENDERING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-45. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. For Study. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting draft of resolution amending the Civil Service rules and regulations governing sick leave and vacation provisions, for the purpose of setting a time and place for the hearing thereon.

Mayor Isen moved that March 20, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., at the regular Council meeting be set as the time and place for hearing on resolution to amend the Civil Service Rules and Regulations governing sick leave and vacations. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

ORDINANCES:

23. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its second reading 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1300 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

24. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 1301 relating to deletion of classification of Personnel Assistant, etc.

Councilman Benstead requested and moved that Item 24 be held for next week so that it might have consideration by a full Council. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there was no objection.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute that the matter be held for the next budget sessions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico but Mayor Isen ruled the substitute motion out of order. There was some nonconclusive discussion and Councilman Benstead asked the Council to bear in mind that the former City Manager promised the man referred to a salary increase in connection with the last budget sessions.

There was no objection to the original motion to hold for a full Council.

25. Item 25 was deleted from the agenda as having been placed thereon inadvertently and prematurely.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

26. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the proposed policy on alterations and extras occurring on City projects constructed under unit price contracts be as follows:

"Policy on Alterations and Extras Occurring on City Projects Constructed under Unit Price Contracts. It is agreed that there can be bona fide alterations and extras on City projects. Alterations are increases or decreases in quantities of any portion of the project due to field conditions. Extras are new and unforeseen work not included in the original contract. The normal procedure for handling will be that the Department concerned will submit the Change Order to the City Council via the City Manager for approval prior to the work being done, except in the case of a bona fide emergency where a loss of money would be incurred by shutting down the job, or mitigating factors, such as the necessity of keeping the work going. Under such emergency conditions the procedure will be as follows: Upon the review and recommendation of the Division or Department Head concerned and approval by the City Manager, the work should be allowed to go ahead with the stipulation that it will come before the City Council for approval at the next possible meeting.

"However, alterations of 10% need not be brought before the Council for specific approval until such time as the Council is asked to accept the completed project.

"All such extras will be performed on the basis of an Extra Work Order or a Change Order signed by the contractor and City officials referred to above. The order shall indicate the work to be performed and the cost of said work."

Councilman Drale felt any overages should come to the City Council for approval. Councilman Benstead agreed. Councilman Vico thought a certain amount should be specified as a maximum, above which the matter would have to have Council approval. City Manager Peebles said the clarification had been requested by Director of Finance Scharfman so that the policy would be made more workable from the standpoint of proper administration.

The Councilmen stated different hypothetical cases in which the policy might be applied and did not agree with the proposed policy as recommended. Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion and Councilman Drale moved the memorandum dated March 7, 1962 from City Manager Peebles be filed. There was no objection.

27. Public announcement of groundbreaking ceremonies of Torrance Recreation Building and the Walteria Library, with cover letter requesting \$100 be appropriated for necessary expenses.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation that \$100 be appropriated for necessary expenses for the incidentals and luncheon connected with the ceremonies. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent).

28. Recommendation that the contract between the City and South Bay Humane Society be cancelled on the grounds of nonperformance on the part of South Bay Humane Society, and that the City of Torrance enter into negotiations with the Southern California Humane Society for a definitive contract on a 90 - 5% basis and other conditions according to City ordinances; that the Southern California Humane Society be given ninety days to commence performing after contract signing, and that the termination of services of the first be coordinated date-wise with commencement of service with the second.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Mrs. Kovach was present and asked for a copy of the report made by the Senior Administrative Assistant, Mr. Johnson. Mayor Isen asked that she be supplied with such a copy.

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

Last week when this was on the agenda, Mr. Benstead asked what the saving would be and this report answers his question.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to continue with the program. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

30. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation that the crossing guard shelter at Torrance Boulevard and Maple Avenue be removed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

31. Mayor Isen proclaimed Thursday, March 22, 1962 as CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S DAY and urged the citizens to give generously toward the purchase of the Easter Seals.

32. City Manager Peebles said he had received a telephone call from Arlyn Weber, Supervisor Hahn's deputy, that there had been allocated, effective July 1st of this year, \$60,000 for improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard from one city boundary to the other, to install curbs, gutter and pavement provided the City would allocate a like amount for storm drains from about Prairie and Redondo Beach Boulevard to the Flood Control channel, and recommended the money be accepted and a like amount allocated as stated.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the oral recommendation of the City Manager and Councilman Benstead seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

33. City Manager Peebles stated Mr. and Mrs. Don Boyd wished to be heard on a drainage problem existing in the Fish Shanty area, with respect to the Carioca Apartments.

Mr. Don Boyd of 3970 Pacific Coast Highway spoke first. He and Mrs. Boyd own a small parcel of property between the Fish Shanty and the Driftwood Motel. His question dealt with a grading permit issued to Cunningham Construction Company and its alleged extension. Because of the Carioca project during the recent rains, an avalanche of water descended on the Boyds' building. A sewer ditch which was constructed by the Cunningham Company settled and the Boyds' building is cracking and moving, seriously affecting the doors and windows. Mrs. Boyd has called at City Hall without receiving any satisfaction.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd had a prepared list of questions and presented them to City Manager Peebles for investigation and report to the Council. Mayor Isen said the problem may involve civil liability and should be referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer for a decision as to the responsibility of the City.

Councilman Drale asked that these questions be made a matter of record:

1. What is the date of the grading permit for the Carioca apartments when first issued.
2. If this date is more than a year ago, as we understand it is, what is the attitude of the City toward violations? (We were given to understand by one city official that a violation has occurred if proper drainage had not been made within one year. In this case a cement or asphalt drain or ditch has not been completed.
3. Why does the City keep on giving Mr. Cunningham extensions of time to install a drainage drain or channel?
4. Will further extensions be granted?

5. Although by the nature of the terrain it shouldn't have anything to do with our property, it is a fact that a new group of apartments adjacent to the Carioca is not (now ?) being finished. The apparent drainage set-up for this project is a pumping system to pump this water uphill for a distance of about 200 feet and dump this additional water down and around our property. Is the City going to permit this pumping to take place prior to the construction of a proper drainage channel?

A preliminary report had been prepared by Senior Administrative Assistant Johnson and City Manager Peebles read from it and promised a complete report for next Council meeting. Councilman Blount maintained that many of the questions could be answered at this meeting, particularly with respect to the 90 day permit. The provisions of the Code were explained as to construction excavation permits which normally are given for sixty days, and grading permits which cover one year. This particular grading permit is in effect until July 14, 1962.

Mayor Isen recommended the City Manager, the City Attorney and possibly Mr. and Mrs. Boyd's attorney confer.

Mr. Oliver Smith of Smith Brothers Fish Shanty, 4020 South Pacific Coast Highway, is also affected by the problem. He stated he had granted no easement to Cunningham Construction Company.

City Manager Peebles will make a complete report and Councilman Blount asked that included therein be a clarification of who can grant a permit and who can extend a permit.

34. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain said there is an imminent bus driver strike on MTA and asked permission to put on extra service in the event it materializes. Councilman Beasley moved such permission be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

35. Councilman Blount reported that at Hawthorne Boulevard north of Torrance Boulevard there is extremely dangerous condition caused by sunken back fill and suggested it be taken care of.

36. Councilman Blount recalled in the past there has been at least an annual report by Administration on sumps and hazards. If such a report has been prepared this year he asked a copy of it and, if not, moved that Administration return to the custom of making the survey and possibly some of the danger spots could be discovered before they cause trouble. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and it was so ordered, there being no objection.

37. Mr. Jerome Satuloff thanked the Council and City officials for the work they have done on the problem at Western and 178th Street and asked that the future hold like cooperation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

APPROVED:

By

Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance