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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 at 5:30 P.M., on Tuesday, March 20, 1962, 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, Vico, Mayor Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford (arrived at 5:45) and Drale. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Joe Doss, President of the Airport Commission, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 1962 be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Benstead moved that after the Clerk has given a number and readtitle 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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Drale and Bradford absent).

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

HEARINGS:

8. Hickman Drive Assessment District No. A'11-60-3. Improvement of south side of Hickman Drive from Prairie Avenue 688 feet westerly by the construction of curbs, gutter and sidewalks, as described in Resolution of Intention No. 62-16.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m., having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention, Resolution No. 62-16, when and where any and all persons

having any protest or objection to said proposed work, to the extent of said assessment district, or to the proposed grades, may appear before the City Council and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution. It is also the time and place fixed by said resolution of intention to determine whether public convenience and necessity require the work or improvement described in said resolution, and whether the provisions of the Special Assessment Investigation, Limitation and Majority Protest Act of 1931 shall apply thereto.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication of resolution of intention, Affidavit of Mailing notice of hearing, and Affidavit of Posting of notice of improvement and, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley they were received and ordered filed, roll call vote thereon being unanimously favorable of those present (Councilmen Drale and Bradford absent).

In the absence of L. J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, Mr. Patrick Rosetti of his office, being first duly sworn, gave testimony concerning the nature of work and extent of the assessment district. In answer to a question by City Attorney Remelmeyer, he stated under the district designated as A'11-60-3, Hickman Drive and Prairie Avenue, the proposal is to install curb, gutter and sidewalk. There are ten parcels in the entire area and it is straight frontage. The improvement is uniform throughout from Parcel 1 to Parcel 10 at the corner and the cost will be spread according to actual front footage. There is no problem because each parcel has so many feet in front of it of curb, gutter and sidewalk. The improvement is along one side of the street only: the south side of Hickman and the west side of Prairie.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked if the Council had any further questions of Mr. Rosetti as to the extent of the district and nature of the work to be performed; there was none.

Mayor Isen asked if any written protests had been received and the Deputy City Clerk reported there was none.

Mayor Isen asked if any person wished to make an oral protest and there was no response.

Mayor Isen asked if any person present desired to speak in favor of this proceeding or comment upon it in any other way; there was no response.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the hearing be continued for one week as it is necessary to have six members of the Council in attendance. Councilman Beasley moved the hearing be continued one week. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

(Later in the evening after arrival of Councilman Bradford with a six man council now in attendance, Mayor Isen asked that the Council redirect its attention to Item 8):

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated Councilman Bradford should be informed as to what action had taken place and at his request, the Minute Secretary read from her notes the testimony of Patrick Rosetti, the Assessment Engineer from the office of L. J. Thompson, and other pertinent matters. City Attorney Remelmeyer showed Mr. Bradford the map of the district and location of the proposed improvements.

Councilman Benstead moved to rescind the motion to continue this matter for one week. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Bradford moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE CERTAIN WORK AND IMPROVEMENT AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL NOT APPLY THERETO; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AGAINST SAID PROPOSED WORK OR IMPROVEMENT, THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, OR TO THE PROPOSED GRADES, ALL AS THE SAME ARE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 62-16. (HICKMAN DRIVE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT) (STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-60-3)

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-46. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-46. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

9. Formal hearing on ordinance placing height limit on apartment houses with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for third and final hearing.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1302

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 (C), 10 (B), and 15 I (d) OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) REGULATING THE BUILDING HEIGHT LIMIT OF STRUCTURES IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2, AND PROVIDING OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR APARTMENT HOUSES IN ALL ZONES.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said in retyping of the ordinance an error was made which he would like to correct.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on the ordinance and there was no response.

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

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:45 and after being briefed on the status of the matter under consideration, moved to place Ordinance No. 1302 on the agenda for disassion at the next regular Council meeting after City Attorney Remelmeyer causes the correction to be made. Section 2B should read the same as Section 1C. There was no objection and it was so ordered by Mayor Isen.

10. Formal hearing on amendment to Civil Service rules and regulations governing sick leave and vacation provisions, with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer and proposed resolution thereon.

Affidavit of posting was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and there being no objection, ordered filed.

City Manager Peebles said there are a couple of changes which should be made in order to make the administration more workable. He asked that the matter be returned for incorporation of such changes.

Councilman Bradford moved the propsed amendment be sent back to the Civil Service Board. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Officer Oates of the Police Officers Association asked that attention be directed to section 22.8 regarding facation for police which states 15 days are granted after completion of one year's work. He wanted clarification that the fifteen days are working days, not calendar days. City Attorney Remelmeyer did not agree with the interpretation of Mr. Oates. The Police Department was not represented when this matter was heard by the Civil Service Board and Councilman Bradford moved Item 10 and the question posed by Officer Oates be referred to the Civil Service Board:at their meeting March 21st for recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Claim of Harold W. Higgins, 1462 North Gulf, Wilmington, for damages allegedly sustained January 20, when his automobile encountered a pile of asphalt on Torrance Boulevard and Portola Avenue, submitted by Attorney Peter J. Mirich.

12. Claim of George C. Zidbeck, 421 West 224th Street, Torrance, for damages allegedly sustained as the result of a collision between his 1955 Nash driven by his wife, and a City truck, at Carson Street and Madrona Avenue on February 19, 1962.

13. Claim of Mrs. Carl W. Buhlert, 2321 West 237th Street, for damages to her house located at 2329 West 237th Street caused by flood water from a broken water main February 11, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer to the Legal Department these three claims. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Bradford called attention to hazards caused by installation of the light standards across from Torrance High School; that the barricades are not properly placed; that there should be inspectors to check this type of negligence. He stated this is a general comment reflecting his personal opinion only and does not pertain to the claims under consideration. City Manager Peebles said this would be taken care of the first thing tomorrow.

14. Mrs. Barbara Polliard, requesting permission for the Mothers' Club of Torrance Bethel No. 50, International Order of Jobs Daughters, to hold meetings once a month in the Employees' Lounge.

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

15. Dan E. Butcher, requesting a decision on Planning Commission Case No. 761. (This is a request for change of zone on Lot 19, Tract 3218, From M-1 to R-3. The case was tabled for 90 days by the City Council at its meeting of March 6th).

Councilman Beasley stated a man who has money tied up in property and engineering as is the case here, should have a decision from the Council. The matter was tabled for ninety days. A short recess was declared so that City Attorney Remelmeyer could ascertain from the minutes of the Council meeting of March 6th whether or not the hearing was closed.

After reconvening, it was determined the hearing had been closed at that previous meeting. The only motion now in order would be to remove the matter from the table. Councilman Beasley so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Councilman Blount asked Acting Planning Director Cleveland if a recommendation had been made by the Planning Commission and Mr. Cleveland read from the minutes of the Planning Commission the recommendation of emphatic denial and the roll call vote thereon.

Councilman Beasley moved to rezone Lot 19, in Case No. 761 from M-1 to R-3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. The roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Mayor Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

16. Transmittal of tax deeds covering five parcels: three for street purposes and two for alley purposes, for acceptance by Council. Signature of approval of City Attorney and City Manager appended, also location sketches.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the deeds covering the following parcels:

Tax deed dated March 9, 1962 for Parcel 165 covering the W 27 ft of Lot 58, in La Fresa Tract, Parcel 175 covering lot com at SE cor of Lot 10 Tr #16132 th S 45 degrees 01' 50" W 42.46 ft th N 89 degrees 59' 05" E to SE cor of Lot 12 th N 45 degrees 01' 50" E to a pt N 89 degrees 59' 05" E from beg th S 89 degrees 59' 05" W to beg. Part of Lot 12, in Licensed Surveyor's Map, as per Book 13, Page 50 of Licensed Surveyor's Records of Los Angeles County, Parcel 239 covering S 30 ft of E 60.5 ft. of W 687 ft of Lot 62, in McDonald Tract San Pedro Rancho, for widening of 162nd 170th Streets. and Ainsworth Ave.

Tax deed dated March 9, 1962 for Parcel 375 covering W 15 ft of E 150 ft of N 212 ft of Lot 34, in Tract No. 15 and Parcel 376 W 15 ft of E 150 ft of N 212 ft of S 237 ft of Lot 34, in Tract No. 15, for alley between 236th and 237th St. West of Arlington Ave.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

17. Garrett Corporation request to station approximately eight to ten trailers for housing engineering personnel temporarily on the area adjacent to their present location at 2525 West 190th Street, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of Building Superintendent Schlens, providing a clear written statement is contained that the trailers are to be used for office facilities and in no case for living quarters and that there be a twelve-month limitation. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion. Mr. McKinnon of Building Department said those conditions are already included in a guarantee from Garrett Corporation. There was no objection and the motion carried.

18. Mr. John Reichert, owner of property at 5335 Torrance Boulevard, requesting permission to erect oversized sign, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens attached.

The recommendation is for approval as revised: to reduce the area of the main sign to 80 square feet, leave the attraction board as originally requested, and locate the sign within the middle third of the frontage. Councilman Blount moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked about parking and was told there is ample parking and the sign will not interfere.

19. Big Ben Department Store, requesting permission to relocate letters and signs on the property at 25405 Crenshaw Boulevard, submitted by Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens with his recommendation.

The recommendation is to approve. Council approval is a requirement of the lease. Councilman Benstead asked if this would interfere in any way with the Airport. Mr. McKinnon said it would not.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

20. Resubmittal of City Attorney Remelmeyer's communication re City of Torrance vs. Dominguez Water Corporation (litigation over Southwest Park Water lines).

Mayor Isen said he believes this is a matter of policy which should await the new Council. Councilman Beasley moved to table this item of business and place it back on the agenda at such time as the new Council takes office. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objection.

21. Re litigation on location of Dominguez Water lines.

The recommendation is that the City retain Mr. Joseph Gill, Attorney at Law, to bring and prosecute an action in the name of the City against Dominguez Water Company to determine the City's rights in a controversy with the company concerning who is to pay for the cost of relocating their water lines as a result of the reconstruction of Del Amo Boulevard, Amie and Emerald Streets, and Henrietta Street. Mr. Gill is counsel for the County Sanitation District and a specialist in this type of law. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained he is not now asking permission to pay out any money. First, a determination is to be made of whether or not there are reasonable grounds for action. He will report back prior to there being any reason for spending money. Mayor Isen asked a ceiling of \$350 be placed on the fee for this research. Councilman Blount moved to grant the request of the City Attorney with the \$350 ceiling. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

22. Carson Street Cut-through Torrance High School Park. Notice of Completion, etc. Contractor: Sheets Construction Company. City Engineer Nollac submittal of recommendation of acceptance of work as of March 14, 1962, with signature of concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

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

23. Acceptance of Future Streets. Letter dated March 14, 1962 from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of certain lots for use as public streets in Tracts Nos. 27046, 25788 and 26551, with resolution covering.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOTS 199 AND 200, TRACT NO. 25788; LOTS 114, 115 and 116, TRACT NO. 26551; LOTS 180, 181, 182, and 183, TRACT NO. 27046, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTIONS "ALLEY, EVALYN AVENUE, LADEENE AVENUE, ALLEY, ANZA AVENUE, ANZA AVENUE, ANZA AVENUE, ANZA AVENUE, AND ANZA AVENUE, RESPECTIVELY.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur and adopt Resolution No. 62-47. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting resolution authorizing execution of commercial lease with Jack Sakauye, with copy of proposed lease attached, and resolution covering.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-48

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 OF TORRANCE AND JACK SAKAUYE FOR RETAIL AND WHOLESALE NURSERY.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-48. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

25. Recommendation of Airport Commission to approve E. G. Kidwell's request to erect a new sign at Halfway House Restaurant.

The Building Department approves the sign as planned, Mr. McKinnon said and he exhibited a plot plan. The sign is proposed midway between the side of Halfway House straight out and as close to the highway as possible without encroaching. It is to be a plastic two-fold sign 6 x 12 feet, with a planter around the base. Airport Manager Egan pointed out that it will be located on City property and, if approved by the Council, there should be the usual safeguards as hold harmless provisions, insurance, etc. There is no way to place the sign on the leased property without destroying the desired effect.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth in the communication from the Airport Commission, providing the safeguards mentioned by Mr. Egan are obtained. Councilman Benstead added the hope that the planter will be kept attractively planted and in good condition. Councilman Bradford noted the City could require removal of the sign at any time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

26. That all property and sales taxes derived on the Airport be allocated to Airport funds, with recommendation of approval.

Councilman Benstead expressed opposition, saying the City should derive some benefit from the Airport, especially considering the bond issue. Councilman Blount questioned the legality of such a provision and City Attorney Remelmeyer advised determining whether it is economically necessary. If not, he said no determination as to legality will need to be made. Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to research the question and Councilman Vico so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Mayor Isen moved that the matter be referred back to the Airport Commission and the Airport Manager to check the economic feasibility as well as to the City Attorney on its legal aspects. There was no objection.

27. Recommendation relative to proposed height limitations on Torrance Airport with removal of proposed heliport on existing Master Plan.

Councilman Blount asked Airport Manager Egan for an explanation. Mr. Egan said about last October we made a submittal to the FAA re removing restrictions on commercial and industrial property. The FAA now requires that on the property to be released there be established by height above sea level building limitations on the industrial and commercial property the City is requesting under that lease. One of the side effects would be removal of the heliport from the adjacent location. He recommended reconsideration of a site for the heliport. Helicopters are not precluded from using the Airport,

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Manager dated March 7, 1962 and the recommendation of the Airport Commission set forth in memorandum dated March 15, 1962, signed by Joe M. Doss, President. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

28. Matter of Airport Days being conducted solely by the Airport.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Beasley could not understand the reason for this proposal that the Chamber of Commerce shift responsibility for Airport Days. Councilman Benstead moved to refer the matter back to the Airport Commission to contact the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Doss told of a conversation with Don Reining, the Chamber Manager, in which Mr. Reining indicated the Council had approved because of the heavy workload involved in Armed Forces Day and the Airport Revenue Bond issue. In that Mr. Reining possibly misinterpreted the Council's intention, and considering the time element involved, Councilman Benstead repeated his motion that if the Chamber of Commerce wishes to continue as the advertising agency of Torrance, they reconsider the request of the Airport Commission. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion of Councilman Benstead and there were no objections.

29. Request for approximately \$250 to cover expenses of commissioners who wish to attend American Association of Airport Executives convention at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, May 20 through 24th.

Councilman Benstead said he understood the policy on such matters is to send two men and not to establish any hotel headquarters. Airport Manager Egan explained there is a \$35 registration fee for each participant, which does not include meals. The councilmen believed the amount requested is high and Councilman Blount moved the matter come back next week with more information. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

30. Recommendation urging speed for application for Federal Government grants for acquisition of park sites.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Blount thought the whole project vague: What are we trying to acquire; what are we agreeing to do; what are we making it possible to do; what control would the Government have over it; how much money is involved? He recalled a similar project connected

with the Airport under which the City saved about \$7,000 and the general taxpayers \$15,000 by doing it their own way.

Considering these questions, Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion and moved to hold the matter three weeks for a complete analysis and report from Director of Recreation Van Bellehem. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objection.

31. Summary of action taken by the Park and Recreation Commission on requests from the Torrance Youth Sports Council.

The three requests are:

1. Seeking the City to blacktop the Plaza Del Amo property, the Commission took the following action:

Commissioner Borner moved in view of the fact the parking lot is already paved and requires repair that the Babe Ruth League and National Little League should make such repairs at their own expense. Motion, seconded by Commissioner Schindler, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Wherein the Youth Sports Council requested signs for the northwest corner of Plaza Del Amo and Western Avenue, the Commission referred the matter to Building Superintendent Lee Schlens.

3. The request for use of Torrance Park as home field for Connie Mack Baseball and American Legion Baseball was approved.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the three recommendations with concurrence of Lee Schlens as to the signs mentioned in request numbered 2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

32. Request for appropriation for completion of all-purpose game court at El Nido Park.

Councilman Benstead moved to appropriate from the Park and Recreation centers capital improvement fund \$350 to complete the game court at El Nido. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

33. Recommendation that positions of Mechanic's Helper be re-allocated to the class of Equipment Mechanic.

Both Personnel Assistant Donovan and the president of the City Employees group, Mr. John Simmons, expressed oral approval. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation that the two positions of Mechanics helper be reallocated to the class of Equipment Mechanic. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF LYNWOOD FOR BEING SELECTED "THE ALL AMERICA CITY FOR 1961"

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-49. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

35. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1301 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS SUPERINTENDENT:

36. Request for permission to have damaged bus repaired.

City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained this as an expenditure which must be made, although it will be reimbursed by insurance. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that Crown Body & Coach repair bus No. 327 at an estimated cost of \$924.75. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

37. Requesting permission to contact Airport Consultant in connection with the sale of Airport Revenue bonds.

City Manager Peebles said this is merely a request for authorization to initiate negotiations and report back to the Council, time being short. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

38. Sand pit at foot of Hawthorne Boulevard south of 101 Highway.

This is a composite report from Mr. Perkins, Street Superintendent, Mr. Atkinson, Sanitation Foreman, Mr. Fritzen and Mr. Bowen, appraisers, with comments by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Vico moved to file the combined report. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it was so ordered. Councilman Beasley told of a meeting he and City Engineer Nollac had with the County Road Department today.

39. Report on Boyd property.

City Manager Peebles said it would appear the Boyd matter has been disposed of satisfactorily. The report was ordered filed and Mayor Isen congratulated management on so promptly handling the complaint.

40. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$320.86 to the American Rubber Mfg. Co. for one soft suction 4" x 12' with long handle female swivel couplings both ends, chrome - hydrant N.S. 4" and pump intake 4½" N.S. threat, 200# test cotton and dacron filler treated Neoprene lining; and 4 soft suction material - 12' lengths - same as above without couplings, for Fire Department to be used as spare for Engine No. 1 and Engine No. 7. Budget items.
2. \$584.48 to the Motorola Comm. & Electronics, Inc. for one mobile radio unit #D31BMT-3100 A.M., transistor type private line, for Water Department, a budget item.
3. \$3,235.10 to Hersey-Sparling meter Company for one 10" x 6' F.M.C.T. meter for the Water Department for Reynolds Metal Co. service, a budget item.
4. \$1,136.62 to the U. S. Postmaster, Torrance, for postage for mailing 45,465 sample ballots @ 2½¢ each - General municipal election, April 10, 1962, a budget item.
5. \$1,484.34 to Socony Paint Company for 205 gallons catalyzed epoxy white paint and 10 gals. of epoxy thinner for the Recreation Department to be used in painting the V. E. Benstead Plunge. A summary of other bids received was attached. A budget item.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve items numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Mayor Isen seconded the motion. Councilman Bradford asked if there is any other company which could furnish the meter mentioned in Item 3. Water Superintendent McVicar said the Hersey-Sparling meters seem to have a better design and it is beneficial to standardize. The price difference is negligible between this and Neptune and the latter has not proved satisfactory in the past.

Roll call vote on approving the five items was unanimously favorable (Councilman Drale absent).

41. Budget - Area G Civil Defense for fiscal years 61-62 and 62-63.

This request from Sr. Administrative Assistant (and Assistant Director of Civil Defense) Johnson is for an additional \$1600 over the \$1800 already budgeted to Civil Defense for Area G support. A decision must be made and submitted tomorrow; otherwise it would have been presented on a regular Council agenda. Included is an inquiry as to an appropriation for next year's budget.

Mr. Johnson commented that the City's support of Area G has been repaid many times by the work done by Captain Rochefort in obtaining funds and equipment for Torrance. The amount is determined by a combination of assessed valuation and population formula, Director of Finance Scharfman told the Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to continue to support Area G, to the extent of \$1600 additional for this year's budget, making a total of \$3400; and to let next year's appropriation wait for decision at budget sessions. It was noted the money is kept in Torrance's funds; the bookkeeping for the entire area is done in Torrance's Finance Department. Mr. Scharfman explained in some detail the figures in the recapitulation

attached to the letter from Mr. Johnson, entitled "Area G Civil Defense" and dated March 19, 1962. Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Beasley's motion and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

The motion carried.

40X. This additional item is a copy of commendation to South High School of Torrance from Kiwanis Club of Southwest Torrance. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to send an appropriate letter congratulating the school.

42. City Manager Peebles said recently the Council approved the purchase for the Airport of a fire engine (the crash truck unit). Now, City Attorney Remelmeyer has ruled that if the City were to order this engine prior to the possible passing of the Airport Revenue Bond issue, the City could not use Airport money for its purchase. He reported he had taken the liberty of holding up the order and asked the Council's wish. Mayor Isen stated the feeling of the Council would be to wait until after April 10th.

43. City Manager Peebles said last week the Council approved the deletion of the center island curb and appurtenant work on Hawthorne Avenue south of Highway 101. The County has informed the City Manager they would comply with this request but the extra work involved in leaving the islands out would amount to between \$12,000 and \$15,000 which Torrance would have to pay. The contract has been let on the basis of the islands being put in and to delete them would require extra paving to be installed.

Councilman Beasley said he had not understood there would be any additional expense involved in eliminating the center dividers. He believed the action taken two weeks ago should be rescinded in the light of this development. The action he referred to was the deletion of the dividers or median strip on Hawthorne Avenue from 242nd to Newton Street. Mayor Isen did not believe any action was required to effect the change; however, Mr. Peebles said he had written the letter to the County telling them of the action taken two weeks ago.

Councilman Vico moved to rescind the deletion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and City Manager Peebles remarked that he would write the County Road Department, asking that his previous letter not be put into effect. There was no objection, the motion carried and the median strip, islands, or center dividers will now go in as originally planned.

44. Appointment with Mr. Ted Koletos who will request he be issued a building permit for 23601 Park Street, with the stipulation that he fill the subject land to the required elevation.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Koletos had anything new to present. Mr. Koletos said he plans to fill and bring the land up to a 75 ft. elevation.

City Engineer Nollac said in accordance with Mr. Remelmeyer's proposal, Engineering would have a complete report to the Council on next week's agenda, setting forth the paving, construction and everything involved on the Koletos property.

Mr. McKinnon of the Building Department said at no time had Mr. Koletos been denied the right to remodel any present building; however, a building permit cannot be issued within this restricted zone.

Mayor Isen asked that the request be put in writing and held for one week. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen stated he had another appointment and must leave the meeting. He asked that a Mayor pro tem be appointed to continue the meeting.

Councilman Blount moved that Councilman Bradford act as Mayor protem for the balance of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Drale and Mayor Isen absent and Bradford not voting).

Mayor pro tem Bradford suggested to Mr. Koletos if City Engineer Nollac is going to have a complete report to the Council for next week's meeting, to be studied prior thereto, the matter can probably be solved at that time.

45. City Engineer Nollac said on the contract for Pacific Coast Highway at Denny road in front of the Jump'n Jack, there is an "alligator" in the existing pavement. To take care of this will require an additional work item to cost about \$1,000, all out of State money, but since we have the contract with McAmis, Council approval is required.

Councilman Blount moved to approve this additional work item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale and Mayor Isen absent).

46. Acting Planning Director Cleveland stated on Case No. 752, ~~Mishima, Tentative Tract Map 24369~~, at 186th and Western Avenue, last week the motion was to approve the tract map, and the change of zone was not mentioned.

To correct this omission, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the change of zone asked for in Case No. 752 from A-1 to R-1, covering that portion within the subdivision only, being ten lots. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Drale and Isen absent).

47. Mr. Jerome Satuloff of 2007 West 179th Street, representing the citizens of northeast Torrance, invited any candidates who wished to do so, to come before them on Wednesday, April 4th at 8 p.m., at Higgins Brick Yard, to give their views. Those who are interested were asked to call Mr. Satuloff at his home.

48. Councilman Blount said when the San Diego Freeway is completed there is a piece of property that will not be used by the State, located between the freeway and 186th Street, about 530 feet east of Arlington Avenue. The state has indicated a willingness to sell it for use as a park site. He moved that the piece of property be included in our next year's budget as a park site to serve the area which needs it badly. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion. The area would be about 2½ to 3 acres and Mr. Blount can furnish the legal description. There was no objection.

49. Councilman Blount called to the attention of the Council the sudden death of Robert Plomert, Jr., while on a trip to San Francisco. He said while his views did not always coincide with those of Mr. Plomert, the City has lost a valuable citizen and dedicated worker.

50. Councilman Bradford appointed as a member of the Traffic Safety Council, Mrs. Evelyn Radford. The City Manager's office will write her a letter so advising her.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M., there being no further business to come before it.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By

Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance