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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 27, 1962 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale arrived at 8:20 p.m. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. George Snyder led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 1962, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7-X. Mayor Isen stated in order to accommodate the architects, the bids on the Recreation Building and the WALTERIA Library would now be considered. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens called attention to the bid summary which was furnished to the Councilmen and made his recommendations therefrom:

To award the bid for construction of the WALTERIA Library to Charles H. Schiermeyer & Con, Inc., at \$45,330.

To award the bid for construction of the Torrance Recreation Building - Civic Center Site, to McKittrick Construction, at \$161,994, which includes the site fill and compaction, exterior sidewalks and kitchen appurtenances.

Councilman Blount moved to accept the recommendation as to the WALTERIA Library and to so award the contract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the recommendation as to Torrance Recreation Building - Civic Center Site, and so award the contract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Mayor Isen reminded the citizens of the ground breaking ceremonies on each of the buildings, to be held Monday, April 2nd, with a luncheon at the Jump'n Jack following.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

Written request of Mr. Kenneth E. Watts to be present at the Council meeting of March 27th to protest action of the Council taken last Tuesday regarding Planning Commission Case No. 761.

Councilman Vico asked a point of special privilege to reconsider Case No. 761. His motion was to reconsider because the Council owes it to the people, and to postpone it for ninety days as originally planned. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen stated discussion should be limited to the matter represented by the motion: whether or not to reconsider Case No. 761, not the merits or demerits of the case as to rezoning. He also reviewed the action taken by the Council to date, reading from the minutes of its last meeting, and the procedure by which a decision would finally become law. There is no time urgency. He disagreed with Councilman Beasley's statement made last week that the petitioner had any money or engineering costs tied up in the land.

Charlton Mewborn, Attorney for Dan Butcher, set forth the position of his client and was admonished to keep his remarks germane to the issue when he stated the Mayor had made a telephone call stating political ramifications were involved. Mr. Mewborn's contention was that his client is entitled to a decision. To that extent City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed and stated his opinion that Councilman Vico's motion was out of order. Mayor Isen so ordered and advised Councilman Vico he would be in order to make a motion for reconsideration only.

Thereupon, Councilman Vico moved to reconsider the motion made last week and Mayor Isen announced the matter was now open for discussion on the merits. He asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard and Mr. Kenneth Watts of 20906 Earl Street stated the people had assumed the matter closed three weeks ago by holding for ninety days pending appointment of Planning Director and a poll of the people in Victor Precinct. Decision to approve the change was made without the people's being aware of its consideration. He denied there was any economic hardship on Mr. Butcher and urged reconsideration on the ninety-day basis.

Councilman Drale asked if a motion would be in order to hold up rezoning of all M-1 and M-2 property until such time as a Planning Director has been chosen and has had time to make a proper study of planning. City Attorney Remelmeyer said such a motion would be legal but could not apply to the case at hand because it has already been processed except for final decision and repeated that petitioner should be given a "yes" or "no" decision tonight.

Councilman Beasley asked to substitute a motion that the Council authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to immediately take bids on a Master Plan for the entire City of Torrance and in the interim hold in abeyance zoning matters of major or large importance. Councilman Benstead protested there was no \$150,000 available for such a purpose and there was no second to Mr. Beasley's motion.

After discussing parliamentary procedures connected with handling the matter, Councilman Drale moved Case No. 761 be denied and Mayor Isen seconded.

Attorney Mewborn resumed his statement and, among other things, stated the decision of the Council to hold for ninety days was a result of newspaper publicity about additional schools and the cost to the taxpayers. In answer to Mayor Isen's question as to how long he wished to speak, he stated it would take him one-half hour to present his client's case and proceeded with his presentation in detail. His closing remark was that it was not fair to give tacit approval to the change of zone and then, in the face of an election and political interest on the part of the public and the voters, to back down and reverse the decision.

Mr. Norman B. Owen who owns a machine shop at 4819 Emerald Street, orally presented the gist of his letter which was attached to the agenda. His protest was against the rezoning especially when the public had been led to believe the matter was being held ninety days.

Mr. David Halstead, President of the Planning Commission, outlined the action taken by that body and said he was the man who initiated the rezoning of the area for a buffer zone. This has never been voted on by the Planning Commission nor has it been before the City Council.

Mrs. Watts of 20905 Earl Street explained her reasons for exhibiting copies of the Watts tax bill. The school tax alone, was \$1774 this year and she hesitated to say how much more it would be with another school in the neighborhood.

Mr. George Heaton of 1816 Calamar spoke in protest of the change of zone and, on the basis of the record questioned Councilman Blount's veracity in stating he opposed the matter when it came up three years ago.

Mr. William R. Kulpaca of 4300 Emerald Street, adjoining the Butcher and Watts property, favored rezoning because he says industry is not coming into the area and some relief is needed from the tremendous tax burden on a small home. He intimated that many of the people present in protest are not residents of the neighborhood.

Mayor Isen asked that three letters be placed in the record, as follows:

"QUINN'S DAIRY
4016 Del Amo Boulevard
Torrance, California

March 25, 1962

City Council
City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, California

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Gentlemen:

We the Quinn's Dairy, being located in the proposed rezoning area, feel that the City officials of Torrance promised the owners of land in the Victor Tract would not be changed. Now things seem to have changed.

We have been in the Dairy business in Torrance over thirty-two years, and now at this time we do not want to be zoned out of our thirty-two years efforts of hard work.

Please consider the rezoning very carefully before your Council acts.

Yours truly,

Lester R. Quinn
Harriet Quinn
Bernard Quinn
Marjorie Quinn

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March 23, 1962

Members of City Council
City Hall
3031 Torrance Blvd
Torrance, Calif.

Gentlemen:

The enclosed letter is a copy which has been mailed to The Planning Commission regarding the present poll being taken of property owners in the Victor Tract East of Anza.

There are certain facts in this letter which we consider has a bearing on the variance recently granted to Dan Butcher in the above tract.

We understand this case has been petitioned for reopening Tuesday March 27, 1962.

We regret we cannot be present and we are asking that the enclosed letter be read and given your full consideration.

Sincerely

Chester O. & Cleo C. Scott
4012 Emerald St.
Torrance, Calif.

The letter enclosed therewith follows:

March 22, 1962

Planning Commission
City Hall
3031 Torrance Blvd
Torrance, Calif.

Regarding change of zone poll
being taken of property owners
in Victor Tract East of Anza.

Gentlemen:

As owners of the following property (230 ft. frontage by 300 ft. deep located between Earl St. and Hawthorne Ave.) we prefer to

remain M 1 Zone.

Because of the proximity of the property in this poll to Hawthorne Ave. and Torrance Blvd., we were assured when annexed to Torrance that we would receive a measure of protection on present M 1 Zone.

We will vigorously oppose an R 1 Zone at any time. It would cause a drastic reduction in the valuation of our property which is situated on high ground with a minimum of drainage problem.

Reliable realtors have stated to us that the sale value on established residential property is steadily declining due to high taxes in Torrance.

For verification we have our own tax statements. In 1959 our taxes on this property was \$418.66 with land valuation of \$4370. In 1960 land valuation was raised to \$9760 and our taxes was \$841.64. The school tax was \$399.14, \$21.68 short of being half of our taxes. In 1961, or present tax bill, valuation unchanged, the taxes was \$878.79, school tax was \$445.41 or \$6.01 over half of our taxes.

There are many desirable qualifications the City of Torrance has to offer Industry, Commerce or Light Manufacturing, but the present spiral in taxes is not conducive to attracting them.

Will you please file this letter for reference at any future hearings held on this poll. There are times we cannot be present and we desire it be read and treated with the same consideration and weight as our verbal opposition.

Sincerely

Chester O. and Cleo C. Scott
4012 Emerald St.
Torrance, Calif.

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Torrance City Council
Torrance, California

Subject Zoning of Property in Victor Precinct

Gentlemen:

Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, it is my wish to have this letter read aloud by the City Clerk in public to be submitted as public record.

It is my opinion that the decision of the Planning Commission to refuse R-3 zoning in the subject area be upheld. Furthermore due to the urgent drainage problem (brought to my attention by the City of Torrance) it is my wish the area be left in its present zone of M-1 with restricted building if need be, until the drainage problem has been solved.

At this time I would like to make the following comments on the action of the Torrance City Council regarding this area.

1. To thank the Mayor for his comments regarding hiring some qualified person to look over this area and problems in it and submit suggestions to benefit the city and property holders.

2. To have some reasonable explanation from the City Council as to approval of an R-3 parcel of land only two weeks after this request was tabled for a 90 day period to poll the voters - and without obtaining full reports on the poll.

3. In short I would like to feel this is a city where the property owner works with the city for its growth and prosperity, not where we get only a breakdown to read on our tax bill, are sent polite letters and have the issues decided before we even have a chance to submit answers to these letters.

4. It is obvious by now I as a property holder do not feel this matter has been handled properly; however, what a great country this is where at least I can tell you so.

Mrs. J. D. Rich
1235 7th Street
Hermosa Beach, Calif."

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Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Mayor Isen, to deny the change of zone in Case No. 761 was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.

The zone change was denied thereby.

A recess was declared at 9:10 and the Council reconvened at 9:32 p.m.

Councilman Bradford said for three years he has been trying to have a Master Plan prepared for the Victor Precinct and moved the City Manager be directed to make a comprehensive survey of the Victor Precinct and a map following it, and to set aside the properties and planning the zoning; that proper ordinances be prepared to hold the property in abeyance until the Master Plan is completed, on a ninety day time limit.

City Manager Peebles asked for more time and Councilman Bradford changed his motion to read "six months" in lieu of ninety days. Councilman Drale said he would like to amend the motion to include all M-1 and M-2 zoning in the City of Torrance along with the Victor Tract, but Mayor Isen said that would be too general. The motion of Councilman Bradford was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved all M-1 and M-2 property in the City of Torrance be held in abeyance for six months until such time as the new Planning Director has had time to study and prepare a plan, including an economic study. His motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Recommendation of City Manager Peebles regarding contract with Southern California Humane Society with copy of proposed contract and resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES DATED _____ BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SPCA, DOING BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-50. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted one slight change to be made in Section I i thereof and it was considered as having been made.

HEARINGS:

10. VACATION OF "OLD LOMITA BOULEVARD". Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 62-38. Legally described as a portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract. Letter dated March 21, 1962 from City Engineer Nollac, concurred in by City Manager Peebles, transmitting location sketch designating the area and resolution to cover.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavits of Publication and Posting and, there being no objection, they were ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved the recommendation of vacation be concurred in. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF 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.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-51. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Case No. 766 - Variance, Albert Levitt, petitioner. Request for variance and conditional permit to allow pet grooming within the Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center on a portion of Lot 1, Tract 9765, situated at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway in Land Use Zone C-4. Recommended for approval with conditions. Submitted were letter of transmittal, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 7, 1962 and exhibit for Council use.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Vico, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, who stated he did not approve

of a business that would not bring in sales tax revenue going in there. Councilman Benstead said it does pay sales tax; there is already a retail pet shop there and now the shop is permitted to do dog grooming.

12. Case No. 767, Variance. James R. Yates, 4234 West Imperial Highway, Inglewood. Request for a variance and conditional permit to construct single-family residences in Zone M-1 located on the east 150 feet of the south 150 feet of Lot 39, Tract 3218, approximately the 20500 block on Mansel, between Emerald and Spencer. Recommended for approval with conditions. Submitted were letter of transmittal; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 7, 1962, and location sketch for Council use.

Mayor Isen thought this would have to be tabled as a result of the previous council motion, but Mr. Lou Kanaster, one of the proponents stated it is merely a request for variance and conditional permit and Councilman Drale said his motion does not include cases which are in process through Planning.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mr. Kanaster continued. The property is 75 x 150 and he explained the advantages of having two expensive residences rather than light manufacturing. The parcel is landlocked and cannot be used for the purpose for which it is zoned.

Mayor Isen stated if there were no objections, the hearing would be closed; there were none.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

This is the location of the old Dominguez Water pumping station and has been cleared of the old equipment and trees and upgraded. Councilman Benstead asked for something better than a grapestake fence and Mr. Kanaster agreed that is the minimum requirement; that he would agree to a block wall if permitted to ask relief from the condition if it is not found to be feasible. Councilman Benstead was not satisfied with that condition.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen.

13. Case No. 768, Variance, Petitioner, Wesley G. Ruttan, 3633 Emerald Street. Request for a variance and conditional permit to construct a 960 square foot, two bedroom house in addition to two existing houses on an A-1 acre of land situated at 2077 238th St. being Lot 66, Tract 437, between Arlington and Eshelman. Recommended for approval with conditions. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 7, 1962 and exhibit for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 768; there was no response and there being no objection, the hearing was ordered closed.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

14. Case No. 769, Variance, Petitioner Margaret C. White, 17017 Yukon. Request for a variance to conduct a nursery school and kindergarten for approximately thirty children at 17049 Yukon, being a portion of Lot 51, Tract No. 20163, in Zone R-3. Recommended for approval, with conditions. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 7, 1962 and exhibit for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. There being no objection, Mayor Isen ordered the hearing closed.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval with conditions as stated. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Affidavit of Publication covering Cases Numbered 766 through 769 were presented and there being no objection, ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

15. Final Tract Maps Nos. 27046, 27047 and 24568, presented by Don Wilson, No. 27046 containing 174 lots being a portion of Tentative Tract Map No. 25456 located in what is known as the Walteria Lake property; No. 27047 containing 107 lots; and No. 24568, containing 7 lots. Recommended for approval. Submitted were letter of transmittal; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 7, 1962

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

16. D-90, Murl Reeves - Division of lot.

Letter from Acting Planning Director Cleveland, submitting request for division of lot by Murl A. Reeves, 2351 West 229th Place on the south 119.5 feet of Lot 27, Tract 639, located at the northeast corner of 228th and Pennsylvania, into two parcels, fronting on 228th Street. Recommended for approval. Plot plan attached for Council use.

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

17. WAIVERS: W-268, Murl A. Reeves, 2351 West 229th Place. waiver of 5 foot rear yard requirement at address, recommended for approval.

W-271, Ray Bell, 1640 Iris Street. Waiver of rear yard requirement to construct garage apartment within three feet of rear property line, recommended for approval.

No written communications received concerning either of these requests.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the two requested waivers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. Claim of George Broome, 1565 West 221st Street, Torrance, for damages allegedly sustained as the result of an accident at the intersection of Western Avenue and 231th Street caused by a washout Sunday, February 11, 1962, while driving his 1962 Buick car.

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

19. Resignation of Charles R. Burall from the Civil Defense and Disaster Board.

Councilman Benstead moved a suitable letter be written to Mr. Burall by the City Manager and that a resolution be drafted in appreciation, to be presented in perma plaque form. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. South Bay Council of Boy Scouts of America and South Bay Post No. 184, American Legion, requesting permission to stage parade May 30, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to grant permission, subject to Police and Fire Department approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

21. Southwest Park Association, suggesting perma plaque for Mrs. Saville.

Councilman Beasley moved to draft a suitable perma plaque resolution to be presented to Mrs. Winthrop L. Saville in appreciation of her efforts in obtaining the West Torrance Library. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. Southwest Park Civic Association suggesting five acres of Entradero Sump be developed for park purposes, with comment of City Manager Peebles.

Mr. Arthur D. Kinane, representing the association, asked the status of the area and was referred by Mayor Isen to the Park and Recreation Commission, working toward budget hearings later this spring. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is legal to use the sump land for park purposes in conjunction with drainage purposes and the Dominguez Estate Company has granted the City's request for development of the sump as a park provided it does not interfere with drainage. It was noted also there is no time limit on the development. A study is being made by Director of Recreation Van Bellehem.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

23. Requesting authorization for attendance of two commissioners and the secretary at the Western Regional Conference of Public Personnel Association in Seattle May 20-23, with expenses paid.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request for two persons only, to be selected by the Board, with expenses paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT MANAGER:

24. Request of Airport Manager Egan for authorization for two commissioners and Airport Manager to attend 35th Annual Conference of the American Association of Airport Executives at the Ambassador

Hotel, Los Angeles, May 21 - 24.

Councilman Vico said he would approve all but the charge for the room which he does not think necessary. Mayor Isen questioned the large mileage charge. Councilman Bradford moved they be given registration fees and whatever is necessary as expenses for meals and transportation, excluding the room. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION:

25. East Walteria Lake Drainage (Drainage District 7-B). Report from City Engineer Nollac dated March 22, 1962, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles and three maps.

Mayor Isen highly commended City Engineer Nollac for the masterful job represented by this report but said he felt it should be passed on to the new Council which will be sworn on April 17th.

Mr. Ted Koletos asked again for a building permit if he complied with City regulations to hold harmless. Mayor Isen mentioned participation by cash into a drainage fund and Mr. Koletos contended that has nothing to do with his request. It appears even the first phase which is slated for completion around July 15th will not be finished on schedule. Councilman Drale asked if City Engineer Nollac wished to recommend that we do not lift the restrictions on the particular property until the drainage program is put into effect. Mr. Nollac said his recommendation is no lifting of the restriction on any property within the building restriction zone until some plan for the solution of the drainage problem in Walteria Lake is adopted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac thus expressed and Mayor Isen seconded.

Mr. Stewart Rose asked if Don Wilson would be permitted to build on the tract maps which were approved this evening and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the approval of the tract map indicates the desire of the Council to permit the building of those houses. Mr. Wilson has taken care of his drainage problems. Only when the plan is approved, can the amount assessed to each property be determined and a construction program actually ordered and the building restriction removed.

Mr. Rose was not satisfied with the explanation although City Manager Peebles explained Don Wilson has met the drainage requirements. Mr. Rose has been told if he brings in an engineer's plan it can go through the regular channels with recommendations, as was done by Mr. Wilson; the same would apply to Mr. Koletos.

Roll call vote on the motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Vico.

The motion passed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF

"AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS
ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN 247TH STREET
AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-52.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following
roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF LOSANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF MONIES
FROM "HIGHWAYS THROUGH CITIES SPECIAL PROJECTS"
FUND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD
BETWEEN 247th STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-53.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll
call vote.

A recess was declared at 10:15 and the Council reconvened at
10:30 p.m.

27. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following sixteen
easement deeds submitted by the Engineering Department:

1. Water Main Easement deed dated March 15, 1962 for the
construction of a water main over a portion of Lot 3,
Tract No. 639, given by Jack B. and Helen L. Brooks.
2. Water main easement deed dated June 22, 1961 for the
construction of a water main over a portion of Lot 3,
Tract No. 639, given by John W. and Gladys L. McKown,
3. Water main easement deed dated June 22, 1961 for the
construction of a water main over a portion of Lot 3,
Tract No. 639, given by Aina Adamsen.
4. Water main easement deed dated December 12, 1961 for
the construction of a water main over a portion of
Lot 3, Tract No. 639, given by Victor M. and Frances
L. Martinov and Phillip W. and Sandra L. Ward.
5. Water main easement deed dated July 14, 1961 for the
construction of a water main over a portion of Lot 3,
Tract No. 639, given by Thomas Joseph and Dorothy E.
Vladmir.
6. Street easement deed dated March 12, 1962 for the
widening of 238th Street over a portion of Lot 7,
Tract No. 1046, given by John C. and Jessie B. Knox.
7. Street easement deed dated March 5, 1962 for the
widening of alley over a portion of Lot 10, Block
A, Tract No. 10300, given by Ella L. Reid.

8. Street easement deed dated February 1, 1962 for the widening of Anza Avenue and a future street over portions of Lot 41, Tract No. 2895, given by George L. and Mary E. True and Cecil R. and June L. Weimer.
9. Street easement deed dated March 3, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Cypress Avenue and 229th Street over portions of Lot 36, Tract No. 639, given by Farris G. and June Casey.
10. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated February 16, 1962 over a portion of Lot 22, La Fresa Tract given by Eleanor Dreher and Warren C. Nichols also Natosha and Henry Trevelyan.
11. Sanitary Sewer easement deed dated February 6, 1962 over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 639, given by Helen S. Christman and Lucille Tobias.
12. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated March 7, 1962 over a portion of Lot 3, Tract No. 639, given by Ernest W. and Deloris R. Smith.
13. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated February 2, 1962 over a portion of Lot 5, Tract No. 639 given by Clara S. and Frank D. Keeler.
14. Sanitary Sewer easement deed dated January 24, 1962 over a portion of Lot 7, Tract No. 639, given by Robin A. and Dorothy R. Bingham.
15. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated February 5, 1962 over a portion of Lot 8, Tract No. 639, given by Bessie B. Martner.
16. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated February 27, 1962 over a portion of Lot 9, Tract No. 639, given by Virginia Leib and Stanley F. Adler.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS; ORDERING POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS OR BIDS; SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR OPENING OF BIDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OF SAID CITY TO OPEN SAID BIDS.

(Hickman Drive Assessment District) (Street Assessment District No. A'11-60-3).

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-54. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-54. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting ordinance establishing per diem wage scale, as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR PER DIEM WAGE AND THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR LEGAL HOLIDAY AND OVERTIME WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR CERTAIN CRAFTS OR TYPES OF WORKMEN.

Councilman Benstead asked what happens when a change is made in wage scales and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the resolution is changed periodically. The scale as set forth in this resolution is furnished by the Central Labor Council and the resolution is published as a requirement under the gas tax law, City Manager Peebles said.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-55. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

30. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its first reading 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.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1302 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

31. Recommendation that last week's action taken on short notice and in full cooperation with the Finance Committee's recommendation to the Planning Board re budget - Area G Civil Defense, for the fiscal year 1961-62 and 1962-63, be rescinded. The Finance Committee's recommendation failed to receive the required 100% vote of the Planning Board of the Civil Defense and Disaster Organization, Area G on March 21, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to rescind the appropriation of the additional \$1600 for the 1961-62 budget for Area G. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. Dedication of Fire Station No. 2 on the Torrance Airport.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to approve the dedication and luncheon planned and appropriate from excess salaries covered in the Fire Department budget the amount of approximately \$150 to cover the expense, including lunch for certain listed guests.

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

33. Miscellaneous recommendations:

- A. Personnel:** That Assistant Police Chief Porter be authorized to attend the 1962 Retraining Session of the F.B.I. National Academy to be held in San Mateo on April 8 through 11, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.
- B. Expenditures:**
\$1,091 to Remington Rand for 2 chainindex cabinets and 1 Kardex table for the City Clerk's office (money is available in the present budget).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approving both items above listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. City Manager Peebles called the Council's attention to three items added:

- The business license review report
- The investment report, and
- A letter from Mr. Frentz of the Chamber of Commerce for information only, dealing with Airport Days.

In connection with the first of the three items, Mayor Isen stated Mr. Whitaere is doing a tremendous job, not only in his own department, but with the added duties of Deputy City Clerk.

35. Councilman Bradford asked for a report on the action of the Civil Service Board on police officers' vacation pay and City Manager Peebles said he would try to have it for next week, although it is quite an involved matter and will take considerable study.

36. Mayor Isen announced as his appointment to the Traffic Safety Council, Mr. Jerry Satuloff of 2007 West 179th Street.

37. Mayor Isen announced the Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman has been invited to spend five days in French Equatorial Africa with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. He felt some proper recognition should be given to this visit and asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare suitable greetings to Dr. Schweitzer, to be signed by all Council members. There were no objections.

38. Mr. James Shidler, 23053 Doris Way, one of the candidates for the office of City Clerk, read a statement, as follows:

March 27, 1962

To the Mayor and City Council of Torrance, California:

Mr. Mayor, I am James G. Shidler, Candidate for Torrance City Clerk, April 10.

Yesterday I received a written cash offer of one hundred dollars if I would withdraw from the race for Torrance City Clerk.

In this letter I was advised that two other candidates for clerk already had agreed to drop out and endorse this particular candidate.

Am I naive? This is my first candidacy, and this bald offer shocked me. Will the public condemn this practice, or will the

voters regard it as a logical way to get elected?

Today it costs nothing to file for any Torrance City Office. If a candidate will walk the precincts, even though he has little money to buy ads and signs, he has his chance. I hope Torrance will always be like this.

To prevent the buying of opponents, high filing fees might be charged. I do not want to see this.

Therefore, I have decided to disclose the name of the would be purchaser of my candidacy. He wrote the offer and mailed it. He signed the letter, and his name is Charles Deck.

I suggest that, if your body disapproves of this practice, that the City Attorney draft legislation to prevent it, if such does not now exist.

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Mr. Deck was present and stated that candidates who are not seriously seeking office, often file with the thought of getting their names and businesses before the public. His offer was to reimburse some of the printing expense of such candidates in order to narrow the field at the April 10th election.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to determine if any State laws or City ordinances had been violated and to report to the Council. Mr. Deck also objected to the form of campaign literature used by Mr. Shidler and gave a copy thereof to the City Attorney. It apparently represents that Mr. Shidler is now City Clerk of Torrance, Mr. Deck said.

Mr. Vern Coil of 2366 237th Street presented a letter he had received from Mr. Deck which he asked be made a part of the record:

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3-19-62

Mr. Vernon W. Coil
Torrance, Calif.

Dear Vernon:

The large number of organizations which have indicated that they will back my candidacy for City Clerk has prompted some of the candidates to indicate that they would be willing to withdraw their candidacy in my favor.

I am willing to refund the printing costs for any of the candidates which feel a desire to withdraw and thus save most of the expenses incurred.

Very truly yours,

C. Deck

Torrance Property Owners Assn
(Incorporated) Charles Deck
President, 20513 Toluca,
Torrance, California

Mr. Vernon W. Coil
Torrance, Calif.
Dear Vernon:

I am willing to refund the printing costs for any of the can-

The letter was given to City Attorney Remelmeyer for research of possibility of law violation and remedial legislative action.

Thirvin D. Fleetwood, another candidate, stated he had received no such offer; that he doubted Deck was the front runner and that the voters would decide.

Mrs. Rose Craig, also a candidate, stated she believed Mr. Deck should first learn some of the duties of City Clerk before putting out his advertising.

39. Mrs. Thomas Meehan of 19916 Saltee Avenue, spoke on the subject of vandalism at Carl Steele School and numerous other acts of vandalism over the past week. On behalf of the parents in the area, she demanded more police protection at schools. Mayor Isen said it is a mutual problem of the Board of Education and the City. The school grounds are locked after the custodians leave about ten at night. Councilman Drale favored a 9:00 p.m. curfew but it was mentioned that Torrance now has a curfew law.

Mayor Isen said he would welcome a joint meeting of the Council, the Board of Education, the Chief of Police, and City Manager to discuss the problem, but reminded the people that every time a police officer is hired, it adds at least 2¢ to the tax rate.

City Manager Peebles said the police are covering the ground as fast and as often as possible.

Assistant Chief of Police Porter said this has been discussed with the School Board, the members thereof feel it is cheaper to pay insurance premiums and put up with the damage than to have watchmen on the grounds throughout the night.

Mayor Isen asked that the Police Department stress enforcement of the curfew law.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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