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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, April 24, 1962 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico and Mayor Isen. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Arthur Armijo led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Robert B. Dehn of First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 1962, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objections, corrections or deletions.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Benstead moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Peebles asked that Item No. 13 on the agenda dealing with Torrance Fire Fighters request for payroll deduction increase be held two weeks; there was no objection.

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

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 717 - Variance. Eugene Genst, 1801 Cabrillo Ave., petitioner. Formal hearing on petition for variance of the off street parking ordinance, and to permit store buildings in

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R-3 Zone situated at 1801 Cabrillo and the first lot south thereof, described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 35, Torrance Tract. Location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 4, 1962 attached.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on Case No. 717; there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing; motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked how many parking spaces are short and Acting Planning Director Cleveland explained parking has been furnished for all the new stores and garages for the apartments.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. Case No. 773 - Variance. Mar-Loma Enterprises (Henry H. Hoffman) 1518 Palos Verdes Drive West, Palos Verdes Estates, petitioner. Formal hearing on petition for variance of the off-street parking ordinance, to allow construction of a 5,490 sq. ft. office building with eight parking spaces on the property described as Lot 30, Block A, Tract 10300, situated at 308-312 Vista del Mar. Excerpt of Planning Commission minutes of April 4, 1962, and plot plan for Councilmen's use attached.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 773; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico.

Mayor Isen said he would not like to see any precedent set as he considers this to be a parking problem of Redondo Beach, not Torrance. However, Councilman Miller said the precedent has already been set; this is the only lot left to be developed.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication on the above two cases and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Letter from Harold F. LaMour dated April 16, 1962, regarding rezoning.

Mr. LaMour asks that the Council (1) direct the City Attorney to submit an ordinance declaring a moratorium on the use of all A-1 lands, excepting as provided for under residential zoning, (2) directing the City Manager to have a survey conducted and to make recommendations concerning zoning plans, and (3) declaring the presence of an emergency for a period not to extend beyond November 1, 1962.

Mayor Isen remarked that Mr. LaMour's point is well taken and moved to concur in Items 1, 2 and 3 set forth in Mr. LaMour's letter and above. Councilman Drale said if Mayor Isen would add to his motion that this matter be referred to the Planning Commission, he would second; there was no direct answer.

City Attorney Remelmeyer did not believe the suggestion of Mr. LaMour could be justified as it would be too great an interference with vested rights. His suggestion was to place a moratorium on rezoning of A-1 lands for six months until such time as the survey is completed or, possibly amend the ordinance as to A-1 properties related to the future only.

After some discussion, Mayor Isen asked that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for discussion with Mr. LaMour. Councilman Drale requested several times that this go to the Planning Commission.

City Attorney Remelmeyer will have an item on the agenda next week, this being an emergency situation. Ordinarily, however, Mayor Isen explained when something is set forthward, it goes forward two weeks because of the time taken to prepare and distribute agendas, etc.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Claim of Anna Kaufman, 25217 Loytan, Torrance, in the amount of \$6.00 for labor arising from backup of sewage into her apartments located at 25213 Loytan, Torrance.

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

12. Claim of Carl and Allene Ball, 2903 West Artesia, Torrance, for damages allegedly sustained to their vehicle on December 18, 1961, in the amount of \$35.31.

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

13. Torrance Fire Fighters request for payroll deduction increase with comments by Finance Director Scharfman and City Manager Peebles.

This item was postponed for two weeks at the beginning of this evening's meeting.

14. Calaveras County Fair invitation to Jumping Frog Jubilee.

Mayor Isen was not successful in his attempt to locate a good fast-jumping Torrance frog and the letter was ordered filed.

15. Riviera Little League, Inc., requesting permission to install public address system and outside lights on Jefferson Lease No. 4.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

16. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-69. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-70. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

18. Recommendation of Building Superintendent Schlens on bids for construction of Airport Maintenance Building with approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is all domestic material and if it is so stated in the contract. City Manager Peebles answered affirmatively.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Pascoe Steel Corporation at a price of \$14,024.00 and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

19. Award of Contract - Hickman Drive Assessment District. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated April 19, 1962, recommending Nick Vargas Paving & Construction Co. be awarded contract for the work.

Affidavit of Posting and proof of publication were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is all domestic material and if it is so written in the contract and was answered affirmatively by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to Nick Vargas Paving & Construction Co. at a price of \$4,997.30, the low bid, and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING CONTRACT FOR WORK OR IMPROVEMENT ORDERED BY RESOLUTION NO. 62-54 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL (Hickman Drive Street Assessment District No. A'11-60-3)

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-71. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-71. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Award of Contract - Installation of sanitary sewers in Carol Drive, easterly of Linda Drive, and in Earl Street, Emerald Street and Mansel Avenue. Letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated April 19, 1962, recommending contract for the subject improvement be awarded to Gantry Construction Co., Inc.

Councilman Benstead inquired if all the materials are domestic and if it is so stated in and the contract and was answered in the affirmative by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to Gantry Construction Co., Inc. at the price of \$13,179.47 and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-159 WHICH ESTABLISHES NO PARKING ANYTIME IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-72. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. It was noted this originated with a petition of property owners and was approved by the Council last week.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

22. Airport Commission submitting matter of transfer of Halfway House assets to Charles E. Popejoy to City Council with recommendation of approval. Also assets of Aero Propeller Co. to Simon De Vos.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approving the transfers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead was under the impression this had been taken care of and Airport Manager Egan stated it did come before the Council and was ordered filed, which was not adequate for his

purposes. The approval was stated to be as to both items.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

23. Request of Schwartz-Torrance Investment Co. (Lease No. 1, 36 acre triangle parcel) for return of their \$25,000 deposit.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve return of the \$25,000 deposit. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

24. Request for amendments to Lease No. 1 (Schwartz) and Lease No. 4 (Jefferson) to modify legal descriptions therein, with enabling resolutions:

Mayor Isen first ascertained from City Attorney Remelmeyer that there is no problem involved in these two amendments and then, at his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 1 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND SCHWARTZ TORRANCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY TO CHANGE AND MODIFY THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN SAID LEASE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-73. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 4 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY, TO CHANGE AND MODIFY THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN SAID LEASE NO. 4.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-74. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Request of Airport Plaza, Inc., for approval of Master Segregation Plan.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer what is needed at this time from the Council and Mr. Remelmeyer said if the Council has studied and is satisfied with it, a motion should be passed. He stated he, City Manager Peebles, Building Superintendent Schlens, Acting Planning Director Cleveland and City Engineer Nollac had

studied it quite intensively and believe this is as satisfactory a plan as the City will ever get.

The practical effect would be if Airport Plaza defaults in any of the terms of the lease, any sublessee occupying a segregated portion of the leasehold would not be evicted from the premises, but would hold directly under the City.

Councilman Isen moved to approve the Master Segregation Plan as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PACIFIC COAST LITTLE LEAGUE FOR A BALL PARK.

Councilman Benstead moved adoption of Resolution No. 62-76. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. FOR STUDY: Letter dated April 4, 1962 from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting:

- (a) Ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 26 of the Code relating to the division of a lot or other parcel of land, other than a subdivision, and providing regulations governing such divisions including, among other things, control of the design and improvements to be made on such land and the imposition of conditions thereon.
- (b) Ordinance amending Section 15-J of Appendix I of the Code governing the splitting of lots.
- (c) Ordinance amending Section 15-C of Appendix I of the Code governing minimum lot areas and building site areas.

These proposed ordinances being presented for study at this time, will be considered at the meeting two weeks from this evening. Councilman Drale asked regarding street dedication where there is a lot split and Councilman Benstead asked if the Planning Commission or the City Council makes the final decision. Mr. Remelmeyer explained there is a right of appeal to the City Council.

Mayor Isen asked that any questions be submitted to City Attorney Remelmeyer in advance of that meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

28. Petition requesting overpass across Hawthorne Boulevard in the vicinity of 230th Street.

Councilman Beasley moved approval of this overpass be requested of the State Highway Commission by letter from City Manager Peebles. Councilman Sciarrotta also thought it badly needed and seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale asked a study be made of 186th and Crenshaw which is a very serious City problem. Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Peebles to conduct such a study.

29. Joint Agreement with Torrance Unified School District.

The recommendation is to allocate \$35,000 from the anticipated end of year surplus toward installation of sprinkler systems at Meadow Park School, Edison School and Flavian School, thus completing the participation program between the City and School District.

Councilman Drale moved to concur and the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Benstead noted the School District has also asked reactivation of the committee on the joint development and City Manager Peebles said the information on membership of that Committee will be forthcoming and he will answer the letter from the School District.

30. Radio Frequency for Police Department.

The recommendation is to award the contract to Mobile Radio, at a slightly higher price than the lowest bidder because of the service rendered by this organization being so excellent that maintenance cost resulting from their working on equipment is very low. This company has the contract for fire, police and water departments' communications equipment. The total price, including all parts, materials and labor per specifications is \$2,777.96.

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

A recess was declared at 8:40 and the Council reconvened at 8:50 P.M.

31. Vacation Plan.

There were two alternative resolutions submitted with this item. A small insert was presented to the Councilmen to be placed on Plan 1 (b) as a correction.

Officer Charles Oates, representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, presented the theory of interpretation of fifteen days as being "working days". He outlined the intensive study recruits do before being accepted as officers and had with him an immense volume which has to be compiled as a result of the sixteen weeks schooling at the Police Academy.

Councilman Benstead asked Officer Oates why he does not speak for all City employees and Officer Oates replied that he is not authorized to do so, but the association has no objection to any other employees receiving similar consideration to that which his group asks.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick, Engineering Department, representing the Miscellaneous Employees who number 115 City Hall workers, stated his group would not feel slighted if the police employees were granted the fifteen days as "working days", but believed the Council should first rule on the request for clarification and stated Plan 2 is an impossibility.

Councilman Vico asked how much money is involved and City Manager Peebles explained in detail why this plan is financially impossible with respect to the budget which is now in preparation and the anticipated revenue. Mr. Peebles said other fringe benefits would be presented at budget sessions but he could not feel justified in recommending a three week vacation for personnel who had worked only one year. The City now has 700 employees with 97 additional requested in the budget. This is less than the number in cities used for comparison. He told of the difficulties encountered in trying to present a balanced budget. \$22,000 of the budget represents one cent on the tax rate; thus the additional \$58,000 cost would add approximately 2½¢ to the tax rate. Another way to present it is that the \$58,000 would automatically take about eleven employees off the payroll figured at an average annual pay of \$5,000.

Plan 2, Mr. Peebles said would allow each employee two weeks vacation up to five years of service and then one additional day to the ten years for each year of service, up to the time they went under the ten year plan of three weeks. He felt this is in line with comparable cities and equitable to all employees.

Councilman Drale contended that not to give the fifteen days as "working days" would be a step backward. City Manager Peebles said that is the problem - the ordinance says "fifteen days" and does not specify working or calendar days.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the Civil Service Board has defined a vacation day as being "a day away from work" At the time the vacation was set up, the Police Department was working six and one-half days a week and now works only five.

Mayor Isen said he thinks the problem should be tackled in connection with the budget hearings and the same consideration should be shown all employees. The extra money would have to be taken from that which might come back into the General Fund at the end of this fiscal year.

Councilman Vico thought the request reasonable.

Councilman Miller asked if the Council might be polled to find if they are in favor of calling days "working days" in connection with vacations. Mayor Isen said perhaps the ordinance should be changed to provide "ten working days", as fifteen working days actually amounts to twenty-one, and City Manager Peebles said that would add over \$100,000 to the annual payroll.

Councilman Vico asked a breakdown showing exactly what this would cost for all employees and an outline of how vacations are now paid, to be on the agenda for the meeting two weeks from now. Mayor Isen asked that City Manager Peebles in the meantime discuss this matter with a number of employees' representatives.

The subject of holidays will also be discussed.

32. **Ranchero Days.** Request for allocation of \$650 from unappropriated moneys to the Ranchero Days budget program.

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

33. **Miscellaneous recommendations: Expenditures:**
 1. \$397.50 to Lewellen Press for 10,000 supplementary report forms, carboned, snapout six-part, for Police Department, a budget item.

2. \$437.00 to Moore Business Forms, Inc., for 100,000 continuous form postcard rubbish bills for the Finance Department, a budget item.
3. \$1,035 plus tax to Howard Supply Company for 180 metal street sign posts, 11½ ft. long at 50¢ per ft. for Traffic and Lighting Department, a budget item.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve expenditures listed as 1, 2 and 3 above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. Mayor Isen proclaimed Saturday, May 5, 1962, as FIRE SERVICE DAY.

35. Commission appointments:

Mayor Isen moved that Harmon Belcher be removed from the Civil Service Board effective forthwith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (He feels this sets a bad precedent.

Mayor Isen then announced the following nominations:

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD: Fred Stevens, renominated; Lawrence Townsend, 18026 Glenburn Avenue, and Clifford Peterson, 2271 Torrance Boulevard, and Fred Mill, 22311 Ocean Avenue.

LIBRARY COMMISSION: George Kurtz and Mrs. J. B. Mosley, renominated.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Lawrence A. Gitchier and Eric Borner renominated.

PLANNING COMMISSION: David Halstead renominated; Harold LaMour, 2066 West 236th Street, Charles Kastner, 5503 Konya Drive, and John Melville, 1512 El Prado.

Water Commission: Jack Brooks renominated; Albert M. Dumont, 2765 Arlington Avenue.

A poll of the Council resulted in unanimous appointment of the above named persons.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. City Manager Peebles said he had been asked by Mr. Bob Fryar to poll the Council to see how many will attend the Baseball Parade this Saturday. Mayor Isen, Councilmen Sciarrotta and Miller indicated they would be.

37. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked if, in view of the fact that a perma plaque resolution was presented to former City Clerk Bartlett two years, they wished to do so again. Mayor Isen expressed the thought of the Councilmen in asking that an appropriate letter be written instead.

38. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked permission to hire Howard Martin to work on delineation of the boundaries of the Airport Clear Zone properties with City Manager Peebles, Airport Manager Egan and himself. Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission it being understood that compensation has not yet been set and

Mr. Remelmeyer will report back to the Council before any major work is done. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico.

39. A report has been distributed to the councilmen by City Engineer Nollac regarding the Walteria Lake Drainage problem and Mayor Isen asked that particularly the new councilmen study it carefully.

40. City Engineer Nollac said several weeks ago the Council approved an extension for zone variance for Mrs. Myers on Artesia Boulevard at Ermanita Street. The petitioner has now decided to drop the petition for variance but refuses to give the necessary sanitary sewer easements. The church in the vicinity is involved in indecision as to who should sign the deeds. However, Mr. Moore who is building near has to proceed and must have a sewer. Mr. Nollac asked the Council to instruct the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation immediately so the sewer project may go to bid.

Councilman Beasley moved to so instruct the City Attorney and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. Councilman Beasley said he had been reliably informed that there is \$125,000 available for improvement of Anza Avenue just off Torrance Boulevard in the Victor Tract. He moved the Council issue a request for it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there were no objections. City Manager Peebles will make such a request after consulting further with Councilman Beasley.

42. Councilman Beasley said he had not filed an account on the Sacramento trip but it cost him about \$45 out of pocket and asked approval of the Council to be reimbursed in that amount.

Councilman Drale moved to reimburse Mr. Beasley and City Attorney Remelmeyer for the expenses of the Sacramento trip. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Mayor Isen asked that proper expense accounts be filed.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to have it understood that in the future no councilman leave Torrance on City business without the authorization of a majority of the Council and the Mayor. Roll call vote on Councilman Drale's motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Vico.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead brought up the matter of \$86.44 spent by Councilman Beasley for car expense without authorization of the Council, stating he told the Director of Finance not to pay it. Councilman Beasley had no comment, but Director of Finance Scharfman quoted from the minutes of the pertinent Council meeting the motion by Councilman Benstead to pay all warrants regularly audited; he said that warrant was properly audited. As a convenience and courtesy to councilman the practice was adopted of distributing expense checks Tuesday evening because normally the councilmen were not able to be present Wednesday. Councilman Benstead contended the warrant register was not properly signed.

43. Councilman Benstead said the people on the south side of Highway 101 have complained about noise from the Big Ben clock which starts at 9 a.m. and goes on until 9 p.m. Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to see if it cannot be toned down.

44. Councilman Drale, as a private citizen, asked permission to have a trailer on his property at 3588 Redondo Beach Boulevard until June 5th for use in connection with his campaign for assemblyman. It will not be used for dwelling purposes. Councilman Vico moved to grant the permission but Mayor Isen said he does not think the permission is necessary. There was no objection.
45. Councilman Drale mentioned a letter received from the Torrance Unified School District which he recommended supporting. The letter refers to direct donations to the schools and some sort of Federal tax deduction therefor. Mayor Isen said it would take a constitutional amendment to put such a plan in effect.
46. Councilman Sciarrotta complimented City Manager Peebles on his splendid speech this morning at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast and the work he is doing toward a Master Plan for the City.
47. Councilman Sciarrotta said the expense account controversy points up the necessity of a set of rules by which the councilmen can govern themselves and avoid such embarrassing situations.
48. Mayor Isen said during this next week he will try to compile a list of members for the various Council committees and asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if this would properly come under the closed personnel sessions. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised following the method used in appointing commissioners. The list will be submitted to the other councilmen at the recess at next meeting, Mayor Isen said.
49. Mrs. Roberts of 205 Via Colusa, Chairman of Los Cancioneros, a 13 year old non-profit singing organization, asked permission to use the lawn behind the Benstead plunge and the electric facilities of the plunge for two weeks from May 28 to June 11th in connection with the Annual Spring concert. Mayor Isen advised her the construction will be under way of the Recreation Building at that location, but moved she be granted the permission requested subject to proper location and the regulations of the Fire and Police Departments, Building Superintendent and Park and Recreation Commission. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.
50. Mr. Joseph Cappuccio of 1561 West 224th Street presented a problem involving his opening a barber shop at 1613 Cabrillo Avenue. He stated the Fire Department had prevented his opening the shop and had decreed not more than six people could be within the shop at one time. A former employee had opened a barber shop next door in a building owned by Mayor Isen and Mr. Cappuccio contends this is the reason for discrimination.

Building Superintendent Schlens and License Inspector Whitacre spoke from the standpoint of their respective departments and after considerably wrangling, Mr. Cappuccio was advised to talk with Building Superintendent Schlens and everything possible will be done to solve his problem.

51. Mr. Wm. Faren of 2272 229th Street complained of zoning in the area in which he lives. There are on his street between five and six hundred thousand dollars invested in fine homes and at 228th and Cypress, less than 200 feet from his home, there is a lot spot-zoned R-3. This, he said will devalue everything in the area and he plans to stop it anyway he can.

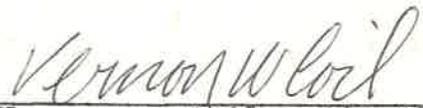
Mayor Isen pointed out to Mr. Faren that this particular area has been recognized by the appointment of Mr. LaMour to the Planning Commission. He suggested Mr. Faren communicate with City Attorney Remelmeyer on the subject which came up tonight in Item 10.

The question arose as to whether or not the property owners within 300 feet of the lot where a 13 unit building is to be erected were properly notified and Acting Planning Director Cleveland said when the public hearings were held in 1958 notices went out according to law.

Councilman Drale said there seems to be a legal problem which the City Attorney should review.

Mayor Isen asked this matter be held for two weeks for investigation and report from Building Superintendent Schlens, City Manager Peebles, and City Attorney Remelmeyer, a copy of the report to be mailed to Mr. Faren. If there are matters which require public hearing, it will be held.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.


Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance