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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, May 1, 1962 at 5:30 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, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico (Mayor Isen stated he had telephoned that he would be unable to attend). Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Louis Graziadio led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Daniel Weaver, Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 24, 1962, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience. He stated he has had many inquiries as to whether or not Council meetings are open to the public and suggested when the agenda is released that copies be published in the Sunday editions of the local newspapers prior to the Tuesday meeting as a public service, together with a prominent notice telling when the Council meets (5:30 p.m., the first, third and fifth Tuesdays, and 8:00 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays) and that they are at all times open to the public. He asked that the complete agenda be printed in the newspapers even if in very small print, but not in the classified columns. City Manager Peebles will consult the local newspapers toward accomplishing this.

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HEARINGS:

8. CABRILLO AVENUE STREET ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 p.m., May 1, 1962, having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention, Resolution No. 62-42, 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 apply thereto.

In answer to question by Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication of Resolution of Intention; Affidavit of Mailing Notice of Hearing, and Affidavit of Posting of Notice of Improvement. Councilman Benstead moved they be filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Assessment Engineer L. J. Thompson was duly sworn by Mayor Isen and testified concerning the nature of the work and extent of the Assessment District, as follows:

The contemplated improvement is of Cabrillo Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard north to Lincoln and will consist of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways on the west side of Cabrillo along six properties only. The project runs about \$21,530.55 of which \$17,955.69 will be paid by County Aid-to-Cities money, so the net assessment is only \$3,574.86. A tentative levy is \$9 per foot for the parcels having driveways and \$8 for the others which need curbs, gutters and sidewalks only.

There were no questions from the Council and there were no oral or written protests. Mayor Isen asked if any person wished to speak in favor or otherwise comment upon the matter; there was no response. Mayor Isen commented on the fine letter received from Martin L. Burton expressing complete approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-77

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 OVER-RULING 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. 62-42. CABRILLO AVENUE STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT A'11-60-2)

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Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-77. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-77. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles introduced to the Council and audience Mr. Charles Shartle, Jr., Torrance's new Planning Director.

Also in the audience were recently appointed Fred Mill of the Civil Service Board and Harold LaMour of the Planning Commission and they were introduced and welcomed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. Acting Planning Director Cleveland submitting Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 614, Don Wilson, together with location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1307

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 614.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1307 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

10. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24369, Y. Mishima, subdivider. Cover letter from Acting Planning Director David Cleveland, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes recommending approval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Benstead asked what conditions are included and Mr. Cleveland said the alley is being deleted and the conditions as imposed on the tentative tract map and in City Engineer Nollac's letter dated December 14, 1961 will apply. Councilman Benstead asked in the future all conditions be set forth on final tract maps.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

11. WAIVERS: W-272, Kenneth Jett, 2311 West 233rd Street, requesting waiver of rear yard requirement to permit oversize garage space on property located on the west 82.5 feet of Lot 6, Tract 588, above address.

W-275, James Swanger, 2520 West 166th Street, requesting waiver of 5' rear yard to erect addition between house and garage with garage 5' from rear property line.

W-280, Stephen Back, 20725 Christine Avenue, requesting waiver of 1' side yard requirement, above address, to permit addition to dwelling.

All recommended for approval - no correspondence received.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of granting all three waiver requests. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Request of Police Matron Donna Kerns to hold Girl Scout Mothers' Tea in Employees' Lounge on May 20, 1962, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

13. Request of Don Wilson for building permits to construct homes on Lots 74 to 78 inclusive of Tract No. 27046.

Mayor Isen stated the request appears reasonable and Councilman Beasley moved to grant it and to instruct the proper persons in the Building Department to issue the permits on the lots designated. Councilman Benstead asked if this would all be covered in the ordinance which will become effective in about two weeks and was answered affirmatively. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

14. Request of Mr. Stewart J. Stronach to remove and replace certain trees at Pacific Plaza Shopping Center, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead asked how many trees would be removed and City Manager Peebles said they are agreeing to replace three removed with four or five for each one removed. Councilman Benstead did not believe a fair exchange was being made but City Manager Peebles pointed out the 20 gallon trees are about \$35 each.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

15. Request of David K. Lyman for recount of votes in Precinct 46 at April 10, 1962 election. Comments of ex-deputy City Clerk Whitacre and City Attorney Remelmeyer attached.

Mr. Lyman of 1305 Teri Avenue repeated the request set forth in his letter dated April 21, 1962, that the City Council investigate and make a recount of the votes cast in Precinct No. 46.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he now believes the roster of voters is available for study.

Councilman Miller stated since his position on the Council could possibly be questioned, he would like to see whatever possible done immediately as he has no wish to sit on the Council except by popular vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer ruled that the City Council has concurrent jurisdiction to recanvass the votes from Precinct No. 46. He said he has talked with another unsuccessful candidate for the Council, Mr. John Barton, who has orally stated he will contest the election through the Superior Court. In so doing it would be necessary that the contestant show if everything he states is true, the outcome of the election would have been changed. Arithmetically, Mr. Remelmeyer demonstrated in the case of Precinct No. 46 that could not be done. Mr. Gale Whitacre and Mr. Remelmeyer have talked with the inspector, clerk and two judges at the questioned precinct. They have had many years experience on election boards.

If the Council wishes to recanvass the ballots in that precinct, Mr. Remelmeyer has prepared a resolution which, if adopted, would set up the mechanics of doing so. Because of the statement by Mr. Lyman that the confidence of the people in our election system is extremely important, Mr. Remelmeyer said the Council could honor the request. The copies of resolution were distributed.

Mayor Isen cited two cases in which the Council has had concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court. He favored recanvassing of the precinct and stated by doing so sufficient time would be allowed to any other candidate who questioned the vote received in Precinct No. 46 to file a contest in the Superior Court. The time does not expire until thirty days after canvass of the votes, in this case April 17, 1962.

The resolution sets forth the names of five persons to recount the ballots, none of whom was politically connected with the election. Three alternates were named by Mayor Isen to act if any of the five prove to be unwilling or unable to act: Robert Haggard, Reverend Clifford Tierney and Jerry Satuloff. A recount is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, May 4, 1962 in these Council Chambers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-78

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE RECOUNT OF VOTES CAST IN CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT NUMBER 46 FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 10, 1962; APPOINTING A CANVASSING BOARD THEREFOR AND DETERMINING THE TIME, PLACE AND CONDITIONS THEREOF.

Councilman Drale moved to specifically waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-78. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-78. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen announced this is a public proceeding and any person interested may attend and watch the recount. He especially congratulated Mr. Lyman on his efforts which resulted in his letter to the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

16. East Walteria Lake Drainage (Drainage District 7-B) Resubmitted report and attachments retained by council)

In answer to a question by Councilman Drale, City Engineer Nollac stated he recommends the adoption of the report on East Walteria Lake Drainage District 7-B and the ten items set forth therein as a solution of the problem.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mr. Nollac introduced Gene Bourbonnais of Engineering and stated the report was principally his work. The Mayor and Council were very complimentary.

City Engineer Nollac asked if the Council wishes him to proceed with the design, etc. of the project and City Attorney Remelmeyer asked if he should consider this as instruction to bring back the necessary ordinance. In reply, Councilman Drale moved the design proceed and the proper ordinances be submitted to the Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

There followed a short recess.

17. Transmittal of easements to City Council for acceptance.

Councilman Beasley moved the following five street easement deeds be accepted:

1. Street easement deed dated March 22, 1962 for the widening of 233rd Street and future 234th Street over portions of Lot 7, Tract No. 530, given by Helen M. and Jack P. Ortmann.
2. Street easement deed dated March 22, 1962 for the widening of 233rd Street and future 234th Street over portions of Lot 8, Tract No. 530, given by Helen M. and Jack P. Ortmann.
3. Street Easement Deed dated April 9, 1962 for the widening of 190th Street over a portion of Lot 30 of the McDonald Tract, given by Simon and Fay Rotcher.
4. Street Easement deed dated April 11, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 48 of the McDonald Tract, given by Roy M. and Dorritt V. Melbye.
5. Street Easement Deed dated April 6, 1962, for the widening of Kent Avenue over a portion of Lot ,4 Tract No. 454, given by David B. Halstead and Harry Spraker.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

18. Resolution of Intention to vacate a portion of Fonthill Avenue

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

City Manager Peebles asked that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 1962, Item 18, page 7, Vacation of a portion of Fonthill Avenue, be corrected to reflect the fact that there is a variance approved for the reduced frontage of the lot, as well as the fact that the Council approved waiving of the \$100 fee.

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Councilman Beasley moved the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 1962 be corrected as above stated and that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 1962 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF FONTHILL AVENUE OVER A PORTION OF LOT 30 OF THE MCDONALD TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-79. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

19. Three resolutions were submitted which are routine legislation necessary to continue the installments for the existing street lighting assessment districts:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER DATED JUNE 21, 1960, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3994, DATED JUNE 21, 1960, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-1-60 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 3), FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE FOUR YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.

(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 3)

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-80. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-80. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER DATED APRIL 26, 1961, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 61-76, DATED MAY 9, 1961, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-4-61 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 4), FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.
(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 4)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-81. Motion, seconded by Councilman Draie, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-81. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER DATED JUNE 9, 1961, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 61-103, DATED JUNE 13, 1961, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-5-61 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 5), FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.
(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5)

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-82. Motion, seconded by Councilman Draie, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-82. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

20. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer submitting Traffic Commission recommendation that the request for authorization of the existing green zone at the Cork Liquor Store, 18107 Crenshaw Boulevard, be denied.

Mr. Albert Walker, 2916 West El Segundo Boulevard, Gardena, the owner of the Cork Liquor Store, said he bought the store about two years ago and the green zone was painted there in 1958. An office building next door which has only 16 parking spaces for eight offices, frequently utilizes Mr. Walker's parking lot and sometimes the space in front of his store for long periods of time. In this way, he says he loses transient trade which will not take the time or trouble to find a less convenient parking place.

Traffic Engineer Whitmer said his department's checking had revealed parking space available. However, Mayor Isen said he favors a 20 minute green zone in some of these neighborhood situations although there is a general policy against them. City Manager Peebles stated a report on the red, green and yellow zones around town has been submitted to the Downtown Redevelopment Committee for study and Mayor Isen moved in the meantime to allow one twenty-minute green zone (to accommodate one car only) to remain at the location; that the City put a stencilled 20-minute limitation thereon with the designation of "T.P.D.". Mr. Whitmer said the green zone has been painted quite recently and is in fair condition. Mayor Isen recommended the use of a stencil as mentioned above.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

21. Recommendation on Walteria Park Library parking lot, that construction be halted and this area north of the library be set aside as a park-picnic area, set forth in letter from the Commission dated April 26, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

22. Resolution authorizing execution of attornment agreement with Bank of America (Airport Plaza, Inc.) including:

- a. Cover letter from City Attorney
 - b. Copy of letter from Airport Plaza dated April 16
 - c. Copy of Bank of America plot and floor plans.
 - d. Copy of Attornment Agreement with Bank of America
- Location sketch and plans for Council use.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the resolution to formalize the Master Segregation Plan be first adopted and, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Woil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE SEGREGATION PLAN OF THE PREMISES DEMISED TO AIRPORT PLAZA, INC., ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF RENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH SEGREGATED PARCEL THEREOF.

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Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-83. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to approve the plot plan of Bank of America at Airport Plaza. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF "ATTORNMEN T AGREEMENT" WITH THE BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A BANK ON A PORTION OF THE PREMISES LEASED BY THE CITY TO AIRPORT PLAZA, INC., DESIGNATED AS PARCEL NO. 5.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-84. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1962, AS SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-85. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MARJORIE P. MOSS FOR HER YEARS OF FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-75. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent). This resolution will be reproduced in perma plaque form for presentation to Mrs. Moss.

25. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read in full the communication from the City Manager with respect to the petition of fifty residents in the vicinity of Ranchers' Market at Artesia and Hawthorne Boulevards, and the alleged health hazard and extreme nuisance which exists.

Councilman Beasley said he had visited the corner and found very unsanitary conditions existing, specifically water containing bits of discarded food and raw chicken from the poultry establishment running in the street. Also, the poultry trucks are washed out and that water adds to the nuisance and health hazard. The alley is in deplorable condition.

City Manager Peebles said he talked again today with the owner of the market and a meeting was arranged for this week with the hope of creating a wash area which would dispose of such debris into the sewer lines. A street sweeper has been assigned to the area but it is almost impossible to sweep because of the number of parked cars.

Mayor Isen inquired why the Health Department had not issued citations. Councilman Drale mentioned a truck which is parked there permanently.

A pasteboard carton of unsightly trash and liquor and beer bottles which was sitting at the front of the Council Chamber was identified as having been obtained from Ashley Avenue. The Council took note and said it would be disposed of, having served its purpose.

Mr. Charles Coker of 4314 West 173rd Street said the Health office has been called many times but they say there is nothing they can do. The afternoon breeze carries odors to the residences, as well as papers and debris.

Mayor Isen suggested continuing the matter for thirty days with a concerted effort to solve the problem as soon as possible.

Mrs. Edna Cannon of 4232 West 173rd Street said the residents have put up with this condition nine years and she does not believe it should continue for even another thirty days. Mayor Isen explained that the Council is trying to be of assistance; it cannot be solved here tonight.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the matter would be referred to the City Attorney and City Manager to see that proper ordinances are complied with.

Mr. Coker spoke again, describing the condition of the loading ramp which is so poorly engineered as to be a hazard. This phase was referred to Traffic Engineer Whitmer by Mayor Isen.

May 29, 1962, a 5:30 Council meeting, was set by Mayor Isen as the time to come back on this complaint. Councilman Beasley asked if the County Health Department has asked further ordinances and City Attorney Remelmeyer said they have asked for many, which are now being investigated, but they involve numerous legal and administrative problems.

Mr. Coker thanked the Mayor and Mr. Drale for attending Baseball Little League opening day.

26. Weed Abatement Program.

Councilmen Beasley and Benstead favor some sort of program for weed abatement and stated the only problem arises when the City gets into the trash removal phase. Mayor Isen said he believes Choice 2, set forth in City Manager Peebles' letter dated April 19, is reasonable, namely, to readvertise for bids and change the contract such as to make the contractor entirely responsible for all charges, including the City's inspector.

Councilman Drale mentioned having high school students do some of the handwork, but it was agreed that would involve many undesirable risks.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in recommendation numbered 2. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

It was specifically noted this program is for weeds only. City Manager Peebles said there would be written into the specifications a provision that no contractor would receive any money until it had been collected by the County.

27. Emergency Operating Center for Operational Area G.

The request was from J. J. Rochefort of Civil Defense Area G to ask approval of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County for permission to occupy a part of unallocated space in the new Southwest District Superior Court Building to be constructed in Torrance for headquarters or emergency operating center for Area G, and bore a definite recommendation of approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in that recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

28. Additional personnel for El Retiro Library.

The request of the City Manager is for 20 additional manhours to handle the library load at El Retiro Library and to instruct the City Attorney to draft a resolution to conform.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

29. The Church of Christ, 6122 Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, would like to obtain the lot directly behind their church. Mayor Isen said he believes the Church is entitled to consideration and suggested an informal appraisal by a committee to consist of Councilman Drale, Councilman Miller and another appraiser to be chosen by these two.

City Manager Peebles said it should be contingent on the underlying easements, if any, or how the property was acquired.

Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection, the City Manager would check and if an appraisal is found necessary, it would be accomplished by the informal method set forth above. There was no objection.

30. Renewal of General Services Agreement with Los Angeles County.

The City Manager's recommendation is to approve the general service agreement, which approval would set the wheels in motion to achieve the first step of any general service agreement. The second step, to be taken later, would be approval of the services, and allocation of funds. He explained the nature of a general service agreement and Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

31. (deleted from agenda)

32. Bid on Library furnishings for Walteria and Isabel Henderson Libraries.

The recommendation is to award the contract for tables, chairs,

shelving, etc., to Autin-Bentley, in the amount of \$20,126.50 and for miscellaneous other furniture and the charging desks to American Seating in the amount of \$10,469.58.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. Mayor Isen seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

33. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 13 through 19 as POLICE WEEK and May 14, 1962, as PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY.

34. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 6 to 12 as NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. L.A.T.E. Resolution.

Councilman Drale is in favor of doing what the Council can to initiate the plan set forth in the resolution adopted by the Torrance Board of Education. However, he felt it should be extended to cover donations to private schools also. Councilman Sciarrotta said while the Sixteenth Amendment of the Constitution would have to be amended, he saw no reason not to approve and adopt a similar resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, URGING THAT LOCAL AID TO EDUCATION BE LEGALIZED, ENCOURAGED AND IMPLEMENTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A CITIZEN TO PAY A PORTION OF HIS INCOME TAX DIRECTLY TO HIS LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITY FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-86. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (for the reason that he has not given it enough thought to form an opinion.)

B. Resolution passed by the City Council of San Fernando concerning attempts to impose an income tax on earnings from State and municipal bonds.

Councilman Benstead approved taking some action similar to that taken by San Fernando.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD SUBJECT THE INCOME FROM STATE AND

LOCAL BONDS TO A FEDERAL TAX; AND URGING THAT THERE BE ENACTED INTO LAW A SPECIFIC EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF INTEREST ON THE BONDS OF STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-87. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. Mayor Isen called the Council's attention to the notice of a Special Mass Meeting on Senate Reapportionment, to be held 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 11, 1962 in the Board of Supervisors' hearing room, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, and stated he would be unable to attend. Councilmen Drale, Beasley and Miller plan to go.

36. City Manager Peebles reported a reply has been received from the County, on Mr. Drale's request to have the name Torrance Boulevard given to the present 208th Street. Officially, the County has approved the change of name clear to Jamieson Avenue, but to date the official approval of the City of Los Angeles has not been received although a telephone call has indicated it is in process.

37. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported on the complaint of Mr. Nordquist April 17th about the dairies. The former committee does not seem interested in pursuing the matter. Investigation of the complaint that butchering is being done at the dairy adjacent to Mr. Nordquist's home revealed no evidence thereof. Mr. Remelmeyer will write a letter to Mr. Nordquist.

38. City Attorney Remelmeyer said at his request the Council continued a hearing on a small strip of land near 235th Street, to May 1st. There is no reason to go ahead with vacation in that the City owns the property in fee. There being no objection, Mayor Isen stated this matter is off the agenda. Mr. Remelmeyer will prepare an appropriate quitclaim deed.

39. City Attorney Remelmeyer said last week Mr. Harold LaMour appeared and asked for a moratorium of agricultural zoning in the City. The Council asked Mr. Remelmeyer to work with Mr. LaMour and see if his objective can be accomplished in a legal manner. An emergency ordinance has been prepared to amend the A-1 zoning ordinance so as to change the existing uses in the A-1 zones so that any future development would have to conform to the new uses.

Councilman Benstead asked for time to study this ordinance. Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter to the Planning Commission for public hearings. City Attorney Remelmeyer said no hearings are necessary. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, it would be referred to the Planning Commission for return to the Council next week. There was no objection.

40. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked Mayor Isen to mention that this is LAW DAY, U.S.A. Mayor Isen did so and asked Mr. Remelmeyer to prepare a proclamation to be signed by him.

41. Councilman Drale said at last there is hope of having a four-year college in the South Bay area. At a breakfast meeting with Governor Brown, it was stated several million dollars will be so spent but the site has not been selected. Cost will probably be a determining factor. Mayor Isen said he did not know where

the required 400 acres could be found, but that it would be very desirable to round out our community by having a college and faculty, with its combined purchasing power.

Councilman Drale moved the Council go on record as being in favor of helping to find 400 acres in Torrance suitable for location of the college in Torrance. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney to frame an appropriate resolution on the subject for next week's meeting.

42. Councilman Miller asked the opinion of the Council on charging a filing fee for candidates to municipal office, such as councilmen, citing the large number of candidates at the April 10th election, some of whom did not seem sincere in desire to be elected. Mayor Isen stated this suggestion comes up after each election; that he disagrees with it as being undemocratic to require a filing fee for a job that pays only a nominal sum. The Charter would have to be amended by vote of the people at a general election.

Councilman Miller said his question has been answered.

Councilman Sciarrotta could see advantages on each side.

Councilman Drale said it would not be proper for the Council to suggest such a thing but if there is an organization in Torrance who wished to do so, that might be appropriate.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the possibility of a petition to be signed by a certain number of people. Mayor Isen said candidacy should be as free as "walking through that door", providing the minimum qualifications are met. Unless he hears from the people demanding such a plan, he does not favor going any further with it.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned his concern with the adverse publicity Torrance often receives, especially regarding criminal activities which occur in communities around Torrance, but not within our corporate limits. He suggested reminding the newspapers occasionally, perhaps by sending a map of our corporate limits. Mayor Isen said the condition is improved over what it was at one time.

44. Mayor Isen asked a poll of the Council on attendance at City Fathers' Night, May 9th at 6:30 at the Elks. All councilmen presented plan to attend.

45. City Manager Peebles asked a poll of the Council on the flight to Catalina Monday for lunch. There was not much response and Mayor Isen said perhaps it should be postponed.

46. Mayor Isen proposed the following list of standing Council committees:

<u>AIRPORT COMMITTEE:</u>	Chairman:	Ken Miller
	Members:	George Vico
		J. A. Beasley

**AUDITORIUM, INSPECTION, PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

Chairman: J. A. Beasley
Members: Ken Miller
Ross Sciarrotta, Sr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Chairman: Ross Sciarrotta, Sr.
Members: Victor E. Benstead
Nickolas Drale

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Victor E. Benstead
Members: George Vico
Ken Miller

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Chairman: George Vico
Members: Nickolas Drale
Victor E. Benstead

STREET, SEWER AND REFUSE COLLECTION COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Nickolas Drale
Members: J. A. Beasley
Ross Sciarrotta, Sr.

with the Mayor to act as alternate on any of the committees.

47. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if he had prepared an analysis of the Federal Open Space program and Mr. Remelmeyer said it will be on the agenda next week.

48. Mayor Isen remarked on the excellent job being done by the one radar car operated by the Police Department and recommended another similar car for discussion with the Police Department at budget sessions. Also, he does not believe the signs SPEED CHECKED BY RADAR are numerous enough nor prominently displayed. So far there is no recorded traffic fatality in Torrance this year and Mayor Isen hopes for a continuance of this record during the balance of the year.

49. Mayor Isen said there would be a luncheon or dinner honoring Fred Roesler, twenty-two years mayor of Palos Verdes Estates, and proposed a resolution in his honor. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and there was no objection.

50. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain asked permission to put more buses on the Los Angeles run if the contemplated strike of MTA drivers materializes. Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection the permission would be granted; there was no objection.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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