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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY
COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Wednesday, May 23, 1962, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. David K. Lyman led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman of First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held May 15, 1962 were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

The Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman who just returned from Lamborene, French Equatorial Africa, told of his visit with Dr. Schweitzer and presented to the City a framed letter addressed to the Mayor and Council, thanking them for the recognition shown by the letter which Reverend Zimmerman delivered to him. Mayor Isen accepted the framed letter and translation on behalf of the City and it will be placed in the trophy room adjacent to the City Hall lobby.

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Mayor Isen announced that at the pre-council meeting starting at 7:15 this evening the matter of application for four additional permits by Bay Cities Cab Company was discussed. At 8:00 p.m., the regular council meeting was called without completing the taxi matter and he asked the discussion be continued at this time. Mr. Walker of the petitioning company was present with his attorney, and the owners of Yellow Cab who filed a protest to the application were represented by Attorney George Stephenson of San Pedro. Mr. Stephenson contended his client was entitled to the protection of not having additional permits granted in the city unless some showing is made that Yellow Cab is not taking care of the business or is making excessive profits. He felt no showing had been made of public convenience and necessity on the part of Bay Cities.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that the City Council has quasi judicial jurisdiction over operation of taxicabs, comparing it somewhat to the control the State exercises over utility companies based on public convenience and necessity.

In answer to questions by Councilman Vico and Mayor Isen, Mr. Walker stated if the permits are issued, the cabs will go by the name of Bay Cities Taxi, and all the cabs will be metered.

Councilman Drale moved the application for four additional permits by Bay Cities Taxi Company be granted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Councilman Vico admonished the owner of the company that if there is "any funny business" the permits will be cancelled and he will be the first to so vote. He asked that condition be considered a part of the original motion and it was accepted as such. Roll call vote was as follows, and the permits were granted:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead - who explained he believes there are plenty of taxis in the City. When it is proven that more are needed, he said he would be glad to vote in favor of them, but for now his vote is "No."

Mayor Isen explained that while his vote is unnecessary and in the past he has voted on the other side, he believes a little competition will be healthy. The area is big enough that with a little competition the protestants may be able to show even a better statement than the one now presented which he stated he is not entirely convinced is accurate.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Mr. George Kurtz, Chairman of the Library Commission, requesting money to be allocated in the 1962-63 budget for surveys of both the present library system and an independent Torrance library system.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the request to the City Manager and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mr. Kurtz was in the audience and stated if this referral is for the purpose of pigeon-holing the request, he feels a vote should be had at this time. Mayor Isen stated when a matter is referred to the City Manager, it is not pigeon-holed, but studied and a recommendation made. Mr. Kurtz said a decision is mandatory. This matter has been to Council before he said, and was referred

to the City Manager; the letter specifically stated the State Librarian would not survey anything other than a discussion with the Library Commission of what our present service covers. The \$3500 is an estimate of the cost of an independent survey by a consulting firm. A previous letter was referred back to the City Manager by the Council on April 17, 1962, Mr. Peebles said. Mr. Kurtz believes an independent survey is necessary before any decision can be made of whether to go for the County or independent library system. He said the County Counsel has ruled the contract illegal and when it expires it will not be renewed. If a decision is not made Torrance will be forced into the County system. Councilman Drale said he would like first to see a state report, a county report and an independent report. Mr. Kurtz reminded him for an independent survey Torrance would have to go to an independent private firm of consultants. Mayor Isen believes Torrance can take care of its own problems. Councilman Sciarrotta favored examining the surveys made for comparative cities, but Mr. Kurtz stated the library systems are not comparable each community having a different need. For instance, the survey of the Inglewood situation was made by a special committee of lay citizens, not experts.

Mr. Kurtz stated there is \$95,000 in the reserve fund and asked again for allocation of \$3500 to make this survey of the needs of the community.

Mayor Isen harked back to the motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Miller which was completely in order, and asked for roll call. It was unanimously favorable (Beasley absent). City Manager Peebles asked for two or three weeks to obtain information upon which to base a recommendation.

9. Mr. David K. Lyman requesting application for operation of a fireworks stand for Fourth of July season by Torrance Democrats, Inc.

Councilman Miller moved that under the circumstances the request be granted and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, subject to all the usual requirements. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

10. California Water Service Company proposal to increase water rates.

Councilman Benstead moved to file a protest. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no way to avert this increase unless lawyers, accountants and engineers are employed to fight it. However, Councilman Benstead said we have always protested in the past and moved a protest be filed through the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

11. Meeting of Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Division of League of California Cities.

Mayor Isen said he believes the City should participate more actively in these monthly meetings and asked that it be listed on the agenda in advance (the meetings are the first Thursday of each month) and perhaps a couple of cars should leave here about 6 or 6:15. Any councilmen interested should let Mayor Isen know.

PLANNING MATTERS:

12. Cover letter from Planning Director Shartle submitting Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 752, Mishima.

There was some question as to which lots are affected and it developed there is an inaccuracy or inconsistency in the ordinance presented. It will be back on the agenda next week with the necessary correction.

A recess was declared at 8:40 and the Council reconvened at 8:55 P.M.

13. Cover letter from Planning Director Shartle submitting ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 771, Kergan.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1312

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. 771.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1312 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

14. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 26576 - Ocean View Development Co. Recommended for approval. Attached were letter of transmittal from Planning Director Shartle, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 21, 1962, City Engineer Nollac's letter of March 16, 1962, location sketch and copy transmittal tentative tract map approved by Council December 12, 1961.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (They do not conform to the ordinance).

15. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 27283 - Chacksfield Homes. Recommended for approval. Attached were letter of transmittal, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 18, 1962, location sketch, flood control report dated May 15, 1962, and letter from City Engineer Nollac dated March 30, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

16. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 24628, Ray Watt. Recommended for approval. Attached were letter of transmittal, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 4, 1962, location sketch, letter from City Engineer Nollac dated May 17, 1962, copy of

letter from R. A. Watt dated May 15, 1962, copy of letter from City Engineer Nollac dated September 20, 1961.

Councilman Drale could not readily picture the location and Mr. Cleveland said it is at the southeast corner of Victor and Emerald just north of Torrance Boulevard.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

17. WAIVERS:

There was no objection to the four being considered together. They are:

W-274, John W. Galvin, 20910 Henrietta Street, requesting waiver to permit 6 foot block wall. Property located on lot 64, Tract No. 24603, above address. Recommended for approval, with stipulation to curve south corner of wall.

W-278, Tony Lombardo, 522 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa Beach, requesting waiver of 10' front yard requirements at 20339 Anza Avenue, to construct an apartment building 10' from front property line. Recommended for approval with stipulation that the 5' high masonry wall at rear of property be comparable to the one on the adjacent property.

W-281. Garrison Ruby, 2305 West 165th Street, Gardena, requesting waiver of 3½' front yard setback to permit decorative concrete baffle, above address. Recommended for approval with stipulation that a decorative 5' high masonry wall be installed replacing an existing wood and plastic fence and will not constitute a driving hazard.

W-282, Ronald G. Bath, 5331 Linda Drive, requesting waiver of fence height, 7' high fence, 10' long, 16' from front property line.

No communications were received on any of the above requested waivers.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval of the four, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. There was no objection although David Cleveland was asked to define "baffle" with respect to waiver No. W-281. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

18. Recommendation of approval from Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, of request for permission to erect oversized sign at 17419 Crenshaw Boulevard, Winchell Donut House, Inc., Vern H. Winchell, President.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico with the stipulation that the new location specified be used. The motion carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

19. Councilman Berstead moved to accept the following four easement deeds:

1. Dated May 10, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street and future 230th Place over portions of Lot 78, Tract No. 639, given by Johanna M. Olsson Nelson.
2. Dated May 10, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street and future 229th Place over portions of Lot 73, Tract No. 639, given by Johanna Olsson.
3. Dated April 27, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street and future 229th Place over portions of Lot 48, Tract No. 639, given by Dorothy E., Lawrence D., and Ralph Andersen, and Mollie and Carl Albert Johnson.
4. Dated March 22, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street and future 229th Place over portions of Lot 48, Tract No. 639, given by Johanna Olsson Nelson, and Victor G. and Eleanor M. Roden.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE MEMBERS AND LEADERS OF TORRANCE BOY SCOUT TROOP 728 FOR THEIR PROMPT RESCUE ACTION WHICH SAVED THE LIFE OF A FELLOW BOY SCOUT AFTER A MOUNTAIN ACCIDENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-102. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). Mayor Isen instructed the city clerk to notify the Scoutmaster when the permanent plaque resolution would be on the agenda and invite him and his scouts to be present.

21. Cover letter from City Attorney with resolution authorizing agreement between City and County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ENTITLED "AMENDMENT TO HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT" WHICH PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO MOBILE HOMES AND MOBILE HOME PARKS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-103. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

22. City Manager Peebles asked the Council if it would be possible to hold a preliminary budget study session at 5:15 Monday, May 28. There is a Police Association dinner at 7:30 and the Council will adjourn in time to attend. The secretary will make a transcript of that meeting and City Manager Peebles will further remind the councilmen.

23. Joint meeting of Council and Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Wednesday, June 6, 1962 immediately following council meeting with dinner following. June 5th being election day, the Council will adjourn to June 5th at its May 29th meeting. Mr. Peebles said he would try to hold the agenda to a minimum so that the Council Chamber might be available for Planning Commission at 7:00.

24. Torrance Municipal Airport Record-of-Survey. (Per diem rates not to exceed \$3,200 total)

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the proposal of Barclay-Pearson Co., Inc. be accepted to perform all necessary field and office engineering to set permanent boundary monuments and prepare a survey map. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

25. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$678.08 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for 1 8" Model D.C. Meter for Water Department to be used for Stanley Home Products service, a budget item.
2. \$384.80 to Lawson's Jewelers for 2 Omega wristwatches, including bands and engraving, for presentation to former councilmen Blount and Bradford.

Councilman Benstead remarked that every week there is a Hersey-Sparling meter on the agenda and asked if it would not be possible to buy these in quantity at a lesser cost. City Manager Peebles said this particular meter is of such size there would be no discount in quantity buying. Also, the greatest cost with respect to meters is maintenance and continual repair. It would not be advantageous to use other than uniform brands for that reason. Councilman Vico suggested the city investigate the possibility of buying second hand meters.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the two items listed and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

26. Informational items:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-104

RESOLUTION URGING REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND INCREASING ITS NUMBER FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-104. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. Councilman Drale suggested the City Manager look into the possibility of having a public relations department and make a recommendation.

28. Councilman Miller mentioned the subject to Torrance beautification again and said there were several people in the audience who were interested. He advocated each councilman bringing in a name of a prospective member of the commission or committee to be formed. Mayor Isen suggested the Chamber of Commerce be given an opportunity to take over the project. This subject has been discussed at three meetings and Councilman Miller asked that it be started. City Attorney Remelmeyer has prepared a draft of ordinance which he will have on next week's agenda and Mayor Isen asked each councilman to have in mind two or three possibilities for membership. A personnel meeting will be called to make the decision.

29. Councilman Drale stated he and Councilman Miller had appraised the lot used by Church of Christ on Pacific Coast Highway at \$8,000 and asked that the city proceed toward selling this R-1 lot. Councilman Drale asked if there might be other lots owned by the City which could be sold at the same time. City Manager Peebles will investigate.

30. Councilman Vico asked to be excused from attending the May 29th council meeting. He is going to Indianapolis for the Memorial Day races.

31. Mayor Isen moved a resolution complimenting Mayor Adams Bolton of Gardena for twenty years of service to be presented at a banquet in his honor.

City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ADAMS W. BOLTON OF THE CITY OF GARDENA FOR TWENTY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THAT CITY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-105. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
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1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, May 29, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Vico. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeier were also present.

3. Mayor Isen introduced Wade Peebles, Jr., and his younger brother, Henry, who were attending Council meeting for the first time, and Henry led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. M. Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minute secretary called attention to a typographical error in the minutes of the adjourned meeting of May 23 by which it stated a meeting would be held June 5th (Item 23) rather than June 6th. With that correction, Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the May 23rd meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 774 - Change of Zone. Petitioner - George and Mary Olding, 3650 Newton Street. Third and final hearing on petition for change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on property described as Lots 7 and 9, Block 3, Walteria Tract and one-half of vacated alley on the south side; also Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Walteria Tract, Block 3, including one-half of vacated alley on north side, situated on the south side of Newton Street, east of Park Street.

Attached were letter of transmittal from Planning Director Shartle, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 2, 1962, plot plan for Council use. The recommendation is for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on Case No. 774; there was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

9. Vacation of a portion of the south corner of Paseo de la Playa and Calle Miramar. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac, dated May 23, 1962, submitting resolution proposed. Recommendation is that the Council adopt the resolution to vacate after public hearing.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on this matter; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE SOUTH CORNER OF PASEO DE LA PLAYA AND CALLE MIRAMAR IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-106. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Affidavit of Publication and Posting on the two above cases was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss and there being no objection, ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Cover letter from Planning Director Shartle, dated May 24, 1962, submitting ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 752 - Y. Mishima.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1313

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. 752.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously (Councilman Vico absent) Ordinance No. 1313 was approved at its first reading.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Letter from Alfred D. Ucci with proposed resolution opposing the construction of Los Angeles City-sponsored hotel at the International Airport.

Mayor Isen introduced Robert Barron, Al Ucci and John R. Begg, the proponents of the resolution and Mr. Begg of 1700 Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, acted as spokesman, explaining the reasons for opposition to the hotel which Los Angeles City plans to construct. In summary, he gave three reasons: 1. It is not needed, 2. It is not the best and highest use of the land, and 3. It would create an economic hardship to private enterprise in the South Bay area.

Councilman Beasley moved to join in opposing the construction and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. There was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING A MUNICIPALLY-SPONSORED HOTEL AT THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-107. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen told the three men who presented the resolution that copies would be available from the City Attorney.

12. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jordan regarding teenagers at Torrance Beach and urging strong ordinance against liquor on beaches.

City Attorney Remelmeyer is working on this. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to enforce the curfew law in this area until the City Attorney can present an appropriate ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mrs. Jordan entered the Council Chamber at this point and Mayor Isen thanked her for the letter and stated the Council is cognizant of the problem. He asked City Attorney Remelmeyer, if Mrs. Jordan did not object, to send a copy of the letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, together with a resume of the action planned by Torrance. Mrs. Jordan consented.

Councilman Benstead favored some immediate action pending effect of the ordinance now being prepared. The County and City of Torrance have concurrent jurisdiction over Torrance Beach. Mayor Isen suggested a large sign in white with black letters be erected which would tell of the prohibition of drinking alcoholic beverages and committing other nuisances on the beach, citing State and local laws.

Mrs. Jordan spoke briefly along the lines of her letter and Councilman Beasley moved to carry out the suggestion made by Mayor Isen. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Vico absent).

City Attorney Remelmeyer is to check whether or not the actions complained of are in violation of a state law, in compliance with a request by Councilmen Sciarrotta and Benstead.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

13. Notice of Completion - El Retiro Park Stairway. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending acceptance of work.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in accepting the completed El Retiro Park Stairway. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

14. Release of subdivision bond - Tract No. 25033. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles for release of bond. Attached, copy of letter from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

Councilman Benstead moved to release Subdivision Bond for Tract 25033, Chacksfield Homes, Inc., No. 586954 in the amount of \$41,600. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

15. Improvement of Intersection of 190th and Western. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated May 24, 1962 recommending that all bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved all bids be rejected and when all proper easements and approvals from the United States Navy, Harvey Aluminum and the City of Los Angeles are received, the City re-advertise for bids. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

16. Acceptance of easements.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the following listed six easement deeds:

1. Dated April 18, 1962 for the widening of Amie Avenue over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 3458, given by W. Kent and Maurine R. Johnson.
2. Street easement deed dated May 1, 1962, to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Lomita Boulevard over a portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract, given by Texaco, Inc.
3. Street Easement deed dated March 20, 1962, to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Jefferson Street and an unnamed street over a portion of Lot 8, Tract No. 10185, given by Superior Scaffold Company.
4. Street easement deed dated May 17, 1962 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard over a portion of Lot 24, Meadow Park Tract, given by Sepulveda Investment Co.
5. Street easement deed dated April 20, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street, Cypress Street and future 228th Street and to provide corner radii at the southwesterly corner of Cypress Street and future 228th Street and the northwesterly corner of Cypress Street and 229th Street over portions of Lot 37, Tract No. 639, given by Dorothy A. Post.

6. Street easement deed dated April 20, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street and future 228th Street over portions of Lot 38, Tract No. 639, given by Dorothy A. Post.

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

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An additional informational item marked "P" was introduced dealing with the direct primary election of June 5, 1962. There being no objection, it was ordered filed.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

17. Deputy License Inspector Litzinger submitting recommendation for release of Oil Well Bond No. 13126-13-1038-59.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

18. Resubmittal of report regarding City vs. Dominguez Water Corporation, litigation over Southwest Park water lines.

Mayor Isen highly complimented City Attorney Remelmeyer on the report and stated probably we should concur in the suggestion set forth on page 5 thereof, "that the City in 1963 should seek court action to compel Dominguez Water Corporation to fulfill its obligations under the Joint Use Agreement and transfer title to the water distribution system to the City" and not do anything else at the present time due to the tremendous multi-million dollar cost of the system, whether by condemnation or by negotiation. He so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Mayor Isen asked this matter be brought to the notice of the Council again on a date six months previous to November 10, 1963 for further action and, at the suggestion of Councilman Sciarrotta, asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to notify the people who signed the petition of the decision of the Council and send a copy of the report to some representative person of that group.

Incidentally, Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta to work with Councilman Drale on negotiations with Moneta Water Company. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated something would be forthcoming on the Moneta matter in a couple of weeks.

No roll call vote was taken on the Dominguez matter but there were no objections.

19. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting ordinance creating a TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION and setting forth the powers and duties of the Commission.

Inadvertently, no provision had been made for reappointment of members. The ordinance will be back on the agenda for next week's meeting containing a clause for reappointment compatible with that used for the other commissions. In connection with the budget session May 31st, a short personnel meeting will be held at which proposed names will be considered.

ORDINANCES:

20. Second reading Ordinance No. 1312 amending Appendix I of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 771, Kergan.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented for second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1312

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. 771.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1312 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried unanimously (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

21. Communication from City Manager Peebles regarding saving effected by diligence of City Nurse and Personnel Director in reviewing Industrial Accident claims with attached letter from State Compensation Insurance fund.

Mayor Isen stated the personnel director and city nurse are to be congratulated and ordered the communication filed.

22. Communication from City Manager Peebles regarding classification report on Garage Serviceman.

City Manager Peebles in his communication suggested re-evaluation of the classification downward to Range 37 and "Y" rate the Lubrication and Tireman incumbents. Councilman Drale favored such a solution stating seniority would thus be protected in case of promotion. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the possibility of a blanket wage increase for all employees and wanted some assurance that the men affected would not be penalized in such event. Councilman Drale moved to accept the solution of the Y rate with the stipulation that the men would not be denied any increase given other employees. City Manager Peebles said a notation will be made in the files of the employees who presently hold the positions.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion of Councilman Drale and it carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

23. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Personnel: Officer Walter H. Nitz be authorized to attend the Arson investigators seminar to be held in Berkeley, California from June 11th through June 15th, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the personnel item above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

24. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with recommendation that attached resolution be approved and adopted, concurred in by City Manager Peebles.

City Manager Peebles explained the reason for the resolution and, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 28, TRACT NO. 25033 AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTION AS "MANHATTAN PLACE" IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-108. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. City Manager Peebles reported orally on the proposed solution of the Council Chamber sound system. A new public address system is to be installed and the equipment presently in use can be salvaged, transferred to, and used by the New Recreation building. The cost of the transfer will be only about \$50. The total approximate cost of the improvement will be \$1900 (wholesale cost plus \$4.50 per man-hour labor). Councilman Drale moved to approve and concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to install the system which the company has unconditionally guaranteed and which will not be paid for until proven to be satisfactory. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen reminded the council and audience that with new extra sensitive equipment, there can be no side talk and everyone must keep in mind that what is said goes on the tape. He described the alternate methods of amplifying remarks from members of the audience, one of which, a "beam gun" was of considerable interest.

26. City Attorney Remelmeyer gave his report orally on the Don Wilson tract refund of drainage fee. He concurred in the recommendation of the City Manager and City Engineer to treat the entire area as one tract since it is being developed as a unit. Mayor Isen asked this opinion be put in writing showing the amount to be refunded and placed on next week's agenda.

27. Councilman Beasley said there have been complaints from small restaurant and coffee shops that lunch wagons or itinerant catering trucks park at meal times adjacent to those places of business and take their trade. He felt some protection should be given to local businessmen and their investments. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection the matter would be referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer and License Inspector Whitacre; there was none.

28. Councilman Benstead referred to a dangerous situation at the eastern entrance on Sepulveda near Madrona to the Del Amo Shopping Center and asked a report from the Traffic Department as to what should be done.

29. Councilman Drale reminded everyone to vote June 5th.

30. Councilman Miller thanked the Police Department for the dinner which honored Officer Jackson. Mayor Isen suggested a permanent plaque resolution commending Officer Jackson and Councilman Miller so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

31. Councilman Sciarrotta and Councilman Benstead commented favorably on the letters marked for information only, regarding courtesy of Police Department personnel.

32. Mayor Isen asked for an oral report on the cleaning up of conditions at Rancho Market. Mr. Charles Coker of 4314 West 173rd Street who had spoken on this subject before was present and said while there has been improvement in many respects, water still runs in the streets. He complained also of the littered parking lot adjacent to the market but stated the report in the newspaper of illegal parking of trucks was a mistake. Mayor Isen stated the color in the water around the market had been determined to be red showcard paint. Mr. Coker said another thing to be considered is the danger of the trash truck in the alley obstructing traffic in case of emergency vehicles entering.

City Manager Peebles said his investigation revealed some of the water is from lawn sprinkling by residents. He stated it is impossible to keep street sweeping schedules in the neighborhood because of the number of cars parked in the gutter. The Engineering department is plotting the city-owned property to determine if the truck is parked on City property. If not, Mr. Peebles thought there is as much right to have the truck there as to have large rubbish bins as some markets do. Plans are under way to dispose of the truck-washing water into the sewer. Mr. Peebles feels the market owner is being cooperative and hopes to have the situation under satisfactory control soon. Mr. Coker will keep in touch with the City Manager's office.

33. Mayor Isen stated Hal Frenz has been transferred to Beverly Hills and will be honored in Torrance June 9th. He moved a perma plaque resolution commending him for his civic activities. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent). The resolution will be on the agenda next week and put into perma plaque form later.

34. From the audience, Mrs. Mary Walker of 5203 Asteria Street asked if anything can be done about the number of gas stations going in throughout the City. She was told there is no way to keep legitimate business out of properly zoned portions of the city.

There will be a budget session Thursday, May 31, 1962 at 5:30.

On motion properly made and seconded, at 6:40 p.m. this meeting adjourned to June 6 (Wednesday) 1962, at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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 City of Torrance, California