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Torrance, California
June 6, 1962

MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Wednesday, June 6, 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, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale arrived a few minutes later. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bill Greenwald led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend David Beadles, Walteria Community Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 29, 1962, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

Mayor Isen presented to Charles Burall who recently resigned from the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission, a perma plaque resolution, with appropriate remarks.

There were present in the audience, Mr. Zapparito and a portion of his class in Citizenship at Torrance Evening High School. The members represented most of the nations of the free world and Mayor Isen welcomed them to this and any other Council meeting.

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Councilman Beasley presented a perma plaque resolution of appreciation to Mrs. Hannah Saville for her efforts in obtaining a library for West Torrance. Mrs. Saville asked to share the credit with many individuals and organizations who helped and stated thirty-five different organizations are now donating money and books to the library.

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

8. HEARING: Vacation of portion of Fonthill Avenue over a portion of Lot 30, McDonald Tract in the City of Torrance; fixing time and place of hearing thereon and providing for the publication of resolution, with cover letter, location sketch and proposed resolution.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard 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, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF FONTHILL AVENUE OVER A PORTION OF LOT 30 OF THE McDONALD TRACT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-110. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. WAIVERS:

W-284, R. M. Futrell, 18023 Ermanita, request waiver use of more than one-third rear yard requirement to construct rumpus room.

W-285, Cecil E. Alter, 2220 Arlington Ave, requesting waiver of one foot at garage, above address.

W-286, Stanley D. Patton, 5303 Clearsite St., requesting waiver of 7' rear yard to construct patio roof between existing house and garage, garage located 3' from rear property line.

Above waivers recommended for approval. No communications.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the three waivers above listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

10. Mrs. Douglas H. Swan, Corresponding Secretary, Towers PTA,

regarding recommendation adopted by Towers Elementary PTA that Park and Recreation Commission and City Council consider improvement of the Entradero sump site as the West Torrance Regional Park.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the communication would be filed and City Manager Peebles instructed to reply. This matter is now under budget study. There was no objection.

11. J. Augustine O'Gorman, Pastor, St. James Church, regarding traffic situation on Anza between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo, together with recommendation of City Manager Peebles.

Father O'Gorman was present and requested this item be held until the next Council meeting. Mayor Isen so ordered.

12. Gordon S. Clinton, President, American Municipal Association, regarding 39th Annual AMC in Philadelphia, Pa., August 25-29, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved that any members of the Council who wish to attend be authorized to do so with appropriate expenses paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously. Councilmen who can attend are to so inform City Manager Peebles so that early reservations may be made.

13. J. A. Beasley, President, Inter-City Highway Committee, regarding representation at meetings.

Supplementing the letter, Councilman Beasley stated Mr. John Lowe, one of the Torrance representatives on the committee, has left the city and suggested the name of M. M. Denn to replace him. The Planning Commission is to make the appointment to replace Thirvin D. Fleetwood.

Mayor Isen questioned the intent of the Committee to go into local street problems of member cities, but Mr. Beasley explained it is only those major highways like El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Sepulveda Boulevards which are concerns of the Inter-City Highway Committee. Mayor Isen thought the wording of the letter was misleading and it should have been made clear that the streets to be considered are those of general county-wide interest.

Councilman Benstead asked the cost of Torrance's participation and was told \$150 per year. He doubted the need or usefulness of the committee and Mr. Beasley invited him to attend its meetings to become more familiar with the purposes and accomplishments.

The net result of the discussion was the appointment of Mr. M. M. Denn to replace Mr. Lowe as a member from Torrance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

14. Deputy License Inspector Litzinger regarding release of oil well bond No. 404EA0293.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to terminate this bond. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Deputy License Inspector Litzinger regarding release of oil well bond No. 585455.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to terminate this bond. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

16. Award of contract for construction of 6 foot chain link fence around Municipal Airport. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac dated May 31, 1962 with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending contract be awarded to Alcorn Fence Co. at a price of \$30,124.50 and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta,

Councilman Vico was under the impression this matter had come up before with a different amount of cost. It developed this had been approved in connection with the master plan. The Federal government will participate in the cost to the amount of 54% and has approved the Alcorn Fence Company as contractor. Airport Manager Egan asked the motion include the provision that approval be subject to acceptance by the Council of the Federal grant. Councilmen Benstead and Sciarrotta agreed to amendment of their motion in this respect and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Notice of Completion - Improvement of Amapola Avenue. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac dated May 29, 1962 with concurrence of City Manager Peebles in recommendation that Council approve and authorize additional work and accept the work on the subject improvement.

Mayor Isen asked who is responsible for this imaginative improvement and City Manager Peebles gave credit to the entire staff. It is planned to accomplish such improvement of the streets from Crenshaw east to downtown Torrance, at the rate of one or two a year as money is available. On the widened portion there should now be no need of one way parking, Mayor Isen said, and Traffic Engineer Whitmer agreed.

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

18. Transmittal of easement deeds to City Council for approval.

Councilman Benstead moved acceptance of the four easement deeds, as follows:

1. Street Easement Deed dated May 18, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street and future 230th Place over portions of Lot 80, Tract No. 639, given by Cottone Bros. Construction Co.
2. Street Easement Deed dated April 3, 1962 for the widening of Victor Street over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 2895, given by William and Sara Ruth Leader.

3. Street Easement Deed dated May 25, 1962 for the widening of Ocean Avenue and 226th Street and to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Ocean Avenue and 226th Street over portions of Lots 17 and 18, Tract No. 454, given by Carl H. Quandt.
4. Sanitary Sewer Easement Deed dated May 3, 1962 for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and use, and reconstruction of a sanitary sewer and appurtenant structures over a portion of Lot 20, La Fresa Tract, given by California Conference, Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

19. Recommendation on Park and Recreation Centers Capital Improvements Fund.

Councilman Drale suggested this recommendation be submitted to the Committee of the Council on park and recreation matters. The chairman of the commission, Reverend H. Milton Sippel was present and said this recommendation involves about \$14,000 of the present budget that will expire at the end of June. If this matter which is recommended is not acted upon in this fiscal year, he asked if the money would be lost to the purpose. Mayor Isen moved the money not revert, but be left to be used as recommended by Reverend Sippel. Reverend Sippel reminded the Council about a year ago they granted a request to put aside \$25,000 to erect two recreation buildings, one at Paradise Park and one at LaRomeria. It will take about three years to accumulate the money to build the two, at approximately \$35,000 each and they are much needed. The Commission wishes to set aside a sum of money each year to accomplish the building program and hopes to have another \$25,000 from this year's budget. Reverend Sippel was not referring to the \$80,000 in the next budget.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation that all unexpended money in the 1961-62 Park and Recreation Centers Capital Improvements Fund not appropriated for specific projects be added to the money already designated for future park buildings at Paradise and LaRomeria Parks. Motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Vico preferred to spend the \$14,000 which it appears is not appropriated specifically in the 1961-62 budget, toward proper lighting for Torrance Park. Councilman Sciarrotta remarked that the money is earmarked to be used for the Recreation Department and did not agree with Councilman Vico's proposal. Councilman Benstead said new lights were installed in Torrance Park fairly recently.

Roll call vote on Mayor Isen's motion to concur was as follows:

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

Speaking of the difficulty of spreading money far enough, Mayor Isen stated meetings are to be held with various commissions and proposed to start with the Park and Recreation Commission. As the last item on the 5:30 council meeting agendas, starting June 19th, if the respective commissions will be present, the

problems can be discussed with the Council and the meeting will be followed by a joint dinner. It appearing to meet with approval of the councilmen, City Manager Peebles was instructed to set up such a meeting for June 19th and plan subsequent ones with the other commissions.

It was also noted the next meeting time of the Park and Recreation Commission is June 13th at 8:00 and that Councilmen Vico, Sciarrotta and Benstead comprise the pertinent council committee to meet with the Park and Recreation Committee at that time.

A Mrs. Galvin who lives in the Victor Tract came forward and told of a plan to donate a recreation building to the City by Victor Women's Club. The club has been offered assistance by the Rotary Club of Hollywood Riviera. She asked permission to locate such a youth building in Victor park site so that publicity might be initiated to help raise the money.

Councilman Beasley moved to endorse the efforts of Victor Women's Club. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and Councilman Sciarrotta volunteered assistance, even to selling tickets. Councilman Benstead asked assurance that the building would not be started without enough money to complete it. Mrs. Galvin said she had been made aware of all the necessary regulations by Mr. Cunningham of the Rotary Club so that her group could benefit from the experience and information gained by them, in building the one at El Retiro Park.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. Recommendation on parking lot located at Benstead Plunge in accordance with revised plan.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

21. Report on Street Lighting District No. 6. Items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 all pertain to the same subject and will follow in sequence.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR INSTALLATION AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-6-62, and INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION, ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 6".

Councilman Benstead moved to specifically waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-111. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-111. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ... ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AND THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 6.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to specifically waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-112. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Vico thought some means should be taken to get bids from other assessment engineers on this and similar matters. City Manager Peebles explained why Laurence J. Thompson is the only one available who is properly qualified and acceptable to the attorneys who pass upon assessment districts.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-112. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD FOUR YEARS (4) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1962, and ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1966, FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 6.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-113. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-113. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 62-113, AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF SAID CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING.

(STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 6)

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-114. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-114. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

26. Recommendation that Airport Manager be authorized to take whatever action necessary to recover R. R. Grothe leasehold.

Councilman Beasley moved this matter be referred to the City Attorney and Airport Manager, but City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no legal problem involved; only a matter of Council decision.

Councilman Miller moved to concur that Mr. Halverson be allowed to take over the lease on a month-to-month basis until such time as the master plan is adopted and that he be permitted to relocate the hangar at a location to be determined by the Airport Commission at such a time as there has been an abandonment of the leasehold by R. R. Grothe and a new lease with Halverson executed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

There was considerable discussion. Councilmen Sciarrotta and Benstead brought out the requirement that the hangar, when relocated, must be in accordance with the master plan for the Airport and comply with the Torrance Building Code and ordinances. Councilmen Miller and Drale consented to this addition to their motion.

Airport Manager Egan stated such action will establish a policy or precedent which might have a far-reaching effect. He asked the Council establish a specific area to which this hangar or any of the old hangars might be moved. His preference would be that all structures put on the Airport be new ones and he did not approve moving the old hangar which is of stucco construction.

Councilman Drale said there are three or four similar structures; the building has to be occupied; it may never be moved. Airport Manager Egan said it would be moved because in the near future there will be a higher and better use for the property.

Councilman Vico said it is important to think of the future and also to charge higher rentals.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said a solution might be to put Halverson on a month-to-month basis at the same rental as Grothe's lease until the termination thereof and then negotiate a new lease at the current rental value.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked Mr. Halverson if he would be willing to continue on under the present lease for the approximately two years it has to run, then if a new lease is negotiated start from scratch. Mr. Halverson said he would prefer to have an extension of the present lease (and the building as he says it will pass the Torrance Building Code) on a month-to-month basis with the option of moving the building, which he will buy.

Councilman Beasley offered a substitute motion to transfer the lease from Grothe to Halverson for the remainder of its term and at that time of expiration, subject to the City receiving notification that Grothe has assigned his interest, negotiate. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen said he feels the Council is complicating what should be a simple decision and stated all that should be done is approve an assignment from Grothe to Halverson subject to receipt by the city of notification from Grothe that he has so assigned.

Mr. Joe Doss, President of the Airport Commission explained his reasons for opposing the assignment of the lease. When money is received under the Airport Bond Issue and the Master Plan goes into effect, these hangars will come out. This would curtail expansion unless the occupancy is on a month-to-month basis. Mr. Grothe has violated the lease by not notifying the City of his address; registered letters have been returned. Mr. Doss thought the City should take over the ground lease and lease to Mr. Halverson on a month-to-month basis. Mayor Isen had not realized there was any matter of moving of a building involved. Mr. Halverson said he does not need to move; that he would like to stay right there until the Airport has a better use for the ground.

Mr. Doss said if the older buildings on the airport pass the engineering specifications and move to one location only, anything new built must be in a different section. There may be 25 of these hangars potentially to be moved over a period of from two to five years.

At the request of Mayor Isen, the Minute Secretary re-read the motion by Councilman Miller which was seconded by Councilman Drale, with the addition thereto. Councilman Benstead said there is a possibility that the hangar might not fit into the location or be proper for the Airport and Councilman Miller reminded him the City controls the location under the motion as stated.

Mayor Isen asked for roll call vote on the motion as stated and it carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

A recess was declared at 6:40 and the Council reconvened at 6:50 P.M.

27. Recommendation that the matter of J. S. Trier's paving from Babcock hangar to main taxiway be removed from calendar.

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

28. Recommendation that H. Black lease be removed from the calendar, without prejudice.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

29. Recommendation that Master Plan for Airport be approved.

Airport Manager Egan explained this is an updating and the only difference is the removal of the heliport site. It has not yet been relocated and any decision on a site at this time would be premature.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Questioning by Councilman Benstead developed the fact that the plan has been coordinated through the pertinent City departments.

30. Matter of property owners in acquisition area requesting time limit to vacate property and advice of Airport Commission that it will be nine to twelve months, etc.

It was noted this is informational only, and it was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION:

31. Elimination of parking area planned for the Walteria Library.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that in place of a paved driveway that would completely encircle the library building as originally planned, the driveway be reduced in area to include only the east portion, extending to the back entrance of the building. Sufficient space at the back would be provided for library delivery trucks to turn around on entering and leaving, with allowance for four parking spaces. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen asked if there is danger of apartment house dwellers using this lot and City Manager Peebles said there is always that possibility, but it can be met when it occurs.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

32. Opinion regarding refund of drainage improvement fees for Tracts 27046, 27047 and 24568 and collection of fees for those lots within Tract No. 27047 designated "Park site" and "School Site".

The opinion concurs in the recommendation of the City Engineer and Councilman Drale moved to concur in both the opinion and the City Engineer's recommendations marked 1, 2 and 3 thereon. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. Regarding sale of Paseo de Gracia sump.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the statements set forth on the second page of City Attorney Remelmeyer's communication, the last paragraph, to go to bid under the following four conditions:

1. That the property is zoned R-1 and no change of zone is contemplated;
2. That no bid less than \$8,000 will be accepted;
3. That upon the opening of sealed bids, an oral bid 10% greater than the highest written bid will be considered and that all subsequent oral bids must be at least \$100 greater than the preceding oral bid; and
4. That all written bids and the successful oral bid, if any, must be accompanied by a bidders bond, certified check or cashiers check in the amount of 10% of the amount of the bid.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen moved that in event of sale the proceeds of that sale be earmarked and placed into the Park and Recreation fund. Councilman Benstead seconded. Councilman Drale did not agree; with the stress on extras in every department, he felt there might be other more appropriate uses.

Roll call vote carried the motion, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Mayor Isen stated as to whether or not \$40,000 is to be appropriated for LaRomera and Los Arboles Parks - money cannot stretch everywhere it is needed. The money obtained from the Paseo de Gracia sump could be used for preliminary architectural fees, etc., in the last quarter of next year and get ready for bids in the 1963-64 budget.

Further on the subject of parks, City Manager Peebles stated there has been set aside in the present budget for Torrance ball park lights approximately \$7,000 of which \$6,600 has not been used because the Lighting Engineer has been too busy meeting County deadlines on other lighting projects. It was the recommendation of the City Manager that we carry the lighting projects over into next year and automatically encumber them. This would provide lighting which Councilman Vico complained of earlier in this meeting to the extent of about \$7,000.

Councilman Vico approved and added that Mr. Whitmer had told him of someone who would provide labor to put in the lights free of charge.

ORDINANCES:

34. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading 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.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1313 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1314

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" CREATING A TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SETTING FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1314, at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. The membership will be announced at the second reading of the ordinance next week.

36. Proposed ordinance making it unlawful to drink, sell, purchase, give away or possess intoxicating liquor on the beach, with cover letter.

Councilmen Benstead and Sciarrotta deplored the lack of further coverage of this proposed ordinance. There is more to be considered than drinking on Torrance Beach. Specifically, lewd conduct was mentioned. Mayor Isen remarked laws already exist as to the other nuisances; it is a matter of enforcement.

City Manager Peebles said the sign which has been ordered could be expanded to include other nuisances covered by State and local laws. As ordered, it includes only drinking and enforcement of the curfew law. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to redesign the sign with some strong language that violation of state, county or municipal ordinances will not be tolerated. While the police department will be enforcing the laws, the psychological effect of the sign should not be ignored. Councilman Drale added there should be several signs at intervals along the beach, not just at the entrance. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer will decide on wording to cover many types of nuisance committed on the beach.

Mayor Isen asked this ordinance be adopted as an emergency ordinance and City Attorney Remelmeyer dictated a clause showing the nature of the emergency:

"Section 4. That the City Council declares this ordinance to be an urgency measure for the reason that the conduct of persons on the beach has been such from the consumption of alcoholic liquor as to endanger the health and welfare and safety of citizens of Torrance and those living near said beach. That if this ordinance is not adopted as an urgency ordinance this situation will worsen to the detriment of the public and especially said residents. That for said reasons it is in the public interest that this ordinance be adopted as an urgency measure."

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1315

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.54 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO DRINK, SELL, PURCHASE, GIVE AWAY OR POSSESS INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON THE BEACH, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1315 as an emergency measure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1316

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.54 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO DRINK, SELL, PURCHASE, GIVE AWAY OR POSSESS INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON THE BEACH.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1316 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection from the Council, the City Manager would demand of the Police Department a report to be returned to the Council at its first meeting after the lapse of thirty days as to what has been done toward enforcement of this ordinance, including a statistical report on incidents and what has been done toward improving the situation; secondly, what action has been taken by the Police Department toward curfew law enforcement. He so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead carried, there being no objection.

Mrs. Jordan who wrote the letter reporting misconduct on Torrance Beach, asked what should be done if the citizens do not think strict enough penalties are meted out and was told that is controlled by choice of judges.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1317

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 E and 10 D OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONT YARD SET-BACKS IN ZONES C-1 and C-2; REQUIRING A TEN FOOT FRONT YARD SET-BACK FOR USES LOCATED IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2 WHICH ARE PERMITTED IN ZONES R-1, R-2, R-3, RR-3 AND R-4, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1317 as an emergency measure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a

number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1318

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 E and 10 D OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONT YARD SET-BACKS IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2; REQUIRING A TEN FOOT FRONT YARD SET-BACK FOR USES LOCATED IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2 WHICH ARE PERMITTED IN ZONES R-1, R-2, R-3, RR-3 and R-4.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1318 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

38, Repair of Caterpillar Grader.

This is a request for approval of \$1,052.45 for repair of a caterpillar grader which broke down recently. Approximately one-half of the amount will be reimbursed to the City since it is a Civil Defense item.

Councilman Drale moved to approve as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. Duane Wheeler Company invoice for election supplies.

City Manager Peebles said this has been carefully examined and worked out by the City Attorney and approval of the amount of approximately \$4,669 is requested, including additional and extra work and supplies for the municipal election April 10th.

Councilman Drale moved to approve and grant the requested approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. Recommendation of City Manager and Senior Administrative Assistant that they make basic preliminary library survey.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection. Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Peebles set some due date on this study.

PROCLAMATION:

41. Mayor Isen proclaimed JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING HAROLD FRENZ FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS PROMOTION IN THE BANK OF AMERICA.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-109. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

43. Mayor Isen called attention to the Analysis of Fringe Benefits under consideration by the City Council which was requested by Councilman Drale and the attached report on change in estimate of cost of providing uniforms to field employees.

44. City Manager Peebles said he would give the report of Supervisor Hahn on the hoodlum problem next week. The report must go to other cities and Mr. Peebles said the project of furnishing protective type helmets for police officers which was recommended would cost Torrance approximately \$2,000. This proposal will be studied in connection with other budget items.

45. Mr. Robert Katherman of 131 Via Segó, representing the Riviera Homeowners Association read a letter from his association approving the Master Plan for El Retiro Park and giving a definite location for the proposed Rotary Club Youth Building 15 feet east of the restroom facility and urging early construction. The Association pledged \$200 for further development of El Retiro Park, \$100 from this year's budget and \$100 from next. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to see that this master plan is on next week's agenda together with the letter which was presented to City Clerk Coil for filing.

Mr. Katherman supplemented the letter by stating the Association wants to develop El Retiro park by its own action as far as possible.

46. Mayor Isen asked that oral communications be kept to a minimum because the Planning Commission should have taken over the Council Chamber at 7:00.

47. Councilman Drale moved to strictly enforce the 10 p.m. curfew in Torrance city-wide, starting immediately. The motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection. City Manager Peebles said the Police Department has been so instructed.

48. Mr. Tony Capanna of 2930 Sepulveda complained that the sewer is not available for a building being constructed at 2918 Sepulveda. Building Superintendent Schlens clarified the matter. He said they want to put in a cesspool which is a temporary structure permissible when a sewer is to be available shortly which is not the case here.

Councilman Drale moved Mr. Capanna be permitted to put in the Cesspool until such time as the sewer is available, but Mr. Schlens said he could not recommend that as it would be in violation of the Code and would set a bad precedent. Mayor Isen was not in favor of passing such a motion without sufficient study. Councilman Benstead asked why a building permit had been issued if there is a violation of the Code.

Mayor Isen asked the matter be held for a week for a written report.

Councilman Vico seconded Councilman Drale's motion.

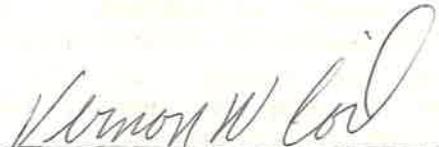
Mayor Isen moved to table the matter until next week and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead but failed, as follows:

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

Mr. Capanna agreed to give a letter to the Building Department stating he will connect to the sewer immediately one is available, and that condition was made a part of the motion of Councilman Drale. Roll call vote carried, as follows:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 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 OF
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, June 12, 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. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Officer Glen Boyce led the salute to our flag.

4. The Reverend David Beadles, Walteria Community Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regularly adjourned meeting held June 6, 1962 be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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 Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. First Budget Hearing, fiscal year 1962-63.

Informational item from City Manager Peebles regarding request from Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Commission for position.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time for the first hearing on the 1962-63 budget and it will be followed by a second hearing on June 19, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., at which time the Council is required by law to adopt a tentative budget, pending receipt of information as to the assessed valuation from the County Assessor's office in August. He asked if anyone wished to be heard.

John M. Simmons of 17408 Faysmith Avenue, on behalf of the Miscellaneous Employees of the City, asked an increase of 5% for all employees of the City.

Officer Tom Wooldridge, representing the Police Officers Association, submitted the following proposals for consideration for the Police Department:

1. Wage increase,
2. Vacation plan and holidays
3. Widows' clause
4. Clothing allowance, including foul weather gear.

Engineer Howard Snyder, representing the Fire Department, explained the widows' clause as being an option which would give an employee the right to retire at full pension and at the time of his death, allow his widow one-half of his pension for the remainder of her lifetime. He asked this clause be added to the contract any time within the fiscal year when practicable as it will take about six months to process it through the State Retirement Plan.

Mr. Jerry Satuloff of 2007 West 179th Street, requested sufficient funds for Guenser Park, which will be made available the first of the year, for \$1.00. He asked for that \$1.00 for the purchase of the land and sufficient money for its development.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection. The second hearing will be at the next meeting of the Council, June 19, 1962 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Isen mentioned the communication by City Manager Peebles respecting the letter dated May 23, 1962 from Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Commission and stated that matter would be considered with the rest of the budget next week.

Councilman Benstead asked why the Police and Fire Department are not covered by Social Security and Officer Charles Oates stated they turned it down as not being suitable for their type of employment as it is physically impossible for them to work to age 65.

Mayor Isen asked the Council next consider Item 12, the request of Chapel Theatre to remain another year on presently occupied premises and invited Betty Schroeder to speak. Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Mrs. Schroeder urged City officials to attend the performances and support this project. She also asked that reservations be made by the councilmen and their wives to attend the showing of "Tears for a Rag Doll" as guests of the theatre.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

9. Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, June 5, 1962, regarding Master Plan El Retiro Park; relocation of proposed Rotary Club Youth Building and Riviera Homeowners Association pledge of \$200 for further development of El Retiro Park.

City Manager Peebles said the Council had asked to see the Master Plan and it is now available.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the following three items listed in Mr. Johnson's letter dated June 5, 1962:

1. Approve the master plan of El Retiro Park as presented to the Park and Recreation Commission.
2. Approve relocation of the proposed Rotary Club Youth Building to a site fifteen feet east of the restroom facilities and urge that construction be allowed to start as soon as practicable.
3. The Riviera Homeowners Association pledge \$200 for further development of El Retiro Park, \$100 to be committed from this year's budget and \$100 from next year's budget.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. Vel's Ford, June 6, 1962, regarding damage to parked car by City crews who were spray-painting light posts.

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

11. Councilman Miller moved to deny and refer the claim of Raymond Arlie Brooks, 1416 Elm Street, Torrance, for damages to cover loss of work and medical expenses, as a result of door being closed on his finger in Police station. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

13. Request of Pacific Coast Little League for extension of lease on Airport property with recommendation for approval by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. Request of Los Angeles County Fair Association to hang signs announcing dates of 1962 Fair with comments of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the license for display of banners over and upon public streets within the City, including a free license, providing insurance is provided listing the City of Torrance as additional assured. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Petition regarding Tordondo Little League

16. Report regarding application by Tordondo Little League for free license to operate loudspeakers at their Little League ball park, located in Entradero Sump. The application was denied by the License Review Board.

Mayor Isen said these two items could be considered together.

Alfred Pearson of 20028 Talisman, spoke on behalf of permitting the loudspeakers to continue and stated the parties who are complaining are in the minority.

Mrs. Jeanette Coleston of 5511 Halison Street stated the petition was signed by 168 residents, protesting the loudspeakers as an invasion of privacy. They are used every afternoon from about

5 to dark and all day Saturdays and Sundays for five months out of the year. She does not feel the enjoyment of the game by the boys is utterly dependent on the blare of loudspeakers. She stated also the people in the area are not interested in having a third diamond in the Entradero sump as this would make a total of five baseball diamonds within a block. She thanked the License Review Board for investigating the noise and providing a week of quiet.

Mayor Isen suggested the possibility of a small committee composed of some of the residents and some of the Little League proponents confer and formulate some rules by which everyone could be satisfied. His sympathy is with the people who are protesting the use of the loudspeakers.

Mrs. Coleston described the traffic hazards to children in the area.

Councilman Miller asked if the residents would be opposed to a third diamond without loudspeakers and Mrs. Coleston said she could not answer for the other people although their signatures on the petition would seem to indicate they are opposed to a third diamond. She doubted the third diamond would operate without a loudspeaker or without another access road.

Councilman Vico talked in favor of cooperation to work out the problem.

Councilman Benstead said it is not necessary to have the speakers blare, citing the instance of day sleepers, either men who work nights, or sleeping babies, and thought the noise should be stopped.

Mr. Pearson spoke again - stating the setup has been changed at considerable cost and everything possible will be done to keep the noise to a tolerable level.

Mary Ann Stewart of 5418 Tower Street reported a rumor that Pony League is going in at the sump's third diamond. Mr. Pearson said there is no such intention.

Councilman Drale brought up the fact that many of the players are from Redondo Beach and Mr. Pearson explained that the boundaries of Little League franchises do not necessarily follow the municipal corporate boundaries.

Mr. Paul Williams of 20017 Mansel Avenue said of his three sons, one plays in Pony League in Redondo Beach on Inglewood Avenue, in answer to a question as to whether Torrance boys play on Redondo Beach diamonds.

Franklin Bryant of Halison Place reported in the afternoons before game time, the speakers are used to broadcast rock and roll music.

Mrs. William Carter of 5410 Tower Street who has two boys in the League and has never in six years of residence heard the speakers used for anything but broadcasting of games.

Mr. Fred Jackman of 4550 Cadison said the only music played at game time is the Star Spangled Banner and in the three years of occupancy of the sump by Little League, this is the first time there have been complaints. He mentioned a report from the Torrance Police Department about the traffic problem at the sump which Mayor Isen said has not yet reached the Council.

Mr. Robert G. Young, 5502 Tower Street, protested the loudspeakers as an invasion of privacy.

Mrs. Mary Amarylis of 5502 Halison directly across from the driveway to the sump, answered Councilman Vico's comments by saying there is no plan to remove the diamonds presently on the land, but there is an objection to concentration of Little League to a saturation point in the area. There are other children than boys aged 8 to 12 years, who need help and recreation. The residents were not consulted before Little League went into the sump.

Mrs. Coleston repeated what she had said earlier: that the third diamond is not needed, while a park would provide for all age groups of children.

Mr. Roy Close of 19215 Ronald Avenue, Chairman of the West Torrance Regional Park Committee, asked the endorsement of the Council of a plan to define area boundaries of the proposed park. Mayor Isen asked him to work with Mrs. Coleston and other people toward cooperation. He stated a recess would be declared during which the interested persons should talk together in the conference room and

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Isen asked a correction be made in the minutes of the regular meeting held June 12, 1962, to correct an erroneous interpretation of his remarks and quoted from page 5, paragraph 4, as follows: "He (referring to himself) stated a recess would be declared during which the interested persons should talk together in the conference room and bring back a recommendation later in this meeting." He stated he had not thought there be such a meeting of minds as to make possible a recommendation. Secondly, "the spokesmen of the two groups to pick other persons to join in the discussion of the matter in the conference room and that they take the problem before the Park and Recreation Commission. He stated what he had said was: "the people representing Little League pick three people and the homeowners pick three people."

to enjoy ball parks at the expense of Torrance taxpayers.

Mayor Isen asked again that the spokesmen of the two groups pick other persons to join in discussion of the matter in the conference room and that they take the problem before the Park and Recreation Commission. He stated he would not vote in favor of the loudspeakers; the permit has been rescinded, both sides must "give a little bit".

License Inspector Whitacre came forward and stated the license has not been rescinded; they never had a license.

Recess was declared at 8:55 and the Council reconvened at 9:10.

17. Award of contract - Cabrillo Avenue Street Assessment District. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated June 7, 1962, recommending award of contract to S. C. McAmis, General Engineering contractor.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract to S. C. McAmis at the lowest bid, \$16,358.19, and reject all other bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried unanimously, except for the abstention of Councilman Vico who had just returned to the room from recess toward the end of roll call.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARING CONTRACT FOR WORK OR IMPROVEMENT ORDERED BY RESOLUTION NO. 62-94 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL. (Cabrillo Avenue Assessment District No. A'11-60-2)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-115. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-115. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 29. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated June 4, 1962.

Mayor Isen determined from City Manager Peebles that this district has been approved previously. Councilman Drale wanted to know where it is located and City Engineer Nollac exhibited maps and explained the location as being on Victor Street from Onyx Street to Torrance Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 29, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH C. N. CAKE THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-116. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-116. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

19. Park and Recreation Commission recommendation that the Council accept the \$325 donation from the Dog Obedience Club of Torrance, and that the money be used to install flood lights in the new picnic area in the northeast corner of Walteria Park.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in acceptance of the \$325 for the purpose stated and that an appropriate letter of appreciation be sent to the Club. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection. Walteria Park has been used by the Club for its obedience classes.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

20. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer memo concerning traffic signal at Douglas Aircraft entrance and Western Avenue, with copy of letter from Douglas Aircraft attached.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the policy set forth in the letter from Douglas, to wit: that the City accept and maintain the signal controller, the cost of the actual signal to be borne by Douglas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Benstead questioned the propriety of this decision since the signal is not within Torrance boundaries. However, it was explained by City Manager Peebles Western Avenue from 190th to Torrance Boulevard was accepted as a Torrance responsibility about four years ago, is within the jurisdiction of Torrance and under our police powers, even though the Douglas plant itself is in the City of Los Angeles. An analogous situation is that of Harvey Machine Company at 190th and Western.

The motion carried, as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-190 WHICH ESTABLISHES YELLOW, WHITE AND GREEN ZONES IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN GREEN ZONES THERETO.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-117, the effect of which will authorize the green zone in front of Cork Liquor Store near 182nd and Crenshaw Boulevard which was approved by Council previously. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

22. Recommendations of approval and concurrence on the following items:

- A. One hour parking be installed on Cabrillo Avenue from Carson Street to 213th.
- B. Stop signs be installed on Engracia Avenue at both approaches to Border Avenue.
- C. Request for stop sign on Llewellyn Street at Engracia be denied.
- D. Stop sign be installed for east bound traffic at intersection of alley running between Cravens and Carson, and alley running between Marcelina Avenue and Gramercy Avenue.

- E. Request for opening in divider strip of Hawthorne Avenue south of Artesia Blvd. be denied and that request for opening in divider strip of Artesia Boulevard east of Hawthorne Avenue be approved, providing construction of same prohibits a left turn movement for traffic leaving the private property.
- F. Request for stop signs at Ocean and 244th Street be denied.

City Manager Peebles asked that Item A be removed from the agenda for further study. There was no objection.

With respect to the remaining items, B, C, D, E, and F, Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations of the Torrance Traffic Commission (approval of Items B and D, denial of requests listed in items C and E and partial approval and partial denial as to Item F). The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

To effectuate the recommendations, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-158 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN STREETS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-118. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. Recommendation of Park Superintendent Clemmer that the bid on installation of sprinkling systems at Edison, Flavian and Meadow Park Elementary Schools be awarded to D & M Sprinkler Company, in the amount of \$25,485.

Mayor Isen stated he had been advised by a member of the Park and Recreation Commission that Edison School will have no organized play and the sprinkling system would be of no avail. City Manager Peebles did not understand why that would be true. Councilman Benstead moved to refer the item back to the Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta asked why only one bid was received and a discussion ensued in which Councilman Vico doubted the whole system of receiving bids by the City.

Mrs. Rose Craig, a Park and Recreation Commissioner, was in the audience and, at the request of Mayor Isen, stated the sprinkler system at Edison School has not come before the Commission.

Mayor Isen moved to reject all bids and refer the matter back to Park and Recreation Commission as to the sprinkler systems for the three schools mentioned. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

City Manager Peebles said he is at a loss to know how firms can be caused to bid even though they receive the requests for bid. Even sending the requests by registered mail will not assure that a bid will be forthcoming. Mayor Isen asked the whole matter be held in abeyance for a recommendation from the Commission.

City Manager Peebles pointed out the bid received is very advantageous in that the estimate of the cost was \$35,000 while the one bid received was \$25,485.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOMMENDING THE PLAN FOR STATE SENATE REAPPORTIONMENT BASED ON POPULATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-119. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

25. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1314

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" CREATING A TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SETTING FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1314 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked for the appointments from each councilman and they were:

Councilman Drale: Flavio Bisignano, 182nd and Arlington
 Councilman Beasley: Mrs. Tony Santaella, 25934 Matfield Dr.
 Councilman Benstead: Mrs. Bertha Apsey, 5306 Halison St.
 Councilman Miller: Mr. Don Walker, 5203 Asteria Street
 Councilman Vico: Mrs. Hana Wolinsky, 179 Via 1st

Also, it should be noted the selection of Mrs. Wolinsky as a member of the TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION is the appointment of Mayor Isen, rather than Councilman Vico as stated on page 9 of the minutes of the June 12th meeting. The nomination still to be made will be that of Councilman Vico.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.54 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO DRINK, SELL, PURCHASE, GIVE AWAY OR POSSESS INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON THE BEACH.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1316 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 1318

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 E AND 10 D OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE), RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONT YARD SET-BACKS IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2; REQUIRING A TEN FOOT FRONT YARD SET-BACK FOR USES LOCATED IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2 WHICH ARE PERMITTED IN ZONES R-1, R-2, R-3, R-R-3 and R-4.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1318 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1319

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXEMPTING FINAL TRACT NO. 24568 (DON WILSON, DEVELOPER) FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 716, PROHIBITING BUILDING IN THE AREA KNOWN AS WALTERIA LAKE.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1319 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. Recommendation dated June 7, 1962 regarding requested sidewalk between Del Amo Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard on the west side of Anza for pedestrian traffic with copy of letter from Father O'Gorman, St. James Church.

City Manager Peebles said he had a map which clearly shows the area and invited a man who had asked to speak to come forward.

Mr. Stacy Rodman of 20028 Ingram Way said it is proposed that the City of Torrance provide a sidewalk along the west side of Anza between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard for the welfare of over 2300 children who traverse the street en route to schools, recreation areas and the library. He briefly reviewed the factors involved, including the statement that Anza is traveled by 3300 cars per day. The rough and irregular street is approximately twenty feet wide and the hazardous situation requires the sidewalk.

Mr. Jack Peterson of 5103 Carmen presented a petition containing 1800 signatures to the City Clerk and stated it is time the people on the west side of Hawthorne Boulevard were given some consideration. It is in order right now to make it unnecessary that the children walk this 20 foot roadbed.

Councilman Benstead agreed and moved the petition be filed for record. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. Councilman Benstead said possibly it will be as long as ten years before the necessary easements are obtained.

Mr. Joe Reny of 5027 Merrill Street asked if the recommendation of City Manager Peebles was negative or affirmative and Mr. Peebles replied it is neither, but gives alternatives and points out the

various problems, the major one of which is acquisition of rights of way. Deeds have been sent to the abutting owners, but to date not many have complied with the request to dedicate any of their property. The right of way may be obtained either by condemnation or through owner participation at the time of development.

The long detailed map of Anza was unfurled and exhibited to the council and the audience, showing the amount now dedicated and that to be acquired. The two-lane roadway runs approximately in the middle of the 50 foot dedication. No moneys have been allocated for right of way although moneys have been set aside under our gas tax project on a step basis. City Engineer Nollac said \$60,000 odd has been allocated and since the dedication has not progressed, that amount has been diverted to other projects as the State frowns on holding gas tax money unused.

Mr. Reny said the present problem of the sidewalk for the children is not one which can await the decision of property owners to invest in their land and dedicate the right of way. He believes there is from 6 to 10 feet within the present dedication which could and should be made available.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council authorize proceeding to install blacktop sidewalk on the area now acquired as right of way between Emerald and Spencer which he said was the most important area. City Manager Peebles said there would possibly be thirteen feet on each side of the existing pavement but that width contains some utility lines which would have to be located elsewhere. As the other people dedicate or grant permission to cross their property the sidewalk could be extended.

Mr. Reny proposed that so that the safety of the children might not be jeopardized, an area of 5 feet on the west side of the present 50 foot width adjacent to the west property line be used as a temporary sidewalk all theway from Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. Charles N. Cake said he has dedicated 650 feet, about \$40,000 worth of property, one-half way to Emerald on the west side of Anza. He also owns the east side, he said, but cannot speak for another developer although he believes Dan Butcher would be cooperative. He stated a permanent sidewalk could be put in except for the 50 feet which belongs to a man who will not dedicate. City Manager Peebles said with property owners' dedication, the City builds curb, gutter and puts in make-up pavement, providing the property owners agree to put in the sidewalk.

Councilman Beasley mentioned that several hundred young people walk almost a mile down Pacific Coast Highway on their way to and from South High School, and other schools have similar problems.

Mrs. Margaret Corcoran of 21933 Ocean Avenue furnished statistics of the children from various schools who will be crossing Torrance Boulevard and stated there are only two stop signs which channels the children down the street. At some times of the year there is a great deal of water standing. Councilman Drale repeated his preference that where easements are obtained a temporary sidewalk be put in.

Councilman Miller said this could not be solved this evening; the time element will depend to a great extent on the people who are to be contacted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to appropriate \$5,000 necessary and that the Council Committee on Streets work with the City Manager

to expedite obtaining the dedications from Torrance Boulevard to Del Amo Boulevard. Mr. Peebles said the money could be obtained from the unappropriated reserve for projects. It was stated the motion refers to Anza, the west side, from Torrance to Del Amo. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen then asked the interested parties to work with the Council Committee and the City Manager to expedite this. Their help will be needed and a real job would include door-to-door solicitation of dedications of right of way.

Mr. Reny and Mr. Peterson agreed to help and to get at least four other people to work with them.

A recess was declared at 10:00 and the Council reconvened at 10:15.

30. Mr. C. N. Cake said he had a matter to present to the Council and the following is a verbatim transcript of this item:

Mr. Cake: I would like to know how the Council would accept a situation which we have. Some years ago when we come to Torrance we formed a corporation which was non-profitable. Looking to the future we are now ready to donate at this time on park property in the Victor Tract, if possible, a \$50,000 building for the people over sixty years of age. This is to be used for them and them only and the park will run it. We'll build it, deed it over to the City and they take care of it. If you people think it's a good idea, we'd like to hear from you and our corporation will take other steps and notify you.

Mayor Isen: Well, I think it sounds wonderful just from the basic things - now why not present to the Park and Recreation Commission? It would have to be set on the Master Plan there for Victor -

Mr. Cake: Well, we would like naturally I kind of think this end of town is mine. I don't know whether it is or not but I don't want to donate \$50,000 in downtown Torrance in a park so we do have one particular park I think that I just about bought it from the looks of my property out here. I'd like to put this building on there and we have already built one in Santa Monica which we can take you over and show and we plan on building at least three more in the next five years.

Mayor Isen: May we have a vote of encouragement?

Councilman Miller: Mr. Cake is a benevolent soul.

Mayor Isen: The Park and Recreation Commission meets tomorrow evening. Will you chart the preliminary plans. It would have to be located on the plans and all the rest of it.

Mr. Cake: I will be up there.

Mr. Vico: You mean he's giving something to the City?

Mayor Isen: That's what he says.

Mr. Vico: See, you have been talking about everybody taking something. Here's somebody that's giving something.

Mayor Isen: You know if that works and I am sure it will, I wish some of the other subdividers would follow suit.

Councilman Vico: You want to bet?

Mr. Peebles: Your Honor, I would like to say one thing about Mr. Cake. There has been one particular thing we have been real pleased about. He has never once argued about the donation of any of the right of ways we have requested. We've gotten them right on time, every single request

Councilman Sciarrotta: He's a gentleman and a scholar.

Mayor Isen: Now, since we are speaking Park and Recreation - two things: The members of the Park and Recreation Committee of the Council are meeting with the Recreation Commission tomorrow evening, right?

Councilman Benstead: Nick Drale, Vico and myself.

Mayor Isen: Nick, you have that in mind?

Councilman Drale: What time? 7:30?

Mayor Isen: What time do you meet, Rose?

Mrs. Craig: Eight o'clock.

Mayor Isen: Eight o'clock - here in the Council Chamber, and the letters are going out tomorrow inviting the Park and Recreation to meet with us next Tuesday, you know, at 5:30, and for dinner. Mr. Drale, Mr. Benstead, and I think, Mr. Vico is chairman of the committee.

30.a. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Personnel: Capt. Tuttle and Fireman Palumbo be authorized to attend Fire Prevention Seminar July 16 - 20, 1962 at the University of California, Los Angeles, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

- Expenditures:
1. \$764.40 plus tax to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one 4' Model CT Meter for Torrance Elementary School service - Navy site, a budget item.
 2. \$334.78 including tax to National Supply Co. for 504' of 1-1/4" Standard Galvanized Pipe; 252' of 2" Standard Galvanized Pipe and 42' of 3" Standard Galvanized Pipe for Park Dept, to construct two 12' high x 80' long wings attached to ball diamond backstop at El Nido Park, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the Personnel item and both expenditures. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Peebles asked that there be added to the list which he gave for the budget: foul weather gear and special head-gear for the police officers.

32. City Manager Peebles stated the two bomb scares, the first of which occurred during working hours, cost the people of Torrance about \$400 for the time the employees were not able to carry on their work.

33. City Manager Peebles stated bids were opened for weed abatement. Eight requests for bid sent out to responsible bidders produced only two and the low bidder of those two then sent a letter requesting his bid be withdrawn. Mr. Peebles is not satisfied with the second low bidder and would like to reject all bids and re-advertise, the bids to be opened a week from this Friday, June 22nd. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in approving the request of Mr. Peebles. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection.

A discussion followed of the specifications contained in the request for bids, City Manager Peebles explaining what was done in each of the last three fiscal years and what is being specified for this year.

34. Councilman Drale said he had received a letter from Mrs. Polly Watts regarding libraries for which she should be given credit. Mayor Isen asked a reply be sent to Mrs. Watts thanking her for the time and effort expended.

35. Councilman Drale reported the trucks going in and out of Guenser Park have torn down gates and a bad condition exists. He asked an investigation be made.

36. Mayor Isen said last September when the City of San Gabriel was host to an Independent Cities of Los Angeles County Seminar, he had remarked to the Mayor and City Manager of that city, that Torrance would be an ideal place for such a seminar. At the last meeting of that group, his invitation was accepted. There will be no cost involved but he asked the Council for ratification. The assembly room of the new recreation building will be finished by then and, while the furniture will not be there, folding chairs could be brought in for sessions. A dinner meeting could be had at a local restaurant.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to formally invite the Independent Cities group to hold such a seminar in Torrance. The date is sometime in the last part of September and perhaps 150 people will attend. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection.

37. Mr. John M. Simmons, speaking for North Torrance Civic Association, protested the owners of an apartment at 16404 Crenshaw Boulevard converting it into a motel, as evidenced by a sign which states rentals are by the day, the week, or the month. Mayor Isen said this is undoubtedly coming before the Planning Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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