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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, June 19, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Roy Close led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church, and Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen reminded the Council and members of the Park and Recreation Commission of the discussion to be held as the last item on the agenda this evening and the dinner following, and introduced Commissioners McVey, Porner and Chairman Sippel who were present.

A brief explanation of the new speaker system and of council procedure was given by Mayor Isen for the benefit of the audience.

The two men who installed the speaker system were introduced, Tom Torrance of Bay Electronics, and Paul Fisher of Magnavox. Clyde Fryar also worked long hours to assist in the installation.

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."

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.

With the above corrections noted, Mayor Isen moved the minutes of the regular meeting dated June 12, 1962 be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no further objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Benstead moved 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.

HEARINGS:

8. Second Hearing of proposed 1962-63 budget.

Communications from City Manager Peebles regarding letter to City Council dated May 23, 1962 from Torrance Civil Defense and Disaster Commission regarding new personnel.

9. Communication from City Manager Peebles regarding matters considered at budget work sessions.

10. Communication from City Manager Peebles regarding widows' clause for police and fire departments.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for final hearing on the proposed 1962-63 budget, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. John M. Simmons of 17408 Faysmith Avenue, representing the Miscellaneous Employees group of 449 employees, described the various departments' employees and their duties, from the City yard through City Hall, stating each employee is doing a fine job in his particular line of endeavor and in conclusion, suggested a 5% increase for all.

Officer Glyn Boyce, speaking for the Police and Fire Departments employees, reiterated the requests made at previous budget work sessions: for salary increase, widows' clause, clothing allowance, holiday and vacation plan.

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

City Manager Peebles said the widows' clause was a request from the Fire Department originally but since then the Police Department employees have requested it also.

Councilman Sciarrotta felt the Police and Fire Departments would be receiving more than the miscellaneous employees if the fringe benefits are added for them to any increase in pay given all employees. He thought some consideration might be given to other benefits for the miscellaneous employees and Councilman Beasley suggested life insurance policies which he said could

be obtained for a relatively small premium.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt the widows' clause for Police and Fire Department employees. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Miller suggested a saving could be effected by making the widows' clause effective April 1, 1963 and Councilman Benstead and Sciarrotta agreed to include that in their motion.

Mayor Isen set forth the hazards to which police and firemen are subjected and, for equality between employees, favored inclusion of the widows' clause in April of 1963, with respect to the two departments, but stated all fringe benefits cannot be obtained in one year.

Councilman Drale favored a 6.5% increase for all employees, which he stated would include the fringe benefits for Police and Fire Department employees, which amounts to around 1.4%.

Mayor Isen asked a roll call vote on adoption of the widows' clause for Fire and Police Departments, to start April 1, 1963.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Councilman Drale asked all benefits recommended by the City Manager in Items 1, 2, 3 and 5 be accepted (uniform allowance for Police and Fire Department employees, eleven paid holidays, one-half of cost of renting uniforms for field employees, and City Manager's plan for vacations).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations listed in Items 1, 2 and 3 of City Manager's communication dated June 14, 1962 at this time and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. (These three items include the uniform allowance for Police and Fire Department employees, eleven holidays for all City employees, uniform rental plan for field employees). Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation listed in Item 5 (the City Manager's vacation plan described in his communication dated June 14, 1962). His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Mayor Isen stated Item 6 has already been passed.

Item 7 should be held until the other items are taken care of.

Items 8 and 9 (foul weather gear for Police Department and special headgear for certain Police Department personnel.)

City Manager Peebles added an item of additional six police officers, the cost of which would be offset by additional revenues. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in Mr. Peebles recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried

as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Mayor Isen remarked that these are all amendments to the City Manager's proposed budget and asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to watch the proceedings to be sure they are properly included and voted upon.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation regarding foul weather gear for police officers, to be kept in the name of the City and dispensed as needed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request for special headgear listed in Item 9 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead stated at the June 19th meeting, he made a motion that the Police and Fire would receive 2½% increase and Miscellaneous Employees 3% and could not find it in the minutes of that meeting. Referring to page 4, Item 7, Mayor Isen read the motion as recorded which Councilman Benstead stated did not set forth his intention.

After some discussion Councilman Benstead restated his motion as giving Miscellaneous Employees a 3% raise commencing July 1, 1962. The motion died for lack of a second.

In order to clarify the record, Councilman Benstead moved that all employees receive 2½% increase commencing as of July 1, 1962, and one-half of one percent increase to Miscellaneous Employees as of the last quarter of this coming fiscal year, April 1, 1963. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

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NOES: None.

The next item considered was the request of the Legal Department to delete the new Legal Stenographer position from its budget and that the currently authorized Steno-Secretary position be restored thereto. The City Manager concurred in this request. Councilman Drale moved to approve. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

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Mayor Isen asked for consideration of the recommendation of the City Manager to change the classification and salary position of the Senior Account Clerk in the City Treasurer's office to that of Deputy City Treasurer, Range No. 43, 2nd step, and that of Steno-Secretary in the City Clerk's office to Deputy City Clerk, Range 43, third step. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: None.

Mayor Isen mentioned the item regarding reclassification of the positions held by Clyde Fryar and John Atkinson, to that of supervisor. Councilman Beasley reminded the council this would eliminate overtime pay for these two men.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, but failed as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

NOES: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Vico.

As to the request for a full time Civil Defense Coordinator, Councilman Vico moved the communication be filed. Councilman Sciarrotta said perhaps the request should not be granted at this time but it is a matter of vital importance. Councilman Drale said he would like to see a Civil Defense Director hired on a part time basis, or perhaps in connection with the duties of the City Manager's staff, the functions of that office could be assigned. City Manager Peebles will give a complete report on the subject to the Council.

Councilman Drale moved City Manager Peebles be authorized to hire a Civil Defense Director on a half time basis. Councilman Beasley moved a substitute to refer the matter to the City Manager for consideration as he develops his staff. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Mayor Isen said the Civil Defense function is properly related to the Police Department and, without expenditure of any extra money, there is enough manpower and ability in the top echelons of the Police Department to take over this particular duty. Councilman Benstead recommended a study of other cities and how they are handling the problem and Councilman Drale said it is certainly of sufficient importance that authority should be granted to put someone to work.

A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Following recess, Mayor Isen observed there were two more Park and Recreation Commissioners present and introduced Mrs. Rose Craig and Lawrence Gitschier. Commissioners Dougan and Schindler were not present.

Mayor Isen announced with respect to the budget, the next thing to consider is the various appropriations for park purposes.

Councilman Miller said there seems to be approximately \$100,000 left because of the difference in the amount appropriated for salary increases and the tentatively set aside 5%. He moved to earmark that money for the purchase of Victoria Knolls park site. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Drale said and he and Councilmen Vico and Benstead attended the last Park and Recreation Commission meeting and understand the commission believes they should have some say in how the money is spent. Mayor Isen asked for any opinions of the members present.

Reverend Sippel, the Chairman, stated he has no objection. Commissioner Borner heartily agreed with Councilman Miller's motion. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: None.

Councilman Beasley said in this connection Mr. Rollins of the Highway Department will be ready to make a proposal within a very short time.

Mayor Isen called attention to the memorandum dated June 18, 1962 signed by R. E. Rankin, Chief Accountant, on the subject of Park and Recreation Capital Projects which lists job numbers, park and description and the amount appropriated of jobs now in progress. The items, he said, have been approved and need no action.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in approval of the figures set forth under Item II of that memorandum, showing estimate of money available for park and recreation projects, to be \$187,395 less amounts allocated as per paragraph 4 of City Manager's memorandum of June 14 (distribution as per page vii of proposed budget document), or a net estimated remainder of \$17,985. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Reverend Sippel said there had been no opportunity to discuss the type and extent of improvements at Civic Center, Guenser Park and Entradero Sump, set up for a total of \$169,500 but Mayor Isen explained the amounts set forth are not necessarily inflexible. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed Mayor Isen's statement; this is not an appropriation.

Roll call vote on Councilman Benstead's motion was as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

Mayor Isen said the items would be considered in detail as the last item on tonight's agenda.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt the tentative budget as modified by the Council this evening. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and City Attorney Remelmeyer remarked that a formal resolution will be before the Council at its next meeting. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: None.

Mayor Isen stated the proposed budget as now tentatively approved contemplates no tax increase. He particularly commended Administration and the department heads on the effort expended on this excellent comprehensive budget and agreed with the comments of John Simmons that we have a good group of employees who realize the council is trying to give them a good living scale while keeping

in mind the needs of the citizens at large of Torrance.

11. Budget consideration of importance in weighing fringe benefits, increase in premium of Blue Cross Insurance Plan.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to review other proposals within the next thirty days and submit a report to the Council. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there was no objection. Councilman Benstead asked what has been paid out on our account by Blue Cross and was told by City Manager Peebles it is balanced; that is the reason for the proposed increase.

12. CHANGE OF ZONE. Case No. 778 - George E. Chacksfield, 1277 Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, petitioner. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on property described as Lot 40, La Fresa Tract, except the easterly 50' of the southerly 220' of the northerly 225' of said lot, situated on the south side of 171st Street, 104' east of Ermanita Avenue, 161' west of Glenburn Avenue. Letter of transmittal from Planning Director Shartle, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 16, 1962. Recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 778; there was no response. Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and, there being no objection, Mayor Isen so ordered.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is approval of a tentative map and was assured it is only a change of zone.

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

13. VARIANCE. Case No. 770, Arnold Oppenheim, 215 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, petitioner. Formal hearing for variance and conditional use permit to construct a 20 unit apartment building in lieu of three buildings containing five units each, as previously approved, on property located on the northwesterly corner of Lot 51, Tract No. 20165, situated at Rolling Hills Road. Letter of transmittal from Planning Director Shartle, 3 sketches for Council use and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 16, 1962. Recommended for approval per Exhibit "A".

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 778; there was no response. Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of Case No. 778. Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked how many units would be placed on the lot and was told there will be twenty. However, City Manager Peebles said this will depend on the decision of the Regional Planning Commission as to whether it is a 80 or 100 foot lot. It is within the discretion of the Regional Planning Commission whether the road is a major or secondary highway.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (he wished more information).

14. VARIANCE. Case No. 777, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young, 3850 West 171st Street, petitioners. Formal hearing for a variance and conditional use permit to construct a second dwelling on the rear of an R-1 lot, situated at 3850 West 171st Street. Property described as a portion of Lot 26, La Fresa Tract, between Ainsworth and Prairie Avenues. Letter of transmittal from Planning Director Shartle together with location sketch, and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 16, 1962. Recommended for denial.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 777 and Attorney Joseph Shane, representing Mr. and Mrs. Young, stated the file indicates the case is not in proper form for presentation to the Council and asked four weeks continuance to properly prepare the petition.

There was some discussion as to jurisdiction of this case. Mr. Shane said the plot plan used is not adequate and since the proponents have not had legal advice, he thinks they should have it.

Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection the case would be continued to the Council meeting of July 24, an eight o'clock meeting for public hearing, it being noted the continuance is at the request of the petitioners.

Mr. John Mulvihill asked if a notice would be sent to all concerned and Planning Director Shartle said normally that would not be done - unless specially ordered.

Councilman Drale moved that notice be given to those property owners within 300 feet. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there was no objection.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication covering Cases No.s 778, 770 and 777 and, there being no objection, they were ordered filed.

15. WAIVERS: W-287, John A. and Robert D. Osborn, 1745 Martina Ave., requesting waiver of 5' to permit 6 unit addition to within 5' of alley.
- W-288, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Luttrell, 4916 West Narrot St., requesting waiver of fence height to add 3 feet to existing fence, total height not to exceed 8 feet for a distance of 36 feet along the exterior side yard.
- W-290, Kenneth C. Mowry, 2617 Brian Avenue, requesting waiver of 1'3" to construct a family room between existing house and garage. The garage is located 3' 9" from side property line. The family room will be constructed in excess of 5' from the side property line.
- W-291, Kenneth Ainsworth, 2038 West 185th Street, requesting waiver for use of more than one third of required rear yard (rear 20' of lot) to construct a storage building addition to existing garage.
- W-292, Dan Saban, 506 via los Miradores, requesting waiver for use of more than one-third of required rear yard to construct a family playroom.

All above requests recommended for approval. No written communications received.

Councilman Benstead moved all the above listed requests be granted as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

16. Claim of William N. Armont for injuries allegedly sustained in accident which occurred April 25, 1962 on Pacific Coast Highway near Paseo de las Delicias.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

17. Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, recommending Jay Dement request for permission to erect an oversized sign in front of his business at 22855 Arlington Avenue be approved.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Building Superintendent Schlens to approve. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

18. Recommendation of Bus Superintendent Chamberlain for repair of buses numbered 335 and 336, with approval of City Manager Peebles. (\$368.01 for No. 335 and \$460 for No. 336)

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Bus Superintendent. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked why the small amount of recovery in regard to damage to bus no. 335 on which the cost of repairs is \$368.01 and City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would investigate and make a complete report at next week's meeting.

Councilman Drale questioned the reason for the statement that Gardena Municipal Bus Lines can repair buses at less cost than can Torrance. City Manager Peebles will also report on this phase.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

19. Use of City sewers by County Sanitation Districts. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles, dated June 13, 1962. Attached copy of letter from Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts dated May 29, 1962 and copy of agreement.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to approve and grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Drale ascertained by questioning City Manager Peebles that the County will assume responsibility in case of overloading the sewers. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. Improvement of Palos Verdes Boulevard from Pacific Coast Highway to Catalina Avenue, Project No. 84. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated June 14, 1962 with attached location sketch for Council use.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer that S. C. McAmis be authorized to perform extra work totalling \$5,260. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Benstead asked if this is going to be another monstrosity like on Torrance Boulevard and City Manager Peebles said it would not be. Councilman Benstead also asked the reason for this revision and why it was not discovered before the bid was submitted. City Manager Peebles explained the error was found in the original calculations which threw the street off by six feet. A resurvey and this improvement make the street better than first planned. Councilman Benstead asked who Mr. Peebles was covering up for; he contends such mistake should not occur; that every phase should be checked and rechecked. Councilman Drale said he is well acquainted with the particular location and the revision was something discovered after excavation and does result in betterment of the whole area.

Councilman Vico asked to be heard. He asked if there would be any landscaping along those homes where the road is cut deep. City Manager Peebles said there will be landscaping all along there.

Roll call vote carried the motion as follows:

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

NOES: None.

21. Abandonment and Replacement of Victor Park Water Lines. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles, dated June 14, 1962. Attached: copy of letter from Dominguez Water Corporation dated June 12, 1962 with map for Council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that the Dominguez Water Corporation's proposal be accepted and the deposit of \$6,000 placed with the water company upon receipt of a written guarantee from Dominguez to reimburse the City in the future from revenues derived from use of the new water main. City Manager Peebles said the work will start as soon as Little League moves out.

The motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

22. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, regarding relocation of traffic signal at the southwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Artesia Boulevard.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to relocate the traffic signal at a cost of between \$600 and \$700. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

23. Regarding examining services for fiscal year 1962-63.

The recommendation is to use Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc. on a contract basis but that the California State Cooperative Personnel Service be retained to perform examining services in the Police and Fire promotional series.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Benstead asked why the two different firms are used and Councilman Sciarrotta explained the superiority of the State service with respect to Police and Fire.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute to contract with Los Angeles County for the examinations.

It being noted that City Manager Peebles had made no recommendation on this communication, Councilman Drale withdrew his motion and the matter is to be held two weeks for a recommendation from City Manager Peebles who will also investigate the services of the County.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

24. Letter from Park and Recreation Commission dated June 14, 1962 recommending approval area boundary plan for Entradero Park Site.

City Manager Peebles said this area boundary plan showing a site for the Little League diamond has never been considered by the Staff nor reviewed by Engineering. Councilman Drale moved to refer the recommendation to Staff and City Manager for study and a complete report. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and, there being no objection, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

25. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem regarding award of contract for softball backstop and wings for McMaster Park - Project 62002.

The recommendation is to award the contract to Guardian Fence Company for the low bid of \$2,781.00. Councilman Miller moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

26. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem regarding award of contract for Walteria Park Playground Equipment Project 6164.

Councilman Benstead moved to reject all bids and re-advertise. Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Miller reported that he had called six of the nine firms who did not respond to bids for the three sprinkler systems considered at last week's meeting and had determined those firms were just too busy. The only complaint from any of them was the time of closing the time for bidding which makes it difficult to present a cashier's check as required. This complaint could be avoided by holding the bidding open until later in the day. City Manager Peebles said it could be arranged to open the bids at 2 p.m.

There being no objection, it was ordered that all bids on this item be rejected and that the City re-advertise. As a matter of policy, City Manager Peebles will change the bid opening time to 2:00 p.m., on a trial basis.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT OFFER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$18,150, TO BE USED UNDER PROJECT NO. 9-04-123-D202 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EXTERIOR FENCING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY COVERING SAID PROJECT.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-120. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Glen Phares, Managing Editor of the Torrance Press, was present and Mayor Isen introduced and welcomed him to the meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

28. Letter from City Manager Peebles dated June 13, 1962 regarding improvement of parking lot at Torrance Beach.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to write an appropriate letter to the County asking for considerably more than the \$9,000 budgeted for improvement of the parking lot at Torrance Beach during the coming fiscal year. Specifically, he moved the most forceful letter be written to Supervisor Burton Chace, with similar letters to the other supervisors asking for an adequate amount. City Manager Peebles said he would do so.

29. Letter from City Manager Peebles dated June 15, 1962 regarding purchase of electric typewriters.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to place the order for electric typewriters in the present budget prior to July 1, 1962, to take advantage of the present price. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The purchase will be through bidding, but if an order is tentatively placed prior to the increase in price, the order will be filled at the lower price. Involved are Royal, Remington and IBM.

Roll call vote was favorable as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

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

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1319 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Peebles said he had received a request from the Airport District Explorers Cabinet Committee to use the Council Chambers June 21 from 7 to 10 p.m., and recommended granting the request. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

32. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the paragraph in one of the newspapers dealing with the tailoring of a meeting to the length of tape left on the tape recorder and suggested the councilmen remember what is said facetiously is often not so reported.

33. Councilman Vico said from now on when he starts to talk, he plans to be heard through.

34. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles and Traffic Engineer Whitmer to consider a signal at the corner of Carson and Maple to alleviate the difficult left turn.

35. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem said he has received a letter from Robert D. McDonald, attorney for the Joslin Foundation, asking for a site for the Senior Citizens' Building.

At this point the members of the Park and Recreation Commission were invited to advance to the front seat of the Council Chamber and Mayor Isen announced the joint meeting of the Council and that Commission would proceed.

Reverend Sippel said the Park and Recreation Commission had Mr. C. N. Cake at their last meeting and were thrilled by his very gracious offer, but concur in the thinking of Councilman Drale that, if possible, the building should be placed on Civic Center in connection with the master plan and so recommend.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, who remarked that it would be preferable to have the building on Civic Center, but in no event should the offer be rejected because of disagreement as to location.

Councilman Vico asked if this is to be a "move-in" and Reverend Sippel explained in detail the offer of the Foundation. Councilman Beasley said he believes the plans should be made available for study.

Councilman Sciarrotta lauded the Foundation for its unselfish offer, with no strings attached and Mayor Isen favored encouragement of such generosity.

Councilman Vico thought there might be some ulterior motive.

Mr. Roy Close of 19218 Ronald Avenue, Chairman of the West Torrance Regional Park Committee, said in view of the clarification of the minutes of the last Council meeting, he would resign the position of mediator. Mayor Isen said he was never appointed as mediator and Mr. Close said he wants it known the Park Committee is neutral and thanked the Council for putting this on the budget.

Mrs. Mary Walker of 5203 Asteria Avenue said she had viewed the Senior Citizens' Building in Santa Monica constructed by the same firm which is offering one to Torrance and although it is a beautiful building, she did not think it appeared to be of \$50,000 value.

Mayor Isen reiterated the motion on this item: That the Park and Recreation Commission's recommendation to accept the building to be placed on Civic Center in accordance with the Master Plan and that the City reserve the right to pass on the architecture and plans for the building, be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Vico said the Master Plan should be strictly followed. He fears it may not be and does not wish to be obligated to anyone making such an offer. Councilman Sciarrotta repeated his belief in the sincerity of the offer to the City of Torrance - not to the councilmen. Councilman Miller said the wording of the motion itself is protection against any violation of the Master Plan.

The motion carried on roll call vote, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen said gifts from public spirited citizens who wish to make donations of any sort will be gratefully accepted by a majority of the Council and there is no doubt as to the Council's integrity in accepting such gifts made to the people of Torrance. He also invited industry to consider such donations. Councilman Benstead remarked that in many eastern cities industry has built all the recreational facilities, with no strings attached. Any gift from a private source is a saving of that much toward faster development of the Civic Center.

Reverend Sippel called attention to five different areas on which agreement is sought and summarized the items as follows:

On occasion certain groups have bypassed the Commission, hoping for quicker action. He asked if this is going to be a policy or if those individuals cannot be told they should first take their problems to the Park and Recreation Commission. He cited the case of the Little League being given permission to remain on Victor Park another year. He also spoke of the sprinkler system and said the commission had not known money was available for the purpose so they had no opportunity to make a recommendation regarding the three school sites. However, he has now learned that the schools will be turfing five playgrounds and with the three the City is taking care of, all will be ready for use by the Recreation Department. Councilman Benstead reminded him the appropriation is for sprinkler systems only, not turfing. City Manager Peebles said a telephone poll of the Commission members was made with 100% "go-ahead" from those who could be contacted, and outlined what was done.

Mayor Isen summarized as to number 1, including number 2, that mistakes have been made, but the general policy has been and will continue to be that anything the Council feels is within the

jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission will be referred to that body. In answer to the question of whether the Commission should take action only on matters referred by the Council, Mayor Isen said the Commission should take action on matters referred by the Council and the Commission has implied power to institute original matters on its own motion and refer them to the Council with the recommendation of the Commission.

Reverend Sippel asked if the Commission would be the one to recommend how to spend money that comes to the Park and Recreation fund for improvement of park property or will it be decided in connection with budget study. His present understanding is that the amounts set out for the improvements of specified parks do not necessarily have to be followed strictly. Mayor Isen confirmed his understanding and suggested the Commission make recommendations prior to budget sessions.

Reverend Sippel said in the past the money that comes from subdividers has been accumulated until it reaches an amount needed for purchase of a parcel of land. The Council's action in setting aside \$100,000 has removed any concern he felt in this respect.

Mayor Isen asked what arrangements are desired for a tour of Torrance Parks and recommended all councilmen take the tour which will probably be set for some Saturday morning.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought Reverend Sippel's points were well taken and concurred in his views.

Councilman Beasley said some of the projects have been turned over to one or more of the City departments and asked if they are followed through only as the department gets to them and then left partially completed. He asked for more expeditious handling by the individual departments so that projects could be accomplished within the budget year they are set aside. Commissioner Borner agreed with Councilman Beasley calling attention to some specific project numbers.

Mayor Isen said that is a function of Recreation administration, not the Commission, nor the Council

Mayor Isen asked discussion of the auditorium on Civic Center and bond issue, if any.

Commissioner Borner said at the budget session of the Park and Recreation Commission it was brought out the City is getting very short of park lands. He felt the reason the bond issues have failed is that the "haves" outvoted the "have-nots" and wondered how \$7,000,000 will be found to develop the Civic Center. Mayor Isen said the \$7,000,000 figure is an exaggeration.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to investigate and report on any other means which could be used, rather than a bond issue. City Manager Peebles said it would be advisable to make a financial feasibility study.

Commissioner Borner said if there is a means found to make money available there are some suggestions which could be made as to type and suitability of an auditorium.

Mrs. McVey, one of the Park and Recreation Commissioners, remarked on the number of individuals as well as community groups and organizations who have inquired what they can do to help accomplish the wishes of the Commission. She advocated doing

everything possible to take advantage of such offers, some of which are excellent. The interest in an auditorium is very great amount Torrance people.

Mayor Isen again spoke for fostering and encouraging this type of interest.

Commissioner McVey asked if someone from the City Manager's office could regularly attend the Park and Recreation Commission meetings. This would avoid much wasted time where the commissioners cannot tell if some presented plan is, or is not feasible. She invited members of the Council to attend also.

Councilman Beasley said during the past year there has been more interest in, and problems involving parks and recreation than any other one subject.

Commissioner Rose Craig favored closer coordination with the School Board and in case of a vacancy on the Commission, stated a member of the school system would be a welcome addition.

Commissioner Gitschier asked if it would be possible to have a joint meeting with the Airport Commission to discuss possible use of some of the Airport land and Mayor Isen asked that the Commission issue the invitation to Joe Doss, the President of the Airport Commission. Mr. Gitschier also wondered if part of the Bishop Montgomery sump could be used for recreation. Mayor Isen said it could not; the title is only for sump purposes. City Manager Peebles said he would make another attempt to obtain title through the Kauffman Estate.

Councilman Drale suggested the placing of statues of city founders or pioneers such as Mr. Torrance or Mr. Carson in little neighborhood parks as an incentive to pride in Torrance tradition. He thought there would be citizens who would be glad to contribute such landmarks. Mayor Isen said an investigation is under way at this time in connection with the dedication of the Isabel Henderson Library and the possibility of a statue of Jared Sidney Torrance. The Torrance Beautiful Commission which will be in existence as soon as the ordinance creating it becomes effective, should work very closely with the Park and Recreation Commission toward this end.

Mayor Isen thanked the members of the Commission who were present and, on motion of Councilman Vico, the meeting adjourned to dinner, 8:07 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary