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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 26, 1962 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance.

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, Randy Tyler of Boy Scout Troop No. 728 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 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.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the minutes of June 19th meeting, as above corrected, the minutes of the special meetings held June 23 and 25 respectively, be approved as written. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: None.

## 7. MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley 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 Dralé and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen introduced a distinguished visitor who has been in Torrance for two days, Mr. Michael J. Shmuely, the City Engineer of Herzlia, Israel. His visit is in connection with the American Municipal Association's city-to-city program. He described the city government of Herzlia as being by seventeen councilmen and a mayor who is also a full time city manager. Herzlia is a city of about 30,000 population and embraces a territory about half that of Torrance. With the exception of the water problem in Israel, Mr. Shmuely said his city's problems are about the same as those in the states. From here he will go to San Francisco and then home to Israel. From Boston, through Miami and west, he has had very good reception everywhere and has obtained all the information he needs from which to make a comprehensive report to his city.

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8. Mayor Isen stated the appreciation of the Council of the work done by previous councilmen and, on behalf of the Council, presented a perma plaque resolution and an Omega watch to former councilman, Willys G. Blount, with appropriate remarks. In reply, Mr. Blount congratulated the councilmen elected this year and wished the whole council luck.

9. Several months ago there was an accident which avoided tragedy by the quick thinking of the leader and members of Boy Scout Troop No. 728. In recognition, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 62-102 in perma plaque form and, at the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman Sciarrotta read it in full and presented it to a representative of the troop, which copies to be distributed to those who participated in the rescue.

Mayor Isen commented on a large white sign with red lettering which was exhibited to the audience. It is the sign ordered by the Council to control drinking and unseemly conduct on the Torrance Beach. City Manager Peebles said it is planned to install one at the entrance of other public properties, such as city parks. Mayor Isen voiced the approval of the Council.

For the benefit of the audience, Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure and proceeded to the items listed on the agenda,

## PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Tentative Tract Map No. 27357 - Subdivider, Don Wilson. Letter of transmittal recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map 27357 consisting of 22 lots located on the south side of 190th Street, west of Entradero, with certain stipulations. Attached were letter from City Engineer Nollac dated May 31, 1962, location sketch, Los Angeles County Flood Control Report dated June 1, 1962 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of June 6, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale asked if this would conform to the recommendation of Redondo Beach as to Beryl Street and 190th Street intersection and City Engineer Nollac said the requirement of a right angle intersection has been satisfied.

In answer to Mayor Isen's question, City Attorney Remelmeyer said approval of this tentative tract would be in violation of the policy set by the Council not to approve a tentative tract map before the change of zone. However, Councilman Miller pointed out this being C-2, Don Wilson could build and City Manager Peebles said this is not in opposition to the policy established as this is a case where the zone change does not affect the property under its present zoning.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Wilson what he intends to build and was told garden type apartments.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. Case No. 788 - Change of Zone - Robert Grimes, petitioner (D. M. Sandor property) Planning Director Shartle, requesting refund of \$50 filing fee paid on property described as Lot 6 and the south half of Lot 7, Meadow Park Tract, on the east side of Samuel Street.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to refund \$50 to Robert Grimes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

12. Case No. 636, Variance, R. A. Watt, Petitioner. Planning Director Shartle, submitting recommendation of approval for a 60 day extension on Case No. 636, petition of R. A. Watt for variance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale inquired as to the location and Director of Planning Shartle explained it is a project which was not completed within the time allotted because of sewer problems. The location is north of Artesia Boulevard, next to Moores, Councilman Vico said.

There being no objection, the motion carried and the extension is granted.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Mounted Police Association requesting waiving of fee in connection with Rancho Days and recommendation of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to waive the fee, providing the carnival people pay for the inspector's time involving checking the entire installation to the satisfaction of the Building Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Benstead said in that the organization profits from the venture he saw no reason to waive the fee, but City Manager Peebles said it has been the policy to do so. The motion carried as follows:

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

14. Torrance Library Commission requesting report of City Manager with respect to an independent library system for the City of Torrance be completed by September 4, 1962.

In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles said every effort would be made to have a report to the Council prior to the time stated, September 4, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter to the City Manager and the motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

15. Torrance Library Commission recommending that a city Councilman be appointed to the Torrance South Bay Advisory Library Council.

City Manager Peebles said Mr. Kurtz' name has been added to the Library Advisory Council and Mayor Isen stated a member of the Library Commission could attend. The City Manager was instructed to reply to Mr. Kurtz' letter stating no councilman is available to attend the Torrance South Bay Advisory Library Council.

16. )  
    ) Mayor Isen said there had been a request to withdraw  
17. ) these two items from the agenda; there was no objection.

18. Request of Marina Amateur Radio Club for use of City Hall facilities with comments of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Miller asked why the City Manager's recommendation was against approval. Mr. Peebles explained that facilities should be preserved for Torrance residents and Councilman Drale suggested this is a proper use of Torrance Unified School facilities rather than those of the City. The motion to concur in the City Manager's recommendation was made by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and, there being no objection, carried.

19. Letter from Jefferson, Inc. regarding Rolling Hills Plaza leases.

Councilman Miller moved this item be referred to the Airport Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and City Attorney Remelmeyer asked it also be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council for a joint meeting. City Manager Peebles said a meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday on another matter and this might be incorporated. President Doss of the Airport Commission will attempt to have all Airport commissioners present and Mayor Isen asked that about three members of the Planning Commission attend also.

Mayor Isen described the new motion picture theatre which will be constructed and agreed with Jefferson Inc. that it will be a definite asset to the community. He stated referral would be to the Airport Commission, the Council Committee on Airport matters and the Planning Commission and that they arrange a convenient time for discussion.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

20. Award of contract on improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from 3260 feet southerly of Lomita Boulevard to 1880 feet northerly of Pacific Coast Highway. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated June 21, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract to the low bidder, S. C. McAmis in the amount of \$22,199. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

21. Notice of completion - improvement of Pacific Coast Highway from 828 feet westerly of Denny Road to 1342 feet easterly of Denny Road. Letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation (a) that Council approve and authorize additional work; and (b) that Council accept work on subject improvement.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager to authorize additional work under contract with S. C. McAmis dated February 26, 1962, the total amount of \$2,702.27 being 4.6% of the original contract; and to accept the work on the subject improvement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR:

22. Recommendation of Recreation Director Van Bellehem to accept donation of tank from Jones Chemicals, Inc., with approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead asked where the tank would be located. City Manager Peebles stated it is a ceramics tank to be used for the storage of chlorine at the Benstead Plunge. It was donated by Jones Chemicals, Inc., hauled and installed by them free of charge. The sequence of events on this project progressed so rapidly that while the paper work was being accomplished, the installation was made. While the tank is not now in use, it is ready for use.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

The following three items were considered together:

23. Notice of Completion of traffic signal installation at Carson Street and El Prado. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer that work be accepted. Contractor: C. T. and F., Inc.

24. Notice of completion of traffic signal at Torrance Boulevard and Hickory and Maple Avenues. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer that work of Steiny & Mitchel, Inc., be accepted.

25. Notice of completion of grade crossing protection at Sepulveda Boulevard near Walnut and track of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, crossing No. CH-22.8. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer that work be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations as to Items 23, 24 and 25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:**

26. Recommendations as follows:

- A. That one-hour parking be installed on the east side of Yukon Avenue from 182nd Street to 185th Street, with resolution.
- B. That STOP signs be installed on 187th Street at both approaches to Felbar, with resolution.
- C. That the existing STOP signs on 182nd Street at Doty Avenue be removed, with resolution.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in approval of the three recommendations of the Traffic Commission as listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Drale questioned the advisability of removal of the STOP signs at 182nd and Doty. Mayor Isen recommended the STOP signs be removed but that a very close watch be kept and a report made at the end of 45 days. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the fact that school is out and the children will not be involved but Traffic Engineer Whitmer said there is a summer session in progress which will have the same effect. The motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-214 WHICH ESTABLISHES ONE-HOUR PARKING IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-122. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-123

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 LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-123. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF STOP SIGNS ON 182nd STREET AT DOTY AVENUE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-124. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

27. Mayor Isen announced this is a routine matter to merge the Water Department to the City Retirement Plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-125

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR MERGER OF CONTRACTS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT #3, SUCCESSOR TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, WITH THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-125. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-126

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT #3, SUCCESSOR TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR MERGER OF CONTRACTS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT #3, SUCCESSOR TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITH THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-126. 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 read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES TO PROVIDE GENERAL AREA NIGHT LIGHTING AT PARADISE PARK.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-127. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES TO PROVIDE BALL DIAMOND LIGHTING AT EL NIDO PARK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-128. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-63; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR ITEMS SPECIFIED THEREIN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-129. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-129. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, Mayor Isen.  
NOES: None.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated he had been asked by a group of Fire Department employees regarding the inequity which would result because of the difference in figuring fire department time by shifts rather than regular 8-hour days. Although ultimately, the vacation time would equalize between fire and miscellaneous employees, at 20 years, there are periods in the interim where there would be a discrepancy.

City Manager Peebles stated Senior Administrative Assistant Johnson had made an extensive study and at his request, Mr. Johnson explained the reason for the slight difference which he states favors the firemen in the long run. Councilman Sciarrotta said the explanation is satisfactory to him.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3913) BY REPEALING SECTIONS 2, 3 and 7 OF RULE XIII RELATING TO HOLIDAYS, SICK LEAVE AND VACATIONS, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-130. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-130. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY PROSECUTOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-1963.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-131. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-131. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-1963.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-132. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-132. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

## ORDINANCES:

33. City Manager Peebles pointed out the ordinance sets forth the three steps and it is not possible to make the amounts vary by exact dollar amounts, the figures are accurate to the nearest dollar.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1320

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND MAKING A CHANGE IN THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Miller moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1320. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1320 as an emergency measure at its first and only reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1321

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND MAKING A CHANGE IN THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1321. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1321 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

35. City Manager Peebles asked that Item 35 be removed from the agenda and the communication sent back to the person who wrote it. The request contained was for fencing for the YWCA.

## 36. Miscellaneous recommendations:

## A. Acceptance of bids and award of contracts:

1. That the bid for 7½ hp Unit Type Air Compressor for the Water Department in the amount of \$812 be accepted as submitted by Howard Supply Co.
2. That the bid of Howard Supply Company in the amount of \$1,305 for dry pressure honing cabinet for the Water Department be accepted.
3. That the bid of Central Telemetering Control Company in the amount of \$3,720 for the Pressure Control System for the Ellinwood area for the Water Department be accepted.
4. That the contract for legal advertising between the City of Torrance and the Torrance Herald be renewed for a one-year period beginning July 1, 1962.

## B. Expenditures:

1. To Mack Trucks, Inc., for emergency repair of Fire Engine #3, the sum of \$405.33, including tax.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contracts listed under subitems 1, 2, 3 and 4 as set forth respectively, and to approve Item 1 of Expenditures. 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: COUNCILMEN: None.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. City Manager Peebles asked that the Councilmen indicate if they wish to attend the dinner for the League of California Cities Day hosted by Inglewood, at the Hollywood Turf Club, July 19, 1962, a Thursday evening. He will make reservations for all councilmen.

38. City Manager Peebles stated with respect to electric typewriters, all three companies (Royal, Remington and IBM) grant to the City the same price consideration as given the Federal Government under the General Services Administration contract and there would be no difference if the City asked for bids, regardless of quantity.

Councilman Drale said in that case the department heads should make the selection for their respective departments, the purchase having already been approved. There was no objection.

39. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported he has filed the condemnation suit against Moneta Water Company and has had a phone call from the attorney for Moneta and lunch with the attorney for Dominguez today. It seems Dominguez is not going to follow through on its plan to purchase the stock of Moneta.

Moneta has again made the offer to the City to sell the stock. Mr. Remelmeyer suggested each of the councilmen now consider the question of whether the City should buy the stock or the system and make a recommendation, perhaps at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Isen said through condemnation there will be established a solid title while there is an element of speculation in acquiring the stock.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said his report contains an analysis, not a recommendation. Mayor Isen said if, during the next two weeks any councilman indicates he wants to make a motion to make any change and there is a second to the motion, the matter will be back before the Council. As of now a motion has been passed, a resolution adopted, and a condemnation suit filed. That will be the status quo until such time as a motion and second are made to change it.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked if the Water Commission should make a recommendation and was told it is not necessary.

40. City Engineer Nollac thanked the Council and City Manager for the opportunity to show City Engineer Shmuelly of Herzlia, Israel, around the City. Further inquiring into city government in Mr. Shmuelly's home town, Councilman Drale asked if they have a retirement system or pension fund and Mr. Shmuelly described a system by which a person gets about 65% of his last salary on retirement after 25 years with the city. The City matches a deduction made each month from the employee's salary. The Council of seventeen men is composed of such widely divergent nationalities that more than five languages are spoken. A plan of his city will be shown by Mr. Shmuelly in the conference room at the time of adjournment of this meeting.

41. City Manager Peebles informed the Council the City is, within its population bracket, leading the nation in lack of traffic accidents.

42. Mayor Isen asked if it would be possible for the Traffic Division to make a survey and as potentially dangerous spots are discovered, take means to avert trouble. Traffic Engineer Whitmer answered that is being done continually but the important thing is to keep up with the spots where accidents have occurred.

43. Councilman Drale said he would like to have a report from City Engineer Nollac on Sartori between Torrance Boulevard and Dominguez, the section where the railroad track goes down the middle of the street.

44. Councilman Drale also asked that Traffic Engineer Whitmer check with the County about installing a signal by joint participation at Ainsworth Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

45. Councilman Sciarrotta reported the people who live in Torrance Heights, south of Sepulveda and East of Hawthorne Boulevard are in a dilemma with respect to a place for their children to play. There is not even a school ground. He asked if any headway is being made toward reserving any land for the future so that he may tell the people in that neighborhood.

City Manager Peebles said, based on the moratorium the Council requested, the Planning Director and City Manager's office are about to come before the Council with a report on the M-zoned properties which were a problem sometime ago and to make certain

recommendations, including the study of a possible park site in the area. Mayor Isen reminded Councilman Sciarrotta that lands cannot be "reserved" without being tied up legally.

46. Councilman Vico appointed the seventh member of the TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION, Charlene Sciarrotta (Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta) 3423 227th Street.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance