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Torrance, California
July 17, 1962

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, July 17, 1962, at 5:30 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 was City Manager Peebles. City Attorney Remelmeyer was absent on military leave.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jack Dabbs led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 10, 1962, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: None.

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 stated there would be an award presented to the Council and on behalf of the Traffic Safety Council, Mrs. Leonard H. Radford presented a plaque from the American Automobile Association honoring Torrance's safety record compared with other cities of comparable population. In responding, Mayor Isen expressed great regret that our record has been marred by the death of a small child and urged parents to keep their children out of the streets.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Cotton and Francisco regarding audit of city books for fiscal year 1962-63, with approval of J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance and Wade E. Peebles, City Manager.

The recommendation is that the services of Cotton and Francisco be employed for audit of the City's books for the fiscal year 1962-63. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control request for use of Council Chambers for all protest hearings, subject to confirmation of availability with the City Manager's office.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Drale cautioned against exceeding the capacity of the room.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

10. Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, submitting request from C. N. Cake to erect oversized sign at 4801-17 Torrance Boulevard, with recommendation.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

11. Budget for expenditure of funds allocated from State Highway Fund to cities - Fiscal year 1962-63. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending adoption of resolution approving budget for expenditure of funds allocated from State Highway Fund to cities.

A list of projects was presented to the Councilmen just prior to the meeting and Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the list be followed and that money earmarked be spent in accordance therewith. City Manager Peebles stated any slight deviations which might be proposed to be made would come before the Council first for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, with no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-141

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING A BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF
FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO CITIES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-141. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Release of subdivision bond - Tract No. 24303 (Subdivider, Meine Construction Co.) Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending release of Bond No. S-20806 for \$15,640, with attached memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer, and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. Intention to vacate portions of 182nd Street, westerly of Hawthorne Avenue. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting resolution and location sketch.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac concurred in by the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE PORTIONS OF 182nd STREET LYING WESTERLY OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-142. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

14. J. O. Whitmer, Traffic and lighting Engineer, submitting recommendation regarding grade crossing protection at Carson and Madrid and the track of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, Crossing No. 2H-21.6)

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation that the work be accepted by the City Council so the City may pay its share of the cost. A claim will be filed with the Public Utilities Commission for reimbursement of one-half our share of the cost, in accordance with the agreement between the City and Santa Fe Railway dated November 1, 1961. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller inquired of Traffic Engineer Whitmer as to fatalities at this uneven corner of Carson, Plaza del Amo and Madrid. Mr. Whitmer said while the accident rate has been low, confusion runs high but the project of rearranging the intersection has been set back on the priority list.

Mayor Isen said he has received several complaints of motorists speeding through Carson at the new cut-through near the high school. Mr. Whitmer said it is properly marked, but Mayor Isen asked that more marking be done and the Police Department alerted.

Speaking of the corner of Carson and Madrid, Traffic Engineer Whitmer explained why a signal would be very complicated, involving the railroad and the PUC. It is proposed to re-align Plaza del

Amo so that it will come in at a right angle and obviate the necessity of railroad involvement.

Councilman Benstead mentioned trucks cutting off of Carson onto Beech as a means of shortcutting to Crenshaw. City Manager Peebles said he has asked the Police Department to watch this as trucks have no right to travel on Beech.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

15. Cover letter from Fred R. Stevens, Chairman, Civil Service Board submitting class specifications, with approval of City Manager Peebles.

There are six classifications: Communications Operator, Deputy City Treasurer, Deputy City Clerk, Planning Aide, Light Equipment Mechanic, Senior Tabulating Equipment Operator.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and the City Manager to approve the six classifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection. Councilman Sciarrotta, however, noted there should be consistency in such things, mentioning the organizational change which was rejected at budget time. City Manager Peebles said he would bring a report to the Council on the matter of salary inequities.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. Jack R. Egan, submitting recommendation of approval of Aero Advertising Company's request to erect temporary fence on their leasehold.

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

17. Jack R. Egan, submitting recommendation that City Manager and City Attorney negotiate with Vegas Airways for purchase of lease.

There were questions from the councilmen as to the amount to be realized from the lease if it ran for a full fifty year term and how the figure mentioned was computed. Councilman Benstead moved to refer the matter to the City Manager for negotiation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Councilman Miller asked why the opinion of Airport Manager Egan was that the lease is uncertain and ambiguous and City Manager Peebles explained that some years ago the leases were uncertain, but they are being changed as they come up for renewal and the more recent ones prepared by City Attorney Remelmeyer are excellent.

City Manager Peebles will make a report to the Council.

18. Jack R. Egan, submitting recommendation on the employing of Airport Bond Consultants, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles. Attached: Leigh Fisher Associates, Inc. proposal for advisory services with cover letter.

Councilman Drale had understood the duties here outlined were those of J. B. Hanauer & Company and doubted the necessity of hiring another organization to do additional work. City Manager Peebles said he had been told by Hanauer the work now being considered is

beyond the scope of their responsibility. There is also additional requirement that the consultants be acceptable to the bonding company. Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Drale. Councilman Benstead thought the fees mentioned were exorbitant.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to hold this item until the return of City Attorney Remelmeyer so he and City Manager Peebles can study and make a recommendation. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there was no objection.

19. Jefferson, Inc. proposal to construct apartment and theater on their lease, being held for further study.

This item being informational only, was ordered filed.

20. Election of Robert C. Herrick as President of the Airport Commission.

This item being informational only, was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

21. Memorandum regarding Griggs vs. County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 82 S. Ct. 531, with reference to Jefferson's request for amendments to its lease.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, this memorandum would also be filed; there were no objections.

22. Opinion regarding award of contract for concrete mix.

In compliance with City Attorney Remelmeyer's opinion, Councilman Benstead moved to rescind the award of contract to Chandler Sand & Gravel for Class A concrete mix and Class B-4 concrete. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the award of contract be to the lowest bidder, Green. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. Letter to City clerk regarding Collins-Dietrich exercise of option, advising no Council action required.

This item, being informational, was ordered filed by Mayor Isen.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-63.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-143. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

25. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$1,104.11 to Don A. Wren and Company for 100 bales of Palmyra fiber for Street Department, a budget item.
2. \$457.03 to Mobile Radio, Inc., for 11 No. 430-1 radio units to be installed in new Police cars when same are received, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the expenditures above listed. Councilman Benstead asked if, on Item 1, 100 bales of Palmyra fiber, there are other companies who could supply. City Manager Peebles explained their price is the lowest and by accepting it, the cost of advertising as well as freight delivery charges, will be saved.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

26. Discussion of mutual problems with Airport Commission.

This item was considered after recess.

27. A request was received from Union Oil Company of California dated July 11, 1962, to waive the bond requirements as set forth in Section 25.155 of Ordinance No. 1074 for Torrance Tank Farm Reservoir No. 20 near Lomita Boulevard and 247th Street.

Councilman Benstead and Beasley felt although they are a highly reputable and responsible company, there is no reason for their not supplying a faithful performance bond. City Manager Peebles agreed to contact Union Oil Company and explain the ordinance must be complied with, on motion by Councilman Vico, seconded by Mayor Isen.

28. Also considered was a policy change regarding the hours of work and coffee break time of police field personnel, to become effective August 1, 1962. They are to go on an eight hour and forty-five minute day with the 45 minutes being their lunch period. Also at no time will field personnel sign off the air to take coffee break. It was agreed this makes for more efficient operation and creates an overlap so that the officers may be oriented at the end of a shift. There being no objection, the above policy is considered to be effective as of August 1, 1962, and will be strictly followed.

29. Councilman Beasley in the interests of cultural development of Torrance suggested some drama program for the community to be a program for the new Recreation Building. Perhaps in time, he said we could have a Torrance counterpart of Pasadena Playhouse and hoped the people who are interested would work toward that end. Mayor Isen remarked there will be many demands on the facilities of the Recreation Building.

30. Councilman Drale said sometime ago the Council asked for a study of uniform naming of the streets which comprise Van Ness, Arlington, Cabrillo and Eshelman, reaching from Los Angeles proper to the Pacific Coast Highway. The various names now are confusing

and he considered it would be advantageous especially to downtown Torrance if they were all made continuous and given one name, as a north-south artery. He asked for a public hearing to learn the desires of the people.

Mayor Isen suggested a public hearing be held at 7:00 p.m., August 14, 1962 (an eight o'clock meeting night) and asked the City Manager to see that the landowners get notice thereof. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

31. Mrs. Helen Wasle stated she is opening a Greyhound Bus Depot at 1212 El Prado and requested a red loading and unloading zone to be equivalent to three spaces in front of that address. In answer to Mayor Isen's questions, Traffic Engineer Whitmer said it would be in order and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

This concluded the agenda with the exception of Item No. 26. The Airport Commission which held a meeting simultaneously in Room 209 but had not finished its deliberation moved into the Council Chamber and the council members and staff joined the audience for completion of the Airport Commission meeting. Under discussion was the request for a theatre on the Jefferson lease.

At 7:10 p.m., the Council back in session, Mayor Isen stated the purpose of the joint discussion and congratulated Mr. Herrick on his election as President of the Airport Commission.

Mayor Isen asked President Herrick if there was any matter to be discussed aside from that under discussion at this evening's commission meeting. Mr. Herrick stated it is the recommendation of the Airport Commission that the request of Jefferson, Inc. for permission to build a theatre on its lease be denied.

Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen expressed their belief there should be a written report for study on next Tuesday's agenda.

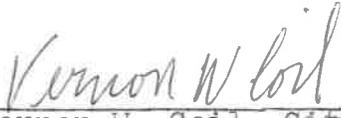
Councilman Drale moved to uphold the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute to defer decision until July 24th at the 8:00 o'clock meeting of the Council. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and asked a report on the safety factor from the Federal Aviation Agency and a report in writing of the Airport Commission's deliberations this evening. Councilman Benstead said while he is ready to vote at any time, he too felt as a matter of policy a written report should be considered and no one should be rushed into voting this evening. Councilman Drale felt an obligation to give Jefferson, Inc., an answer at this time, but was not opposed to holding the matter for a week if the majority wished.

Mayor Isen stated the rights of Golden State across the street should be looked into and a copy of the proposed lease presented for consideration. There being no objection, Mayor Isen announced the substitute motion to hold for one week carried.

The motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, to concur in the recommendation of denial by the Airport Commission, will be considered at the 8:00 o'clock meeting July 24th.

There being no further business to consider the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and the Councilmen and Airport Commission members agreed to meet at the Jump'n Jack for dinner.


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

APPROVED:


Albert Davis
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Torrance, California
July 24, 1962

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, July 24, 1962 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall. At 7:30 a pre-council session considered the Anza sidewalk easement problem informally.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present was City Manager Peebles. City Attorney Remelmeyer is absent on military leave.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Raymond Peterson led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 17, 1962, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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.

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Mayor Isen asked that the minutes of the meeting show the Council at a pre-council session discussed with a citizens' group the problem of the Anza Avenue sidewalk from Torrance Boulevard to Del Amo Boulevard. Several conclusions were reached, some of which should be a matter of record:

1.

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1. Informal approval by the Council to commence forthwith paving of a plant mix sidewalk on the west side of Anza Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to the first alley north of Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Benstead moved approval as stated immediately preceding under subparagraph 1. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. It was informally agreed at the pre-council session that an effort will be made to obtain additional easements between now and August 7, 1962, with the City administration taking the initiative and the citizens' group attempting to help out and that the matter be placed back on the agenda for final decision on August 7, 1962, the Council bearing in mind that school starts September 5th and the sidewalk should be completed by that time for the safety of the children. As easements are received, City Manager Peebles and the Engineering Department will determine the location of the walk in order to avoid as much zigzagging as possible, keeping the sidewalk parallel to the roadway.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 777 - Variance. Petitioners: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young. Hearing, continued from June 19, 1962 Council meeting, on request for variance to construct a second dwelling on the rear of R-1 lot situated at 3850 West 171st Street, legally described as a portion of Lot 26, La Presa Tract, between Ainsworth and Prairie Avenues. Planning Director Shartle submitting letter of transmittal recommending denial. Attached were excerpt from May 16, 1962 Planning Commission minutes, and location sketch.

It was noted there are three additional protest letters and a petition containing 76 signatures in protest to approval of Case No. 777 and they were accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 777.

Attorney Joseph Shane, representing the petitioner, spoke, exhibiting plot plan, lot plan and eight photographs of adjacent properties to support the request for approval of the variance. He read and presented three consenting letters and they were ordered accepted and filed.

Mr. John Mulvihill, 3765 West 171st Street, illustrated on the blackboard the lots and contended granting the variance would open the door to a change from R-1 zoning which would be detrimental to the area. The matter having been recommended for denial by the Planning Commission, he urged be also denied by the Council.

Mrs. Mary Young, 3850 West 171st Street, one of the proponents, spoke briefly, stating she had been advised to apply for a variance rather than a change of zone to R-2, and then it was recommended for denial - and she asked why.

Mr. Dale Basinger of 3844 West 171st Street read from the application for the variance and commented on the wording thereof in several respects. He strongly protests the variance and explained the structure on the rear of his lot as being a rumpus room, 20 x 28, on his detached garage and stated it contains only electricity. He asked the recommendation of the Planning Commission be upheld.

Mr. Richard Davinsky of 3815 West 172nd Street, also asked the Council reject the variance as there are enough multiple dwellings in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Giovenco of 3910 West 171st Street did not feel granting this variance would have any bad effect on the surrounding properties.

Mrs. Dan Sneed of 3940 West 171st Street, right next door to the property of Mr. Blackwood, also approving, said she is perfectly willing to have the variance granted to Mr. and Mrs. Young.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and, there being no objection, carried.

Councilman Vico, after expressing the belief that approval would set a bad precedent, moved to deny the variance in Case No. 777. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute to grant the variance for a second unit on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Young; there was no second.

Councilman Beasley asked for the question and roll call was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

The variance was thus denied.

At 8:40 a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 8:50.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. CASE NO. 749 - Change of Zone. Petitioners, Viola Wright, Walter and Norma Wild. Resubmitted. Transmittal letter from Planning Director Shartle recommending approval of request for a change of zone from A-1 to C-3 on a portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract situated at 3615-3619 Lomita Boulevard. Attached were location sketch and excerpt from minutes of Planning Commission meeting of July 5, 1962.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 749.

Councilman Benstead asked what is meant by the reference to the railroad right of way being placed on the street and Planning Director Shartle stated there is an easement along the easterly line of the property for a railway and Santa Fe would like eventually to run a spur in there. By properly arranging curbs and parkways this would be possible. He stated street dedication easements have been received.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing and Councilman Drale seconded that motion which carried, there being no objections.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request for change of zone from A-1 to C-3. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1322

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. 749.

This applies to the above item No. 9. Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1322 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1323

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. 774.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1323 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 21390. Subdivider: James Norris. Letter of transmittal from Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Shartle, recommending approval of tentative tract map No. 21390 consisting of 12 lots located at the southwest corner of Walnut and 238th Streets, subject to nine conditions. Attached were letter dated June 11, 1962, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles stipulating the nine conditions, location sketch, and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of June 20, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 21390 subject to the nine conditions mentioned. Councilman Benstead determined it is to be a 54 foot street, rather than a 44. Councilman Miller seconded the motion to approve and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. WAIVERS: W-294, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rodney, 5403 Sunnyview Street, requesting waiver to construct an addition to existing residence to within eight feet of rear property line.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the waiver. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection, although Councilman Benstead advised that President Halstead of the Planning Commission be more consistent in his recommendations regarding use of all of properties.

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Mayor Isen stated in courtesy to people in the audience who came regarding the proposed overpass near the Crenshaw School just north of 190th Street, he would now invite Mr. Ben Hatfield of 18814 Patronella to present the matter as spokesman for those attending. The item was not on the agenda.

Mr. Hatfield stated because letters had been sent out to the School Board and the City Council, they had expected the request would be on the agenda for this evening. Representing parents

affected, he stated he would not like to await a fatality before an overpass is put in at this dangerous location. On completion of the San Diego Freeway the street will be widened to a six lane road and Garrett Company's new access road will produce more traffic. Requested was support by the Council and cooperation with the Board of Education to build an overpass to protect 2200 school children who cross during school months and 500 during summer months.

City Manager Peebles stated the correspondence had been received indicating willingness to participate by the School Board along with State and City departments, but it had been too late to include in the agenda and the cost estimates had not been made.

Councilman Drale moved the Council authorize negotiation of an agreement with the agencies involved to expedite this overpass, probably State, County and Board of Education. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion although he does not believe the State will be involved.

City Manager said the City would do the actual arranging and inviting of bids. There is some possibility that the State would be willing to participate because of the number of cars to be accommodated coming from the San Diego Freeway. Supervisor Hahn, or his deputy, Arlyn V. Weber, were mentioned as persons to contact at the County level. Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the State be contacted in view of the possibility mentioned. City Manager Peebles agreed to take the responsibility of making necessary contacts.

Mayor Isen stated as a matter of policy the Council is willing to participate with other interested agencies and City Manager Peebles was instructed to expedite.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

14. Claim of E. L. Williams and Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California, subrogee of E. L. Williams, in the amount of \$220.52 for damages to Mr. Williams' car, allegedly sustained April 26, 1962, in the equipment yard of the City.

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

15. American Municipal Association re designation of voting and alternate voting delegates for AMA's 39th Annual American Municipal Congress, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 25 to 29, 1962.

Mayor Isen moved to authorize Councilman Sciarrotta to represent Torrance as a voting delegate and Councilman Benstead as his alternate at the AMA Congress. There was no objection. City Manager Peebles will reply to the communication and complete the necessary forms.

16. Tordondo Little League, Inc., regarding use of loudspeakers on July 4th - for information and/or action.

Mayor Isen said since there are a number of disagreeing opinions on responsibility for the loudspeakers being used and the Park and Recreation Commission has asked jurisdiction on matters of its

concern, the matter should be referred to that commission. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

17. Mutual Research Laboratories re telephone service.

This being informational and it being agreed the writer has undoubtedly had his complaint cared for by now, Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

18. Intention to vacate a portion of Torrance Boulevard between Sartori Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, LOT 1, BLOCK 1, TORRANCE TRACT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-144. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

19. Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following three street easement deeds and one water main easement deed:

1. Street easement deed dated June 30, 1962 for the widening of 233rd Street over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 588, given by Carmen P. and Mary Vespasian.
2. Street easement deed dated January 17, 1962 to provide a corner cutoff at the northeasterly corner of Border Avenue and 220th Street over a portion of Lot 9, Block 109, Torrance Tract, given by S & M Transfer & Storage Co., Inc.
3. Street easement deed dated June 21, 1962 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lots 14 and 15, Tract No. 3458, given by Argosy Corp.
4. Water Main easement deed dated May 17, 1962 for the construction, maintenance, repair and use, or reconstruction of a water main and appurtenant structures over a portion of Lot 6, Block 302, Tract No. 1952, given by Wallace Stenlake.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-145

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-145. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD FORMERLY KNOWN AS "OLD CRENSHAW BOUDEVARD" IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-146. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote. City Engineer Nollac explained the drainage rights to the satisfaction of Councilman Drale who inquired.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

22. Recommendation of Park Superintendent Clemmer on award of bid for sprinkler systems with approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Park Superintendent, approved by the City Manager, to award the contract to Clark's Sprinkler Service, the low bidder, in the amount of \$23,099 and to reject all other bids.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

23. Petition for review of findings of Civil Service Board in the matter of Pauline Greer re account collector position.

Mayor Isen stated this matter would not be heard this evening. City Attorney Remelmeyer is on military leave and it is necessary that his opinion be obtained as to jurisdiction of the Council. The papers will be held until August 7th and the City Clerk's office is to notify the attorney for the petitioner, David K. Lyman, that if it is determined the Council has jurisdiction, it will be heard at the 5:30 meeting, August 7, 1962. There was no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. Recommendation of the Airport Commission of denial of Jefferson Inc., request to build theatre on their leasehold.

Mayor Isen stated the status of the matter at this time: A motion was made by Councilman Drale at the July 17th meeting to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission to deny the request of Jefferson to build a theatre on their leasehold, which motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. That motion is now before the Council.

Councilman Miller discussed the safety factor with respect to jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Agency. Councilman Beasley asked Airport Manager Egan if the theatre as proposed would be in the safety zone of the airstrip and Mr. Egan said not; it would be in the flight pattern.

Airport Manager Egan said this is a value judgment; very difficult to make, but the weight of evidence toward continued operation and well being of an airport has led him to the conclusion that establishment of a facility which would encourage assembly of many persons could have a long term detrimental effect on the airport. Statistically accidents occur in the approach zone and in the flight pattern there have been five aircraft accidents although there have been none at the airport itself. With respect to a theatre at Airport Plaza, Mr. Egan said the more distance, the better chance of safety. Some of the permitted businesses would probably not have been included in the lease under existing circumstances and with the benefit of present experience. A bowling alley was specifically mentioned. Also questioned was the location of several elementary schools and a high school. While there are admittedly exposures to danger, Mr. Egan said he did not believe they should be knowingly compounded.

Councilman Miller does not believe the land will be turned back by Jefferson even though a theatre is rejected, but does believe a greater amount of rental should be charged in case the theatre is approved because they are requesting the amendment, not the City of Torrance. Councilman Benstead said the lease was made in good faith and for a special reason. Revenue must be a consideration as well as safety.

Councilman Drale recalled the conditions and history of the development and complimented Mr. Levitt and Mr. Bower on what they have accomplished.

Councilman Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen thought there should be some consideration of the two proposed theatres comparatively. Councilman Benstead said he would be opposed to a theatre at either location.

Mr. Harry Crowell, 21107 Amie Avenue, Operations Manager of Palos Verdes Aviation, told where he thought information could be obtained concerning safety factors.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute that the Council instruct the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Jefferson, Inc., to see if additional revenue cannot be obtained and if so, the matter be re-presented to the Council at a later date. Councilman Miller said the safety factor is his principal concern. Councilman Drale said Councilman Beasley's motion has no effect on the original motion; that the matter can be renegotiated even if denied. Mayor Isen asked that there be added to the substitute motion that the exact spot for the theatre be marked and an absolute ruling be made as to safety factors. Councilman Beasley added that the FAA would set out the safe areas for approach zone and runway but he thought there should be added an exact height of the theatre.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion made by Councilman Beasley including expressly the additions set forth above. In event the substitute motion fails, Mayor Isen said the original motion will be voted on.

Mr. Andrew J. Brennan of 2727 Highcliff Drive, stated originally the lease was put into effect to get revenue for the airport and in the long run that should be the main consideration with respect to this property. His long experience in aircraft would lead him to believe the big danger here is from lawsuits due to noise. Mayor Isen said that is not a factor; there will be a clause in the lease absolving the city of any liability on account of noise. Mr. Brennan continued by stating the City is now considering something

which could be catastrophic to the future of the Airport; something which could not be undone and recommended serious consideration of this potential hazard from that standpoint as well as the possibility of the safety hazard as the Airport increases in scope - as it will.

Mrs. Ruth Bailey, 2352 248th Street from the audience mentioned the noise in her area caused by the Airport.

Mr. James Bower, an officer of Jefferson, Inc. spoke of the advantage to the shopping center to be gained by establishing the Sterling theatre at the location, rather than the Fox theatre at Palos Verdes Peninsula center. In spite of what has been paid out by Jefferson, Inc. he said they would consider an increase in rental for the approximately 1½ acres necessary for the theatre. He feels his company has a big stake in the Airport in that they have paid in \$140,000 in rentals from the shopping center. There is no question but that they would hold the City harmless from any noise hazard.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta, Vico.

and the substitute motion lost.

A short recess was declared after which Mr. Levitt read the correspondence he had with the Federal Aviation Agency, copies of which were furnished to the Council immediately prior to the meeting. He said there will be a new theatre somewhere in south Torrance, his company was the first to propose one, but it seems now they will be turned down. He does not believe the location has anything to do with the rejection and stated he does not believe a relationship between lessor and lessee is good when the actions of one can cause loss to the other. If the issue is location, Mr. Levitt offered in good faith to build the theatre on whatever specific location the City designates and try to get the prospective tenant to consent. He asked that a price be determined as well as an exact site.

Roll call vote on the original motion held over from last week's meeting, to deny the request of Jefferson, was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Mayor Isen.

The motion carried and the request is denied.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he is not concerned with the safety factor and does not wish to close the door to negotiation. If a figure was mentioned which he believed reasonable, he said he would change his vote. Mayor Isen suggested in line with Mr. Sciarrotta's statement, the Airport Committee of the Council meet with Mr. Levitt and Mr. Bower and the City Manager.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business.

25. Council names for library plaques.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the recommendation made orally by the City Manager, to use the names of the members of the Council at the time of the award of contract, the names of the present Council members, and the names of the present Library Commissioners, somewhat as Redondo Beach has done. There was no objection.

26. Miscellaneous Recommendations of the City Manager:

Personnel: Casper W. Clammer be authorized to attend 38th International Shade Tree Conference in San Francisco August 5 through 10, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Expenditures:

1. \$707.21 to Albro Fire Equipment Co. for Fire Dept equipment for new personnel as listed on the attached bid summary a budget item.
2. \$598.80 to the National Cash Register Company for maintenance agreement on tape recorder and two bookkeeping machines in the Finance Department, effective 7/1/62 to 7/1/63, a budget item.
3. \$200 to cover refreshment and miscellaneous expenses of the dedication ceremonies for the Isabel Henderson and Walteria Libraries (\$100 each), from Library budget.

Award of Contract:

Recommendation that contracts for various custodial supplies for the fiscal year 1962-63 be awarded to the low bidders in each item as shown on Schedule B attached to the Manager's recommendations (29 items).

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the items under Personnel, Expenditures and Award of contracts set forth above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:

27. Mayor Isen proclaimed August 1 through 5, 1962, as RANCHERO DAYS in the City of Torrance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

28. Mayor Isen stated the report on precise plans from the City Manager would be discussed as the last item on the agenda with the Planning Commission members at the scheduled time.

29. City Manager Peebles asked if the participants in the Rancho Days parade might be allowed free of charge use of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge, as in the past. Councilman Drale moved to do so and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

30. City Manager Peebles announced the appointment of an Assistant City Manager, Edward Ferraro of Lawndale, effective August 14, 1962. Mayor Isen said the Council will send him a letter of congratulation.

31. Councilman Drale complimented the Council for its stand on the water sprinklers purchase and whoever was responsible for the PUBLIC PARKING sign on the parking lots.