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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, July 31, 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 Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Henry Burke 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 Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 24, 1962 were approved as written, there being no objection.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and stated this is the meeting at which the problems of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission, if any, will be discussed. He stated his appreciation of their faithful efforts to solve a difficult situation in which there seems to be considerable confusion from the Federal government level on down.

Chairman E. F. Schoonover introduced the members of the Commission:

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Sam Alberti, James Burchett, Margaret Clark and Gertrude Tooker. Captain Joseph Rochefort, Area G Coordinator, was also present.

Mayor Isen welcomed Don Kirkland back as a representative of the Torrance Press.

**AIRPORT MATTERS:**

8. Airport Commission recommendation regarding request of Jefferson, Incorporated, to build a theatre.

The matter has come back to the Council with a recommendation of approval from the Airport Commission.

Councilman Miller asked Airport Manager Egan regarding the safety factor of the new location as related to the traffic pattern of the airport. Mr. Egan stated whatever distance south the location is moved intangibly enhances the safety by that much and reduces the probability of an aircraft striking an assemblage of people. The location now suggested is in line with the cross wind lake which is close to Pennsylvania Avenue, a couple of blocks east. Until the second runway is established and approved by the FAA, Mr. Egan said the flight pattern cannot be determined.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. Egan a direct question if he would put a theatre at this location if it were within his absolute power to make the decision and Airport Manager Egan said his first duty being to the aeronautical aspects of the problem, he would have to answer negatively. It would have been possible perhaps six years ago to take measures to minimize the concentration in this area and it is still possible to a certain extent. Mayor Isen called attention to the effect that would have on revenue to the City, but stated it is not possible to have every desirable feature.

Councilman Sciarrotta switched the tenor of the discussion to the money angle of the new proposal. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation made by the Airport Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale stated some agreement should be reached on revenue but Mayor Isen said it would be in order to first vote on the recommendation as stated by the Airport Commission, after which negotiation would follow. Councilman Sciarrotta said in that case, the motion will be defeated.

Mayor Isen announced negotiation would take place at this time and asked Mr. Al Levitt for the offer of Jefferson, Incorporated. Mr. Levitt mentioned a figure of approximately \$2,000 for the theatre parcel.

Councilman Sciarrotta who had done some inquiring and figuring, developed a valuation of \$34,000 per acre. One and one-fourth acres would be \$42,500 which would bring in \$2,550 per year at 6%. If the company is willing to pay that amount annually as a separate lease for the parcel, he would move to approve the amendment which would permit the theatre to be constructed in concurrence with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Councilman Drale asked if there is any possibility of charging a "per person" tax as long as this is city-owned property. City Attorney Remelmeyer said this could be done as rent but the difficulty would be in policing it. Mr. Levitt contended it would be unfair discrimination as compared to private property on which another theatre might be built.

Mayor Isen asked that the motion include also "subject to Federal Aviation Agency approval" and stated the only connection between the theatre lease and the original area lease would be that the amount spent for development would apply as a credit toward the amount to be spent on the entire development.

Mr. Levitt said if the theatre is to open by Christmas, Jefferson has no choice.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.  
(Councilman Drale first abstained and then asked that his vote be recorded as "No.")

Mayor Isen stated it would be in order for the Airport Committee of the Council to work with the City Attorney to finalize a lease which the Council could authorize for execution.

9. Airport Commission recommendation regarding request of Airport Plaza to build a theatre, with attached request for time to present preliminary plans and specifications for proposed development.

Mr. George Graziadio amplified the request which was presented to the Airport Commission at its last meeting (July 26, 1962) and recommended for approval under the same restrictions, stipulations and conditions as set forth for the Jefferson, Incorporated, request, the City Council to establish the rental rate. He presented a plot plan and elevation of the project proposed by his company, Airport Plaza, for examination by Council members. The capacity of the theatre is to be 600 seats and the lessee, United Artists.

The request is similar to that of Jefferson - to amend the lease to include this theatre and certain shops and offices which are within the present confines of their lease.

Councilman Beasley asked if it is true that a 600 seat theatre could show only B or lesser grade pictures, and as to parking facilities. In accordance with a master segregation plan presented and approved by the City some time ago, the parking is well within the ordinance requirements, Mr. Graziadio said. The plan has been checked by the Building Department, but not yet by Planning. As to the grade of pictures, he could not give an authoritative answer, but saw no reason to doubt that United Artists would show only the best as do the others of that chain. He said he would have them get in touch with Mr. Beasley to answer his question. He also said United Artists does not bear the stigma of anti-trust litigation as do some others. The area to be covered by this proposed amendment is 8.4 acres.

Building Superintendent Schlens said he has checked the plans for parking on the segregation plan approved by the Council but not as relates to this theatre in particular. Councilman Sciarrotta felt no discrimination should be made and also stated Airport Plaza is paying a much higher rate than Jefferson. It is understood that all City ordinance requirements would be met.

Mayor Isen asked how much is planned to be spent on this improvement and the answer was about half million dollars. Jefferson's theatre involves about \$350,000.

Mayor Isen approved of the increased real property taxes as well as the sales tax revenue. He believes the saturation point

of businesses will be reached long before the commercially zoned area is exhausted. He agreed with Councilman Sciarrotta if some of the other ventures can be followed on this land, there is no reason to ban a theatre. The lessees and the chains of theatres on each of the two projects are reputable.

Councilman Benstead reminded Mayor Isen that he had told the people the airport bonds would not cost the people a dime. City Attorney remelmeyer said taxes go into the general fund.

At the request of Councilman Vico, Mr. Graziadio explained in detail the Clancy restaurant question.

Airport Manager Egan, answering a question by Councilman Miller, stated the safety factor is about the same as that on the Jefferson lease.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission, subject to FAA approval of location, parking ordinance requirements and that with those conditions, Airport Plaza be given the right to erect the theatre and stores on their leasehold.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Case No. 781 - Change of Zone. Petitioner, Del Amo Estate Co. Charles M. Shartle, Planning Director, letter of transmittal submitting first reading of ordinance amending Appendix I of the Code as to Case No. 781. Plot plan attached for Council use.

This bears relation to Item 36 of the agenda. Mr. O'Melveny was present and explained his error. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the request could be granted by directing the Building Superintendent to issue a building permit providing he complies with the building laws and ordinances of the City. There will be an emergency ordinance on the agenda next week but in the interim the risk is that of Mr. O'Melveny.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney and that the building permit be issued under those conditions. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and there were no objections.

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1325

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. 781.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1325 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen stated there will be an emergency ordinance on the same subject next week.

11. Final Tract Map No. 24628. Subdivider, R. A. Watt. Charles M. Shartle letter of transmittal with recommendation of approval. Attached were letter from City Engineer dated July 24, 1962, letter from subdivider dated July 24, 1962 and location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the Final Tract Map numbered 24628. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Tentative Tract Map No. 27311, subdivider, Kenland Development Co., containing 33 lots located southeast 235th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. Letter of recommendation of approval with conditions. Attached were letter from City Engineer dated May 31, 1962, location sketch, plot plan for Council use and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of July 5, 1962.

City Engineer Nollac explained the term "sheet overflow" as used by the Los Angeles County Flood Control report. Normally, it indicates a matter of inches of water running across land, depending on the slope. Councilman Miller mentioned an easement at the rear and Planning Director Shartle explained the alley possibility which had proven to be impractical. The lots are not of standard size, but they are uniform for the oil field district. Councilman Benstead disapproved of that feature of the tract and Mr. Shartle admitted it is not the best plan possible, but is a reasonable compromise in view of the circumstances.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked what the objections were of Commissioners Eardley and LaMour and Planning Director Shartle said they did not specifically state, but probably it was because of the long cul de sac without the alley.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation encompassing all the conditions thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (the lots do not conform).

Mayor Isen stated as a matter of policy the suggestion of Councilman Sciarrotta be followed that dissenting planning commissioners state their reasons and the minutes of the Planning Commission show them. Councilman Drale did not believe anything should be forced on the commissioners which is not a requirement of councilmen. Mayor Isen agreed the policy as set out above would not be mandatory, but where reasons are given, they should be recorded in the minutes.

Councilman Benstead mentioned another requirement he would like to see put into effect: that when council votes on a tentative map it be stated on the final map how the council voted. This has been mentioned before and the Planning Department was asked to comply in the future.

13. Case No. 764, Change of Zone, petitioner Harold W. Howard. Resubmitted per council instructions of July 10, 1962. City Manager Peebles' letter of transmittal requesting reconsideration of Planning Commission recommendation. Attached were memo from Planning Director Shartle with Planning Commission recommendation, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission meeting of July 5, 1962, for information only.

Councilman Miller thought this matter should be acted upon and asked Planning Director Shartle for his objections. Mr. Shartle said he made a specific recommendation of R-3 zoning. The reason is that he does not feel commercial should be shoestrung along Crenshaw Boulevard in this area as it has on some other streets, notably Arlington. Commercial areas, he said, should be for the most part in shopping centers and along state highways. Other zoning would be better than either R-3 or commercial, possibly a residential-professional or better yet, office zone. Zoning also depends on what happens across the street in the area being studied, as well as the study of the oil fields. Based on the zones Torrance now has, his specific recommendation would be R-3. The Commission did not agree but did not want to make a specific recommendation. The matter was brought before the Commission again last week and, with the concurrence of Mr. Howard, continued until there is an opportunity to study the area.

Mr. Howard was present and stated there was a misunderstanding by Mr. Shartle as to his concurrence. He asked for a determination.

Councilman Miller felt we are destroying much of a commercial potential and pointed out that between 238th and 239th the land was rezoned commercial in the Papadakis case. He moved to rezone Case No. 764 from A-1 to C-2. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

14. Case No. 723. Variance. Petitioner, William Davis. Charles M. Shartle request for time limit extension to January 16, 1963.

Councilman Drale moved to extend the time limit on Case No. 723 for six months. The delay is caused by work being done on Amie Avenue. Councilman Drale changed his motion to 90 days extension rather than six months. Councilman Benstead seconded and there was no objection.

15. Case No. 779. Variance. Resolution granting a variance from provisions of Sections 4 and 10 of the Land Use Ordinance.

This is the request of Collie Vivonia to rezone for apartment-motel enabling resolution.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold the matter one week. There was no objection.

16. WAIVERS:

W-295, Betty Revelle, 17727 Atkinson Avenue, requesting permission to construct garage addition on property described as Lot 20, Tract 16898.

W-296, William Talbot, 4811 Michelle Drive, requesting a waiver to permit a windbreak addition.

W-297, Allan Zinger, 4808 Mayor Drive, requesting waiver to permit reduction of required rear yard setback to 5 feet on Lot 49, Tract 15272.

W-298, Warner Webster, 20509 Victor Street, requesting permission to erect a 5 foot block wall atop retaining wall.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in granting the four waivers above listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:42.

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Before proceeding with the next order of business, Mayor Isen asked that Dr. Rollin Smith introduce his attractive guest from Tokyo, Miss Mariko Mori, an exchange summer visitor through the Lions Club program. After completion of her three weeks visit here she will go on up to San Francisco and northern California.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

17. Claim of Fred Hoyt for damages to person and property and medical expenses as result of accident allegedly suffered September 9, 1961, at Beryl Street and Flagler Lane in the Cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach.

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

18. Torrance Unified School District forwarding resolution entitled "Request for Adjustment of Park Fees" with comment of City Manager Peebles.

City Manager Peebles explained this would require a refund of \$5,000 to the Torrance Unified School District, or a credit in that amount. Mayor Isen moved to file the communication and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried. However, Councilman Drale suggested a proper reply be sent and City Manager Peebles will do so.

19. Betty Schrodder, Secretary of Chapel Theatre, commending Police Department.

This letter having been favorably noted, Mayor Isen asked that it be filed.

20. Robert D. McDonald regarding Recreation Center and recommendation of City Manager Peebles.

This letter is from the Trustee of the Marcellus L. Joslyn Foundation and presents a proposal for certain funds toward the design, development and construction of adult recreation facilities to be owned and operated by the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen questioned the statement that payments are contingent upon availability of funds in the trust and felt the City should have the entire amount of \$75,000 before going to bid. Otherwise, City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City would have to advance funds. The donor is 89 years of age and would like to see as many of these projects completed as possible. Mayor Isen told what he had learned of Mr. Joslyn being one of the most famous of manufacturers in his line of fabrication and perhaps this would be the beginning of even more donations to Torrance. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the City Manager's recommendation appended to the communication. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. The recommendation is to accept the proposal. However, Councilman Drale said there should be a businesslike schedule of moneys to obviate the necessity of obligating the City.

Councilman Miller moved to amend the motion to add a stipulation to cover the situation set forth in paragraph 1. of the communication, that as construction progresses, sufficient money be released to cover each phase, a mutually agreeable plan for the release of money. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion in its revised form and it carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

21. E. F. Schoonover re flood problem, with comment of City Manager and copies of correspondence between City Manager Peebles and County Flood Control District.

Mr. Schoonover orally supported his correspondence and was told he will have to make his own decision and claim against the County or City as any other citizen would do.

22. Fred R. Stevens' resignation from Civil Service Board.

In view of Mr. Stevens' resignation, Councilman Benstead moved a suitable perma plaque resolution be prepared. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked the Council to consider Mr. Lou Jenkins of the Hollywood Riviera section to fill the vacancy and stated the Council will be polled at the next meeting.

Councilman Drale mentioned the interest of recently retired Jim Loughridge in these matters and Mayor Isen said his position in management before retirement would disqualify him for such a commission appointment.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought it would be well to make the appointment at this time and a poll of the Council of the appointment of Mr. Jenkins was:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

23. Notice of Completion - Construction of sanitary sewers in Carol Drive, etc. per plans SS-87 and SS-88, Contractor: Gantry Construction Co., Inc. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles dated July 26, 1962 for approval of extra work and acceptance of project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to approve and authorize additional work in connection with the subject construction in the amount of \$109.25, and to accept the work on the subject improvement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

24. Intention to vacate alley southerly of 230th Street between Arlington Avenue and Eshelman Avenue, with proposed resolution.

The date set forth in the resolution, August 28, 1962, as a time for hearing, should be changed to September 4, 1962, 5:30 p.m. as there will be no Council meeting on August 28th.

With this change, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE AN ALLEY LYING SOUTHERLY OF 230TH STREET BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND ESHELMAN AVENUES 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. 62-147. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous rollcall vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

25. Recommendation to install and test collapsible flagpole.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to install a pilot model flagpole as described, the cost to be around \$150. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

26. Recommendation to accept bird houses for El Nido Park.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the donation of bird houses from Cub Pack 730C, Den 4, to be placed in El Nido Park. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

27. Recommendation on loudspeakers at Entradero Sump.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Burke and Mr. Snipps, representing the Little League, get together with Councilman Miller who has volunteered to be of assistance, and Park and Recreation Commissioner Eric Borner and some of the neighborhood people to compile a set of rules to be presented to the Commission for a recommendation or report to the Council. Senior Administrative Assistant Johnson reported the speakers were used again last Saturday against the express directive.

Mr. Fred Jackman, 4550 Cadison, said he was not aware the speakers had been used on Saturday, but Mayor Isen said this matter will be considered by the committee above named.

Councilman Sciarrotta complained motorists are still driving over the walk and not making a full stop at the STOP sign. There is danger some child will be injured. Mr. Johnson said measures would be taken immediately to correct this situation.

28. Request for appropriation for joint tour of parks on August 11th.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the appropriation of up to \$50 for the expenses of this field trip. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen stated all councilmen had reported they will attend this joint tour of parks.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:**

29. Recommendation on award of bid for three 4 cubic yard dump trucks.

Councilman Benstead moved the low bid, Vel's Ford, be accepted in the amount of \$13,728 and all other bids rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

30. Recommendation on award of bid for two 5 cubic yard dump trucks.

Councilman Benstead moved the low bid of Newcastle Dodge be accepted in the amount of \$12,644.99 and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Sciarrotta asked about "job-rated trucks" and whether for particular assignments, those purchased are specifically fitted. City Manager Peebles said the needs are contained in the specifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

**ORDINANCES:**

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1322 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1323 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

## 33. Contract with State Cooperative Personnel Services and Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the City enter into a contract with State Cooperative Personnel Services of not to exceed \$14,752 and with Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc. not to exceed \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Drale pointed out the statement of the City Manager in the second paragraph that the Los Angeles County Civil Service made the low bid and are overloaded and unable to provide the services in a timely manner. City Manager Peebles said the City is working on the possibility of giving some of the examinations itself.

Councilman Drale moved to hold this matter for a week for a complete report on what the County bid. There was no objection.

## 34. Secret Service funds for fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

This report being informational only, was ordered filed.

## 35. Data Processing System.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Senior Administrative Assistant dated July 24, 1962, to convert from IBM to Remington Rand. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Drale asked how much money is invested in the present machine and Director of Finance Scharfman said they are renting the machine but have money invested in the master cards which are converted at no cost to the city. The saving is effected through the fact that more work is done than would otherwise be possible with the present staff. Some of the work is sent out to a service bureau after the preliminary work of punching, verifying and sorting cards.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved a substitute to have the Finance Committee of the Council, a member of Management, a member of the Finance Department, and a member of the auditing firm consider and study the matter. Mayor Isen stated it would be referred to the Finance Committee of the Council which consists of Councilmen Benstead, Drale and Sciarrotta, to work with the Finance Department and Management and a member of the independent auditing group, for study and recommendation. There was no objection. City Manager Peebles identified the auditing firm as Cotton and Francisco.

## 36. Letter from Del Amo Estates Co. and report from Planning Director Shartle.

This matter was considered in connection with Item 10 on this agenda.

## 37. Maintenance agreement between City of Torrance and Torrance Unified School District in regard to the overcrossing at 187th and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to arrange a maintenance agreement between the City and the Torrance Unified School District regarding the overcrossing at 187th and Crenshaw Boulevard. Letters have been written to the pertinent

agencies and replies have not yet been received. Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the City Manager will negotiate such a maintenance agreement; there was none.

38. Barricade bids.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to reject all bids for barricades and notify the present vendor to remove his barricades as soon as possible in that the City has started construction of its own type of barricades. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection. A model of the type to be used was in the conference room and had been viewed by the councilmen.

39. Report on certain personnel positions.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations of the City Manager concerning personnel matters contained in his letter of July 27, 1962: to forego further consideration of Public Works Director, etc., change classification names of Assistant City Manager to First City Manager, and Senior Administrative Assistant to Second City Manager, with increase in salary of the latter, forego full time Public Relations Director and assign Civil Defense activities to the Assistant Police Chief.

Councilman Sciarrotta again admonished Management and the Council to be consistent in these matters. City Manager Peebles said he is studying the other positions as instructed by the Council at budget time, and will shortly bring in a report.

Councilman Sciarrotta also asked the matter of public relations be seriously considered so the stories appearing in the newspapers will be factual and unbiased.

Councilman Miller's motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no further objection.

40. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures: \$1,603.68 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. for one Motorola Model U43HHT - 1100C Motrac complete with all accessories including a coaxial type antenna (TAD-6042A) and one Motorola Model U43HHT O 1130C Motrac two frequency unit (\$154.13 and \$154.86) complete with all accessories for Fire Department Crash Unit No. 1 and Car 413.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approving the expenditure listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

41. Discussion of mutual problems with Civil Defense and Disaster Commission.

Mayor Isen announced under action taken tonight, Assistant Police Chief Porter will be in charge of civil defense activities to work with the Commission.

The Progress Report published by the Office of the City Manager was favorably mentioned.

All members of the Commission were present and commented briefly. Mayor Isen remarked that whatever we have in the way of Civil Defense will be what is done as a result of the inspiration and guidance furnished by members of the Commission. There is a general state of confusion in the area of civil defense at all levels.

Chairman Schoonover said the Commission has tried for over four years to get a plan set up; there is now such a plan which he believes is good and the Commission is looking forward to some definite accomplishments.

Commissioner Alberti also promised there would be action taken.

Commissioner Burchett stated the big obstacle is public apathy.

Commissioner Clark asked if Mr. Johnson would continue to work with the Commission and was told the plan is to continue under the direction of Chief Porter. However, Mr. Johnson stated he and Mr. Ferraro will cooperate.

Commissioner Tooker called attention to the unfavorable publicity and criticism contained in one of the local newspapers. She thought the report too general. Mayor Isen told Mrs. Tooker the job of the Commission is to make recommendations and if the report does not meet with approval, it is part of her job to amplify and make it more specific. He stated he expects the Commission to work over the report if necessary and particularize it for the area of Torrance. Mrs. Tooker complained there is no authority vested in the commission except that of making recommendations but Mayor Isen reminded her that is true of all commissions.

Mayor Isen and Mr. Johnson each thought it would be well to publish the whole Progress Report in a local newspaper, possibly in serial form.

Captain Rochefort, Area G Coordinator, had no comments.

Councilman Beasley, referring to the mentioned blast area in the report, stated the Commission covers a scope of earthquakes, flood, even pestilence or serious epidemics.

42. City Manager Peebles stated he will bring in another report in the near future regarding positions which have been regarded as inequitable.

43. City Attorney Remelmeyer presented a resolution regarding the Flood Control District and Walteria Sump and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-148

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A RIGHT OF ENTRY ON LAND KNOWN AS "WALTERIA SUMP" TO THE LOS ANGELES FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-148. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Vico questioned the motive of the resolution and in the same connection, brought up the matter of turning Torrance Beach over to the County by which he believes a lot of revenue is being denied the City. He termed conveying this to the County "the easy way out" and asked if the transfer of title to the County on Walteria Sump might not be the same.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Beasley said the large hole in the ground at Walteria Sump is largely sugar sand and the upkeep will be tremendous because the only way to retain the banks is by placing cement. Realizing the County is responsible for the engineering, he branded the project "Walteria Folly".

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated for the benefit of Councilman Vico the County paid 90% of the cost of acquisition of the land at Walteria sump and the City 10%.

44. Councilman Drale stated Councilman Vico is not aware of the background of the project and favored some way of bringing councilmen up to date. City Attorney Remelmeyer said when the matter is finalized he will compile a comprehensive report to be distributed to councilmen.

45. Councilman Drale asked about acquisition of property to widen Dominguez Street. City Engineer Nollac said this is being worked on and at the present, it is up to Pacific Electric and Reynolds Metals. So far, no negotiations have been conducted on Sartori. Councilman Drale said it does not seem too big a job and he thought it should be done before someone is killed on this very dangerous and confusing street.

46. Councilman Drale also suggested something be done toward compiling a history of this community. Commissioner Miller asked if it would be feasible to appoint a commission for this purpose.

47. Councilman Miller asked regarding weed abatement who is responsible for the Santa Fe tracks from Torrance Boulevard to Carson on Madrid. City Manager Peebles described the channels by which notice would be given to abate the weeds and clean up the right of way.

48. Councilman Sciarrotta feels the Council is not always kept completely informed with the result that it is difficult to adequately answer questions by members. He cited a couple of examples, one of which dealt with the validity of the weed abatement contract. With the new management organization, he hopes for informational memoranda to be distributed to the Council members to assist in execution of the Council's duties.

49. Councilman Vico asked the City to think over what he has said about the areas in which the City is overlooking opportunities to bring in revenue.

50. Mayor Isen called attention to the fact that the next council meeting will be at the 5:30 hour and reminded the Council of the California League of Cities meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Rodger Young Auditorium this Thursday. Cars will leave City Hall at 6:15 p.m.

51. Mayor Isen also mentioned the Hess-Mace trucks have ceased to run and Hawthorne Avenue is comparatively quiet.

52. Mrs. Leonard H. Radford, a member of the Traffic Safety Council thanked the Council for the \$10 per month commissioners are now receiving.

53. Mayor Isen asked if possibly the Chamber of Commerce could take over the task of compiling a history and Chamber Manager Don Reining said they could furnish a secretary to put into writing the remarks of any of the pioneer residents who would consent to tell what they know of early Torrance days. Mayor Isen referred the suggestion of Councilman Drale to the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., and the Council members will join the members of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission at The Three Lions Restaurant for dinner.

*Vernon W. Coil*  
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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance