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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of those in the audience who had not previously attended and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Council meeting next Tuesday, August 28, 1962, because of the absence of many of the councilmen attending the municipal convention in Philadelphia.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico had telephoned to say he would not be present. Also present was City Manager Peebles. City Attorney Remelmeyer is on vacation.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bruce Kaji from the audience led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Leon Holm of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd opened the meeting with an invocation, in the absence of Reverend Midthun.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the minutes of the regular meeting held August 14th were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Drale 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 of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 789. Change of Zone - Petitioner, Home State Investment Co., 1277 South Redondo Beach Boulevard. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-3 to C-2 on the property described as Lots 1 and 2, Tract 26676 situated at the southeast

corner of 182nd Street and Arlington Avenue. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal letter recommended approval and attached were location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of July 18, 1962.

Mayor Isen asked several questions of Planning Director Shartle prior to opening the hearing: he disapproved of the manner of designation of the property and the case number on the location map; did not think it sufficiently definite that the petitioner is the owner of the property or that the proper persons had been notified of the hearings before the Planning Commission. It developed, however, that the assessment rolls would have shown Chacksfield as the owner of this entire piece of property and it is from the assessment roll that the names of those to be notified are taken. Anything more complete in the way of up to date ownership information, City Manager Peebles said has been determined to be prohibitively expensive.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 789.

Mr. Flavio Bisagnano of 2137 West 183rd Street protested, saying he and others on the cul de sac of 183rd Street purchased there because they were assured 182nd Street would remain all R-3. He had not been notified for the reasons above set forth.

Mr. Frank Stellino, the owner of Lots 3 and 4 immediately east of the property covered by Case No. 789, spoke in the same vein as Mr. Bisagnano, as did Jack Bellamo, 10216 First Avenue, Inglewood, who is building on Lot 19, almost immediately across 183rd from Mr. Bisagnano's home. The same reasons were given by Mr. H. D. Bowers of 2131 West 183rd Street, for his protest.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the change of zone in Case No. 789. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale who favored sending it back to the Planning Commission, perhaps for rehearing because of lack of notification to property owners. Councilman Miller asked Planning Director Shartle if he had made the recommendation of approval and Mr. Shartle stated he felt it would be proper rezoning.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to denial of the request for change of zone contained in Case No. 789 (Vico absent).

9. Case No. 788. Change of Zone, Petitioner, Robert W. Grimes, et al., 2614 Artesia Boulevard, Redondo Beach. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on Lots 5, 6, and the south half of Lot 7 of Subdivisions of part of Lot 27, Meadow Park Tract, having 278.5 feet of frontage along the east side of Samuel Street. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal recommended Approval and attached location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of July 18, 1962.

Affidavit of Publication in the above cases was presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 788; there was no response.

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

10. Vacation of a portion of Torrance Boulevard - hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 62-144.

Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles submitting resolution to Vacate, with attached location sketch.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this proposed vacation; there was no response.

The matter has been previously approved by the Council and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD, LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF THE TORRANCE TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-171. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

10-a. N. M. Bonness re improvement at 5137-49 Calle Mayor, with attachments.

This concerns a complaint by one of the partners of the partnership of Van Horne & Bonness regarding service and attitude of one of the City's departments. It is evident the other partner does not agree with the complaining partner as City Manager Peebles read a letter from Mr. Van Horne to that effect. Mayor Isen said he believes this indicates a need for a policy to the effect that before such a matter appears on the Council agenda, there should be a complaint lodged in writing and referred by the City Manager to the pertinent department. After written reply or explanation from that department, the matter should be assembled and placed before the Council for consideration. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that there be included the stipulation that the matter be considered toward the end of the Council agenda so that time not be taken from people who are present on regularly listed matters.

Mayor Isen moved that with respect to this particular correspondence, the written complaint be submitted, the reply from the pertinent department be appended and the complete package presented at a later date to the Council. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion on the condition that it contain his thought of considering

such a matter late in the agenda. Councilmen Miller and Drale did not think citizens should be restricted to concurrence in the opinion of their partner, if any, with respect to matters brought before the Council.

In this particular instance, Building Superintendent Schlens told the Council the man who complained was told, in writing, of the requirements of the department.

Bud Walsh of the Building Department said the man is a contractor and should have known the requirements; also he was supplied with a written statement thereof. City Manager Peebles was instructed by Mayor Isen to notify Mr. Bonness of the discussion and action taken by the Council this evening and of what is required of him.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

11. Expenditure from sewer revolving fund for construction of sanitary sewers in Flower Street between Sonoma and Carson Streets. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, requests appropriation of \$4,500 from Sewer Revolving Fund for the installation of subject sewers. Attached was location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

12. Proposed alley north of Torrance Boulevard easterly of Victor Street, with recommendation to install alley pavement upon completion of grading by developer.

At the request of Councilman Benstead, City Engineer Nollac explained this project. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation stated above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

13. 1958 Storm Drain Bond Issue Project No. 584 (Walteria Lake) Request of City Engineer Nollac for approval of the specification by resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 584, AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT, AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAIN WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-172. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent)

14. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following eight street easement deeds:

1. Dated August 2, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lots 22 and 23, Block 91, Torrance Tract, given by Seymour R. Rayor.
2. Dated April 9, 1962 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 3218, given by Imperial Investment Company.
3. Dated May 4, 1962 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 3458, given by Henry and Dorothy Mae Gordon, et al.
4. Dated August 6, 1962 for the widening of Carson Street over a portion of Lot 10, Block 19, Tract No. 2761, by Thor and Joan F. Nyhus.
5. Dated March 6, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard and 231st Street and 230th Place, also to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of 231st Street and Crenshaw Boulevard and the southwesterly corner of 230th Place and Crenshaw Boulevard, over portions of Lot 102, Tract No. 639, given by Harold W. and Stellae W. Howard.
6. Dated August 9, 1962 for the widening of Mansel Avenue over a portion of Lot 39, Tract No. 3218, given by James R. and Theresa M. Yates.
7. Dated August 3, 1962 for the widening of Lomita Boulevard over a portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract, given by Walter N. and Norma A. Wild.
8. Dated August 3, 1962 for the widening of Madison Street and to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Lomita Boulevard and Madison Street, over a portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract, given by Viola E. Wright.

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

15. Entradero Sump - use as a park. Report of City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, on preliminary study of proposed plan submitted by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association for the development of Entradero sump as a partial park site.

Mayor Isen questioned the name "North Torrance Civic Improvement Association" with respect to area near Entradero sump and instructed City Manager Peebles to determine the name of the proper association and send a copy of the report which is subject of this item to that group.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

16. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending the acceptance of Isabel Henderson Library.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

17. Establishing 25 mph zone on Anza Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Del Amo Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF RESOLUTION 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 25 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-173. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

City Manager Peebles stated as to the Anza sidewalk project, Laballona has definitely refused to make the dedication and the sidewalk will therefore jog out along the fifty foot right of way for about 1300 feet. Mayor Isen asked that reflector lights, yellow barricades and every possible means be utilized to ensure the safety of the children traversing this street. Traffic Engineer Whitmer agreed.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

18. Zahorik Homes request for lease to construct a model home. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation of approval with certain stipulations. Attached were Airport Manager Egan's letter of July 20, 1962 and Zahorik Homes letter of July 18, 1962, with lease provisions.

Mayor Isen said there should be a sixth provision in addition to the five listed in the communication from the Airport Commission: that there be a surety bond in amount to be determined by the Building Superintendent, covering clean-up and leaving the area as originally leased. Councilman Beasley disapproved of the airport being leased out in bits and pieces; Mayor Isen thought the option should come out. Assistant Airport Superintendent Critchfield stated this is the land bisected by the drainage ditch and the depth of the land is only about 90 feet, whereas the regular commercial frontage is 280 feet. There were various other objections from councilmen: Miller thought the time should be reduced; Drale would like to see a cancellation clause inserted and noted the traffic problem which would result.

Don Owen, Director of Sales of Zahorik, said many of these questions have been discussed with the Airport Commission and agreements have been reached to solve them. He described the model home, however, as being very attractive and of high quality. He felt some means could be taken whereby if necessary the model home could move to some other area on the Airport, without expense to Zahorik Homes. The model would be used as a sales office, but would need plumbing for which a cesspool would be provided.

Councilman Benstead said he would not go for such a use of the Airport and moved the request be denied. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Miller asked if the provisions mentioned were included in the lease, whether the request for a lease could be brought up again or if the Council intended it be a "dead issue". Councilman Benstead said he would not reconsider it; Mayor Isen thought it unsuitable on the Airport; Councilman Beasley mentioned again the traffic problem and the small amount of land involved; Councilman Benstead stated it would set a bad precedent; Councilman Drale agreed with Councilman Benstead and it was generally conceded to be a "dead issue".

19. Air Museum. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting recommendation of the Commission that subject be filed as a matter of record until submission of formal application.

Mayor Isen stated this is informational only and with no further comment ordered it filed as recommended above.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-174. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-175. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-176

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON AND FRANCISCO FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-1963.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-176. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1327

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PERMITTING A TOTAL OUTSIDE WIDTH OF VEHICLE AND LOAD IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITS SET FORTH IN SECTION 35100 OF THE STATE VEHICLE CODE WHEN SUCH VEHICLE IS USED EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY, BUT LIMITING SUCH WIDTH TO 108 INCHES.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1327 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1328

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1321 (POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN) BY CHANGING THE POSITION TITLE OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO FIRST ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER; DELETING THE POSITIONS OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND LUBE AND TIREMAN; AND ADDING THE POSITIONS OF SECOND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, GARAGE SERVICEMAN, PLANNING AIDE, LIGHT EQUIPMENT MECHANIC AND SENIOR TABULATING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, WITH THEIR SALARY RANGES, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1328 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1329

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. 764.

(Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial)).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1329 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1330

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. 784. (Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residence)).

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1330 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen stated Item 28 would be considered prior to Item 27, as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1331

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-63 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Miller moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1331. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1331 as an emergency measure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1332

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1332. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1332 as an emergency measure. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. City Manager Peebles' recommendation and bid analysis on employees' uniforms, per Council's approval of program at budget sessions.

In answer to a question by Councilman Sciarrotta, City Manager Peebles replied an overwhelming majority of the affected employees favor the uniform program.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the bid of Atlas Coverall and Uniform Supply Company on a three-year basis. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

30. City Manager Peebles' report on cost of services for Civil Service examinations.

The recommendation of the City Manager set forth in his communication dated August 13, 1962 is to enter into a contract with the State Cooperative Personnel Services of not to exceed \$1,500 and with Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc. to not exceed \$6,600.

Councilman Drale moved to not concur in that recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta, speaking from eight years' experience on the Civil Service Board, described the many delays involved in the County's service and said he believes the recommendation of the City Manager is proper. There was no second to Councilman Drale's motion and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager, who said a study is being made of the possibility of the City giving some of its own examinations. Councilman Benstead said it would be well for the Civil Service Board to keep adequate eligibility lists. Councilman Drale conceded it is of course necessary to have these lists, but he doubts the advisability of having local people involved in choosing the persons to make up those lists.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

31. Approval of Phase 1 of Police Building Master Plan.

Several councilmen stated they had not seen these plans although City Manager Peebles said they were delivered to the councilmen at their homes about two weeks ago.

City Manager Peebles said the only approval now needed is of the way the contract with Koebig & Koebig is written; that they have waited many months to receive their partial payment of around \$800 although they have done more work than represented by that figure.

Councilman Benstead moved approval be held for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection. The matter will be on the agenda for the meeting of September 4, 1962.

32. City Manager Peebles' recommendation on appropriation of approximately \$800 for sign to be placed in front of Police Department, indicating traffic accidents, etc.

Councilman Miller asked an interpretation of the phrase in the last paragraph of the communication from the City Manager "funds for this sign are available". City Manager Peebles said there is on hand money unused from that budgeted for Police personnel. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed complete approval of the proposed sign and Councilman Benstead asked where it would be located. Mr. Peebles described the location and the purpose.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to appropriate approximately \$800 for the construction and installation of a sign to be placed in the parkway adjacent to the curb and in front of the Police Station, the sign to be illuminated, green letters on white background, and to contain information-changeable copy to be supplied by the Torrance Traffic Safety Council.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Benstead, however, expressed the opinion that it is a waste of time and money.

33. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel: Authorization of Fire Chief Benner to attend the Pacific Coast Inter-Mountain Association of Fire Chiefs Conference September 17-20, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid.

Expenditures: \$665.74 to the Borg Co. for one 200-gallon gasoline tank trailer to be used by the Fire Department for transportation of gasoline, a budget item.

In response to questions about the number of conferences the Fire Chief is attending, or has attended, Deputy Chief Bob Lucas explained the nature of this convention as compared with others. City Manager Peebles asked the matter be held for two weeks and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved approval of the expenditure listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 3 to 9, 1962, as UNION LABEL WEEK and expressed considerable enthusiasm therefor.

Mr. Jay Berman was present representing the South Bay Daily Breeze and, at the request of Mayor Isen, introduced himself.

35. An additional matter had been handed to the councilmen just prior to the meeting: Pedestrian overpass (Crenshaw Boulevard and 187th Street), being a request for permission to advertise for bids for construction of the pedestrian overpass and related work as soon as possible after funds are received from the County and the School District.

City Manager Peebles said this material has been prepared in excellent fashion by City Traffic Engineer Whitmer so as to hurry the construction as fast as possible for the protection of the children going to school at this point. The School Board has approved the expenditure from their budget. Approval of a change in street alignment by the Council is necessary to lessen the traffic hazard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and it was noted this approval is only as to permission to advertise and take bids. The roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. City Manager Peebles explained the inadvertence by which the request of Wood-Callahan was on the agenda at last week's council meeting. There was some discussion resulting in a remark by Mayor Isen that no action is required and the report is accepted.

37. City Manager Peebles has planned to take a vacation September 3 to 7 and asked approval by the Council. It was granted.

38. City Engineer Nollac stated he had received a very nice letter from Michael Schmuely who visited Torrance from Israel some weeks ago.

39. City Manager Peebles stated the promise had been made to start immediately on Victor park as soon as Little League removed its facilities. Several legal problems with Dominguez Water Company have been worked out but should be reviewed by City Attorney Remelmeyer who is now on vacation. Mayor Isen asked the item be brought up again on the September 4th agenda.

40. Councilman Beasley called attention of Council and Traffic Engineer Whitmer to the cross gutter where Lomita Boulevard enters Crenshaw. He mentioned several instances in which personal injury and property damage have resulted because of this deep cross gutter at the end of a 45 mph zone.

41. Councilman Benstead stated he will be out of town all of September and perhaps about two weeks of October and asked leave of absence for that period. The leave was noted to and including the meeting of October 9th, by motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, there being no objection.

42. Councilman Miller stated recently there was a matter of "professional" zoning mentioned and asked for some written information from Planning Director Shartle on the subject; also as to C-M zoning. Councilman Drale said he would like more information on "Precise Planning" and Councilman Sciarrotta informed Mr. Shartle some of the terms he uses are strange to the Council and asked for a list of definitions to be set forth in writing for use of the Council.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed pleasure at the pleasant and harmonious way the Council has conducted its meetings recently.

44. Mayor Isen referred to the report from the Southern California Humane Society which he believes reflects good work on the part of the contracting agent and asked City Manager Peebles to write a letter to Mr. Crozier in appreciation.

45. City Manager Peebles said the visit of the El Cajon municipal officials will take place Thursday, August 23rd and asked any councilmen who find it convenient to come to City Hall that morning.

46. Councilman Drale commented that Metropolitan Water District has reduced taxes again this year and suggested a complimentary letter be written them; there was no objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Minute Secretary

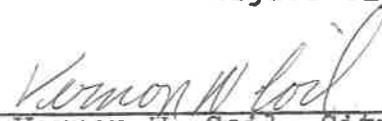
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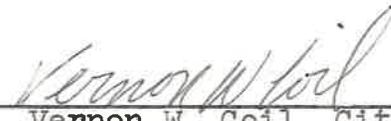


Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk
City of Torrance, California

Torrance, California
August 28, 1962

This being the date of a regular meeting of the
Torrance City Council, City Clerk Coil called the
meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

No councilmen were present and the meeting adjourned
immediately thereafter.



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