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Torrance, California  
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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 on Tuesday, September 11, 1962 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California, following pre-council informal sessions regarding Position Classification Corrections and possible purchase of Moneta Water Company.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Leonard H. Radford led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend David Beadles of Walteria Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 4, 1962, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen introduced Judge Parker Wood and Mrs. Wood from the audience and welcomed them to the meeting, and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 800: Variance - Petitioner, Barker Bros. Corp., Formal Hearing for conditional permit for relief from the off-street parking ordinance to reduce the number of parking spaces for a furniture store to be erected on a portion of Lot 15, McDonald Tract, situated at 4310 Artesia Blvd. in Zone C-2. Recommended for approval. Attached: Planning Director's letter of transmittal with addendum to letter; Arthur Gilbert & Associates letter dated 8/23/62; location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of 8/15/62.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard contrary to the recommendation of approval; there was no response.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval in compliance with the conditions set forth in the Planning Commission's report, specifically that the variance remain in effect during such time as the property is used for retail furniture or similar type of business. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Mr. Neil Petrie of Barker Brothers displayed a sepia rendering of the 40,000 square foot store as proposed.

9. CASE NO. 802: Variance - Petitioner, Sam Levy, Formal Hearing for a conditional use permit to use the existing structure of the Grand Theater building, with remodeling as required, for the purposes of an assembly hall, for such uses as private parties, catered dinners, club meetings, etc., property described as Lots 19 and 20, Block 7, Torrance Tract, situated at 1522 Cravens Ave. in Zone C-1. Recommended for approval. Attached: Planning Director's letter of transmittal, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of 8/15/62.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 802; there was no response.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Affidavit of publication on the above cases was presented by City Clerk Coil and ordered filed.

10. Item 10 had been deleted from the agenda for this meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. CASE NO. 795: Change of zone - Petitioner, Elizabeth Sennes. Change of zone from R-1 to C-3 on portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765. Resubmitted. Formal hearing closed September 4, 1962, referred back to Planning Commission for Precise Plan and how it is used. Recommended for approval. Attached: Planning Director's letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of 8/15/62, Acting Planning Director Cleveland on Precise Plan and use thereof.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on Case No. 795; there was no response.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Benstead and Vico absent).

15. Commercial Improvements at the southeast corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Road. J. H. Ghormley, for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending request of American Engineers and Contractors Corp. be denied. Attached: request of American Engineers and Contractors Corp. and location sketch.

This item relates to Case No. 795 and was considered out of regular order for that reason.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and City Engineer requiring sidewalks or a bond therefor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

12. Tentative Tract Map No. 22202, 12 lots, George Steinkamp, subdivider. Recommended for approval. Attached: Planning Director's letter of transmittal, location sketch, City Engineer Nollac's letter of 8/14/62 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of 8/15/62.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

13. Tentative Tract Map No. 27443, 10 lots, Norris Construction Co., subdivider. Recommended for approval. Attached: Planning Director's letter of transmittal, location sketch, City Engineer Nollac's letter of 8/9/62 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of 8/15/62.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

- \* Should be Aug. 74*
14. Proposed Vacation of portion of 182nd Street - Resolution of Intention 62-142. Ordered continued September 11th by Council. Don Kemp, Engineering Department, report to City Manager on subject vacation, with comment of City Manager Peebles requesting continuance for one month.

Mayor Isen stated this matter would be held for one month at the request of the City Manager. There was no objection.

15. This item appears in connection with Item 11. above.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

16. Park Superintendent Clemmer recommendation for acceptance of Newcastle Dodge bid for 12' Stake Truck - Dump. Bid summary attached.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of award of the bid to Newcastle Dodge in the amount of \$4,184.76. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

17. Traffic & Lighting Engineer Whitmer, in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, recommending that contract for electrical wiring be awarded to low bidder, Gough Industries, inc. Bid summary attached.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of award of the bid to Gough Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$353.60. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

18. Mayor Isen commended City Attorney Remelmeyer on his fine report with respect to Walteria Lake sump litigation and contracts and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE RETURN OF CERTAIN FUNDS DEPOSITED BY DON WILSON FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE WALTERIA LAKE SUMP SITE

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-190. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 236TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-191. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen especially noted with approval the fact that the Airport is getting a 25 acre clear zone.

19. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for adoption Resolution concerning contract re contribution to the State Retirement System.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE FIRM OF COATES, HERFURTH AND ENGLAND, CONSULTING ACTUARIES, FOR DETERMINING THE APPROXIMATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ADDING GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 21264 TO THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH THE SYSTEM

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-192. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-193

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF O'MELVENY AND MYERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF A VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-193. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-194

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF LAURENCE J. THOMPSON TO RENDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF A VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-194. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 23, 1962, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ATLAS COVERALL AND UNIFORM SUPPLY COMPANY FOR EMPLOYEES' UNIFORMS

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-195. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Councilman Drale questioned the amount to be deducted from the employees' paychecks and it was explained the \$1.56 charge is after the first week.

Councilman Sciarrotta voiced the hope that there would be no difficulty with the 5% who reputedly have not favored the uniform plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-196. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATURE ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN QUALIFY FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION UNDER SECTION 143.3 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-197. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE FOR THE SOUTH 32.75 FEET OF LOT 1, TRACT 3391 (WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON BETWEEN 229TH AND 230th STREETS) IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 782 (C. Rippy)

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-198. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM TO LOCATE THE SOUTH BAY STATE COLLEGE AT THE CORNER OF SEPULVEDA AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARDS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-199. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Benstead and Vico absent).

The councilmen present all expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the contents of the resolution from every standpoint. Mayor Isen moved that the words "and city officials" appearing in Line 3 of Section 3 of the Resolution be deleted and that the Council members be considered as ex officio members of any committee formed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen also asked that community support be furnished in every possible way and that City Attorney Remelmeyer furnish copies of the resolution far and wide. He asked that each of the councilmen compile a list of likely members for the fifteen-member committee and that these lists be considered at a personnel meeting at 5:00 P.M. immediately preceding next Tuesday's council meeting. He mentioned the names of Jones & Emmons, consulting architects, Harry Harmon of the Facilities Planning Staff of the Chancellor's office, and asked for resolutions from the other South Bay cities.

Mayor Isen read an article from the Inglewood Citizen listing the following reference areas to be considered in the choice of a college site and asked that the Committee consider these: 1. potential for development within a broad master plan; 2. community interest and support; 3. beauty, spirit and feeling; 4. proximity to shopping, housing, employment, cultural and recreational facilities; 5. accessibility to existing and projected transit routes; 6. size and shape; 7. freedom from noise and nuisance; 8. natural features; 9. availability of utilities; 10. availability of the property itself; and 11. potential student population to be served.

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At 8:30 P.M. Mayor Isen declared a recess and the Council reconvened at 8:37 P.M.

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Mayor Isen asked that Nancy Anderson of the South Bay Daily Breeze, Don Kirkland of Torrance Press and Reid Bundy of the Torrance Herald, act as a special Publicity Committee for the college site, to work in connection with the Steering Committee of the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THANKING MARCELLUS L. JOSLYN FOR FUNDS DONATED THROUGH THE MARCELLUS L. JOSLYN FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADULT RECREATION CENTER IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JOSLYN CENTER"

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-177. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Councilman Drale suggested this resolution be in the form of a perma plaque and "a little bit special". Mayor Isen agreed, stating this is the finest and largest gift the City has ever received and he hopes that it may be possible for Mr. Joslyn to attend council meeting to accept the resolution. The preparation and form in which it will be presented were referred to City Manager Peebles for appropriate action.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1333

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXEMPTING FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 716 (WHICH ORDINANCE PROHIBITS BUILDING IN THE AREA KNOWN AS WALTERIA LAKE) PROPERTY WITHIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7-B UPON COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1333 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: Councilman Drale  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1334

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND; PROVIDING A DEDUCTION FROM THE PAYMENTS DUE TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COST OF CERTAIN DRAINAGE STRUCTURES PRIORLY CONSTRUCTED; PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS OF MONIES PAID INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AT THE RATE OF \$1200 OR \$600 PER ACRE BY ANY PERSON IMPROVING, SUBDIVIDING OR DIVIDING ANY LAND IN THAT PART OF LAKE WALTERIA DESIGNATED AS DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7-B; DETERMINING THE BASIS OF COMPUTING SAID PAYMENTS AND GIVING A CREDIT FOR APPROVED PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1334 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: Councilman Drale  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

Councilman Drale questioned whether the safety pattern of the Airport is excluded and City Attorney Remelmeyer said it does not extend that far. This ordinance is on the drainage problem, nothing else, Mayor Isen said. City Attorney Remelmeyer said some of the land is undoubtedly in the area the City will acquire with the bond issue funds; some is that on which the City wants avigation easements. The City cannot prohibit building in that area and permit building in other part of Walteria Lake unless the City acquires the property. Councilman Drale said by lifting the building restriction the City is taking premature action. A high proportion of the land which the City will acquire in fee is now built up with single family residences. By the time anyone would start to build, the City will have its bond issue funds and he does not think this action will prove premature.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1335

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. 788

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1335 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

31. This item was removed from the agenda for the time being.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1337

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1321 (POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN) BY MAKING THE DELETION OF THE POSITION TITLE OF SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AND ADDITION OF THE SALARY RANGE AND POSITION TITLE OF SECOND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1962

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1337 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

33. Mayor Isen stated this item, budgeted amount for Phase No. 1 of the Police Annex, is informational only and there being no objection, ordered it filed.

34. Sidewalks for Civic Center.

City Manager Peebles asked that the two places in this communication where the width of the sidewalks appears, should be changed from "four" to "six" feet. His recommendation is therefore that the six foot sidewalks be placed adjacent to the curb throughout the Civic Center complex, with landscaping being behind the sidewalk area. Councilman Miller moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

35. Improvement of Arlington Avenue. Attached: letter from Shinoda Brothers, Inc., communication from City Engineer Nollac, letter from United States Gypsum Co., letter from So. California Edison Co., sketch.

Mayor Isen, in answer to the plea contained in City Manager Peebles' letter, suggested Councilman Miller and Don Reining, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, do what they can toward negotiating with Shinoda Brothers and United States Gypsum Company, respectively. In the meantime, the matter will be held in abeyance for thirty days.

36. Public address system outlets for Youth Center Building (cost extra).

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to authorize the expenditure of \$600 for installation of necessary junction boxes and conduit for the public address system in the auditorium of the Youth Center Recreation Building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

On inquiry by Mayor Isen as to whether the building will be completed in time to be used at the Independent Cities meeting on September 28, City Manager Peebles said barring unforeseen difficulties it will be ready for use.

37. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$390.74, including tax, to the Econolite Corporation for one Model 507 Controller and two Type GI #53462 Ge, Pur. Relays for the Traffic & Lighting Department.

2. \$832.00, including tax, to American LaFrance for 200 gallons of 3% Air Foam Liquid for the crash truck at the Municipal Airport.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve expenditures listed above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

PROCLAMATIONS:

38. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 16 - 22 as CONSTITUTION WEEK and
39. The week of September 6 - 13 as VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. In response to a suggestion from City Manager Peebles of an item which came too late to be placed on this week's agenda, Mayor Isen moved the banners for the L. A. County Fair be permitted to be hung over the streets of Torrance, as in former years, subject to proper insurance, the license fee to be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

AYES: Councilmen Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmen Benstead and Vico

41. City Manager Peebles said that Thursday, September 20, 1962, the Lakewood Country Club will be the scene of a general membership meeting of the League of California Cities. He was authorized to make seven reservations at this time and more will undoubtedly be asked.

42. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had been asked last week for a report on the alley next to the First Western Bank. He and the Engineering Department have not yet been able to make this report and Mayor Isen asked that, when prepared, it be placed on the agenda as a written report.

43. Councilman Beasley announced his intention of attending the League of California Cities Highway and Street Committee all day Friday of this week.

44. Re Lot 43, Tract 23988, Councilman Beasley moved that all the restrictions be removed from this property and that Engineer's report, as submitted by Denn Engineering Company, be ordered filed. The condition has been corrected to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, the Building Superintendent, as well as the private engineering company; verbatim transcript of these minutes to be recorded with the escrow company. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent).

Item 44

Verbatim transcript of item under Oral Communications made by Councilman Beasley at Council meeting of September 11, 1962:

Councilman Beasley: We all received a letter from the City Manager concerning some property which the Engineering Department has assured us as well as a private engineer and our own City engineer, the problem has been completely corrected. I feel we should remove the cloud on the title from the property. I am very well acquainted with the property and the house. I would like to move we remove all restrictions from the property and have the record show the condition in question has been corrected to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mayor Isen: I'll second that and file the engineer's report with the case. I feel a bit responsible due to the Portabello situation and there never was any intention to cloud the title. This report from the independent engineering firm dated September 11th completely clears any problem of any hazard or danger. I would second your motion and ask the report be filed with the case.

Councilman Beasley: This motion refers to Lot 43, Tract 23988, that's the lot on which the motion is made.

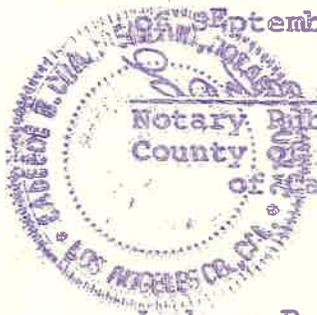
Roll call: AYES: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen  
ABSENT: Benstead and Vico.

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I, Edith Shaffer, Minute Secretary to the Torrance City Council, certify that the above is a verbatim transcript of a portion of the Council meeting held September 11, 1962.

Edith Shaffer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 1962.



Ladeene B. Chamberlain  
Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California

Ladeene B. Chamberlain  
My Commission Expires November 2, 1964

45. Councilman Drale said he had asked a resolution be prepared with respect to elevation of persons to municipal and Superior Court judge positions and there is reason to believe there may be a vacancy in the South Bay Municipal Court. He stated Mayor Isen has long been qualified for such a position and suggested adopting a resolution for transmittal to the Governor of this state showing the City of Torrance is wholly in favor of his being appointed to a possible vacancy. Mayor Isen left Council Chambers temporarily and in his absence Councilman Drale asked City Clerk Coil to read in its entirety

RESOLUTION NO. 62-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT  
ALBERT ISEN JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Resolution No. 62-200 by unanimous voice vote. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and the favorable vote of those present was unanimous. (Councilmen Benstead and Vico absent). The resolution will be signed by Councilman Drale as Vice Mayor and the councilmen and copies forwarded to the Governor, his secretary and other pertinent persons.

46. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned a plan for cooperative buying with the County and City Manager Peebles said that plan is in effect now under a contract with the County.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta told of the various advantages he and the other councilmen had obtained from the meeting in Philadelphia.

48. Mayor Isen exhibited an envelope and its contents which had been returned "Unknown" and "Unclaimed" to the Planning Department and eventually had reached his attention. The contents were notification of a planning matter sent to him under the rule to notify property owners within 300 feet. The notice had been sent to 1607 Cabrillo from which address his office was moved over three years ago. Probably the assessment rolls from which the owners' names are taken had so shown his address but he asked that a letter be sent to the local post office stating the incident.

49. Mayor Isen said a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission had reported to him that Chamber of Commerce awards were to be made under the name City Beautiful which that member thought should come within their commission's jurisdiction. Don Reining of the Chamber of Commerce said he had talked with the member mentioned and was now in process of changing the name of the Chamber's awards. The intention had been to help the Commission and the City, he said, rather than to cause any annoyance.

50. Mayor Isen suggested the possibility of a heliport atop the new Superior Court building for the convenience of visiting lawyers and other persons in the interest of saving time. John Eardley, a member of the Planning Commission spoke from the audience, saying he believed it would not be advisable to locate such a facility on the roof of the Superior Court building as that would be extremely expensive. City

Attorney Remelmeyer asked that nothing be done which would delay the completion of the building which is now at the stage where plans have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mayor Isen was inclined to agree and asked that the Master Plan be studied by the Airport Commission for the possibility of an area which would properly accommodate the heliport.

51. Councilman Beasley expressed a need for uniformity in addresses within Torrance, to eliminate Redondo Beach and Gardena addresses for our citizens and the possibility of taking over the Lomita and Harbor City postal systems as branch offices of Torrance Post Office. Also he mentioned contacting Congressman King with the thought of obtaining a new proper size post office building for Torrance.

52. Councilman Drale advised Administration keep abreast of a Senate and House Public Works Bill which might furnish Torrance with money for a Civic Auditorium.

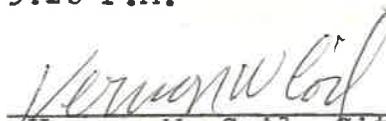
53. City Manager Peebles stated Anza Boulevard has been properly painted, striped and posted for traffic control.

54. Mr. John W. Johnson of 309 Avenida Atezada, representing the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association praised the recreation program this summer within the City and asked that something be done about the intersection of Palos Verdes Boulevard, Monte d'Oro and Catalina, a joint problem of Redondo Beach and Torrance. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said this is now under study. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would be referred to the City Manager with a request that something be accomplished as the need is urgent. Mr. Johnson said STOP signs would help considerably. City Manager Peebles will give this matter immediate attention.

55. Mr. Tom Boring, 4737 Reese Road, asked permission for the annual Walteria Round-up Days parade Sunday, September 16. Councilman Drale moved the permission be granted subject to proper police approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

56. Mr. Johnson, who spoke re Item 54 above, added that a dinner dance would be held October 20, 1962, part of the proceeds of which would go to the Youth Building in El Retiro Park and invited the councilmen as paying guests.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance  
 Edith Shaffer  
 Minute Secretary  
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