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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 18, 1962, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

Mayor Isen announced there was a very distinguished visitor in the audience, in addition to the members of the Planning Commission who will meet with the Council for dinner following this meeting. He introduced R. R. (Dick) Smith, the second mayor of Torrance back in about 1912, and Mr. Smith gave a brief comment on municipal affairs at that time.

3. Mayor Isen explained for the benefit of the audience the manner in which Council business is transacted, and at his request former Councilman Bradford led the salute to our Flag.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: **COUNCILMEN:** Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. **ABSENT:** None. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

**4. INVOCATION:**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Drale, there being no objections, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 1962, were approved as written.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

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

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

**NOES: COUNCILMEN:** None.

**7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:**

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

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

8. Case No. 792 - Change of Zone - Petitioner Argosy Corporation. Change of zone from C-2 to R-3, Lots 14 and 15, Tract 3458 situated at 3650-3720 Emerald Street. Recommended for approval at formal

hearing closed September 4, 1962. This is a resubmittal with letter of explanation from Acting Planning Director Cleveland and attached are Planning Director's letter of transmittal, planning Director Shartle and City Engineer's concurrence, as well as Manager Peebles, addendum to Staff recommendations, sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of August 15, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Councilman Vico asked what will be done about police protection, fire protection, cost to the property owners on Torrance Boulevard whose land backs up to the wall which will enclose this project, to connect to the sewer. He proposed an addition to the motion by Councilman Drale concerning these contingencies. City Engineer Nollac was asked for a clarification of these questions and he said probably Councilman Vico refers to the back portion of two five-acre parcels which face on Emerald Street. City Engineer Nollac said for the back portion of those parcels facing Torrance, it would probably be necessary to put in a small pumping plant or get an easement into the sewers Mr. Cake is installing in the development under discussion, or go to Amie Avenue. It will be required that the sewers in the project be dedicated to the City although it is a moot question if the dedication can be required to the rear property line beyond the end of the sewer. Where the Torrance Boulevard parcel owners would connect to the sewer is an undetermined matter at this time, contingent on economic feasibility. Mayor Isen did not think the recommendation, nor the motion based thereon, sufficiently definite. City Engineer Nollac said at this time there is no way to require Argosy Corporation to dedicate the streets to the City. There is also a difference of ten feet in the setbacks between C-2 and R-3 zoning, Planning Director Shartle said.

Councilman Benstead said due to his absence, he is not familiar with the case and would like to have time to study it.

Planning Director Shartle explained in detail the problem involved in connecting the private street system to the city street system; the connection would have to be on adjacent property.

In answer to a query by Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer expressed the opinion that the recommendation should have been for denial until such time as certain conditions are met, rather than for approval, with opposition to certain factors.

Under all these uncertainties, Mayor Isen suggested Case No. 792 go back to the Planning Commission for reprocessing and a meeting of the minds of the developer, the Planning Commission, and the Council. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale stated Argosy Corporation had complied with all the regulations of the City and did not agree that the City had any right to deny him the right to develop his tract.

Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Benstead was:  
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico,  
 Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

The case will be reprocessed by the Planning Commission.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

9. Councilman Beasley moved the following five street easements and one water main easement be accepted:

1. Street easement deed dated June 25, 1962 for the widening of 190th Street over a portion of Lot 30, McDonald Tract, given by the Chase Manhattan Bank.
2. Street easement deed dated August 28, 1962 for the widening of Amie Avenue over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 3458, given by Henry J. and Marjorie E. Goodwin, Leavitt, B. and Edith L. Glaze.
3. Street easement deed dated August 29, 1962 for the widening of 235th Street and 23th Place over a portion of Lot 48, Tract No. 588, given by Henry S. and Betty W. Cueto.
4. Street easement deed dated August 28, 1962 for the widening of Victor Street and alley Northerly of Victor Street over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 3218, given by Robert and Marjorie Indvik.
5. Street easement deed dated August 27, 1962 for the widening of Ocean Avenue and 230th Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Ocean Avenue and 230th Street over a portion of Lot 21, Meadow Park Tract, given by Seaside Community Evangelical and Reformed Church.
6. Water main easement deed dated August 6, 1962 for the construction, maintenance, operation, repair and use or to reconstruct a water main over a portion of Lot 13, Block 1, Shady Nook Tract, given by Bernice Bowman.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

10. Request for refund - Grant & Popovich.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation that the sum of \$23.40 be refunded to Grant & Popovich for overpayment of construction and excavation permit fee, Permit No. 2630, dated August 3, 1962. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

11. Award of contract - sanitary sewers in Flower Avenue between Sonoma Street and Carson Street. City Engineer's letter with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending low bidder, S & S Construction Co. be awarded contract.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the contract for the subject improvement be awarded to the low bidder, S & S. Construction Company for \$3,465.60 and all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Award of bid for printing Fifth Annual Report. Recommended by Director of Finance Scharfman and concurred in by City Manager, that award of subject bid go to Lewellen Press.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract to Lewellen Press and all other bids be rejected, Lewellen Press being the low bidder in the amount of \$832 plus tax and \$11 for each additional page above 76, His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

13. Bids for pedestrian ramp at Crenshaw Boulevard and 187th Street. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, recommending contract be awarded to low bidder, George A. Bradford Co., with one condition.

City Manager Peebles commented that the George Bradford Company would be required to put up the necessary performance bond as soon as this is approved. However, while he will not start any work until the detailed plans are received by the City, this refers to the bridge and the abutment only and some of the work such as the fencing should be permitted to proceed. Also, permission is requested to erect two decorative signs advertising this pedestrian ramp as a Torrance project for the protection and benefit of the children. The contract has been executed by the School District and is now awaiting the signature of Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to George A. Bradford Co., in the amount of \$45,875, with the conditions set forth in that recommendation as well as the oral recommendation set forth above, and to grant the permission requested for signs as described. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## 14. TRAFFIC RECOMMENDATIONS:

Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Traffic Commission's recommendations for approval of the following:

- A. That pedestrian actuated traffic signals be installed at the intersection of Doty Avenue and 182nd Street, with attached supporting material and sketch.
- B. That a temporary left turn pocket be installed in Crenshaw Boulevard providing access to the corner property located at Crenshaw Boulevard and Crenshaw Place, with attached supporting material and sketch.
- C. That a 35 mph speed zone be established on Anza Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to Calle Mayor, with attached supporting material and resolution.
- D. That a 35 mph speed zone be established on Calle Mayor from Anza Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway, with attached supporting material, sketch and resolution.
- E. That a request for STOP sign at the intersection of Neece Avenue and the alley extension of 240th Street be denied, with attached supporting material.

Mayor Isen commented opposition has been expressed as to items C and D and recommended the items be considered separately. The fear is that if a 35 mph limit is set, traffic will proceed at even a higher rate. Councilman Miller suggested breaking the speed at these points by STOP signals; however, Traffic Engineer Whitmer said that does not provide beneficial in that it increases accidents.

City Manager Peebles read a telegram received in opposition to the increase in speed limit on Calle Mayor and Mrs. Shirley Jensen of 22422 Ahza and Mr. Wm. G. McLoughlin of 4215 West 230th Place, both spoke of the hazardous conditions on Anza, involved in the parking of second cars on the street by owners with single-car

garages, and in opposition to increased speed. There are no pedestrian crosswalks in this area and no protection to children crossing the street or going to the median strip where they like to play. Mr. McLoughlin favored crosswalks at proper places and a restriction to 25 mph when school is in session.

Councilman Miller moved to deny Items C and D and concur in the recommendations as to Items A, B and E. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

In line with the comments made and recorded in these minutes, Mayor Isen asked this matter be studied carefully and that the Traffic Division make some suggestions to alleviate the hazard.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:**

15. Agreement with Standard Oil Company. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for adoption Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Standard Oil Company to relocate pipelines in Victor Park.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-201

A 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 BETWEEN THE CITY AND STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO PIPELINE EASEMENTS IN VICTOR PARK.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-201. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AIRPORT FUND.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-202. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

17. Appropriation for Fire Station No. 5 - Del Amo Boulevard.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to approve \$5,400 appropriation from the balance remaining from various Capital Improvement projects which have been closed out during the last fiscal year for architectural fees and City Engineering Department costs with respect to Fire Station No. 5 - Del Amo Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the above recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Vico disapproved on the grounds of mounting cost with no way to know where it will stop.

18. Tire Mileage agreement - Municipal Bus.

The recommendation is to authorize City Manager Peebles to renew and extend the tire mileage agreement to September 30, 1963, and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. Audio system for Civic Center Youth Building.

The recommendation is to authorize the expenditure of \$1,000 for the equipment (hardware) and installation labor cost for the "fixed" public address system needed in the auditorium and adjacent patio area of the new multi-purpose recreation building now being completed on Civic Center. The breakdown is \$400 for hardware and parts and \$600 for system design, installation and labor. The system has been tailored to the specific need by Bay Electronics, and the time element is urgent.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the above recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. Joslyn Center - size and cost.

Four alternatives were listed in this communication with respect to Joslyn Center. The one recommended is (A) Single story approximately 85 x 100, \$9,350 square feet at \$15 per square foot, \$140,250; fee at 7% \$9,817, or total of \$150,067 - less the Joslyn contribution of \$75,000, leaving the City's contribution \$75,067, approximately 25% of the whole building planned.

City Manager Peebles asked one stipulation: that if the Council approves Option A, after study that he be permitted to come back for approval of either the center section, or the other end of the section, all on one level. This option did not agree with Councilman Beasley's understanding and Assistant City Manager Johnson explained something of the plans and cost estimates on a matching funds basis. The work would be done on a step or phase basis, conforming to the master plan. At the present time a \$75,000 contribution is available. Councilman Vico does not agree that it is an advisable deal.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to proceed in accordance with Option A as outlined in the communication and above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley did not approve of some of the phase features but City Manager Peebles explained the reasons for phasing the building as planned. Ultimately the building would be a two-story structure with two wings, including space for offices of recreation activities.

Mayor Isen stated the City has tried to obtain recreation facilities and now, through the generosity of Mr. Joslyn and good administration follow-up, there is available \$75,000 as the first step toward a very fine senior citizens' and arts and crafts center which it would

not be possible to obtain any other way within the next several years.  
Roll call was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

21. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel:

1. That Police Chief Percy Bennett be authorized to attend the 69th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in St. Louis, Missouri, October 6 through 11, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.
2. That Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, be authorized to attend the Annual International Building Officials Conference to be held in San Diego, October 2 through 5, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Mayor Isen moved to approve both items concerning personnel above listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

22. Complaint of Mr. Nicholas M. Bonness with attached correspondence.

This correspondence has been reviewed by the Council and it was generally conceded the letter did not merit comment. The only action taken was to file the communication.

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A recess was declared at 6:20 to permit the councilmen to study a resolution dealing with possible annexation of ten acres designated as the Lomita Flight Strip (barrow site).

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23. Council reconvened at 6:30 and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ANNEX TO SAID CITY CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DESIGNATED AS "LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP" ANNEXATION, AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-203. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-203. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

24. City Manager Peebles said a letter had been received from the Committee for the sidewalk on Anza Avenue, thanking the Council for its work on this project and another letter from Ethel Kovach had been received expressing appreciation therefor.
25. City Manager Peebles said, due to the urgency of preparation for the Independent Cities Seminar on September 28th, it is deemed advisable to postpone Junior Citizens' Day to the fourth Tuesday in October, October 23rd, an 8 p.m. meeting. There was no objection.
26. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had been working on the purchase of Moneta Water Company stock and the principal stockholder, Mr. Stephenson, still wants to sell his stock for \$250 per share. Because of the intricacy of the legal problems, Mr. Remelmeyer asked permission to employ the services of O'Melveny & Myers as expert attorneys in such problems. Councilman Miller moved to approve the request, it being understood the fee is to run in "hundreds of dollars" and to be kept to a minimum. Mr. Remelmeyer will report back as soon as the amount is ascertained or estimated.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and Mr. Benstead is to be furnished with the material presented to the Council during his absence, dealing with this subject.

27. Councilman Vico asked if it would not be possible to make more information available on some of these last minute matters. He does not feel that some of them merit the emergency status they are given by being introduced and rushed through. Anything which comes up on the night of a Council meeting should be held until the next meeting, he said. Councilman Benstead agreed that only what is listed on the agenda should be considered at a specified meeting and Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to note especially these comments.
28. Mayor Isen stated at a personnel meeting just prior to this Council meeting, fifteen names had been suggested as members of a steering and advisory committee to help locate the South Bay College in the City of Torrance. The names suggested are:

Mrs. Jean Hagenbaugh, 1011 Felbar Avenue  
 Dr. Ragnar Thorensen, 204 Vista Del Parque  
 Reverend David Beadles, 3643 Newton Street  
 Mr. Donald Moyer, 2655 Monterey Street  
 Mr. Ed Talbot, 23865 Hawthorne Avenue  
 Malania Stepard, 2646 Loftyview Drive  
 Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, 145 Via Monte D'Oro  
 Mrs. Don Maoursek, 329 Del Camp, Redondo Beach  
 Mr. Sam Levy, 1311 Sartori Avenue  
 Mrs. Gae Francis Panza, 253 Calle de Madrid, Redondo Beach  
 Mrs. Mary E. McDonald, 1626 Beech Street  
 Mrs. Ralph McBee, 17315 Atkinson Avenue  
 James M. Rea, 22721 Eastwood Street  
 Mr. Ed Gregory, 1340 Post Avenue  
 Mr. Jim Becker, 19309 Entradero Avenue

Education Committee: Dr. J. H. Hull, 2335 Plaza Del Amo  
 Father Pakarcik, 5430 Torrance Boulevard  
 Dr. Stuart Marsee, President El Camino  
 College, 358 de las Colinas

with all members of the Council and the Mayor acting as ex officio members.

Mayor Isen said he and Councilman Drale and several administration members had met with Dr. Leo Cain on this project of the Navy site consisting of 35 acres, near Crenshaw and Monterey. He mentioned the poor appearance of some of this land which is covered with heaps of junk, but felt it might be a good location for an athletic field for the college. The Facility is practically inactive at this time and it might be opportune for the government to cede this acreage toward the college site. He felt a resolution would be in order to submit the whole problem to the United States Navy, contingent on the land being turned over to the college, and Mayor Isen so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and it was asked that a copy of the resolution be sent to Dr. Cain. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

29. Mr. Edward T. White of 22815 Fern Avenue, said some months ago one of the councilmen had suggested investigation as to the STOP signal at the Del Amo Shopping Center, on Sepulveda Boulevard, and he wondered what has been done, or will be done. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said he had talked with the man in charge of Sears Store which is one of the three which would participate in the cost of the signal. It appears the signal will be financed but so far, the agreement is verbal only. Mr. White will keep in touch with Mr. Whitmer.

30. Mr. White also asked about the weed abatement program, especially in the oil field district. Mayor Isen advised him to talk with Chief Benner of the Fire Department. He also mentioned weeds in the tract in which he lives and was told there is no weed abatement program, as such, this year and the residents would do well to make it a neighborhood project in that it is not necessarily a fire hazard.

31. Mr. Richard Reinhart of 2107 230th Street asked about the vacation of the alley southerly of 230th Street between Arlington and Eshelman which had been rescheduled on September 4th to this meeting. The resolution has not yet been adopted and City Engineer Nollac has been on vacation, but it will be on the agenda next week.

32. Discussion of mutual problems with Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen introduced the members of the Planning Commission: David Halstead, Chairman, John Melville, Charles Kastner, Kenneth Uyeda, Jack Eardley and Roy Bayer. Mr. Harold LaMour, the other member, was not able to be present at this meeting. Also introduced was Mr. Bert Lynn, formerly chairman of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle to please give an explanation of Precise Planning, while no action would be taken on any matter at this informal discussion. Mr. Shartle talked at some length on the subject, answering questions of the Councilmen and citing examples of the various phases thereof. He told the southern California cities which are now using the ordinance establishing precise planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 to meet with the Planning Commission members at Charley's Restaurant for dinner.

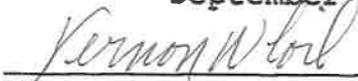
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APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

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	HEARINGS:	
8.	Case No. 790, Change of Zone, Thomas, approved	1,2
9.	Case No. 794, Variance, Probert, denied	2,3
10.	Vacation of portion of Rolling Hills Road, Resolution No. 62-206 adopted	3
	PLANNING MATTERS:	
11.	Case No. 795, Change of Zone, Sennes, Ordinance No. 1338, first reading, reclassifying, approved	3
12.	Waivers W-299, Karaszewski, granted	4
	W-300, Nishimine, granted	4
	W-301, Tracy, granted	4
	W-302, Wilson, hld for one week	4
	WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:	
13.	Claim of Cobern, referred to Legal Dept and denied	4
14.	L.A. Board of Supervisors, held and referred to Legal Dept	4
	COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:	
15.	Notice of Completion of improvement of Cabrillo accepted and extra work authorized	5
16.	Vacation of Service Road, Resolution No. 62-207 adopted	5
17.	Vacation of Gerkin Avenue, Resolution No. 62-208	5
18.	Vacation of alley near 230th St., Resolution No. 62-209 adopted	6
	RECESS	
	COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:	
19.	Refund to Pacific Western Co. approved	6
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20.	Improvement of Border Avenue by Doak, concurred	6
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21.	Award on painting El Retiro tennis courts	6
	COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL DEFENSE & DISASTER:	
22.	Attendance at Western Training Center referred to City Manager	6
	COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:	
23.	Contract on chain link fencing awarded	6
	AIRPORT MATTERS:	
24.	Jefferson lease matter:	
	Resolution No. 62-210, amending lease, adopted	6
	Resolution No. 62-211, further amendments to lease adopted	7
	Ordinance No. 1339, amending land use ordinance approved at first reading	7
25.	Psaltis request to sublease, approved	7
26.	Leonard's sign approved w/conditions	7,8
	RESOLUTIONS:	
27.	No. 62-204, congratulating Rolling Hills Estates, adptd	8
28.	No. 62-205, congratulating Maury Wills, adopted	8
	COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:	
29.	Request to attend Philadelphia meeting approved	8
30.	Purchase of city seals approved	8

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	2. \$1,029.60 incl. tax to Pac. Stamp & Sty Co., appr.	9
	3. \$1,434 to Rohloff & Co., approved (Item 21)	9
	4. \$671.90 to Keuffel & Esser, approved	9
34.	Proclamation of WHITE CANE DAYS	9
35.	Resolution No. 62-212, re Navy property for college adopted, letters to be written by Attorney	9,10
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38.	Sciarrotta re Greene Ready Mix	10
39.	Vico re Crenshaw trees	10
40.	Isen re College Steering Committee	10
41.	Isen re Independent Cities meeting Friday	10
42.	Mrs. Jordan, et al re Dr. Cortum matter	10,11
43.	Mrs. Pons re downtown Torrance	11,12
44.	Peebles postponing Jr. Citizens Day to Nov. 13	12
45.	Rogers re poodle kennels in M-1 zone	12

Adjourned at 10:30

Torrance, California  
September 25, 1962

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, September 25, 1962, at 8:00 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. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced his cousin, Mr. Charles Glazer and son, Bill, who are visiting in Torrance, and asked Bill to lead 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:

On motion duly made by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Miller, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 18th were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 790 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, George W. Thomas Third and final hearing on change of zone from R-2 and A-1 to RR-3 on westerly 88 feet of Lot 29 and the easterly 88 feet of Lot 30, resurvey of R. O. Hickman Tract, 4127 West 182nd Street, situated on north side of 182nd Street between Prairie Avenue and Bailey Drive.

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Planning Director Shartle's recommendation of approval submitting staff recommendations, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of August 15, 1962 and three sketches.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak with respect to Case No. 790; there was no response.

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

City Clerk Coil reported there had been another protest, from Mrs. Ventura Rodriguez of 4145 182nd Street, which he read and it was ordered filed.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission which was for approval provided all necessary dedications are received, and it was stated those easements have been received and that the easements include an alley along the easterly side of subject property. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mrs. Louis Serda of 4045 West 182nd Street, who had not realized the hearing was closed, was permitted to speak. Her complaint was on sidewalks and gutters and dedications of land by the petitioner, as well as the alley. Planning Director Shartle said the easements and dedications have now been given. Referring to the map, Mr. Shartle satisfactorily explained Mrs. Serda's questions, stating her problem has been recognized and if the alley is put through it will not take any of her property. It was contemplated eventually to rezone a much larger parcel of property and the alley will not be decided on until that Planning Commission initiated application is heard.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to concurrence in the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

9. Case No. 794 - Variance - Petitioner, George L. and Mildred C. Probert. Formal hearing for variance and conditional use permit to conduct a brake service, wheel alignment and muffler service on the property described as Lots 7 and 8, Block 13, Torrance Tract, situated at 1323 Cravens Avenue in Zone C-1.

Acting Planning Director Cleveland's recommendation for approval submitting excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of August 15, 1962, sketch and plot plan for Council use, as well as copies of nine letters of protest.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 794 and City Clerk Coil reported a petition with thirty signatures had been received in protest. It was ordered filed as were the nine additional letters of protest. Mayor Isen asked for a show of hands of those who were also protesting and there was a considerable number.

Mr. Probert of 1428 El Prado, the owner of the property, spoke briefly, saying he believed the proposed business would cause less noise and disturbance than many which have been permitted.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

The Councilmen and Planning Director Shartle discussed the noise and poor appearance factors and made various comparisons with other businesses and locations in the area. The principal objection seems to be that old mufflers, tires and trash clutter the sidewalk and at

times large shipments of incoming merchandise are piled on the sidewalk obstructing pedestrian traffic. Councilman Sciarrotta moved the petition be denied. His motion, seconded by Mayor Isen carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### 10. Vacation of Rolling Hills Road.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on this; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta carried, there being no objection.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 62-206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD FORMERLY KNOWN AS "OLD CRENSHAW BOULEVARD" IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-206. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Affidavits of Publication <sup>and FOSTING</sup> on the above cases involving hearings were presented and ordered filed.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

11. Case No. 795 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Elizabeth Sennes - change of zone from R-1 to C-3 approved by Council September 11, 1962. First reading of ordinance.

Councilman Beasley had understood a written protest had been made by the City of Rolling Hills Estates although City administration had not seen it. Mr. Kilpatrick of Empty Saddle Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, said such a letter had been prepared by their City Attorney as well as numerous other protests and asked if this matter might be held until those protests were located. Examination of the planning file disclosed the letter referred to, received August 1st and filed therein had been considered at the Planning Commission hearing. Mr. Kilpatrick gave the reasons for objection; they hoped eventually to occupy the area by the County Arboretum and that there are sufficient shopping centers to serve the residents of the area.

Mr. Lewis F. Roland of Delos Drive, Torrance, who is building in Rolling Hills said his neighbors did not know the center was going in and does not think the peninsula population warrants the ten shopping centers now located in the area. He stated this would be a fine opportunity for Torrance to obtain some land for park purposes.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1338

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. 795.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1338 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

Councilman Benstead asked in the future that all communications, whether letters or petitions, that come to the Planning Commission are also forwarded to the Council. Mayor Isen thought it would be sufficient to have verbatim copies of any protests from municipalities, or other governmental bodies, or their representatives and brief resumes of other types of communications dealing with planning matters. Mr. Miller favored all communications being furnished in full. Mayor Isen repeated his views in the form of a motion, but Councilman Drale said this has always been a policy but had not been strictly followed. Planning Director Shartle agreed to comply.

#### 12. WAIVERS:

W-299, Henry Karaszewski, 18406 Prairie Avenue, R-1 zone, requesting waiver of rear yard requirements to construct room between existing house and garage. Garage is 5' from rear property line. Recommended for approval.

W-300, J. Nishimine, 24419 Hawthorne, C-2 zone, requesting side yard waiver to construct an apartment over existing commercial structure, property located at 24421 Hawthorne. Recommended for approval with six conditions listed.

W-301, Paul T. Tracy, 2434 W. 166th Street, R-1 zone, requesting permission to construct breezeway between house and garage, located on corner lot, above address; garage is 2½ feet from rear property line. Recommended for approval with two conditions listed.

W-302, Don Wilson, 2918 West Compton Boulevard, Gardena, requesting 6' rear yard waiver to construct apartment building within 4' from rear property line at one point. An average rear yard depth of 10' will be maintained. Recommended for approval.

The information furnished on W-302 was considered to be insufficient. Expressly excluding W-302, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the Council concurred in the recommendations of approval, with the various conditions set forth. There was no objection.

As to W-302, Councilman Drale moved to table it until next week's council meeting for further information. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and there was no objection.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Claim of Phillson J. Cobern in action against City for alleged water damage to his car September 13, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. The motion carried, there being no objection.

14. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors certified resolution re Master Plan highways - continuing cooperation with cities of County to determine Board's position with respect to proposed legislation.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection this item would be referred to the City Attorney for study; action of the Council to await a resolution from the League of California Cities. There was no objection.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

15. Notice of Completion - Improvement of Cabrillo Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to Lincoln Avenue. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles to approve and authorize extra work and accept subject improvement under contract with S. C. McAmis.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

16. Intention to vacate service road at the southeasterly corner of Atkinson Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE THE SERVICE ROAD AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF ATKINSON AVENUE AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-207. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale questioned City Engineer Nollac about the reason for vacation of this service road and Mr. Nollac explained the commercial development at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevard precludes extension, so that it would have to be a deadend street; thus it is of no use to the City.

Roll call vote was:

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

17. Intention to vacate Gerkin Avenue between Opal and El Dorado Streets. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollad and City Manager Peebles for approval, and resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE GERKIN AVENUE BETWEEN OPAL AND EL DORADO STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-208. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

## 18. Vacation of alley southerly of 230th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF AN ALLEY LYING SOUTHERLY OF 230th STREET BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND ESHELMAN AVENUES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-209. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A recess was declared at 8:48 and the Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

19. Pacific Western Co. request for refund of electric permit fees collected in error, with comment of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, approving.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to refund to Pacific Western Co. the permit fees collected in error, in the amount of \$363, with the understanding that the company would issue a new check in the correct amount of \$265.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico (who had just returned to the Council room following recess)

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

20. Improvement of Border Avenue. Recommending Doak Aircraft be granted permission to improve east half of Border Avenue, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

21. Recommendation to award bids for El Retiro Park tennis courts to lowest and best bidder, Rohloff and Company.

Councilman Benstead questioned this particular type of paint job and Director of Recreation Van Bellehem explained it is a new process which has been successfully used by the City of Los Angeles and Beverly Hills Recreation Departments: a sander, grid impregnated paint job which roughens up the tennis court to prevent slipping. Normally a paint job lasts 3 to 6 years and the one now on this court has lasted over six years. The new process is more economical and, being a superior process with epoxy base, will quite probably last longer. The difference in amounts bid would be because the process is new and not yet very competitive.

Councilman Benstead moved the bid be awarded to Rohloff and Company as the lowest and best bidder, in the amount of \$1,434. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL DEFENSE & DISASTER COMMISSION:**

**22. Request re attendance at Western Training Center.**

The request was for two members, but Mayor Isen said he believed one from each of the departments mentioned would be sufficient, and, at the suggestion of City Manager Peebles, the item was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report to the Council with a recommendation. There was no objection.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:**

**23. Recommendation that chain link fencing and related hardware or fittings contract be awarded to Hutchinson Fence Company.**

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. Approximately \$3,000 will be spent in this fiscal year due to increased park development. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

**AIRPORT MATTERS:**

**24. Jefferson, Incorporated. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting two resolutions and ordinance for first reading.**

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated a change will be made in the amount set forth as rental in his cover letter, based on a different method of computation, the net result of which would be that the rental will be \$218.55 per month. He satisfactorily explained the reason therefor, involving use of a general common parking area, rather than a specific area set aside for theatre parking.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 62-210**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST "LEASE NO. 3-B" AND "THIRD AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 3-A" BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-210. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN INSTRUMENT ENTITLED "FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 4-A" BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF PARCEL Z OF SAID LEASE NO. 4-A.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-211. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1339

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-Y OF APPENDIX I (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO LAND USE ZONE C-4, BY ADDING A MOTION PICTURE THEATER TO THE USES PERMITTED IN SAID ZONE.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1339 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated Jefferson, Incorporated has requested the City sign an attornment agreement such as was executed with Airport Plaza on its theatre lease. So far, the agreement has not been reproduced in sufficient numbers for distribution to the Council, but he requested authorization for such an attornment agreement, the effect of which would be to provide if Jefferson should default in payment of rent, the sublessee, Sterling Theatres, would take Jefferson's place and pay the rent, as lessee in order to prevent forfeiture.

Mayor Isen moved to grant such authorization in concurrence with City Attorney Remelmeyer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

25. David J. Psaltis request to sublease his proposed hangar. Recommendation of approval.

26. Leonard's Department Store request for signs on Airport Plaza leasehold. Recommendation of approval subject to acceptance of Notice of Transfer of Interests of Big Ben to Leonard's by City Attorney and subject to approval of other pertinent departments.

These two items were, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Mayor Isen, approved, there being no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ON THEIR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-204. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. It was agreed the resolution should be changed to show that Maury Wills has now exceeded the record of Ty Cobb in 1915 and, with this change prepared for presentation at the Board of Supervisors' ceremony Friday of this week.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-205

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING MAURY WILLS, STAR DODGER BASEBALL PLAYER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD AS THE ALL-TIME NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE STEALING CHAMPION.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-205. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously. At the closing of the season, Councilman Vico moved and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded that a perma plaque resolution be prepared showing the actual record as of that time for presentation to Maury Wills. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. Request to attend International City Manager's conference in Philadelphia October 15 through 19, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved and Councilman Beasley seconded to approve granting the above request. The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

30. Recommendation on purchase of 500 city seals from Minnesota-Mining.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. The total cost is approximately \$530 plus tax for the 500 seals. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

31. Report on cost of bids for new Sewerroder - by Assistant City Manager Johnson.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation for this lease purchase under the conditions set forth in the communication of Assistant City Manager Johnson, approved by the City Manager, dated September 20, 1962. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. The motion carried as follows:

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

City Manager Peebles explained this is the lowest and best bid by approximately \$600 for this specialized piece of equipment and there will be a considerable saving in interest.

32. Recommendation for remodeling of Council Chambers.

City Manager Peebles exhibited the plan for the first phase of the proposed remodeling which would cover the portion of the room occupied by the councilmen (in front of the rail). Councilman Beasley moved to remodel. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, but failed, as follows:

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

33. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. Coast Equipment Exchange for 1000 gallon underground storage gasoline tank installed, for the Fire Department, \$627 including tax, a budget item.
2. To Pacific Stamp and Stationery for aluminum metal vehicle plates for licensing delivery trucks, License Department the amount of \$1,029.60 including tax, a budget item.
3. To Rohloff & Company for color surfacing two concrete tennis courts at El Retiro Park, the amount of \$1,434, a budget item.
4. To Keuffel & Esser Company for tracing cloth for the Engineering Department, \$67190, a budget item.

Item 3 was approved earlier in this meeting. As to Items 1, 2 and 4, Councilman Sciarrotta moved approval. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale (Presumably his objection is to Item 2 which he questioned).

34. Mayor Isen proclaimed October 5 and 6, 1962, as WHITE CANE DAYS.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONVEY THE LONG BEACH NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT, TORRANCE ANNEX, PROPERTY ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN

IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE STATE  
COLLEGE SYSTEM AT SUCH TIME AS THE SOUTH BAY STATE  
COLLEGE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-212. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

City Attorney Remelmeyer will write a letter to accompany the resolution, the letter to be signed by Mayor Isen. Mayor Isen again described the unsightly condition of the property and suggested some photographs be taken for transmittal with the letter.

36. City Manager Peebles said the bus report previously requested will be ready in about four weeks.

37. City Manager Peebles announced and urged attendance at the meeting of Independent Cities of Los Angeles County which Torrance is hosting on Friday, September 28th.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta said it has been called to his attention that Greene Ready Mix on Hawthorne Avenue is creating a considerable amount of dust and, for the benefit of the residents of the area, asked that something be done to alleviate the nuisance and improve the appearance of the place of business.

Vico

39. Councilman/asked when the trees on Crenshaw near Pittsburgh Paint Co. would be replaced. City Manager Peebles said that has been done.

40. Mayor Isen asked all members of the Council attend the first meeting of the Steering Committee for the college site, as ex officio members, along with the committee members appointed, at 7:30 Monday evening, October 1st in the Council Chambers. Planning Director Shartle was also asked to attend.

A resolution has been received from Lomita favoring the Torrance location and Mayor Isen sent a copy of it to be sent to Dr. Cain, asking him to forward it to the Board of College Trustees; that the original be preserved, and that copies be furnished to the Committee.

41. Mayor Isen stated the meetings will start at 9 Friday morning for the Independent Cities meeting and copies of an agenda were furnished the councilmen this evening. Wives are also welcome.

42. Mrs. Cleora Jordan of 4730 Macafee Road, who had written a letter designated on this agenda as Item R under Informational items, stated while she is not asking for reconsideration of the action taken on the request for partial payment of Dr. Cortum's expenses to a meeting of the executive committee of the National Decent Literature Committee, she disagreed with the comments made on September 5th at Council meeting. Mayor Isen again explained his reasons and those of the council for not appropriating anything toward those expenses. The local committee was appointed by council members but has not been active and evidently has never held a meeting. Councilman Miller, not having been on the Council at the time of the formation of the committee, asked what had happened to the group, and Mayor Isen said the other members could not get along with Dr. Cortum and another chairman was never elected. The councilmen and other interested citizens expressed themselves variously on the subject and Dr. Cortum's efforts were praised. As a result, Councilman Drale moved in due respect to Dr. Cortum, a resolution be

prepared in grateful appreciation, with the thought of a presentation in permaplaque format. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Benstead expressed his thoughts as follows: The Council has tried to do everything possible to eliminate lewd literature and will continue to do so. The committee seemed to be doing a good job and "fell apart" for some unknown reason. However, one city cannot stem this tide. It has to be a state-wide or national crusade.

Mrs. Demaris who lives on Amie Avenue, read from a magazine article written by J. Edgar Hoover on the subject of big business of peddling smut to the youth of America, and his suggestions for correcting the situation.

Mayor Isen said he thought the matter had been presented with sufficient clarity and detail and if there was no objection, promised there would be investigation toward learning what can be done within constitutional limits.

Mrs. Jordan suggested some action might be taken at the Independent Cities meeting on Friday, but was reminded this agenda had already been prepared far in advance.

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien of 1605 Acacia, who stated she was a member of the original committee asked that the Council decide and announce within a week what they intend to do about the subject, and when. Mayor Isen said the Council could not at this late date get it on next week's agenda.

Mrs. Jordan read the names of the persons who were originally named and by what councilmen.

In answer to a request from Councilman Miller, Mayor Isen stated there should be a copy of the resolution setting up the committee, on next week's agenda, and City Attorney Remelmeyer reminded the Council and the meeting that a state or municipality cannot legislate in a field which is covered by Federal laws. Mayor Isen also asked for information as to when the committee last met; a copy of the minutes of their last meeting; and within possibly two weeks a personnel meeting will be called to decide on names to comprise a new committee, if that seems advisable.

The Council was invited to attend a showing of a film entitled "Perversion for Profit" to be shown at Riviera Homeowners Association meeting Monday evening, but there is a conflict in that the first meeting of the College Steering Committee meets that evening and involves all councilmen, many of whom have already viewed the film.

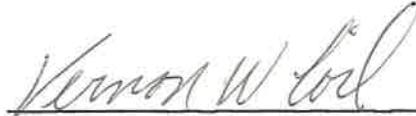
Councilman Benstead stated in all his years on the Council he has never initiated the preparation of a permaplaque; that he considers them foolish and disgraceful and it's a sad state of affairs if a Torrance citizen cannot do what is right for the City without being presented a permaplaque.

43. Mrs. Pons, a property owner on Cabrillo Avenue, voiced her complaint that downtown Torrance is dying and asked what progress is being made on establishing the parking lots. Mayor Isen told her it is in process of development.

44. City Manager Peebles said the date, October 23, presently set for Junior Citizens' Day, is in conflict with the League of California Cities meeting in Los Angeles and it was decided to change it to the next following 8 o'clock meeting, November 13th.

45. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers who live at 4105 Spencer Street, which is in an M-1 zone, complained that one of their neighbors has 15 dogs and 8 pups and is in the business of breeding poodles. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would see that this is investigated, although M-1 zoning permits such a business enterprise.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance