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Edith Shaffer
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Torrance, California
October 2, 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, October 2, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Albert Dumont, a member of the Torrance Water Commission, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Clifford Tierney, Minister of the South Bay Church of God, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion duly made by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 25, 1962, were approved as written, there being no objections.

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, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 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.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

HEARINGS:

8. 229th Street Assessment - Resolution of Intention No. 62-163 declaring intention to order construction of certain curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways on 229th Street, with outline of procedure and copies of protests.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 p.m., having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention No. 62-163, when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, to the extent of said assessment district, or to the proposed grades may appear before the City Council and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution. It is also the time and place fixed by said resolution of intention to determine whether public convenience and necessity require the work or improvement described in said resolution, and whether the provisions of the Special Assessment Investigation, Limitation and Majority Protest Act of 1931 shall apply thereto.

City Clerk Coil presented the following affidavits to the Council:

- a. Affidavit of Publication of resolution of intention;
- b. Affidavit of Mailing notice of hearing;
- c. Affidavit of Posting of "Notice of Improvement".

Councilman Benstead moved the above three affidavits be received and filed. His motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Assessment Engineer Laurence J. Thompson was duly sworn by Mayor Isen to testify concerning the nature of work and extent of assessment district and in answer to questioning by City Attorney Remelmeyer, stated this assessment is on 229th Street from Arlington to Cypress and the purpose is to construct sidewalks, curbs and gutters, a very simple project.

At the request of Mayor Isen, the City Clerk read in full two letters of protest: one from Mina Shidler of 23053 Doris Way (Tract No. 639, the west 82.5 feet) and one from John F. Higgins and Ann L. Higgins of 2215 229th Street. The letter from Mr. and Mrs. Higgins asked that the work include sidewalk in front of their property which consists of the easterly 55 feet of Lot 33, Tract 639, and the westerly 5 feet of Lot 32, Tract 639, as recorded in Book 15, page 132 of Maps, records of Los Angeles County.

Councilman Drale questioned Mr. Thompson regarding this request and Mr. Thompson replied the curb and gutter does not go around this corner and it is too late to make the necessary modifications to include it because hearings would have to be held and the whole procedure repeated.

Mayor Isen instructed City Engineer Nollac to write a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Higgins explaining the situation.

Assessment Engineer Thompson reported written protests filed with the City Clerk and not withdrawn, represent approximately 10% (including the Higgins protest), or 5.3% with only the Shidler protest, of the area of property to be assessed for the proposed improvement.

Mayor Isen asked if any person who has filed a written protest, or his representative, desires to be heard in support of such protest; there was no response.

Mayor Isen asked if any person wishes to make an oral protest; there was no response.

Mayor Isen asked if any person present desires to speak in favor of this proceeding, or comment upon it in any other way; there was no response.

All persons having been heard and there being no other persons present indicating a desire to hear or be heard on the matters before the City Council, on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE CERTAIN WORK AND IMPROVEMENT AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL NOT APPLY THERETO; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AGAINST SAID PROPOSED WORK OR IMPROVEMENT, THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, OR TO THE PROPOSED GRADES, ALL AS THE SAME ARE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 62-163.

(229th STREET ASSESSMENT
DISTRICT NO. A'11-61-3).

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-213. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-213. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Vacation of portion of 236th Street - Resolution of Intention No. 62-191, to vacate portion of 236th Street described as those portions of Lots 17 and 18, Meadow Park Tract.

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

Councilman Drale moved and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion to close the hearing and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 236TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-214. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Affidavits of Posting and of Publication were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Final Tract Map No. 27311, Subdivider - Kenland Development Co. Tract located between 235th and 236th Streets, east of Pennsylvania Avenue, presently zoned A-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle submitting recommendation and attached were excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 5, 1962, letter from City Engineer August 31, 1962, letter from Edison Company August 29, 1962, transmittal letter of tentative approval July 26, 1962, City Engineer's letter to Planning Commission on tentative Tract Map May 31, 1962 and location sketch.

Councilman Drale called attention to the comment of Planning Director Shartle on the cover letter stating the tract is zoned A-1 and presently undergoing hearings for R-1 zoning, and moved the matter be tabled until such time as the Planning Commission proceedings are completed. City Manager Peebles explained the policy on such matters and stated there is an exception as to A-1 to R-1 zoning. There was no second to Councilman Drale's motion.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Final Tract Map No. 27311. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Benstead ascertained that the Edison Company has agreed to place its poles to the rear, but objected to the chain link fence which he said will deteriorate rapidly and recommended block walls at such locations. He moved to amend the motion of Councilman Miller to include a requirement for block wall, rather than the chain link fence mentioned in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. City Attorney Remelmeyer said this subdivider could not legally be required to make this change and City Engineer Nollac described the location and stated the entrance is not now needed and thus the requirement is, in effect, removed.

Roll call vote on approval was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

Councilman Benstead stated there is not a 60' lot in the tract; it does not conform to the ordinance.

11. Waiver W-302, Don Wilson, 2918 West Compton Boulevard, Gardena. requesting 6' rear yard waiver to construct apartment building within 4' of rear property line, Lot 151 and portion of Lot 152, Tract 25788 at 4416. Calle Mayor, zoned R-3. Planning Director Shartle submitting recommendation of approval with location sketch. No written communications received.

The added information having been supplied on this request for waiver, Councilman Sciarrotta moved W-302 be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Don G. Cortum, M.D., Citizens for Decent Literature, requesting consideration of defrayment of certain expenses incurred, for information and/or action, with certain other pertinent correspondence and copy of resolution and membership list.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Miller said he would like to hear from anyone in the audience who wished to speak before voting on the motion. No one responded and Councilman Drale asked for roll call, which was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta.

Thus, the communication was ordered filed although Mayor Isen announced there would be a 7:15 p.m., personnel meeting on October 9, 1962 preceding the 8 o'clock meeting in order for the councilmen to decide whether or not to make nominations for the Committee and to suggest names therefor.

13. Claim of General Telephone Company in action against City of Torrance for alleged damage to underground installations.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

13A. Wingrock School request for installment payments on drainage fund.

The recommendation of City Manager Peebles was noted as being favorable to granting the request. However, the councilmen had some questions as to the legality and Mayor Isen suggested the owner and lessee of the property talk with the City Attorney who will present the matter with his recommendation on the Council agenda at a future time.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

14. Notice of Completion - Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from 3260 feet southerly of Lomita Boulevard to 1880 feet northerly of Pacific Coast Highway. Constructor: S. C. McAmis.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Request of property owner for permit to install curb, gutter and sidewalk in front of property at Amie Avenue and proposed Maricopa Street (21002 Amie Avenue). City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation for method of proceeding with construction, and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager on this request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Extension of time for installation of street improvements. Northeast corner of Victor and Emerald Streets - Del Amo Christian Church. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending granting six months extension of time.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in granting the extension of six months. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 30. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation for establishment of subject district. Attached limited number of maps.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac and City Manager Peebles. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 32. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation to establish subject district and pertinent resolution, agreement and location sketch.

Councilman Benstead questioned whether the responsibility for the cost of this construction was that of the contractor or owner at this particular site, stating the land was owned by former councilman Blount. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated it is the debt of Mr. Jahn. However, this district will serve the entire area and Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to establish the subject sewer reimbursement district. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-215

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 32, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT B. JAHN THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-215. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

19. North Walteria Lake Drainage (Drainage District 7a) Recommendations from City Engineer Nollac dated September 26, 1962 with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Mayor Isen expressed his opinion that Engineering is doing a very good job on this item and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to:

1. Establish drainage fees in drainage district per accompanying map.
2. Approve loan of \$85,000 from Drainage Improvement fund to Drainage District 7A fund.
3. Approve construction of Phase I upon collection of contributions totaling \$150,000 within drainage district.
4. Approve construction of remaining drainage facilities per accompanying schedule.
5. Approve future General Fund participation in the amount of \$118,100.
6. Remove building restriction zone per proposed schedule.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

20. Grant deed for park purposes along Gramercy Place from 178th Street to 180th Street. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending acceptance and submitting resolution so accepting.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the grant deed described. 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. 62-216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM HENRY M. GUENSER AND SOPHIA E. GUENSER.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-216. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously.

There was a question as to retaining the name "Guenser Park" and assurance was given there will be no change in name.

21. Transmittal of easements for acceptance by City Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following seven street easement deeds:

1. Dated September 12, 1962 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 3458, given by Ocean View Development Corporation, Inc.
2. Dated September 14, 1962 for the widening of 190th Street over a portion of Lot 19, McDonald Tract, given by Robert W. and Ida Lorraine Woodard.
3. Dated September 11, 1962 for the widening of Madrona Avenue over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 10778, given by Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co.
4. Dated September 6, 1962 for the widening of 171st Street, over a portion of Lot 26, La Fresa Tract, given by Donald J. Moreau.
5. Dated September 18, 1962 for the widening of Gramercy Place over a portion of Lot 64, McDonald Tract, given by R. A. Watt.
6. Dated September 13, 1962 for the widening of Redondo Beach Boulevard over a portion of Lot 61, McDonald Tract, given by Pioneer Theatres, Inc.
7. Dated August 9, 1960 for the widening of 229th Place and to provide a corner radius at the southwesterly corner of 229th Place and Arlington Avenue over a portion of Lot 63, Tract No. 639, and Lot 1, Tract No. 3391, given by Chas. T. and Ruth A. Rippey.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen suggested it might not be necessary to append location sketches with respect to easement acceptances, but Councilman Miller and Councilman Drale preferred the present policy be continued.

22. Grading Bond requirements. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending amendment of present ordinance to allow use of annual grading bond.

This is a proposed amendment to the present ordinance and in answer to a question by Councilman Benstead, City Attorney Remel-meyer said it will be quite legal if adopted. The ordinance will be presented with the proposed amendment in the near future.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve preparation of such an amendment. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

23. Recommendation to reject bids for kitchen equipment with attached list of vendors to whom bid forms were mailed and bid analysis.

24. Recommendation to reject bids for table service with list of vendors to whom bid forms were mailed and bid analysis.

25. Recommendation to reject bids for one piano dolly with list of vendors to whom bid forms were mailed and bid analysis.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in each of the recommendations above listed. As to item 25, the bids for one piano dolly, Councilman Sciarrotta said the explanation given by Director of Recreation Van Bellehem orally, should have been included in the written material.

Roll call vote was not taken, but there was no objection and rejection of all bids and call for new bids on all three items was ordered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-217

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 1962 be approved as written. The Minute Secretary noted the following correction in the vote on Resolution No. 62-217 adopted at that meeting: The motion passed by "Aye" votes with the exception of Councilman Benstead who voted "No." With that correction, accepted by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the minutes were approved as written, there being no further objection.

Excerpt from Council Minutes 10-9-1962

RESOLUTION NO. 62-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION

OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED OCTOBER 1, 1962, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PALOS VERDES AVIATION COMPANY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-218. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead said the City is, in effect, giving away the Airport. Councilman Drale asked if the lessee is permitted to dispense gas and oil. City Attorney Remelmeyer will add a subparagraph (d) to Paragraph 4 of the agreement, to expressly provide in no event shall gas, oil or other petroleum products be sold without prior consent of the City Council. With that amendment, accepted by Councilmen Miller and Beasley, the roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

28. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY re YWCA Fire Insurance.

The gist of the recommendation here is to permit YWCA to pay the pro-rated share of the City's insurance premium on its buildings which include the YWCA, rather than carrying separate insurance policy paid for by YWCA. This has been determined to be feasible and the cost will be \$49 for the coming lease year, payable by YWCA.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE NEIGHBORING SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN FURTHERING THE OBSERVATION OF PATRIOTIC EDUCATION WEEK OCTOBER 19 THROUGH OCTOBER 26, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-219. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote although Councilman Sciarrotta thought Torrance should be congratulated separately. Mayor Isen thereupon publicly proclaimed October 19 through 26, 1962, as PATRIOTIC EDUCATION WEEK in Torrance and urged citizens to conduct themselves accordingly and give serious thought to patriotic education.

A recess was declared at 6:15 p.m., and the Council reconvened at 6:25.

Before proceeding with the balance of the agenda, Mayor Isen introduced A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent, who, in turn introduced the members of the water Commission: Pat Hogue, Al Dumont, Jack Brooks and Waldo Ford, who will join the members of the Council for dinner following this meeting.

ORDINANCES:

30. This ordinance has had its first reading and its passage will rezone the property at Crenshaw and Rolling Hills Road, Planning case No. 795.

Councilman Beasley presented three letters he had received: one from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Siudmak, who live at the corner of Rolling Hills Road and Empty Saddle Road in Rolling Hills Estates, one from Laird Pierce of 3344 Empty Saddle Road, and one from Paul L. Bower, M.D., representing more than one hundred members of the Rolling Hills Road Homeowners' Association, each of which strongly protested the rezoning. A similar letter to that written by Mr. Pierce had been sent to each of the Councilmen and Councilman Sciarrotta especially expressed resentment of what he considered a "threatening letter".

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

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1338 at its second and final reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, although Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta asked that any oral presentations or protests be heard before roll call vote.

Mr. Leo Salsbury who lives in Victoria Knolls Tract spoke against the rezoning for many reasons, including: it is one of the few beautiful rural areas left; rezoning will destroy its definitely aesthetic advantages; compound a traffic problem which already exists; encourage multiple dwellings, deter development of the Airport property for revenue purposes as intended under the bond issue; and further dilute the business of the many surrounding shopping centers.

Dr. Bower spoke in protest along the same general lines and respectfully urged the zone change not be made. Prominent in his presentation was the loss of potential park property and the Southern California Botanical Gardens. The petition he presented was received for filing.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1338 was:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta who reiterated his displeasure at the one letter which was sent to all councilmen and stated his "No" vote was not the result of the many results, but rather of his belief that any beautiful rural area should be preserved.

31. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 CIDE OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO LAND USE
ZONE C-4, BY ADDING A MOTION PICTURE THEATER TO
THE USES PERMITTED IN SAID ZONE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1339 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, as follows:

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

32. At the request of Planning Director Shartle this item was withdrawn from the agenda for further study by Staff, on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

33. Recommendation to lease-purchase two street sweepers: one from Dearth Machinery Company and one from Conveyor Company, with attached Street Superintendent Perkins' recommendation to purchase said two sweepers and bid summary.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of lease-purchase for two streetsweepers, as stated above, at the respective prices of \$14,526.72 and \$13,520 as explained in City Mangger Peebles' communication dated September 26, 1962.

Councilman Drale asked the reason for the difference in price and when explained by Mr. Peebles that there are two different types, one of which will travel at highway speeds, and one for slower, closer work assignments, Councilman Drale asked why that is necessary. Mayor Isen said he is inclined to accept the opinion of the City Manager based on his experience with the two types for the two purposes, and roll call vote was:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

34. Mayor Isen proclaimed October 7 through 13, 1962 as NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK and

35. October 7 through 13, 1962 as EMPLOY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK.

36. There was an additional item - a recommendation that the request of Mr. Burton Friestad for participation in make-up paving be granted. City Engineer Nollac so recommended and City Manager Peebles concurred. The location is 18750 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. City Manager Peebles called attention to the additional material furnished by the City Clerk's office on the matter of Committee for Decent Literature.

38. Assistant Chief of Police Porter stated Lt. Rethwisch' father had passed away in New Jersey and Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to write a letter of sympathy to the family.

39. Councilman Drale announced as his choice to replace Mr. Bert Herzog who resigned from the Traffic Safety Council some time ago, Mr. Arnold Tauch of 20903 Amie Avenue.

40. Councilman Vico asked if it would be possible to permit the children to play baseball on Guenser Park until such time as the work of improvement starts. Mayor Isen said there had been a referral of this matter to the City Manager's office and asked that a report be furnished.

41. Councilman Vico asked about the possibility of the City selling gasoline at the Airport. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there are three petroleum agreements now: Vegas, Acme and Collins-Dietrich from each of which the City receives revenue. Mayor Isen asked a report from the City Manager's office as to the expiration dates of the contracts and some answer to Mr. Vico's question.

42. Councilman Vico mentioned some personnel trouble at the garage and the City Manager was instructed to investigate.

43. Mayor Isen announced the League of California Cities meeting Thursday of this week and asked those who could do so attend. A car will leave City Hall about 6 p.m. for Rodger Young Auditorium.

44. Discussion with Water Commission.

In answer to Mayor Isen's question, Water Superintendent McVicar said there are no particular problems. The Moneta Water Company purchase, if consummated, would use considerable money that otherwise could be used to develop storage facilities. Two wells drilled in 1934 have become unusable and a decision will have to be made about replacing them. Mayor Isen congratulated the Commission and the Department on good management as shown by the few problems.

45. Mrs. Cleora Jordan of 4730 Macafee Road spoke on the subject of the Committee for Decent Literature, stating the resolution which brought the committee into being, provides all members' terms shall expire January 15, 1964 and she discussed with Mayor Isen whether or not the committee has been inactive.

Mrs. Hazlett who did not give her address, implied there were political reasons behind some of the appointments and some of the discussions.

Dr. Cortum, 5320 Torrance Boulevard, who said he is now, or at least was at one time the chairman of the committee, also spoke, explaining the relationship between the local chairmanship and the meeting he attended in Chicago. Dr. Cortum deplored the lack of arrests and convictions for distribution of lewd literature throughout the United States. A letter of resignation from the chairmanship which he said was written and mailed, is not in the City Clerk's files, nor does any member of administration recall receiving such a letter.

Mayor Isen praised Dr. Cortum's efforts toward cleaning up the type of magazines being distributed in Torrance and contradicted any political implications. The question of whether this committee, or another with new membership, will continue in the worthwhile work will be considered at a personnel meeting at 7:15 p.m., October 9, 1962, and the Council will advise the public of its decision.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

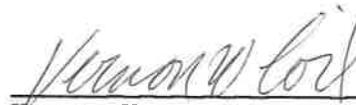
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October 2, 1962

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance


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