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Torrance, California
October 9, 1962

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 9, 1962, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, preceded by a pre-council session with respect to the formation of a Committee for Decent Literature.

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. Demers led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

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 esception 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.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, 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 reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Peebles asked that Item 23, dealing with bids for furniture for the Recreation Department, be removed from the agenda.

Mayor Isen introduced Sondra Bader, a member of the Provisional League of Women Voters who announced one of the members of their Observers Committee will attend all municipal body meetings and requested copies of the Council minutes. City Clerk Coil read in full a letter to that effect which had been received in his office.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Don Carleson of Southwest Torrance Kiwanis Club was introduced by Mayor Isen and, on behalf of his organization, presented a check for $600 to be used for the purchase of equipment or furnishings for the recreation building. He explained the money was a result of the Kiwanis' night at a Lakers' Basketball game; that another game will be played Thanksgiving Eve and if there is proper response to this announcement more money will be received. Mayor Isen thanked him on behalf of the Council and the City and instructed Director of Recreation Van Bellehem to confer with the club representatives after investigating what and how much equipment $600 would buy. He believed the Club should have a voice in the decision; Councilman Beasley suggested a small name plate be attached to whatever is purchased as a result of this gift.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the gift. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, with no objection.

Mayor Isen moved a perma plaque resolution be prepared in grateful appreciation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

City Manager Peebles announced the regular meeting of October 23 would not be held because of the League of California Cities meeting in Los Angeles on that day.

HEARINGS:

9. Case No. 797 - Variance - Petitioner, Joseph Cottrell, 2568 Brian Avenue. Formal hearing for variance and conditional permit to erect and operate a beauty shop at the above address, described as Lot 117, Tract 18416 in Zone R-3. Recommended for denial. Attached were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt of Planning Commission minutes of September 5, Planning Staff recommendations, list of petitioners and Exhibit A for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on Case No. 797.

Joseph Cottrell, the petitioner, presented his reasons for wishing the variance, explaining the physical location and purpose.

Mayor Isen asked regarding parking spaces and his question was apparently satisfactorily answered; however, Councilman Beasley mentioned the access to Crenshaw Boulevard problem and Planning Director Shartle stated there could be such ingress and egress only by special waiver of the City Council.

Mr. Leonard Freeman of 2656-B Brian, a close neighbor, spoke in favor of granting the variance, as did Alice Cottrell, the wife of petitioner, and also a licensed beauty operator.

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

Councilman Drale moved to approve variance in Case No. 797 on condition that there be ingress or egress on Crenshaw if approved by the Traffic and Lighting Engineer, but without this being a condition which would quash the variance if the approval is not so granted. It was agreed the motion, as such, is only to grant the variance and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen advised the petitioners to talk with Traffic Engineer Whitmer to see if some safe arrangement can be made for ingress and egress to and from Crenshaw.

10. Case No. 801 - Variance - Petitioner, Tsutomu Omatsu, 20533 Eastwood Avenue. Formal hearing for a variance and conditional permit to construct a nine-unit apartment building at 3635 Garnet Street in Zone A-1, property dexcribed as the East 65 feet of the west 135 feet of the north 152.50 feet of the south 177.50 feet of Lot 29, Tract 3458. Recommended for approval. Attached were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 5 and Planning Staff recommendations.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 801; and there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing; motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and a discussion followed of whether or not subterranean garages should have doors, especially when the entrance is visible from the street. Councilman Benstead was definitely in favor of such doors and Planning Director Shartle will check the regulations. Councilman Drale amended his motion for approval, subject to placing doors on the garages. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Councilman Benstead moved if it is determined there is no such provision in the pertinent ordinance, that an amendment be drafted by City Attorney Remelmeyer to so provide. His motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

11. Case No. 803 - Variance - Petitioner, Maurice A. Wisdom, 18313 Roslin Avenue. Formal hearing for variance and conditional use permit to construct a second family four bedroom dwelling containg 1428 square feet at at above address, described as Lot 89, Tract 15933 in Zone R-1, recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 5; Planning Staff recommendations and communications; also Exhibit A for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 803; there was no response.

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

Councilman Benstead pointed a similar request on Prairie Avenue was denied. Councilman Miller said a decision would depend to a great extent on the depth of the lot which was determined to be 145 feet.

Councilman Drale remarked, neither pro nor con, that he felt anything would upgrade the area and although it is now premature, he hopes nice apartment units can go in there. Councilman Vico stated there is inconsistency in some of these decisions but Councilman Miller replied no such blanket decision can be made as Mr. Vico suggested; each case must be decided on its merits.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation approving and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Councilman Benstead maed a substitute to hold the case for two weeks for further study and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection

Councilmen Drale and Miller conceded and the decision is to refer to Planning Director Shartle for further study and that a map be presented in connection with the recommendation to be made.

Affidavits of Publication on the three cases above were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Claim ofVirginia P. Cox in amount of $15.92 for alleged damages to son's bicycle, on Yukon Avenue between Artesia and 182nd Street.

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

13. Torrance Unified School District request for one-tenth of the one percent sales tax received by the City.

Councilman Vico moved to file. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

14. Invitation from Edw. H. Risdon to attend meeting with Ted Bruinsma, candidate for the 17th Congressional District.

Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection, this communication would be filed; there was none.

15. General Services Administration re interest ofCity in the Long Beach Naval Supply Depot, Torrance Annex.

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Coil if a copy of the resolution was sent to Dr. Cain and Mr. Coin said it had been. Councilman Beasley asked if copies had gone to congressmen and senators and City Clerk Coil will check.

The answer from GSA was not unexpected as the letter sent that body was preliminary only, for the purpose notifying them if and when the land should become surplus, it would be a welcome addition if the college comes to this site. A second purpose was to place the Board of Trustees on notice that there is this extra land which might possibly be available later. Mayor Isen noted the Navy has cleaned out some of the junk. There being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

16. Councilman Benstead moved the following six street easement deeds be accepted by the Council:

1. Dated September 24, 1962 for the widening of Redondo Beach Boulevard over a portion of Lot 14, McDonald Tract, given by Hubert L. and Marcia M. Brier, et al.

2. Dated September 21, 1962 for a portion of Merrill Drive over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 10778, given by Charles R. and Joan M. Warde.

3. Dated September 25, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street over a portion of Lot 32, Tract No. 639, given by John F. and Ann L. Higgins.

4. Dated September 25, 1962 for the widening of 229th Street over a portion of Lot 33, Tract No. 639, given by John F. and Ann L. Higgins.

5. Dated September 27, 1962 for the widening of Newton Street and to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Newton and Park Streets over a portion of Lot 14, Block 5, Walteria Tract, given by the First Baptist Church of Walteria.

6. Dated September 24, 1962 for the widening of Spencer Street over a portion of Lot 28, Tract No. 2895, given by Charles O. and Beverly June Good

His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, there being no objection.

17. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract 19644, Dan E. Butcher. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles to release subdivision bond No. 242650 for $66,915.91, with attached memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

18. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract No. 25465, Dan E. Butcher. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac and concurrence of City Manager Peebles to release bond No. 242651 for $49,320, with attached memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

19. Release of subdivision bond - Tract No. 25854, Dan E. Butcher, Norco Gardena, Inc., with recommendation of City Engineer Nollac and concurrence of City Manager Peebles to release Bond No. 239868 for $18,300, with attached memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations on the three above items. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

20. Quitclaim of easement to Norma L. Myers. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that transfer of interest be approved and the accompanying resolution adopted, with attached quitclaim deed, location sketch.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained this is a re-transfer of a sewer easement which the City does not need.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING TO NORMA L. MYERS ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR SEWER PURPOSES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 220. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

21. Submittal of Fireworks Report.

There was considerable dissatisfaction among the members of the Council as to the relative amounts of sales and profits on many of the items listed. Also complete disapproval of the fact that some had not made any report at all. The consensus was that the pertinent ordinance is being violated in several respects, among them, paying to people who man the stands. License Inspector Whitacre stated that his department cannot issue, or even receive applications, from those who made no such reports this year. Mayor Isen thought some leniency should be shown because of "excusable neglect". The subject was quite extensively discussed and as a result Councilman Sciarrotta moved the organizations which did not comply with the ordinance not be issued a license to sell fireworks next year. Councilman Vico seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen moved amendment of the motion so as to add "unless excusable neglect may be shown to the satisfaction of the Council". Councilman Beasley seconded the motion to amend and roll call vote on the motion as amended, was:

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

Councilman Beasley moved those organizations which have filed reports which were questioned by the Council tonight, be required to file an amended report with the License Inspector, Mr. Whitacre, and to appear before the Council on November 27th at a 7:00 p.m. pre-council meeting to show cause why they should not be barred from applying for license to sell fireworks next year. Mayor Isen stated the purpose of the amended report would be to show how the money was actually spent.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

22.Recommendation from Park Superintendent Clemmer and approval of City Manager Peebles to award bid for picnic tables and park benches to low bidders, Pacific Seating Company on tables ($3858.40) and Fibron Products Co.($946.40) on benches, with bid summary attached.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to so award the bid and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

23. This item was previously removed from the agenda at the request of City Manager Peebles.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

24. Notice of Completion #, recommended for approval that work on recreational and general park lighting at El Nido, McMaster and Paradise Parks be accepted and final settlement made with the contractor.

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

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

Mayor Isen noted the presence of many visitors, wearing placards S.O.S. and one of whom carried a banner "STAMP OUT SMUT". He stated there had been a pre-council meeting on the subject and described a method of operation which had been decided on and which is now in process of development.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council had instructed him to prepare and bring to them a resolution at the next Council meeting by which a commission would be formed to work on the indecent literature problem as well as other juvenile problems and to combine the work of the Committee for Decent Literature into a commission which will have for its field of operation, the general field of juvenile problems with emphasis on the decent literature angle. The Council will take this under submission at its next meeting and, if they approve, will appoint a new commission of seven members, one to be appointed by each of the councilmen (with the approval of the majority of the Council). The Council had instructed him to provide in the resolution that the commission would cooperate with all other agencies operating in the same field so that it would serve not only as a recommending body to the Council, but as a coordinating body with the other commissions, private or public, in this field of indecent literature and general juvenile problems. The council members thought the commission could divide its members into areas of influence and interest so that some of the members would be primarily interested in the decent literature phase and others in other areas of juvenile problems.

Mayor Isen stated this is preliminary at this stage and if any members of the audience wish to express themselves they are welcome to do so. He also stated the name of the commission is indefinite at this point because it is the wish of the Council to so designate it as not to be confused with other boards or committees working in the same field and bearing similar names. Any suggestions for such a distinctive name may be sent to Mr. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, and will be appreciated.

Some members of the audience were impatient of the delay and some disliked the idea of dividing the fields of endeavor of the commission. The Mayor and Councilmen explained the procedure to be followed and the reasons for including the other phases. Considering the lond period of inactivity by the Committee, it is not reasonable, practicable, nor possible, to now demand action at a moment's notice. Cooperation and support from the public must be consistent and continuous.

Mr. Robert Demers of 21015 Amie Avenue was spokesman of the large assemblage of protesting citizens. He said the law is now on the books but needs strict enforcement. Mr. Demers was advised

by Mayor Isen to make an appoint and confer with City Attorney Remelmeyer. Councilman Drale promised the people full cooperation of the Council and the Police Department if they will report infractions of the law. It was reported some of the ladies present have been examining the material for sale in local drug and liquor stores and intend to continue to do so. Mayor Isen encouraged all citizens to do so within their neighborhoods.

City Manager Peebles told of what has been and is now being done by the Police Department and introduced Assistant Chief of Police M. H. Porter who explained some of the problems involved in making an arrest and obtaining a conviction in cases such as are being here discussed. A list of places selling such undesirable material should be compiled and delivered to Chief Porter and he will have police officers request that it be removed from magazine stands.

Mayor Isen said "taking advantage of his captive audience" he would like to tell of the plans for the four-year college and requested all who are interested in having the site of that college be in Torrance write their thoughts on the subject addressed to the College Steering Committee, c/o City Hall, Torrance, for transmittal en masse to the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges. Anyone who is personally acquainted with a member of the Board of Trustees would do well to write that member and he asked that all citizens please spread the word to everyone, in recommendation of the location in Torrance.

Councilman Vico, harking back to the problem of indecent literature, asked all those who had suggestions for membership on the Committee, to see him or another member of the Council during the recess, which was declared at this time, 9:45. The Council reconvened at 10:00.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. City Manager Peebles re appraisal of Vegas Airways leasehold.

Councilman Miller explained the request and Airport Manager Egan and City Manager Peebles outlined the negotiations on the Vegas leasehold in detail. City Attorney Remelmeyer expressed his opinion that it is to the best interests of the City to get rid of the Vegas leasehold because there has been one major lawsuit already and will be more, due to the fact that the lease is so poorly drafted. Mayor Isen did not consider that sufficient reason to spend money for an appraisal. Mr. Remelmeyer advanced other reasons, such as the problems connected with location of aeronautical leases rather than commercial along the highway. The reason for the appraisal would be to make a counter offer to Vegas. The price they have mentioned is $85,000.

City Manager Peebles also explained the reason for the matter being brought to the Council: to learn whether or not the Council wishes to purchase that lease. Councilman Benstead stated there has been discrepancy in the statements made about the location of the leasehold and the reasons therefor and addressed his remarks to Airport Manager Egan.

Councilman Drale moved that the communication be filed. Mayor Isen seconded; there was no objection, and it was so ordered.

26. This item was deleted from the agenda before presentation thereof.

27. Aero-Care, Inc. request to rent part of hangar to Mobilink Aviation to carry on FAA approved ground school. Recommended for approval. Attached were letter from Tom Chester dated September 12, Airport Manager Egan's comments dated September 21, and Mobilink Aviation letter dated September 5, 1962.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

28. Leonard's proposal for an electric sign for their store. Recommended by Commission for approval subject to jurisdiction of the pertinent city departments.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked the location of the sign and it was explained it will be in the same place, replacing the BIG BEN sign. There have been complaints from neighbors about the chimes now used and Mr. Jerry Moss, representing Leonards, said they could be removed, silenced, toned down, or whatever the Council wishes. He confirmed that the sign will be in the exact place where the BIG BEN sign is now. Building Superintendent Schlens said the matter is being processed through the Airport Commission, but the sign company has been in and presented a completely acceptable sign, but its over-size requires Council approval, as did the original one. The motion of Councilman Miller includes approval subject to the jurisdiction of pertinent city departments and there was no objection; motion carried.

Councilman Benstead moved the Company be required to eliminate the sound of the chimes. To actually physically remove them would require rebuilding because the clock is planned to remain. There was no second to the motion to eliminate, but the agreement was reached with Mr. Moss that the chimes will be toned down and if there is serious complaint to their sound as so muted, Leonards will make them completely non-functioning.

29. Jefferson, Inc. re change in lease re north triangle.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. The negotiations have been non-conclusive. The motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

30. Request of Ray Vane, Inc. for a lease to establish a Chrysler Agency on the Airport, with recommendation of the commission for approval of Lease Committee's recommendation to grant.

Mayor Isen asked if this might not be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council, as did City Attorney Remelmeyer who said he had not seen the request. Mr. Vane was present and Mayor Isen assured him this meant no discouragement - only a postponement - although the item cannot be back on the agenda next week because of the holiday, Columbus Day, this Friday.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval, subject to preparation of a proper lease by City Attorney Remelmeyer. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Vane showed an artist's rendition of his building as planned, thanked the councilmen and asked what his next move should be. He was advised to consult City Attorney Remelmeyer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

31. Request of Great Western Savings and Loan Association to use a trailer for temporary quarters at the southeast corner of Hawthorne and Artesia with recommendation of approval, concurred in by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, it being stipulated the extension would be for ninety days and, if necessary, an optional renewal of another ninety days.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDDWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS; ORDERING POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS OR BIDS; SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR OPENING OF BIDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER OF SAID CITY TO OPEN SAID BIDS.
(229th Street Assessment District) (Street Assessment District No. A'll-61-3)

Councilman Benstead moved to expressly waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-221. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-221. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

33. Preliminary plan design for Joslyn Center.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to authorize the preparation of an architectural agreement for a preliminary plan design with Weldon J. Fulton; and further authorize an appropriation in the amount of $5,994.00. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, as follows:

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

A question by Councilman Drale developed the information that the plans for Joslyn Center will be started immediately.

34. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. $747.06 to John R. Quinn, County Assesssor, for 2 copies of 1962-63 Assessment roll covering prpperty in the City of Torrance for the Engineering Department, a budget item.

2. $584.48 to Motorola for one Mobile Radio Unit, Model D31BMT-3100BM - transistor type and private line - BN-1150-B Accessory Group for Water Department., a budget item.

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

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

35. PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of November as "CLEAN UP TORRANCE MONTH" and

36. Mayor Isen asked that a proclamation be prepared to the same effect on CLEAN UP TORRANCE NEWSSTANDS MONTH for November and that both proclamations be given maximum publicity.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. City Manager Peebles repeated his reminder that there would be no Council meeting October 23rd.

38. Councilman Drale moved that councilmen who wish to attend the League of California Cities meeting on October 23rd in Los Angeles be allowed to do so with appropriate expenses paid. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Isen said other key people of the City government usually attend and asked a recommendation from the City Manager as to a list of those people who should attend, with necessary expenses paid in addition to their usual salaries, to cover meals and enrollment fees involved. It was agreed this list of people would be included in the motion immediately preceding, although roll call vote was not taken on this last paragraph.

39. Councilman Drale said the on and off ramp south of San Diego Freeway on Crenshaw Boulevard is hazardous and asked that the State Highway Division be requested to put in some type of signal or traffic regulation at this point. He so moved; there were no objections and the City Manager was instructed to follow through.

40. Councilman Miller recalled the previous discussions on Precise Planning as recommended by Planning Director Shartle and moved that he be given instructions to furnish whatever is necessary, an application or proposed ordinance, for suitable action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta said sometime ago he recommended that the Civil Service Board consider some sort of shortening of waiting period for police officers who are taking outside schooling in related subjects. City Manager Peebles said information had been submitted to the Councilmen and he was awaiting their consideration before taking further action. Councilman Sciarrotta said he would look up and study that information.

42. Mayor Isen announced on October 27, 1962, Hermosa Beach is celebrating its Golden Anniversary. In a spirit of neighborly friendliness he moved a congratulatory resolution be prepared for consideration by this Council next week. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

43. Mrs. Roy J. Apsey, Chairman of Torrance Beautiful Commission thanked the Council for the proclamation of November as CLEAN UP TORRANCE MONTH, outlined briefly the plans therefor and requested permission to spend money necessary for advertising material and other supplies. Mayor Isen asked a written communication be sent to Council requesting a sepcific sum and also that she confer with City Manager Peebles who will make a recommendation. Time is short, however. Mayor Isen reminded her this commission must proceed along the same lines as required of other commissions. Councilman Miller moved to grant not to exceed $500, subject to approval of the City Manager, for the purpose. There was no second and the motion failed.

Councilman Drale moved to refer the matter to the City Manager for recommendation at the next Council meeting, as the most expeditious method of handling. There was no objection.

Mrs. Apsey spoke in favor of the downtown assessment district for parking, citing the action taken by the City of Pomona.

Councilman Beasley recommended the members of the Commission confer with the downtown merchants.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Vernon W. Coil

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance