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Torrance, California
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 16, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance.

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 Assistant City Manager Johnson.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Robert H. Vroman led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation which had been used by the Chaplain of the United States Senate.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Last Friday being a holiday, the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 1962, were not delivered in the usual fashion and some councilmen had not received their copies. For this reason, consideration of the minutes of that meeting will be held until October 30th, the time of the next Council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 and/or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and added that there is a resolution on the addenda which is more inclusive than the ordinance which is a part of the regular agenda, dealing with the anti-smut problem. The resolution if adopted would take effect immediately, whereas an ordinance involves two readings and a thirty-day waiting period.

It was noted Item 16 is being withdrawn from the agenda. This is the petition for variance by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., Case No. 796. The request for withdrawal was from the petitioner and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant it. Mayor Isen asked the

opinion of City Attorney Remelmeyer as to when and if this matter can come up again and Mr. Remelmeyer stated the petition could not be filed again until after six months has elapsed, regardless of the action taken at this meeting, once withdrawn. Councilman Miller seconded the motion by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call was unanimously favorable, Councilmen Benstead, Drale, Miller and Mayor Isen qualifying their vote by reliance on the City Attorney's statement.

HEARINGS:

8. Vacation of service road at the southwesterly corner of Atkinson Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard, Resolution of Intention No. 62-207. J. H. Ghormley for City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending adoption of resolution ordering the subject vacation.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard; 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. 62-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE SERVICE ROAD AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF ATKINSON AVENUE AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-222. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

9. Vacation of Gerkin Avenue between Opal and El Dorado Streets, Resolution of Intention No. 62-208. J. H. Ghormley for City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending adoption of resolution ordering the subject vacation.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter. Attorney Truman R. Adkins of Hawthorne responded on behalf of approval and stated if there were no questions, he had no statement to make.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF GERKIN AVENUE BETWEEN OPAL AND EL DORADO STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-223. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

10. Assessment District A'11-60-3 (Hickman Drive) Resolution of Intention No. 62-16, with proposed resolution.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed for the hearing of protests, objections' or appeals in respect of the assessment and work under and pursuant to resolution of intention, Resolution No. 62-16 and the Improvement Act of 1911.

City Clerk Coil presented affidavits of publication, mailing and posting of notices of hearing on assessment and Councilman Benstead moved they be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Coil if he has received any written protests or objections against the assessment or against the improvement as constructed, or against the proceedings. City Clerk Coil answered negatively.

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

It appearing no persons wished to be heard, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Drale, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objections, and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-224

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 62-16. Hickman Drive Assessment District Street Assessment District No. A'11-60-3.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to specifically waive further reading of the Resolution, No. 62-224. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-224. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Affidavits of posting and publication in regard to Items 8 and 9, both being vacation proceedings, were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

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11. Master Plan and Zoning for portion of Tract 2200 (Master Plan Study No. 1, Study Area B). Formal hearing for a master plan of development of property described as a portion of Tract 2200 and located southerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, easterly of Madrona Avenue, westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, northerly of Lomita Boulevard. Presently zoned M-2 and proposed to be rezoned R-1, R-3, R-4, C-3, M-1 and M-2. Recommended for approval. Transmittal letter submits letters of protest and approval, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes, recommendations of Planning Director and letter from Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Isen requested Planning Director Shartle to come forward in order to answer questions, if any, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard. Mayor Isen also questioned Mr. Shartle regarding a statement in his notation that first reading of the ordinance changing the zone in accordance with the plan is recommended not be held until the recording of a final subdivision map in the area so to be rezoned. Planning Director Shartle changed that statement so as to read: "consideration by the City Council;" rather than recording, in order to determine the limits of the zoning to comply with the subdivision inasmuch as there is bound to be some slight change.

The exact location of the nine-hole golf course was asked to be determined and shown on the map.

Mayor Isen complimented Planning Director Shartle on this difficult and excellent accomplishment in the six months he has been with the City of Torrance.

Minister Manson Metcalf of the Seventh-day Adventist Church start to speak, but it developed he was not referring to the same case and he was advised to telephone the Planning Division to learn when the land he is interested in will be before the Council or the Planning Commission.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing on Master Plan (Study Area B). His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Miller added a special compliment for the effort and results obtained by the Chamber of Commerce in this matter. Roll call vote to close the hearing was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Benstead asked two questions of Planning Director Shartle in an endeavor to bring out what connection Utah Construction has with this master plan and the answer from Mr. Shartle was that this is actually his (Shartle's) plan.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt the Master Plan for a portion of Tract 2200, Study No. 1, Study Area B, in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and roll call vote follows:

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

ABSTAIN: Mayor Isen (because of ownership of property in the area; however, he stated if had voted, his vote would have been "Yes").

Councilman Benstead qualified his vote as being "according to the Planning Commission plan - nothing else".

Councilman Beasley moved to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to change the zoning on Study Area B. in accordance with the Master Plan just adopted and the first reading of the ordinance not to be held until a final subdivision map has been presented to the City Council. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: Mayor Isen (for the same reason of ownership of property in the areas set forth in the motion immediately preceding).

12. Case No. 804 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Kenland Development Co. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on Tentative Tract No. 27311, being a subdivision of portions of Lots

51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60, Tract No. 588 situated at the northeast corner of 236th and Pennsylvania. Recommended for approval. Transmittal letter submitted excerpts from Planning Commission minutes, recommendation of Planning Director and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if any person wished to be heard on Case No. 804; there was no response.

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

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

13. Case No. 799 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, George E. Steinkamp. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on a portion of Lot 72, McDonald Tract situated at the northeast corner of 181st Street and St. Andrews Place, Tract No. 22202. Recommended for approval. Planning Director's letter of transmittal submitted excerpts from Planning Commission minutes, recommendation of Planning Director and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 799; there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Miller inquired as to the size of the lots; whether or not they conform to those adjacent and Planning Director Shattle said they are similar, being 52 to 60 feet. Special attention was called to Lot 12 by Councilman Sciarrotta and Mr. Shattle stated there is a statement on the subdivision map that Lot 12 is not to be considered as a building site and it is hoped it will be made a part of the property to the west; building is prohibited on Lot 12. This depends considerably on the extension of St. Andrews Place to 182nd Street. Councilman Miller asked to include the above conditions on Lot 12 as a part of his motion and Councilman Vico seconded the motion as amended. Councilman Benstead was not satisfied with this arrangement, stating the ordinance is being violated as to lot size. Roll call vote follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

14. Case No. 798 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, James A. Norris. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on Lots 26 and 27, Tract 530 situated at the northeast corner of 235th and Eshelman Avenue, Tract No. 27443. Planning Director Shattle's letter of transmittal with recommendation of approval submitted excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, recommendation and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 798; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (Lots do not conform to the ordinance).

15. Case No. 793 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Cunningham Construction Co. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on the property described as the south one-half of Lot 26, Meadow Park Tract (except that area occupied by the Richfield Oil Corp.) situated at the northeast corner of 230th Street and Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter submitted excerpts from Planning Commission minutes, recommendations of the Planning Director and plot plan for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 793; Mr. Carl Seaberg of 3610 227th Street presented a petition with some 300 signatures which was accepted by City Clerk Coil for proper filing. It was determined the complaints and protests are the same as have been presented previously: improper ingress and egress and no proper master plan.

Mr. Fred Adams of the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright spoke representing the petitioner and outlined the physical layout of the property and the streets as now laid out and as proposed, with the projected flow of traffic. Councilman Beasley contends this property is too valuable to be developed as anything but R-3, although Mr. Adams feels a buffer zone would be the ideal way to approach such an area. Councilman Sciarrotta doubted the street pattern being adequate to serve this property under R-3 zoning and suggested referring the case back to the Planning Commission for study and clarification of the traffic problem.

Mayor Isen asked for a show of hands from the audience of those who hold the same views as Mr. Seaberg and there were many. Mayor Isen asked and Mr. Seaberg stated he would be willing to work with the Planning Commission on a committee to reach some agreement on a way to satisfy the neighborhood.

Mr. Donald Sanders of 3427 228th Street spoke against the change of zone from the standpoint of safety to children because of the traffic and the parked cars.

Mrs. Pat McManus of 3510 228th Street also spoke of danger to children, and of the necessity to dig up the streets in order to put in apartments and the obstacles placed in the way of access for that reason. If the proposed college comes into this general area, traffic from the property under consideration will have to go out Hawthorne because anything but a right hand turn on Sepulveda is virtually impossible even now, depending on the time of day.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the request for change of zone in Case No. 793. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

Affidavits of publication on the above cases numbered as items 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 were presented and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

16. Case No. 796 - Variance - Petitioner, Pacific Telephone & Telephone Co.

This item was previously removed from the agenda by withdrawal.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-225

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 19 and 20, BLOCK 7, TORRANCE TRACT, LOCATED AT 1522 CRAVENS AVENUE (GRAND THEATRE BUILDING) IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 802 - SAM LEVY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-225. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Vico (both absent at the time of the decision on which this resolution is based).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF THE OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE FOR A PORTION OF LOT 15, McDONALD TRACT AT 4310 ARTESIA BOULEVARD IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 800 - BARKER BROTHERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-226. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Benstead disapproved because he felt there is no way to keep other than an allied type of business out of the location if Barker Brothers should not continue. Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

19. Vacation of a portion of 182nd Street lying westerly of Hawthorne Avenue, held one month pending Title Insurance report. Hearing closed August 7, 1962.

J. H. Ghormley for City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending adoption of resolution.

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

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to adopt the resolution and authorize the Finance Department to refund a portion of the cost of the title insurance report as follows: \$32.50

to John E. Tracy and \$7.50 to Ervco and thus equalize between them the cost of the title report, \$65.00.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-227

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 182nd STREET LYING WESTERLY OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-227. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

20. Notice of completion - improvement of Palos Verdes Boulevard from Pacific Coast Highway to Catalina Street (S. C. McAmis, contractor). J. H. Ghormley for City Engineer Nollac with approval of City Manager Peebles' recommendation for Council approval and authorization of necessary additional work and acceptance of improvement.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that Council approve and authorize additional work as described in the communication of the Engineering Department dated October 10, 1962, and that the Council accept the work on subject improvement. The final amount due the contractor according to the communication is \$78,637.45. A total of \$97,200 has been appropriated for the improvement, apportioned between the State Gas Tax fund, \$75,000 County Aid-to-Cities Fund \$10,200, Capital Improvement Fund \$3,000 and City of Redondo Beach, \$9,000.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

21. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following two street easement deeds:

1. Dated August 31, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 5, Tract No. 9765 given by Elizabeth Senness.
2. Dated August 31, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 5, Tract No. 9765, given by Elizabeth Senness.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

22. Request of Electrical Products Division, Federal Sign and Signal Corp. for permission to erect over-sized sign for Vels Ford Sales, Inc. at 20910 Hawthorne Avenue, with comments and recommendation of approval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval as set forth in Building Superintendent Schlens' comments. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

23. Bids for 25 sewer rings and covers. Street Superintendent Perkins with approval of City Manager Peebles' recommendation that bid be awarded to low bidder, E. B. Moritz Foundry in the amount of \$988. Attached bid summary.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in awarding the bid as set forth in the recommendation and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None.

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The members and chairman of the Traffic Safety Council, Public Education Officer, Don Hartel, were introduced and will be heard from toward the end of the agenda. After the meeting closes they will join the councilmen for dinner.

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A recess was declared at 6:20 and the Council reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

24. Recommendation, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that Miller Desk and Safe Co. be awarded bid for lounge and office furniture (lump sum bid of \$1,111.01) with attached bid analysis and list of vendors to whom bids were mailed.

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

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

NOES: None.

25. Recommendation with concurrence of City Manager Peebles for acceptance of bid for tables, chairs and accessories with attached bid analysis and list of vendors to whom bids were sent.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that the bids be accepted as set forth in Items A, B, C, D, E, F and G, or concurred in where the recommendation is other than an actual award. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call started.

Councilman Drale then stated American Seating Company is not the low bidder on items identified as A. and B. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem explained the specifications were as precisely drawn as possible and an attempt was made to get the lowest possible price on chairs and tables that would withstand the frequent set-up, tear-down and transportation that are required of this particular use. Councilman Sciarrotta felt the bidders could have submitted a bid on a superior table and the fact that they did not seems to indicate they followed specifications.

Assistant City Manager Johnson said it is a common practice for companies to bid on less than specifications and there is no way to avoid getting such bids. Mayor Isen felt the Council should rely on the judgment and integrity of department heads on such matters; the low bid is not always the best.

Two of the chairs under discussion were exhibited in the Council Chamber and Mr. Van Bellehem pointed out the superior features of the one recommended. Its price is only 55¢ over the less desirable one. Councilman Miller was of the opinion Mr. Van Bellehem had supplied too much information on his bid analysis.

Assistant City Manager Johnson expanded on the statements made by Mr. Van Bellehem regarding the chairs from the standpoint of quality, sturdiness and comfort but Councilman Drale did not agree with his reasoning. If, as it appears, he said, the companies met specifications, price should be the controlling factor - not appearance nor degree of comfort.

Mayor Isen asked for roll call vote on the motion to concur in awarding the purchase on all of the items as listed in the recommendation and it carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Sciarrotta.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

26. Texaco Oil Company proposal for lease of service station. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation of approval with attached copy of letter from Texaco, copy of letter from Humble, recommendation of Airport Manager Egan and blueprints for Council use. Request from City Manager Peebles for meeting with Council Airport Committee.

The recommendation of City Manager Peebles is to hold this item for a meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council, with the thought of further negotiation. Councilman Beasley moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection. Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Manager Johnson to make an early appointment toward this end.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THANKING THE SOUTH TORRANCE KIWANIS CLUB FOR MONEY DONATED FOR EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS FOR THE RECREATION CENTER ON THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER SITE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-228. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH ON ITS GOLDEN
ANNIVERSARY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-229.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll
call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that copies of the resolution be sent to
the City Clerk of Hermosa Beach and to the Hermosa Beach Chamber
of Commerce.

29. Establishment of a commission on the subject of indecent
literature.

Mayor Isen explained a resolution will be considered rather
than an ordinance as originally set forth on the agenda, because
a resolution would become effective immediately, whereas an ordin-
ance has a 30 day waiting period even after the second reading.
In this case, the same effect can be obtained through a resolution
as could be by ordinance.

Councilman Drale considered the title to be a misnomer as being
too narrow for the functions of the proposed commission. Mayor Isen
read the pertinent portion of the resolution which he said was taken
verbatim from the old resolution. Councilman Miller did not think
the word "juvenile" particularly applicable and a discussion ensued
regarding the name to be given the Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta
thought the name as set up in the resolution appropriate because
of the multiplicity of problems to be handled and of course, the
name could be changed any time and is not the most important phase
of the creation of such a commission. There was some misunderstanding
as to the method of appointment of members, also, and Mayor Isen ruled
the method was set as an informal policy to require approval of
a majority of the council.

Councilman Benstead moved to strike from paragraph A of Section
2 of the proposed resolution, the words "subject to the approval of
a majority of all the members of the City Council" and his motion,
seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

Thus, the one phrase was deleted.

Mrs. Robert Demers, 21015 Amie Avenue, objected to all the all-
inclusive title, on the ground that ways would be found to get the
indecent literature into the children's hands.

Under the revision made as above, one member will be appointed
by the Mayor and one by each member of the Council, with no majority
approval required.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-230

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CREATING A JUVENILE WELFARE COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SETTING FORTH THE
POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 62-230. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the effect of the commission and its work will not be weakened nor diluted by inclusion of the word "juvenile", as adults will be prosecuted for any violations they may commit - the laws and their enforcement govern rather than the name of a commission. Mayor Isen suggested the name "Juvenile Welfare Commission and for Good Literary Standards for the City of Torrance" and this name was further refined to "A commission for good literary standards and for juvenile welfare in the City of Torrance. With this change in name and the necessary change to make Paragraph A of Section 2 compatible, the motion was referred for discussion by the audience. The title of the resolution as now established is:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING A COMMISSION FOR GOOD LITERARY STANDARDS AND JUVENILE WELFARE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SETTING FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

and its number is 62-230.

Mr. Carl Echols of 20532 Eastwood Avenue complained of "watering down" the efforts of the citizens and asked that under the circumstances another board or commission be established for the subject of indecent literature only.

Mrs. Margaret O'Brien of 1605 Acacia Avenue proposed that the indecent literature angle be handled first and when completed, that other phases of juvenile welfare be considered.

Mayor Isen and Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta especially reminded her that the commission when established, can work at whatever phase seems most important at any particular time; that the resolution will so establish the framework within which they may operate just as the other advisory bodies to the Council function.

Mrs. Ethel Kovach of 21730 Barbara Avenue, also protested the sale of indecent literature and suggested a name for the commission.

Mrs. Galvin asked if it would be possible to have an employee in the City Hall, just as the Planning Commission has its Planning Director, for control of indecent literature only. Mayor Isen said such plans and details would have to be worked out later.

Councilman Beasley moved adoption of Resolution No. 62-230 as now entitled and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, although Councilman Miller voted "Yes, for want of another name."

The following appointments were made:

Councilman Benstead:

Mrs. Margaret Ann O'Brien
1605 Acacia Avenue, FA 81063

Councilman Sciarrotta:

Mrs. Cleora Jordan
4730 Macafee Road, FR 85426

Councilman Vico:

Mrs. Nancy Drysdale
3106 Onrado FA 87813

Mayor Isen asked the other councilmen to decide on their appointments, convey them to the City Clerk's office during this coming week and that the City Clerk write letters to the persons so appointed so that an initial meeting date may be set.

Councilman Beasley asked to be excused from the meeting and left at this time.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1340

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING THE INHALING, DRINKING OR BREATHING OF CERTAIN ORGANIC SOLVENT SUBSTANCES.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1340 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

31. Request of Torrance Beautiful Commission for Clean-up Torrance Month publicity funds.

The recommendation is to approve this appropriation of a total of \$317.90 for items of posters, bus posters, street banners and bumper strips dealing with publicity for cleaning up litter in the City during November.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur and so appropriate the \$317.90. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if it would not be more practical to exclude the street banners; to appropriate the full sum, but use the amount \$175 designated for banners for other supplies. Councilman Benstead agreed to so amend his motion and Councilman Vico seconded; however, after the pros and cons were discussed at length, a member of the Commission, Flavio Bisignano set forth the feeling of the Commission members, stating there is a tight time schedule and that the banners would be very suitable for the use intended at City entrances.

Councilman Benstead agreed to withdraw his amendment which reactivated the motion as originally made. Mayor Isen agreed and roll call vote was:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

32. Victor Park Building location.

Assistant City Manager Johnson said this item is informational only and it was ordered filed.

33. Request from Civil Defense Commission for attendance of two people at Western Training Center in Radiological Survey Instruction.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager not to send our personnel out of town at this time, under the conditions set forth in his memorandum. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and stated if there was no objection, it would be ordered carried; there was none.

34. Miscellaneous recommendations.

Expenditures: \$2,350.40 to Motorola Communications and Electronics Inc. one 12-volt, 15-watt dispatcher, 3 handie-talkie units, and one accessory set for handie-talkie unit for the Police Department, a budget item.

Chief Porter was asked why this does not go to bid and his answer was that all this equipment is Motorola and in order to maintain compatibility, these units should be also.

Councilman Miller moved to approve. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

34a. League of California Cities Conference attendees.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in approval of the list of personnel listed in a memorandum signed by O. P. Johnson, Assistant City Manager, dated October 16, 1962, with appropriate expenses paid. The motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

35. Mayor Isen proclaimed November as STAMP OUT SMUT MONTH.

36. Mayor Isen proclaimed Sundays, October 21 and 28, as SABIN ON SUNDAYS.

37. Mayor Isen proclaimed October 27, Saturday, as NAVY DAY.

38. Mayor Isen asked if there had not been an item on the agenda which had not been mentioned: a request that the Senior Building Inspector be authorized to attend a building inspectors' convention in Salt Lake City. Mr. Johnson said it was not to have been on the agenda, but Council would perhaps like to review it.

Councilman Drale moved Mr. Marvin Davis be authorized to attend with appropriate expenses paid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sciarrotta.

Mr. Johnson stated the request had been denied by City Manager Peebles and read in full a memorandum from Mr. Peebles to Mr. Schlens, the gist of which was that past policy has been only department heads attend out-of-state conferences. Mr. Schlens stated he had originally recommended that Mr. Davis be authorized to attend as the Building Department representative, told the purpose of the Plumbing Officials conference referred to and said if Davis attended, it would be as a representative of the City of Torrance and because he, Schlens, could not take the time to do so. The meeting which Mr. Schlens attended this year was in San Diego - not out of the state. Each year there are three meetings of this type (building, electrical, and plumbing) one of which is usually out of state and the other two in California.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute that the authority be denied and that City Manager Peebles' recommendation be followed. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which failed by tie vote, as follows:

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

The original motion, now before the Council, also failed, as follows:

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

Councilman Drale thought a policy should be established that no City employee be authorized to attend a convention or conference outside the State. Mayor Isen thought that would have to be given some study, as did Councilman Miller.

Later, very near the end of the meeting, Councilman Vico asked the secretary to change his vote on the original motion (to authorize the attendance of Davis at this Salt Lake City meeting) to "Yes" and thus the tie was broken and the motion carried.

39. Assistant City Manager Johnson said an oversight had been made with respect to award of a bid for decals reported in the minutes of the September 25, 1962 Council meeting.

In order to give the proper authorization to the Finance Department, and the approval intended to have been given at that meeting, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to appropriate approximately \$450 for the purchase of 300 Police decals and 300 City of Torrance decals. This motion would make the previous approval complete. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

40. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that in order to correct a property description in Resolution No. 62-203, that resolution should be repealed and another adopted in lieu thereof.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 62-203 WHICH DECLARED THAT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ANNEX TO SAID CITY CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESCRIBED THEREIN AND DESIGNATED AS "LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP" ANNEXATION, and WHICH GAVE NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING PROTESTS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-231. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

41. City Clerk Coil called attention to the invitation to the Las Vecinas pancake breakfast October 21st and said complimentary tickets are being furnished councilmen.

42. Traffic Engineer Whitmer requested permission to make an oral report on the driveway situation at the property rezoned at Crenshaw and Brian last Council meeting, in that there is no meeting next week. He said he and Mr. Cottrell, the petitioner, had agreed it is to the best interests of the city and the developer to drop the matter of the driveway. This has no effect on the approval granted.

43. Chief Porter said in compliance with the Council's request last week the police personnel have made calls on newsstand vendors in the City. About one-fourth of them have been contacted and they are giving complete cooperation toward ridding the city of smut-filled literature.

44. Mayor Isen asked the Traffic Safety Council if they have any problems to discuss and Chairman Vroman reported there is no particular problem.

45. Councilman Benstead asked City Attorney Remelmeyer what has become of the Civil Service ordinance "which has been kicking around for the last several years". City Attorney Remelmeyer stated it is in process of drafting, but not yet ready to present to the Council. The problem, he said, is not the drafting, but compiling the rules. Another two or three weeks will be taken up before even a rough draft is available.

46. Councilman Miller said there are no crosswalks at the intersection of Carson and Madrona. Traffic Engineer Whitmer was instructed to study the corner. Councilman Benstead called attention to the entrance to Sepulveda Boulevard from Del Amo Center and asked what progress is being made. Mr. Whitmer said a design is almost complete for a signal, but nothing further has been heard from the merchants who would finance its installation. Councilman Benstead asked that he push the project and Mayor Isen instructed him to draft a letter for his (Mayor Isen's) signature addressed to the merchants involved.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had been asked by members of the Torrance Beautiful Commission in what way their membership termination dates should be established. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is usually done by the members and Mayor Isen said to tell the Commission to reach a decision by "lot", between themselves.

48. Mayor Isen said there would be a number of letters coming in from various sources endorsing the college site in Torrance and stated it is important that the originals go to the Committee, but first he asked they be machine-copied in the City Clerk's office so the copies may be there filed. Mr. Johnson stated this is being done.

49. Marvin Davis, Senior Plumbing Inspector, spoke on the subject of his requested trip, stating reservations had been made. Mayor Isen answered that this decision was one to be made by Administration, not by the Council.

50. Mrs. Ethel Kovach thanked Mr. Peebles, Mr. Egan and the Council for the well-conducted fifth Airport Days celebration.

51. Mrs. Paul Slonecker inquired if Mr. Slonecker's request for leave of absence had been approved and was told it is probably in process with the Civil Service Board.

52. Councilman Vico asked that his vote of "No" be changed to "Yes" so that Marvin Davis be given the necessary authorization to attend the meeting which has been referred to several times in these minutes. Councilman Miller remarked it is true no one from the Building Department has attended a meeting out of state this year.

53. At 7:55 p.m., on motion duly made, seconded and carried by unanimous roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned to October 30, 1962 at 5:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance