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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 Tuesday, November 27, 1962 at 8:00 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 Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Broyles P. Pendleton led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of First Christian Church and Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 20th will be considered in conjunction with these at the next Council meeting.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1349

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. 792.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1349 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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9. WAIVERS:

W-309, Michael LaPaglia, 22120 Elinwood Drive, requesting waiver of 5' rear yard at above address, R-1 zone.

W-307, Wm. D. Sims, 18033 S. Wilton Place, requesting use of more than one-third required rear yard at above address, R-1 zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Leetz, 23820 Park Street, requesting waiver of requirements of commercial improvement ordinance.

No correspondence received on above waiver requests, and the recommendation of the Planning Commission is for approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the two numbered waivers W-307 and W-309. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously, there being no objection.

The third request was questioned and Planning Director Sharttle explained it is not the normal type of request. The property owners would like to not install the street improvements at the present time since they are only converting a garage to a bedroom, in C-2 zone. However, they must comply with the commercial improvement ordinance and they are willing to do so at such time as the entire street grades and drainage system are completed. To post a bond at this time would be a hardship. There was no objection from any of the Council and Planning Director Sharttle recommended approval as did the Commission. However, Councilman Miller moved to concur in that recommended but with the addition of a condition that a notarized statement be given, to be recorded, so as to be a matter of public record, to run with the land, and bind subsequent purchasers, that when the proper time comes, the improvements will be installed. Mayor Isen thought that could also be used to advantage in some commercial uses where it is not time to put in the improvements and suggested a change in the ordinance. City Attorney Remelmeyer said each individual case should be considered on its own merits.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

10. John E. Schroeder, President of Torrance Exchange Club, explaining the club's failure to submit fireworks report on time.

Councilman Benstead moved the Torrance Exchange Club be granted the right to apply for fireworks stand permit this coming year, in view of the explanation of late filing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried, there being no objection.

11. B. P. Pendleton and Herbert F. Jackson letter transmitting petition signed by 79 barbers calling for enactment of legislation which would prohibit the operation of barber shops on Sunday, with attached sample ordinance.

Many people were in the audience on this particular matter and among those who spoke were:

George Webel of North Torrance who has a shop in Redondo Beach and one in Torrance. Redondo Beach shops close on Sunday. Mr. Webel suggested such an ordinance to close on Sundays be made, but not citywide as it should be uniform throughout the County. Even in a seven-day shop, barbers work only 40 hours a week, he said.

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Mr. B. P. Pendleton of 24454 Hawthorne Avenue, spoke in favor of the petition from the standpoint of health and welfare, in that inspection is not carried on seven days a week. There is some laxity on Sundays in shops for this reason. Mayor Isen stated the matter of no inspection on Sundays seems to be controversial and he would like some documentary evidence that it is accurate. Councilman Sciarrotta felt a shop which was kept clean six days a week would also be maintained according to sanitary standards on a seventh day. Mr. Pendleton said since the advent of the seven-day barber shops there has been an alarming increase in infectious skin diseases.

Councilman Vico thought it should be an individual and free choice of a barber or anyone in any business when and how long he works. Councilman Miller was inclined to agree.

Councilman Beasley, recalling the previous presentation on this matter a year or so ago, said it is a matter of competition, rather than the wish to work seven days a week. The Sunday opening shops are the large multi-chair shops which are forcing the small independent shops out of business. He feels this proposed ordinance might be a means of protecting a small service business in this day of big business and chain stores, as well as protecting the health and welfare of Torrance people. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if this would not drive some business out of our City, but Mr. Pendleton said he did not think it would to any extent, although he would like to see the Sunday closing become a statewide law.

Councilman Benstead recalled President Roosevelt's establishment of a 40 hour week as the greatest thing that ever occurred for the benefit of the working people and moved the City Attorney be instructed to prepare for study an ordinance prohibiting the opening of barbershops on Sundays after the pattern of the Santa Fe Springs ordinance. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he would not vote either way until he has a written opinion from the City Attorney as to whether it is within the jurisdiction of the Council to so legislate.

Attorney David Lyman of 2271 Torrance Boulevard, spoke on behalf of the barbers in Torrance who wish to keep their shops open on Sunday. The information he has obtained refutes the statement there is no Sunday inspection. He mentioned the Oakland case regarding Sunday closing a meat market and said all this type of argument is pegged to health and welfare reasons and that accounts for the continuing statements that there is no Sunday inspection. In summary, he said it is not a problem of public health, but of competition, and as such the ordinance would be unconstitutional.

Councilman Vico moved a substitute to permit barber shops to continue to stay open on Sundays and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Primo Valli, a representative in the area for AFL - CIO, spoke for Sunday closing, from the standpoint of health problems. He, too, said there is no Sunday inspection and that the Santa Fe Springs ordinance has been ruled to be constitutional in a Compton Court. He stressed this is a majority decision among the barbers for a self-imposed regulation.

Joseph Anfusio, who has a shop on Hawthorne Avenue, spoke in favor of betterment of the profession and hold holding to outmoded customs.

Don Kelly of 1415 Beech Avenue who owns the barbershop in the Del Amo Center, states he is open according to his lease, nine to nine, every day, but favors statewide closing of shops on Sunday, not localized restriction. He stated the petition is being circulated not by local barbers, but by Union representatives. He has borrowed money on his home to buy the shop and intends to continue to operate as required by his lease. His barbers work 40 hours a week, or, if they wish and need the money, longer, at their discretion.

Robert White of 3242 Torrance Boulevard, who is not a barber, mentioned the economic aspects of the problem. His thought was not necessarily that the City could close the shops on Sunday, but there is a law as to a 40 hour week, unless premium pay is given and some protection should be given against unscrupulous employers.

Councilman Drale contended there is no problem of time of individual work - it is a matter of whether or not a shop may be open on Sunday.

Councilman Beasley asked for the question - the substitute motion of Councilman Vico was defeated as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Miller, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Mayor Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, who stated again that he is not ready to vote until a ruling is made by the City Attorney as to whether this body has the legislative power to pass such an ordinance.

Roll call on the original motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Miller, Vico.

In respect to Councilman Sciarrotta's remarks, Mayor Isen cautioned the councilmen to use restraint in abstention. Councilman Vico echoed disapproval of abstaining votes.

At 9:00 p.m., a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 9:10.

12. Claim of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Colburn, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Benson and Richard Peters against Torrance Municipal Water Department for damage to water heaters located in their residence garages, allegedly caused by pressure in main water line on November 5, 1962.

Mayor Isen agreed in principle with the claim as he had suffered inconvenience from the unannounced water shutoff that same day, but did not believe the claim should be more than a prorated amount, based on the length of time the heaters had been in use, compared with probable normal life, plus a year for good measure. City Manager Peebles agreed on this type of adjustment for about two-fifths of the cost of a new heater.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the matter to the City Manager for adjustment along the lines mentioned and the motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. A recommendation will be made by the City Manager.

13. Claim of Redondo Beach Church of Christ against Torrance for repayment of \$562.32, a financial deficit allegedly suffered by the church when 1962 tax exemption was disallowed on 3 lots not usable as parking area due to the erection of pipes along the property by the City for flood control.

Mayor Isen moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

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Attorney Douglas Trowbridge, a member of the congregation, appeared and explained the reason for making the claim in this form. The gist of his remarks were tax exemption ordinarily allowed a church was not made by the County because of non-use of parking area which, in turn, was caused by the flood control pipes. Mayor Isen pointed out in any event only one-sixth of the amount of tax mentioned would be credited to Torrance, the other five-sixths going for different component parts of the tax rate. Mayor Isen disagreed with the entire premise of Mr. Trowbridge's contention, stating unless church buildings were constructed on the lots, they are not due any exemption.

Mr. Leon Huddleston, 20323 Donora, also a member of the congregation, stated the Assessor's office in Los Angeles had assured him the church would have the exemption next year. It was denied this year because of the location of the pipes making it impossible to use the three lots to the west.

Mayor Isen said this Council would be helpful in presenting the matter to the Board of Supervisors for possible exemption although he does not feel it is any responsibility of the City, nor should any remittance be made without a court order to do so. Cars were parked there only since the pipes were removed, which was in September.

There was no tangible objection to the original motion by Mayor Isen to deny, and it carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

14. Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following easement deeds:

1. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated November 15, 1962 for the right to construct, maintain, repair and use, or to reconstruct a sanitary sewer over a portion of Lots 1, 2, 21, and 22, Tract No. 25969, given by Jewell Land Company.
2. Street easement deed dated November 13, 1962 for the widening of 235th Street over a portion of Lot 25, Tract No. 530, given by William E. Taylor.
3. Street easement deed dated November 15, 1962 for the widening of 235th Place over a portion of Lot 57, Tract No. 588, given by Armand F. and Anita L. Jacobsen.
4. Street easement deed dated November 14, 1962 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard over a portion of Lot 24, Meadow Park Tract, given by Sepulveda Investment Company.

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

13a. Torrance Area Youth Bands' request for new contract with City in amount of \$1500 be increased to \$2500 in accordance with contracts of past few years, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles. Councilman Miller moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

15. Tent for Christmas tree lot. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens re request of Dale G. Howard for use of tent with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

16. City Manager Peebles stated the problem is one of transfer of funds only; the police protection is now furnished, and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-257

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION
TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION FOR THE CITY AIRPORT
OUT OF GENERAL FUNDS OF THE CITY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-257.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Mayor Isen noted several residents of Hollywood Riviera present and asked if they would like to be heard at this time.

Mr. L. L. Bonnette of 132 Via la Circula said there are with him about 12 members of the Sportsmen's Club and representatives of the Riviera Homeowners' Association. He mentioned this being TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL MONTH and said the area he will describe does not fit that title. It is just west of the Hollywood-Riviera parkway from Calle Miramar south to Palos Verdes Estates, and should be landscaped, but money has not been available.

City Manager Peebles explained the situation: it was originally set up as a lump sum project but due to lack of funds and the need to balance the budget, was broken down into three phases or steps which he outlined. The first has been completed and there remains work to be done south to Palos Verdes city limits and that second step should be accomplished by some time in April. Another plan by which the land would be leased to a man to grow flowers did not pan out. Mr. Peebles has not had time to review the file and his remarks were from memory.

Mr. Bonnette would like to have a sprinkler system installed and offered help by an Air Scout Group doing some planting of shrubs to be furnished by the City on advice of Park Superintendent Clemmer and, within the limits of their financial ability he said his club will furnish some shrubs. He asked some sort of financial arrangement within the next thirty or sixty days.

At the request of Mayor Isen, suggestions were made of three names to compose a committee to work with the Park Department and the City Manager: L. L. Bonnette, FR 52175, Don Lotz, FR 54343 and Mrs. Charles Hopkins, FR 50439.

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Councilman Vico said there are trees at Del Amo Nursery which must be removed by March 1st and he suggested Mr. Clemmer investigate what can be done toward acquiring them.

Mayor Isen asked a written report, with copies to members of the committee as to the financial situation and when funds are found to be available, work will start.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

17. Bid on one 19" Power Renovator. Park Superintendent Clemmer with approval of City Manager, recommendation of acceptance of low bid, West Point Industries, Inc. \$393.12 including tax. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

18. Pay request No. 2, City of Torrance Sprinkler system for Edison, Meadow Park and Flavian Schools.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth to pay Clark's Sprinkler service \$17,670.74. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

19. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the request for authorization of serving refreshments at the dedication of the Recreation Center. The date, incorrectly set forth in the memorandum as being December 17th, is to be the 18th, a Tuesday. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection. No amount of money was mentioned.

20. COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Vehicle braking safety devices. Fire Chief Benner, with approval of City Manager, requesting expenditure of \$380.06 for Vehicle Braking Safety Device.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the expenditure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

21. Acceptance of bid for two one-half ton cab and chassis trucks and one service body to fit. Earl Ike Dodge, \$3,535.91.

22. Acceptance of bid for 10,000 lb. GVM 4 wheel drive truck. Tom Roady Dodge, \$3,015.04.

23. Bids for electrical equipment, recommending subject contract be awarded to low bidder, Gough Industries, Inc. in amount of \$632.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the respective departments, approved by the City Manager, as to the three items. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale (because the bid is within \$100 of a local supplier's bid).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

24. Chairman Morehart re reclassification of stenographer clerk position in Traffic and Lighting Department.

25. Chairman Morehart re reallocation of truck driver position in the Park Department.

The matters set forth should have included comments by the City Manager if he concurs, Mr. Benstead said, and should go through regular channels of examinations and eligible lists. With respect to both items, he moved to send them back to the City Manager for written recommendations, although both Personnel Director Donovan and Councilman Drale affirmed the positions would be filled through Civil Service Board regulations.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion by Mr. Benstead and there was no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

26. Airport Manager Egan re amendment to Palos Verdes Aviation lease, with approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and Airport Manager to amend the lease as set forth in the memorandum to the City Manager from the Airport Manager. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WELDON J. FULTON DATED DECEMBER 1, 1962 FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING OF JOSLYN CENTER FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED ON THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-258. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, 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. 62-259

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL AND NORTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FOOTBALL LEAGUES.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-259. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous

roll call vote. Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk to send copies to appropriate persons, listing: coaches, principals of the high schools, members of the Board of Education, and Councilman Vico added the players themselves should have copies.

Councilman Drale suggested concurring in a suggestion made by Mr. Bert Lynn of the School Board regarding a football game with proceeds to some charity. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion in principle although he said it is against league rules. Mayor Isen asked the record show the Council would like to see a post-season game between the two championship teams.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1346

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. 804 (A-1 to R-1).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1346 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1347

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. 799.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1347 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Ferstead.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1348

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. 798.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1348 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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32. Notice of Public Sale of Surplus Equipment.
City Manager Peebles asked this matter be returned to the agenda next week because of typographical errors in its presentation.
33. Petition regarding sidewalk hazard on Redondo Beach Boulevard in the City of Torrance.
This matter being informational only, was ordered filed.
34. Petition from residents of Dalemead Street re. street curb drainage, etc. City Manager Peebles said he has answered this petition and the correspondence being informational, was ordered filed.
35. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to retain the engineering firm of Barclay-Pearson Co., Inc., to prepare the drawings for the training tower and test pit for the Fire Department Airport Site and allocation for same. The amount for the drawings is \$2,500 and \$65,000 set aside in the budget during budget hearings for the installation. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and it was noted this is the only test pit and training tower Torrance has, or will have.

Roll call vote was favorable as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

36. City Council-Torrance Ministerial Association Breakfast.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to host the breakfast at the new Recreation Building and authorize the expenditure of approximately \$150 therefor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. Councilman Benstead mentioned the letters of appreciation of the work done and to be done by the Commission for Good Literary Standards and Juvenile Welfare and asked in the future copies of such letters be sent to the affected Commission, as well as to the Council. The transmittal of copies should be handled so as to insure inclusion in the agenda of the next Commission meeting. Councilman Benstead repeated that copies should go to each member of the Commission.
38. Councilman Benstead asked again about the signal at the Entrance to Sears from Sepulveda Boulevard and Mr. Whitmer said he had not received a reply to his letter. Mr. Benstead said he will ask for this traffic control at every council meeting, until it is installed.
39. Councilman Drale thanked the Fire Chief for disposing of the building on the Airport as planned. Chief Benner said it was burned early in the morning.
40. Councilman Drale asked the Legal Department to find out who owns the fee title to Dominguez Channel. Mayor Isen said that would entail a title search, but Councilman Drale thought not. Assistant City Manager Ferraro said he had talked with the County Counsel's office and the decision reached at that time was that it is considered a part of the City of Los Angeles. City Manager Peebles will check this and make a written report to the councilmen individually, not on the council agenda.

41. Councilman Miller referred to the allocation of \$100,000 and asked if any negotiations have started for the purchase of the Victoria Knolls site. Mayor Isen asked Councilman Miller to re-new his motion from last meeting to clarify the item. Councilman Miller said his motion was to allocate \$100,000 for the purchase of land for a proposed park in the Victoria Knolls area. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said he was merely indicating the memorandum should have shown the money was so earmarked. He does not consider the word "available" to express the strict meaning of "earmarked".

42. Councilman Sciarrotta commended the group of women from Victor Precinct who put on the show at the Grand Theatre last weekend for the purpose of raising funds for a youth center building and the hours of work they spent. Councilman Miller seconded the motion.

43. Item H on the informational section of the agenda was a letter from Lorraine Geitmann of 205 Calle Miramar regarding garage doors and asking reconsideration of the action taken recently. Mayor Isen agreed with the content of the letter. After talking it over a bit, City Manager Peeble said he would bring it back for consideration after deleting everything having to do with subterranean garages. Councilman Drale asked that it provide that all single family residences have garage doors as well as apartment houses which do not have subterranean car storage space; whether facing a street or an alley.

44. Mrs. Don Walker of Victor Women's Club thanked the councilmen, City Manager and other distinguished men of the City who did so much to make their program a success. Mayor Isen suggested about the middle of January a similar program might be planned for the Recreation Center, exclusive of the play - rather an oleo or vaudeville program, adding whatever other talent can be found among the citizens, but especially featuring the now famous can-can team. He said probably there could be quite a bit additional money raised and there would be no rental to pay.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shafer
Minute Secretary

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