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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, December 4, 1962, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale was absent because of emergency illness in his family. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced William Johnson, son of Assistant City Manager Orin P. Johnson and a student in political science at El Camino College. At the request of Mayor Isen, Bill led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

City Manager Peebles stated there had been a misunderstanding as to an alleged overage in the Independent Cities Seminar expenses as set forth in Item 37 of the minutes of the November 20th meeting. Rather, the amount mentioned was a shortage and as there remain other bills to be paid, he will obtain an exact statement of the account and present it at the next Council meeting.

With this proposed correction, Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meetings held November 20th and 27th, be approved as written. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no further objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

HEARINGS:

8. South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4 - Resolution of Intention No. 62-236.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention Resolution No. 62-236, when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, to the extent of said assessment district, or to the proposed grades, may appear before the City Council and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution. It is also the time and place fixed by said resolution of intention to determine whether public convenience and necessity require the work or improvement described in said resolution and whether the provisions of the Special Assessment Investigation, Limitation and Majority Protest Act of 1931 shall apply thereto.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication of Resolution of Intention, Affidavit of Mailing Notice of Hearing; and Affidavit of Posting of Notice of Improvement, and, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Drale absent), they were accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen introduced Laurence J. Thompson, the Assessment Engineer, and after being duly sworn by Mayor Isen, Mr. Thompson testified: The proceeding is for the construction of sanitary sewers and appurtenances in the district which lies east of Crenshaw, south of 236th Street, over to Cypress, Eshelman, and, in some cases almost to Arlington Avenue. It is also to 400 or 500 feet north of Sepulveda taking in the Chanslor-Western Oil property and contains 430 parcels. Tentative estimated assessment would be \$12 per foot on Sepulveda because the sewer is being constructed on both the north and south sides of the street and will abut the property, making connection very easy. Where the property exceeds 150 feet beyond the street, it is referred to as acreage and there is an assessment of \$180 per acre because when developed the sewer system will be in; this is normal procedure. The residential footage is estimated to be \$8.50 and there are very few large acreage items. Amounts mentioned are estimates and are probably higher than the actual amount, in which case adjustment will be made downward. Considering the design of the sewer, Mr. Thompson said these estimates are normal and reasonable on the present market.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk if any written protests had been received and Mr. Coil read in full two letters of protest, one from Beva G. Tapley of 2233 West 230th Street, Torrance, who thought the assessment excessive. She set forth the description of the land owned. The other letter was from Horace B. Carter, 13616 South Berando Avenue, Gardena, who protested on the theory of the land being acreage under oil production and thus sewers are not necessary at this time. In the future subdividers would construct sewers where needed. He feels this assessment district would produce financial hardship on owners of vacant land in the district. In summary, he said he should be assessed only for unsewered frontage on 235th Street. Assessment Engineer Thompson stated this district includes only the land on 235th Street and only that will be assessed; a reply will be written Mr. Carter by Mr. Thompson.

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

Mayor Isen asked if any person present wished to speak in oral protest; there was no response.

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

Mr. Thompson reported the two protests filed with the City Clerk and not withdrawn, represent less than one-half of one percent of the district and added in his opinion all the properties in the district will be benefited by the construction of this sanitary sewer.

Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE CERTAIN WORK AND IMPROVEMENT AND THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION. LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL NOT APPLY THERETO; AND MAKING FINDINGS AND OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AGAINST SAID PROPOSED WORK OR IMPROVEMENT, THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, OR TO THE PROPOSED GRADES, ALL AS THE SAME ARE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 62-236.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-260. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-260. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-261

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR LEGAL HOLIDAY AND OVERTIME WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR CERTAIN CRAFTS OR TYPES OF WORKMEN (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4).

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-261. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, as follows:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-261. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-262

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SEWERS AND APPURTENANT WORK AND ORDERING POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS OR BIDS. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4).

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-262. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-262. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-263. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, as follows:

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

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-263. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen requested the letter report of Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., County of Los Angeles Health Officer, be read in full by the City Clerk and also be set forth verbatim in the minutes of this meeting. Councilman Benstead so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

City Clerk Coil read the letter which follows:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH DEPARTMENT
241 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles 12, California

January 10, 1961

Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, Calif.

Attention: Mr. W. M. Nollaç, City Engineer

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: South Torrance Area Sanitary Sewer Assessment District.

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully recommended that sanitary sewers be installed in this district.

ANALYSIS: This Department has made an investigation of the South Torrance Area Sanitary Sewer Assessment District as shown on the attached map. During the course of this investigation, 46 house to house calls were made. Of this number, 13 occupants were not at home or did not answer the door. Of the 33 property owners or tenants actually contacted, 20 or 60.6% reported having experienced trouble with their individual subsurface sewage disposal systems. They complained that the systems filled up causing raw sewage to back up into the house plumbing fixtures or to overflow onto the surface of the ground. Also that frequent pumping and cleaning out of the seepage pits or the construction of new pits was necessary.

The soil within the area of this proposed sanitary sewer district consists mostly of fine beach sand interspersed with clay. This type of soil is not too conducive to the proper functioning of any type of individual subsurface sewage disposal system as it has poor leaching qualities.

In view of the facts revealed by our survey, I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, do hereby recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the construction of sanitary sewers in the South Torrance Area Sanitary Sewer Assessment District, City of Torrance, as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.
ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.
Health Officer

ROG;LCH:mt
cc: (3) City Engr.
Dr. Gilbert
Dr. Kogan-Torrance Health Center

Mayor Isen called to the attorneys' attention certain deficiencies in the outline to be followed, but the lapses have been cured by the inclusion of proper procedure at the request of Mayor Isen. Procedure is very strict on assessment district matters and each councilman acknowledged having read and considered the contents of Dr. Gilbert's letter before voting on the assessment district resolutions.

9. Case No. 813 - Change of zone - petitioner, Charles E. Gold. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to C-1 portion of Lot 16, Tract 588, between 234th and 233rd Streets on Crenshaw. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch, excerpts of Planning Commission minutes of November 7, 1962 and October 17, 1962, and Planning staff recommendations.

Proof of publication was presented by City Clerk Coil and there being no objection, ordered filed.

The proponent, Charles Gold, 2463 West 235th Street, responded to Mayor Isen's inquiry as to whether any person wished to speak on Case No. 813. He explained the size of the lots, etc., which would comprise this parcel, 48 x 210, and spoke on behalf, stating Mr. Collins, the purchaser evidently was not able to attend.

Mrs. Cecil F. Davey of 2436 West 233rd Street, protested orally on the ground of insufficient parking space and any commercial use would detract from the residential properties.

Mr. Leonard S. Kasari of 2450 West 233rd Street was present but also had written in protest and his letter was read by City Clerk Coil. It dealt with parking problems and future commercial use also. The letter was ordered filed.

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

With respect to Planning Director Shartle's recommendation that this land be put in professional zoning, Councilman Miller asked an explanation. Mr. Shartle said it would include all types of business offices, professional, banking, etc., but not retail business. Councilman Miller has always felt Crenshaw should be basically commercial, but feared this might eventually convert to something besides a florist shop. Councilman Beasley thought this would be a good example of use of precise planning and under C-2 there would not be strict control. Mr. Shartle further detailed his explanation of what he believes should go along Crenshaw and it did not include what he referred to as "shoestring commercial development". He and Councilman Benstead developed the parking formula theory which would apply. Councilman Miller and Mr. Shartle proceeded with a suggestion to restrict a particular piece of property to a specific type of business which City Attorney Remelmeyer said would not be permitted by law. Councilman Beasley said it would have been his recommendation that the matter be heard as a petition for variance. Mayor Isen suggested to Mr. Gold that he withdraw his petition for change of zone and reapply for variance which would be a legal way to solve the problem. Mr. Gold did so withdraw his petition and was advised to bring Mr. Collins and consult with Mr. Shartle. Councilman Beasley moved and Councilman Vico seconded, to grant the request, and there was no objection.

A recess was declared at 6:10 p.m. and council reconvened at 6:20.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Tentative Tract No. 27813 (794 lots). Subdivider, Don Wilson and Ray Watt - Southerly of Sepulveda Boulevard and Westerly of Crenshaw. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle and City Engineer Nollac letter of transmittal submitting staff recommendations, letter from City Engineer dated November 20, 1962, copy of letter from School District dated November 16, 1962 and Tract map.

First, Mayor Isen commented this is probably the largest project now in process in California and that the residential lots are in conformity to the ordinance, 6,000 square feet minimum.

Mr. Bill Watt of 5316 Lorna, Torrance, spoke on behalf of the subdividers.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle if all the many recommendations apply in event of approval, because he does not think "approval subject to Staff recommendations" is sufficiently definitive. He suggested all recommendations attached be marked as exhibits so as to be easily identifiable in the decision. Thus, Mr. Shartle's recommendations will be known as A (with revisions), the letter from Torrance Unified School District, B, and the City Engineer's recommendations as C. A flood control item was mentioned as D, and all included as a part of the approval recommendation.

Mr. Stan Wilson came forward and acknowledged familiarity and agreement with these provisions.

Referring to the map, Mr. Miller asked Mr. Shartle about the expanded school and park facility and was told that is the proposed parksite of approximately five acres which is set aside for purchase by the City. The figures for negotiation will be compiled shortly after the first of the year. Mayor Isen told Mr. Wilson the City should have an option of four years from the time of final tract map approval to purchase the five odd acres at the cost to the developers of the raw land - no curbs or other such improvements. The developers will pay into the Park Improvement Fund and some of that money will apply toward the purchase. In view of the many residents who will be induced to buy because of the park and the fact that there will be no requirement of the subdivider to donate a park, it would seem a reasonable condition. If there is a street and curb needed in front of the parksite the City would prorate the cost of that in conjunction with the developers.

Mayor Isen thereupon moved to concur in approval and to include as an additional condition that the City have the four years option to purchase the five and some fraction acres indicated for a park, the price to be paid therefor to be the average raw land cost. Any further details can be negotiated later. Councilman Miller seconded the motion by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Watt said he thought it would be only fair to make a further adjustment in the price so the developers would be repaid their proportionate share of the taxes paid in the interim. City Attorney Remelmeyer said that would not be a legal condition; there is always the right of condemnation and pay the market value at that time. However, he said both Mr. Watt and Mr. Wilson would keep a gentlemen's agreement, but as a Torrance citizen and attorney, he could not approve, or state this would be a legal condition, even though it is agreed and stipulated. Mayor Isen insisted it be a condition of the purchase.

Roll call vote was: AYES: Beasley, Benstead, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
(Drale absent)

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Claim of Sanders Insurance Service against the City of Torrance in amount of \$57.82 for damages to vehicle of John H. Russell allegedly occurring November 29, 1962 as result of parkway tree falling on vehicle.

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

12. Torrance Traffic Safety Council request to award perma plaque to FM radio station KAPP at a cost not to exceed \$25.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, with the comment that the cost is around \$12 so it will come well within the limitation. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

13. Recommendation of License Inspector Whitacre to release oil well "Wertella #1" from oil well bond per request of C. O. Rodabaugh, with approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

14. Award of contract - Installation of sanitary sewers in Rolling Hills Road southerly of Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that contract be awarded to Chet Kohler Cpnstruction Co. in the amount of \$3,489.82.

Councilman Miller moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THE ALLEY LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF ELENA AVENUE BETWEEN VISTA DEL MAR AND VIA VALENCIA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-264. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

16. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 31. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation for establishment of reimbursement district with sewer connection fees therein.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth, Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

16A. Proposed Traffic Signal at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road south. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, recommending that a traffic signal be installed at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road South.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

17. Report requested by Junior City Manager concerning re-establishment of a crosswalk across Carson Street at Post Avenue. Traffic Commission, in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, recommending denial of request to re-install the subject crosswalk.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection. However, Mayor Isen requested a suitable letter be written to the Junior Citizens who made the suggestion, that they cooperate by crossing at the established signal.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-265

16A. Proposed Traffic Signal at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road south. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent). A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ANNEX TO SAID CITY CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DESIGNATED AS "BOTANICAL GARDENS ANNEXATION NO. 1" AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-265. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

17. Report requested by Junior City Manager concerning re-establishment of a crosswalk across Carson Street at Post Avenue. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-265. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, Assistant City Manager Ferraro stated the owners of this land have volunteered and initiated this annexation.

letter be written to the Junior Citizens who made the suggestion, that they cooperate by crossing at the established signal. 9. Council Minutes December 4, 1962

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-265

16A. Proposed Traffic Signal at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road south. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent). A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ANNEX TO SAID CITY CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DESIGNATED AS "BOTANICAL GARDENS ANNEXATION NO. 1" AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS THERETO.

ORDINANCES:

19. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading 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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1349 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

20. Report on investigation made through the County Engineer with respect to slippage area in the vicinity of the four-year college.

This being an informational item, it was ordered filed, there being no objection.

21. Approval requested on sale of surplus equipment and authorization to publish necessary public notices.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the request and grant the authorization. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

22. Recommendation for approval of proposal, as submitted by management on Civic Center site.

The recommendation here is to approve the proposal as submitted by management and involves reduction of the size of the Pony League field in the northwest corner of Civic Center; dropping of the proposal for the regular diamond and moving of the football field into the position to have been occupied by the regular diamond, with reasons given.

Mayor Isen said this matter should first be considered by the Park and Recreation Commission as the matters discussed are under its jurisdiction. City Manager Peebles expanded on his letter and recommendation; however, he stated further developments indicate it should now go back to that Commission for review. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked the following remarks be included in the minutes verbatim:

"Councilman Vico: Wait a minute, wait a minute, I want to say something.

Mayor Isen: Mr. Vico?

Councilman Vico: You know we approved this at one time. We told them it was all right to go ahead and play there. That area has been sitting there for the last five or six years - it's in

weeds about three or four feet tall. What are you going to do - just let it sit there for another four or five years?

Councilman Benstead: I don't think they are taking anything away from them, George. It's a rearrangement so it won't interfere.

City Manager Peebles: We'll have it back within three to four weeks, Mr. Vico.

Mayor Isen: The question is not - the Park and Recreation Commission knows the Council approved some activity on behalf of Junior Baseball back of Civic Center. The question is how much and the location there. Yes, sir?

Bob Pryor of 3627 West 187th Street: Mr. Mayor, Councilmen, I would like to speak in favor of the proposal. The reason why - I just want to emphasize that we have over 4,000 boys in the City of Torrance that play in this program - now, that's just the boys not the individual families. We have had a struggle throughout the City to get the land for these different leagues. We do know each and every year we come up with problems of leagues having to find new property so the Torrance Youth Sports Council last year came through the Recreation Department and asked, requested for this land in the rear of the property.

Mayor Isen: The Commission denied it altogether. It came to Council; we approved it. We didn't approve the amount of area; we didn't approve the location of it; we don't know whether it is exclusive to junior baseball or in conjunction with the City recreation program. Actually, in my opinion, it was within the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation Commission to review these two maps here to see what suggestion they have and send it back to the Council with whatever they think about it. Now, I, for one, am going to vote for going back. There have been several times when we thought they didn't have jurisdiction and there was nothing but difficulties aroused and they were probably right and we straightened these things out in a meeting we had in Council Chambers with them and, in my opinion, it belongs there before it gets here. This is my own opinion.

Mr. Pryor: The only point I have is, we have been prolonging this for more than a year now, Mr. Mayor, and I would like to see it pushed through.

Mayor Isen: My thinking is once you get here I would like to see you be able to stay ten years without worrying.

Mr. Vico: Well, they won't be able to. They said they would move out any time there was construction that was going to be done and until that time they would play there and keep the land clean and everything else and in the winter time anyone can use it. They're willing to go along with it - it's nothing real drastic or anything else. But they've been jerked around now for about a year.

Mayor Isen: I wouldn't say "jerked" - Edith, I would suggest that all these remarks in the event this goes back to Recreation Commission should be in there, word for word, for their benefit. What Mr. Vico has said which I agree with, except the "jerked around" part, and the other things that have been said.

Edith: Verbatim?

Mayor Isen: Please, yes. Are you ready for the motion to refer it back - I say, are you ready for roll call on it? Thank you, Bob. Roll call on referring it back."

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

Mayor Isen asked that the transmittal letter to the Recreation Department show they should get it back to Council as soon as possible.

23. Recommendation to increase salary for Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspections from Range No. 64 to Range No. 66, effective December 1, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Benstead moved a substitute to refer this to the next budget session and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call on the substitute motion failed, as follows:

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

Roll call vote on the original motion to concur carried, as follows:

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

24. Recommendation to purchase Monroe Calculator and table for Engineering Department at cost of \$1,169.38.

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

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

25. Request of Universal C.I.T. to proceed with building - recommendation of approval under certain conditions:

1. Maximum time limit for occupancy of the trailer to be placed at 9 months from date of council action (3 months allowance for processing of variance on building and 6 months for building construction.
2. Letter to Council prior to council action from the property owner Dr. E. J. Tarr, giving permission for this request.
3. That approval of use of the trailer be automatically revoked in event the variance is denied and plans not immediately submitted for a building conforming to all Code requirements.

(Item 2 was received and a copy thereof attached to the Council agenda)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to approve under the conditions set forth. His motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

26. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures: \$500 to American Municipal Association for annual membership for the period October 1 1962 through September 30, 1963.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the item listed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

(Councilman Vico was excused from the balance of this meeting and left)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. City Manager Peebles announced a regular meeting of the League of California Cities this Thursday evening and a City car will leave City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Councilmen Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen and Councilman Beasley indicated they would attend.

28. City Manager Peebles said he had received a telephone call from Mr. Geller, Assistant to the County Librarian, Mr. Henderson, saying the Board of Supervisors have approved the City of Torrance for renegotiation of the library contract and will contact us soon with respect thereto.

29. Councilman Beasley said Councilman Drale had asked that the study of Dominguez Street along the tracks be made. City Manager Peebles said it now under study and a progress report will be before the Council shortly.

30. Councilman Benstead asked about the signals at Sepulveda at the entrance to Sears. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said he received a verbal "No." Mayor Isen asked that the statement be made in writing for next week's agenda. City Manager Peebles said he has some further information that he has not yet discussed with Mr. Whitmer.

31. Councilman Miller praised Mrs. Polly Watts and her letter, copy of which was attached as an information item. He thought it a splendid presentation and Mayor Isen agreed, saying if Torrance gets the college site, it will be largely due to her efforts.

32. A meeting of the College Planning Committee has been arranged for Monday, December 10, 1962, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall and Mayor Isen asked that all councilmen attend; events are shaping up very rapidly. Several calls received by Mayor Isen have indicated Palos Verdes residents are not favorable to having the college site in their city.

33. Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to also remind the Councilmen of the Ministerial reciprocal breakfast to be held Monday, December 10, 1962 at 7:45 a.m. in the new Recreation Building, the first official use of that center.

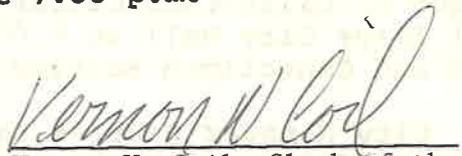
34. Mayor Isen stated in his opinion the informal gatherings with the members of the various commissions following discussion of their problems or functions as the last item on a 5:30 agenda, have been very satisfactory and helpful. He now would like to hold a similar meeting with the members of the working press.

He moved that the press representatives who attend Council, together with their respective publishers be invited to participate in discussion as the last item on the agenda of the next 5:30 meeting, with dinner to follow. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously (Councilmen Vico and Drale absent). Invitations will be sent by the City Manager's office.

35. Mayor Isen announced the custom had been when Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday or Monday, that there be no meeting that week. Councilman Beasley moved to hold to that custom this year. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection. The City Clerk will publicize the lack of a meeting Christmas week.

As to the meeting which would regularly fall on January 1st, Mayor Isen moved it be held on the following day, Wednesday, January 2nd at 5:30 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

This Council meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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