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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, February 19, 1963 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the 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. Louis Jenkins, a member of the Civil Service Board, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Leon Holm of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Because of Lincoln's birthday, the minutes will await the next Council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

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

8. \$425,000 Airport Revenue Bonds, Series "A" - Election 1962 - Opening of bids and award. Letter of transmittal from City Clerk Coil submitting suggested outline of procedure for opening of bids, together with supporting material and transmitting for adoption resolution awarding bonds.

This being the time and place fixed for the opening of bids for \$425,000 bonds designated "Airport Revenue Bonds, Election 1962, Series "A", the following bids received pursuant to the

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notice of sale were publicly opened, examined and read by City Clerk Coil, assisted by Assistant City Manager Ferraro:

JURAN & MOODY, INC., St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

Certified check in amount of \$4,275 enclosed, bid par, plus accrued interest from the date of said securities to the date we accept delivery. Net interest cost \$287,457.50 or an average net interest rate of 4.2617%.

Said securities, in denominations of \$1,000 each unless otherwise noted herein, shall bear interest as follows:

- 4.25% per annum on \$150,000 maturing March 1, 1965 thru March 1, 1976
- 4.40% per annum on \$245,000 maturing March 1, 1977 thru March 1, 1987
- 3.40% per annum on \$30,000 maturing March 1, 1988.

Interest payment dates shall be March 1, 1964 and semiannually thereafter and, together with principal amounts, shall be payable as designated in notice of sale.

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BLYTH & CO., INC., Los Angeles 14, California

Certified check in amount of \$4,275 enclosed, bid par and accrued interest from date of the bonds to date of delivery. The net interest cost to the City is \$260,400 or 3.8606%.

Bonds maturing on:	To bear interest at rate of:
March 1, 1965 to March 1, 1979, incl.	4%
March 1, 1980 to March 1, 1988, incl.	3.80%

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CHANNER NEWMAN SECURITIES COMPANY, Chicago, Illinois.

Certified cashier's check for \$4,275 enclosed, bid par plus accrued interest and in addition a premium of \$182.75. The net interest cost is \$281,479.75 or a net effective interest rate of 4.173161%.

Bonds maturing 1965 to 1981 inclusive	4 1/8%
Bonds maturing 1982 to 1988 inclusive	4 1/8%

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SHEARSON, HAMMILL & CO. Los Angeles 5, California.

Cashier's check in amount of \$4,275 enclosed, bid par plus accrued interest to date of delivery, plus a premium of \$59.50 and the bonds to bear interest as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Coupon Rate</u>
\$60,000	March 1, 1965 thru March 1, 1970 incl.	4. 3/4%
\$60,000	March 1, 1971 thru March 1, 1974 incl.	3 1/4%
\$170,000	March 1, 1975 thru March 1, 1983 incl.	3 1/2%
\$50,000	March 1, 1984 thru March 1, 1985 incl.	3.60%
\$85,000	March 1, 1986 thru March 1, 1988 incl.	3.65%

Total net interest cost to be approximately \$242,108 or 3.58944%.

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TAYLOR AND COMPANY, Beverly Hills, California.

Check in amount of \$4,275 enclosed, bid par plus accrued interest to the date of delivery and a premium of \$25.00, and bonds to bear interest as follows:

1965 to 1968 maturities incl. @ 5% per annum
 1969 to 19__ maturities incl. @ 4 3/4% per annum
 1970 to 1980 maturities incl. @ 3 3/4% per annum
 1981 to 1988 maturities incl. @ 3.80% per annum

Interest cost \$257,467.50 less premium \$25: Net interest cost
 \$257,446.50 or 3.8168%.

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MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC., Los Angeles, California
 Certified check in amount of \$4,275 enclosed, bid par together with
 a premium of \$10 and accrued interest to date of delivery.

\$60,000 maturing 3/1/65 to 3/1/70	5% per annum
\$90,000 maturing 3/1/71 to 3/1/76	3 1/2% per annum
\$140,000 maturing 3/1/77 to 3/1/83	3 3/4% per annum
\$135,000 maturing 3/1/84 to 3/1/88	3 7/8% per annum.

Net interest cost \$257,840 or 3.82268%.

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City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication of Notice
 Inviting Bids on the above and on motion of Councilman Benstead,
 seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously carried, it was received
 and ordered filed.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the bids to J. B. Hanauer
 & Co. representative and the Director of Finance of the City of
 Torrance for determination of the best bid at a simultaneous meeting
 in the conference room. Mayor Isen asked that at such time as
 determination is made, the examiners interrupt this council meeting
 and the City Manager report the decision to the Council. The motion
 was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there was no objection.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. Final Tract Map No. 21390 (12 lots) Norris Construction Co.,
 Subdivider. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's
 letter of transmittal submitting letter from City Engineer Nollac
 dated December 28, 1962, location sketch, letter of transmittal on
 tentative tract dated July 19, 1962, Planning Department recommenda-
 tions to Planning Commission dated June 20, 1962, excerpt from
 Planning Commission minutes dated July 5, 1962, letter from City
 Engineer Nollac listing conditions of approval dated June 11, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of
 approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by
 unanimous roll call vote, after Dan Francis of Arrow Construction Co.
 confirmed that there will be a 54 foot street and 50 foot radius
 on the cul de sac and the lights will be installed in compliance
 with the decision of the Edison Company and the Traffic Department
 of the City. Trees will be planted throughout the tract and parkway.

10. Ordinance on Planning Commission Case 818 - Change of zone -
 Denny Thomas. From R-3 to A-1 and RR-3, approved by Council January
 8, 1963, with proposed form of ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1362

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. 818.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1362 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Ordinance, Planning Commission Case No. 820 - Change of zone American Engineers and Contractors (Robert K. Burke). From R-1 to C-1, approved by Council January 8, 1963. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1363

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. 820.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1363 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Ordinance on Planning Case No. 821, Change of Zone, Jack Sakioka, et al.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1364

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. 821.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1364 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. Ordinance on Planning Commission Case No. 825 - Change of zone, Grace L. McCleery.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1365

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. 825.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1365 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

15. Councilman Miller moved to grant the request of American Field Service Inc. for the use of Council Room on the 4th Thursday of March, April, and May for board meetings, as requested in letter. His motion, seconded by Councilman ~~Miller~~, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Benstead

See: Council Minutes of
Feb. 26 1963 (in
connection)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

16. Participation in Street Improvements on Crenshaw Boulevard south of Rolling Hills Road.

City Manager Peebles asked this item be returned to his office for a ruling from the City Attorney. Councilman Miller moved to so refer the item and the motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

17. Transmittal of easement deeds.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated January 30, 1963 for the widening of 231st Street over a portion of Lot 2, Tract No. 845, given by William E. and Mary A. Fieri.
2. Street easement deed dated November 29, 1962 for the widening of 182nd Street over a portion of Lot 29, R. O. Hickman Tract, given by Denny W. and Wilma B. Thomas.
3. Street easement deed dated January 8, 1963 for the widening of future alley over portions of Lot 29, R. O. Hickman Tract, given by Denny W. and Wilma B. Thomas.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

18. Deletion from Oil Well Bond No. 3200562. Recommendation to grant request of Graner Oil Co. to delete well known as Miller No. 1 from bond No. 3200562, with approval of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to delete the well. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

19. Notice of Completion - Pedestrian overpass - Crenshaw Boulevard and 187th Street. Recommendation that Council approve and authorize additional work as described and that Council accept the work performed by contractor, George A. Bradford Co.

Councilman Beasley moved the Council approve and authorize the additional work described and that Council accept the work performed by the contractor. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion, but asked if this additional work in this and other contracts, is added at the time of the bid. He thought the addition would alter the determination of what is the best and lowest bid. City Manager Peebles explained the reason for this additional work and stated any road work or similar construction needs extras, regardless of the care and effort to include them all at the time of bid. In this particular instance, the added work was sixteen additional feet of guard rail and an additional ramp for the safety of the children who use the overpass.

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

NOES: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

20. Protesting colors on new White Front Store.

Councilman Benstead moved to file the communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. However, with the thought of more harmony in appearance, City Manager Peebles was instructed to write to White Front and to Del Amo Estates Company, the lessor, asking if it would be possible to change the multi-colored building in view of this complaint.

Councilman Benstead with drew his motion, with the consent of his second, but added that a look should be taken at some of the signs in the City from the standpoint of aesthetics.

21. Recommending the landscaping of island at corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 242nd Street.

Councilman Beasley made the following statement: At the time the City was working on widening of Hawthorne Avenue and the center strip, this question came up several times and it was generally agreed by the people and the Engineering Department that the little triangle would be used for parking. However, it has been found there would be room for only one additional car and it seems more advantageous to make the area attractive.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to plant this area. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

22. This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1356

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 MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 1, STUDY AREA "A" (VICTOR PRECINCT).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1356 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1357

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF APPENDIX I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) DEFINING A PRIVATE GARAGE.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the requested changes had not been made because of lack of time; however, Mayor Isen and Councilman Drale said these changes are something to be contemplated in the future, not at this time and, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted at its second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1358

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. 823.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1358 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. Second reading of Ordinance No. 1361 which would prohibit oil well drilling in the City and prohibit secondary recovery operations.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone this one week and refer it to the City Manager to study the number of wells abandoned, the amount of production which was going on at the time they were abandoned, the number of wells now in the City and the production as well as the possible cost of abandonment and the production of wells at the present time.

Mayor Isen asked and ascertained from City Attorney Remelmeyer that it would be well to identify the ordinance by number and read title thereto.

City Clerk Coil read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1361

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 19 (THE OIL CODE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT OIL WELL DRILLING IN THE CITY AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion of Councilman Sciarrotta set forth above and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Thus, the matter is postponed and will be read again next week.

A ten minutes recess was declared at 6:15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

27. Proposal to combine all fire insurance policies.

There was some discussion as to whether these were official bids or merely a proposal and City Clerk Coil said it is a proposal based on the lowest bid ever received for this particular portion of the insurance. Councilman Drale asked if the proposal is from board companies, mutual companies, or AAA companies; it has been a policy that only board companies bid. Mayor Isen recommended the Council approve the plan as a matter of policy in order to effect these savings and direct that the City go to bid on a comprehensive policy.

Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. Radio Installation - Police Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to appropriate a total of \$1,749 for the purpose of purchasing a transmitter base station and transceiver, automobile-mounted, for use on the new local government frequency, a budget item, one-half of which will be reimbursed later by the Government. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

29. MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES:

\$748.80 to Santa Fe Bag Company for 6000 large size sand bags, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve this expenditure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: None.

PROCLAMATIONS:

30. Mayor Isen proclaimed Sunday, March 3, 1963 as NATIONAL FIFTY AND OVER BOWLING CLUB DAY".

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. Referring back to the Airport Revenue Bond bids, Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles for a report and analysis:

City Manager Peebles stated: Pursuant to Council direction, the Airport Revenue 1962 Series "A" bids have been reviewed and analyzed by the J. B. Hanauer & Co. representative and Finance Director Scharfman and members of the Staff. It is their recommendation that the bid be awarded to Shearson, Hammill & Co., of Los Angeles, who bid a net effective interest cost of \$242,108 or a percentum rate of 3.58944% which makes them the best bidder. This brings to a successful conclusion many months of work and the springboard of the master planning for development of our Airport. With the Council's permission, Mr. Peebles called on Edith Oberg of J. B. Hanauer & Co. for her comments. Mrs. Oberg explained the reason for some of the councilmen having had inquiries as to interest in purchasing these bonds before the bids were opened and said it is a normal procedure to make these calls. Mayor Isen and Councilman Benstead who had received such calls stated for the record that each had answered "No". Mrs. Oberg stated information from O'Melveny & Myers indicates there would be no conflict of interest in purchasing these bonds.

Mrs. Oberg stated in her opinion Torrance has received a very fine interest bid. The Dow-Jones average on such bonds is 3.23, a spread of .35%, and the first revenue Bonds Hanauer brought to issue in California had a spread of 1.70.

Mayor Isen returned the compliment to Mrs. Oberg and the company she represents and thanked her for the fine way in which the intricate details have been handled by them in this, Torrance's first experience in the field.

At the instance of City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil completed the blank spaces in the resolution and, although complete reading had been waived, read the entire text of

RESOLUTION NO. 63-25

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA, AWARDING \$425,000 BONDS OF SAID CITY TO THE BEST BIDDER AND REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS.

Councilman Benstead moved adoption of Resolution No. 63-25. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: None.

32. At the request of Councilman Drale, City Manager Peebles read in full the report of the Committee on Storm Drain problems. The committee consists of Councilmen Drale, Beasley and Sciarrotta and they worked in conjunction with the City Engineer and the City Manager in a field review of four particular flood areas within the City of Torrance, designated as Drainage Districts Nos. 5E, 8A, 8B and 8C.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations of the committee as set forth in detail in said report dated February 19, 1963 and signed by City Manager Peebles, who stated the Council will be kept apprised of the project as it progresses.

After some clarification by Councilman Drale and City Manager Peebles, regarding questions by Councilmen Benstead and Miller, roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. Councilman Drale stated the College Site Citizens' Committee would meet in Council Chambers Wednesday, the 20th, at 7:30 and invited anyone interested to attend.

34. Councilman Beasley stated a car will leave City Hall at 5:45 to attend the dinner Thursday evening and Mayor Isen stated those going to Independent Cities that evening will leave at 6:00.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned again the deplorable condition of the property just north of the building occupied by Jody's Restaurant near Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevard. Nothing has been done to clean up this lot which was mentioned a couple of weeks ago and if the owners do not get it done, it should be done by the City and the owners charged therefor. City Manager Peebles said appropriate steps are being taken.

36. Councilman Vico asked if moneys were appropriated to tear this Council Chamber apart and take the seats out and, if so, what type air conditioning will be installed. City Manager Peebles said the Council did approve remodeling the Council Chambers and air conditioning experts have recommended gas-type air conditioning because of its quiet operation. The work will all go out to be bid and, at the insistence of Councilman Vico, it was promised there will be formal bids on electrical as well as gas air conditioning.

37. Councilman Benstead mentioned the letters commending the Council on the action of the Youth Welfare Commission regarding indecent literature and asked if the Commission has been furnished copies; he was told they have.

38. Mayor Isen proposed a commendation of the Police Reserves of the City of Torrance. Over thirty men comprise this group and they have donated 6,132 hours to the City by accompanying regular police officers on patrol duty, purchasing their own uniforms and equipment, other than helmets. He proposed a resolution commending and taking cognizance of this valuable adjunct to the Police Force. City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to prepare appropriate resolutions for the individual Police Reserve members. In connection with the next budget, some plan will be considered to permit an allowance for purchase of uniforms and/or equipment. The reserve officers attend police school for a number of weeks, also at their own expense, and if they decide then to make police work their career, this effects quite a saving to the City Police Department and it should be appreciated.

39. Referring to the statements on the Bond Issue and directing his remarks to the City Clerk, Mayor Isen called attention to the antiquated appearance of the central figure on the City Seal. City Clerk Coil explained the seal itself is in such poor condition, that it is not possible to determine the design from the imprint thereof and it was, therefore faked in as a reasonable facsimile. Councilman Vico moved to leave the seal "as is" and Councilman Beasley seconded that motion, but Mayor Isen suggested promoting a more modern design and moved a contest be initiated toward design of a modern seal of the City with the rules and an award to be determined by the Council. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta and Vico.

The original motion of Councilman Vico was not acted upon.

There appearing to be no Oral Communications from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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10. Request for extension on Case No. 779, denied	2,3
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W-63-3, Highwart, partially denied and partially approved	3
W-63-4, Smith, et al, approved	3
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16. Award of purchase of rotary air compressor	4
17. Award of purchase of equipment trailer	4
COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:	
18. Report of action on magazine survey, info only	4
19. Re. endorsement of Assembly Bill No. 3, referred to City Manager	5
20. Re attendance at Governor's conference, held 1 wk.	5
AIRPORT MATTERS:	
21. Feasibility of City engaging in aircraft fueling referred to Airport Committee of Council	5
22. Fire Dept request for 35 feet, granted	5
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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes
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Torrance, California
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, February 26, 1963 at 8:00 p.m., in Council Chambers 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, Lt. Fischer of the Police Department led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Leon Holm of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead called attention to an error in the minutes of the February 19th meeting in Item 15 granting permission to the American Field Service to use Council Chambers. Councilman Benstead's name should be substituted for that of Councilman Miller as the second to the motion. With this correction, the minutes of the two meetings held February 13th and 19th respectively were approved as written, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. 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.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley 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.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and announced there would be a recess declared at 8:40 to make presentation of the City Employee service awards and enjoy a short social period honoring those to whom presentations will be made.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. First reading of Ordinance - Master Plan Study No. 1, Study Area "A" (Victor Precinct east of Anza Avenue.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1366

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 MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 1, STUDY AREA "A" (VICTOR PRECINCT - East of Anza Avenue)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1366. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1366 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

10. Request for extension of time - Case No. 779 - Variance. Petitioner, Collie Vivonia. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter submitting request and location sketch.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, but Mayor Isen asked some discussion. This is the deserted ranch market building on Crenshaw near the channel which is an eyesore; and Mayor Isen stated the only way he would consent to the extension would be that the building be demolished immediately. Planning Director Shartle was asked the reason for the request, but said no reason was given.

Councilman Miller moved the extension be granted, but with the provision that there be no further extensions. There was no second and the motion died.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute that the Council concur provided the building is torn down within thirty days and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Benstead thought the whole matter should go back to the Planning Commission. Councilman Miller withdrew his motion with the consent of the second, Councilman Vico.

The councilmen discussed the building, the use to which the property will be put under the variance and other phases of the development and Councilman Drale stated it is no place for a motel and he will vote "No" as he did originally on the variance.

As a result, Councilman Drale moved to deny the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Miller moved to table the matter for two weeks. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen failed as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta.

Thus the motion to deny was before the Council and passed as follows:

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

Mayor Isen directed Planning Director Shartle to notify the proponents what occurred and if they are interested they may come to Council next week and request a motion to reconsider. City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed that would be in order. Under the status of the case at this time, the petitioner has lost his variance and the building will continue to stand.

11. Waivers:

W-63-2 - Valley Le Moine, 15702 Hawthorne Boulevard, Lawndale, requesting 5' waiver of side yard requirements for apartment above commercial building at 24447 Hawthorne in Zone C-2. Recommended for approval. Attached were excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 6, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated February 6, 1963, location sketch and exhibit for Council use.

W-63-3 - Jack E. Highwart, 4110 Carson Street, requesting 1½' front yard waiver to construct addition to kitchen 18½' from front property line. Zone R-1 above address. Recommended for denial.

Also requesting rear yard waiver of 5' to construct a two-story addition between existing house and existing garage at above address. Recommended for approval. Attached were: excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 6, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated February 6, 1963, location sketch and exhibit for Council use.

W-63-4 - Ben H. Smith, Paul L. Smith and Joe Kruger, 1421 Marcelina, requesting waiver of 8' rear yard to construct apartment building within 2' of rear property line for second floor, at the northwest corner of Carson and Beech, R-3 zone. Recommended for approval with conditions. Attached were: excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 6, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated February 6, 1963 and location sketch and exhibit for Council use.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission as set forth above and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. However, Councilman Benstead asked that W-63-4 be considered separately and a discussion followed as to setbacks on that request and the possibility of access. Planning Director Shartle said normally driveways are designed for a 25 foot turning radius.

Councilman Beasley changed his motion to concur as to W-63-2 and W-63-3 and it too was seconded by Councilman Drale. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to W-63-4, Councilman Beasley moved to concur. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Notice of Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Division, of California Cities meeting on March 7, 1963.

Mayor Isen said there is a conflict in meetings on this evening and reservations will be for about three.

13. Civil Service Board's request for attendance at 1963 Western Regional Conference of Public Personnel Association, with recommendation of City Manager Peebles, to authorize attendance of two persons to be selected by the board, with expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

14. Chemical Board meeting of January 30, 1963.

City Manager Peebles said this communication is informational only and it was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

15. Bids for tractor, backhoe, loader combination. Recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to accept low bid of L. A. Industrial Equipment, Inc. in amount of \$6,350 plus tax.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to award to the low bidder listed and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

16. Bids for 125 CFM rotary air compressor. Water Superintendent McVicar's recommendation, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to accept low bid of Larson Equipment Co. in amount of \$3,950 plus tax.

17. Bids for 10,000 pound equipment trailer. Water Superintendent McVicar, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to accept low bid of American Trailer & Manufacturing Co. in the amount of \$1,473 plus tax.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the low bid and that all other bids be rejected in each of the items listed 16 and 17 above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:

18. Acting Chairman Babbitt, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting action of Commission taken February 7, 1963 re Police Department report of magazine survey.

This item is informational only and was ordered filed.

19. Acting Chairman Babbitt, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting report of action of Commission taken February 7, 1963 re endorsement of Assembly Bill No. 3.

Mayor Isen stated this would be referred to the City Attorney. City Attorney Remelmeyer said Assistant City Manager Ferraro is taking over legislative analyses because of the large volume of work in the City Attorney's office and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would be referred to the City Manager's office for a report next week. There was no objection.

20. Acting Chairman Babbitt, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting action of Commission taken February 7th, 1963, re attendance at Governor's Conference on Juvenile Control.

Mayor Isen wished more information on this, expressing his opinion that a transcript of the conference might be as advantageous as attendance. City Manager Peebles will investigate and report on this item next week.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

21. Matter of feasibility of City engaging in Aircraft fueling.

Councilman Miller stated there are many unanswered questions on this and moved to refer it to the Airport Committee of the Council to develop more information.

City Manager Peebles asked that Item 23 (Submission of Plans and supporting material for FAAP 09-04-123-03 for fiscal 1963 program) be given similar treatment. Councilman Miller approved and there was no objection. Mayor Isen so ordered.

Councilman Vico asked what progress is being made on the Vegas lease and his attention was called to informational item E at the end of the agenda. The Airport Commission is working on it but it is not now ready for Council's consideration.

22. Fire Department request for additional 35 feet. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Airport Commission's recommendation of approval. Attached were report of Airport Commission Committee/Fire Department meeting held February 7, 1963, copy of J. J. Benner memo dated January 14, 1963 with City Manager Peebles' concurrence.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. This item was referred to the Airport Council Committee under discussion of Item 21 above.

24. Airport Days 1963. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of Manager Peebles, submitting Commission's recommendation that Airport Days 1963 be dispensed with due to proposed construction of new runway and taxiways.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission as set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was a difference of opinion as to routine matters being recommended for approval or denial by the Chairman of the Airport Committee of the Council without having been discussed

before the whole committee. Mayor Isen said this is an established policy in the interests of saving time and effort. Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta said in that case all other committees of the council should function in this manner.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable on the motion to concur in dispensing with Airport Days 1963.

25. Office Help. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Commission's recommendation that additional airport office help be considered at budget time.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would be referred to the City Manager for consideration in the budget. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

26. Airport Liability Insurance. Airport Manager Egan with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to accept bid of James Post Co. for insurance on a three year basis.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the bid of James Post Co. for insurance on a three-year basis in the total amount of \$5,885.03, payable annually at the rate of \$1,961.68 per year. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY TO ESTABLISH IN THE CITY TREASURY AN "AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND" PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 21685 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESTRICTING THE MONEYS DEPOSITED THEREIN TO BE EXPENDED SOLELY FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE FOR AIRPORT ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE STATE, FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE AIRPORT ASSISTANCE FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-26. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-26. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, 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. 63-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT WITH BARCLAY-PEARSON CO., INC. TO PERFORM CERTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AIRPORT FIRE TRAINING TOWER AND TEST PIT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-27. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

29. Fire Hose Replacement. Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, request for additional appropriation of \$276,00 to Object Account No. 35 and for permission to order 500' of 2½" fire hose.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Fire Chief, concurred in by the City Manager, first for an additional appropriation of \$276 to be placed in Object Account No. 35 and second, for permission to place an order for 500 feet of 2½" fire hose with American LaFrance, the low bidder on the last hose purchased. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta after he was given certain information regarding the "last bid" by Chief Benner who stated this is an emergency due to the flooding and the bid did not change in this case. Roll call was:

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

30. Assembly Bill No. 1194. Fire Chief Benner request for authorization for letters protesting passage thereof, with concurrence and request of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to protest passage of AB 1194. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Benstead asked this protest go also through the official list to the Governor. Mayor Isen agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

31. Walker property. City Attorney Remelmeyer letter of transmittal submitting resolution, quitclaim deed and pertinent correspondence.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WESTERLY OF ARLINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN 236th STREET AND 236th PLACE AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-28. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The time assigned having arrived, Mayor Isen declared a recess for the purpose of presenting awards and a reception honoring those who receive them.

Mayor Isen presented 15 year pins to Ladeene Chamberlain, Administrative secretary, Harold Trezise of the Police Department, Lt. Hyman Fischer of the Police Department, and Sherman Miller of the Bus Department. Others were mentioned for retired employees: Wm. David with 8 years and Milton Young, 10½ years of service. City Manager Peebles will deliver these pins.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1362

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. 818.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1362 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1363

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. 820.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1363 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1364

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. 821.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1364 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1365

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. 825.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1365 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

36. Re. offer of Gardena Valley Gardeners' Association to work with the Commission in landscaping Torrance Civic Center.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the efforts of this association with appreciation and gratitude. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and Councilman Benstead added that appropriate letters from the City Council should be written to Kehny Uyeda and to the Association. Councilman Vico consented to this addition and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. The councilmen all agreed it is a generous and wonderful offer which will save the City many thousands of dollars.

37. Miscellaneous recommendations:

1. \$550 to Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & ^{Wright}~~Write~~ for services in connection with studies for South Bay State College.
2. \$1,057.40 to James A. Lewis Engineering, Inc. for services rendered for consultation relative to oil development within proposed South Bay State College site.
3. \$361.75 to Ralph G. Thomas for plan checking services for building department.

Councilman Drale moved to approve payment of the three items listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen asked for comments. Councilman Vico asked what items 1 and 2 represent and City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained they are the last bills in connection with the South Bay College site matter. Mayor Isen admonished the City Attorney that these expenditures were unauthorized and there should be at least supporting vouchers for such expenses showing if they are for a per diem rate, an hourly rate, a fixed fee, or on what basis the charge is made. City Manager Peebles said written evidence of the expenditures listed as Items 1 and 2 will be presented at the next Council meeting.

As to Item 3, it was pointed out this is a plan check fee and represents a percentage of the amount of plan checking work done in the Building Department. For example, in January 1963, the plan check fees totalled \$5,551 out of which \$801 was spent for outside plan checking services.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Item 3 and hold Items 1 and 2 for next Council meeting. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

PROCLAMATION:

38. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 4 through 8, 1963 as JAYCEE WEEK in recognition of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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Taking items from the addenda to the agenda for this meeting, the following items were considered:

39. Appraisals by Howard Martin.

The recommendation is that Mr. Howard Martin be retained to appraise the two parcels of property in the South Torrance Oil Field near 232nd Street and Arlington, at his quoted fee of \$700 for each parcel as a minimum, with approximately \$300 additional on each if the City should have a lawsuit on either, or both.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager as above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen objected and questioned the means of arriving at such a large figure. Councilman Vico asked if Howard Martin is the only man qualified to appraise these parcels. City Manager Peebles advised the Council this is before them prior to the work being done, for approval of retaining Mr. Martin; the work has not been done. He explained the reason for his recommendation, based on the possibility of having to go to court and the necessary substantiating evidence of an expert in that event.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen said this matter comes up repeatedly and he asked an investigation be conducted of other appraisers in Los Angeles County, their per diem rates and charges, in order to offer a little competition to Mr. Martin. City Attorney Remelmeier is to obtain this information for the Council.

26A. (as numbered on the addenda) Airport Manager Egan submitting minutes of the Council Airport Committee meeting held February 21, 1963 regarding the Sakauye transfer.

Councilman Miller said the committee has met on this subject and reviewed the situation and recommend that Mr. Sakauye be permitted to transfer this lease. Another meeting of the committee will be held to review the policy regarding lease transfers and to establish a policy under which they would be approved. In this particular case, Councilman Miller moved to recommend the transfer and at the same time bring out the fact of future meeting to determine policy. Councilman Vico seconded the motion. Roll call vote was:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, because the present lessee is an insurance client.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1361

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 19 (THE OIL CODE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT OIL WELL DRILLING IN THE CITY AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

Councilman Vico said he had received a call from Standard Oil Company asking if this might be postponed another week. Councilman Sciarrotta asked City Manager Peebles if the information requested by the Council has been compiled and was told it is not completed because of the short time and many demands on the City Manager's office during this past holiday week. Mr. Sciarrotta agreed it should be postponed, but for the reason of lack of the required report from the City Manager and moved the second reading of Ordinance No. 1361 be held for two weeks - to March 12, 1963, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37A. City Manager Peebles re purchase of sand bags for storm emergency.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the amount of \$831.16 be approved for 6,700 sand bags rather than 6,000 as mistakenly requested last week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and MayorIsen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

39. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 3rd through 9th as SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK.

40. Councilman Drale stated the City of Rolling Hills has adopted a resolution, their No. 155, opposing the establishing of the South Bay State College in the Rolling Hills area. He suggested a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Board of Trustees and letters be sent to other neighboring cities asking for a resolution to the same effect. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would do so. The Rolling Hills resolution has a built-in direction to the City Clerk of that city regarding copies.

41. Because of the constant and alarming increase in crime, Councilman Miller recommended Torrance's sworn police personnel be increased. He quoted figures purporting to show that Torrance is far down the list in police personnel on the basis of population and believes sworn personnel is about 22 short of what it should be. He moved the City Manager return to the Council a report prior to budget time on the feasibility of increasing police personnel. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and Councilman Benstead reminded them that police reserve members should be taken into consideration. Councilman Miller said these factors have been considered and there is the added fact that Torrance covers a greater number of square miles than the cities used in comparison.

City Manager Peebles said he would bring in a detailed report, but he believes favoritism was shown the Police Department in the last budget as compared with other departments, all of which are understaffed. He believes the crime wave is not a localized problem, but is quite a universal trend. There is population density to be thought of, also. He is quite aware of the need and reminded the Council that there was added a radar car and operator as well as two motorcycles and three motorcycle officers after last budget time.

Councilman Benstead recommended a meeting of the Police Commission be called to talk over this request and the statistics involved. Councilman Drale concurred in Councilman Miller's statements and stated a formula should be used of ratio of officers to population in recommending to the Police Commission and the City Manager the number of officers to be employed.

There were no objections to Councilman Miller's motion and it carried. Councilman Benstead will call a meeting of the Police Commission. Councilman Vico expressed complete concurrence in the effort to obtain more police protection for the people. City Manager Peebles stated his duty is to the entire City Government with the aim of maintaining a balanced budget. Councilman Benstead mentioned the widely prevalent custom of asking for more than a department really needs or expects to obtain of budgeted funds.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta called attention to a letter written to City Manager Peebles regarding a golf course on the list of Informational Items. Neither the money nor land is available. Councilman Beasley stated the letter came from a resident of Lomita and suggested they communicate with the County Board of Supervisors.

43. Councilman Vico asked if a price on air conditioning for the Council Chambers has been received and Assistant City Manager Johnson said this is being worked on and will be reported within a week or two. Councilman Vico again protested "ripping up this room" and Mayor Isen stated it is only a slight remodeling. He does not approve of the words "tearing up" and "ripping out" in speaking of modernizing the council chambers.

44. Mayor Isen said under Item 39 last week, the City Seal was criticized and Councilman Vico's motion to "leave the City Seal as is" was not acted upon. He asked roll call vote on that motion in order to complete the action. Councilman Drale seconded Councilman Vico's motion made last week and roll call vote was:

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

45. Mayor Isen said he and Assistant City Manager Johnson had conferred with the White Front Store officials, in view of the Torrance Beautiful Commission's objection to the multi-colored exterior and as a result White Front is painting the portion of the building which faces Hawthorne Avenue, white.

46. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles if there is any possibility of getting green arrows at various dangerous street corners, for example Torrance east and west at Hawthorne and asked that the Traffic Engineer make a survey of these areas.

47. Councilman Sciarrotta asked Mr. Peebles if there have been any accidents at the deadend of Madrona at Sepulveda. Mr. Peebles ascertained from Chief Porter there have been one or two, and stated there is quite a problem at this intersection because of the rail-road crossing. The PUC's approval must be obtained and all reports filed with that commission before a signal could be installed. It is now in process, however, and he promised a survey of all these problems mentioned in the two preceding paragraphs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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