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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, March 19, 1963 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead Drale, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Miller arrived at 6:35. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel led the salute to our Flag, at the request of Mayor Isen.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Monrad Bergesen, Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 1963 be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Miller absent).

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 Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Miller absent).

Councilman Miller joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Isen apologized to the audience for the condition of the Council Chamber which is undergoing a modification and gave a brief explanation of council procedure.

Councilman Vico asked that there be considered, out of order, an action taken last week and moved to reconsider the motion to reverse the order of council voting at six month intervals. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to rescind the action taken on this item last week. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. Proposed Ordinance creating C-5 Zone. Third and final hearing on an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Torrance adding Section 10-XA to Appendix I of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" providing for the creation of a Conditional Commercial District (C-5) and establishing same. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle with concurrence of City Manager Peebles' transmittal of proposed ordinance.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Publication and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for final hearing on ordinance creating C-5 zone and asked if anyone wished to speak. There was no response.

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

The councilmen discussed this proposed ordinance in detail and finally agreed it makes no changes, but only puts the required legislation on the City's books. Any change would still come before the Council for approval on its merits.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1372

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 10-XA to APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A CONDITIONAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-5) AND ESTABLISHING SAME.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1372 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

9. Case No. 827 - Variance - Petitioner, J. B. Smay. Formal hearing for a variance for relief from the off-street parking ordinance to permit the use of 23 parking spaces instead of the required 31 spaces on property described as a portion of Lot 15, Meadow Park Tract, situated at 24063 Neece Avenue and adjoining lot to north, between Pacific Coast Highway and 242nd Street in Zone C-2, for a professional office building. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting: excerpt of Planning Commission minutes of February 6, 1963, recommendations of Planning Department to Planning Commission dated February 6, 1963, letter from petitioner dated January 31, 1963, excerpt from Council minutes of January 22, 1963, location sketch, plot plan (for Council!).

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 827. Mr. Warren Cutting, 226 Calle de Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, speaking for Mr. Smay, explained the tandem fashion by which two parking spaces could be added with no inconvenience to the tenants or patients of the seven-office doctors' building. Mr. Cutting estimated the building will be valued at about \$100,000 when completed.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

Subsequent discussion was on the subject of parking space and it was agreed each case would be decided on its own merits because of widely divergent circumstances.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the variance subject to establishment of 25 parking spaces as outlined in the revised plan. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

10. Case No. 63-3, Variance, Petitioner, A. M. Pickus. Formal hearing for a variance of the off-street parking ordinance to provide 12 parking spaces for an office building of 2800 square feet, requiring 18 parking spaces on property described as Lot 32, Tract 2895, situated at 20403 Hawthorne Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street in M-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 6, 1963, recommendations of Planning Department to Planning Commission dated February 6, 1963, location sketch, plot plan for Council use. Also letter of disapproval signed by Anna, Peter and Ted Boonstra.

City Manager Peebles stated the transmittal letter at one place sets forth "for approval" whereas it should be "for denial".

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-3. Mr. Arthur M. Pickus of 13008 Birch Avenue, Gardena, the proponent responded, stating he is in the paving business but there is an accountant interested in one of his office spaces and an attorney is "dickering for another". He is using less than half of the lot size for the building and feels 12 parking spaces will be adequate. He described the building as being a glass front with a 5 foot facer to match parapets on the sides.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved the variance requested in Case No. 63-3 be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Vico, Mayor Isen.
NOES: Benstead (because it is 8 spaces short) and Sciarrotta (because this is not to be a medical building).

11. Case No. 705 - Conditional use permit - Petitioner R. A. Watt. Formal hearing for a conditional use permit to construct a mobile Home Park on the south half of Lot 73, McDonald Tract between 178th Street and the Edison right of way in Zone M-1. West side of Western Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting: excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of February 6, 1963, recommendations of Planning Department to Planning Commission of February 6, 1963, copy of letter from applicant to City Manager dated November 26, 1962, location sketch, and plot plan for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 705; there was no response. He ordered the hearing closed.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in recommendation to approve. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and Councilman Benstead questioned the use of a steel fence because this backs up to Guenser Park.

Mr. John Grindle representing the petitioner, R. A. Watt, who gave his address as 16901 South Western Avenue, stated to his knowledge there is no architectural fence designed for the west side and he felt his company was more than compensating in putting in the fill free of charge. City Manager Peebles outlined the difficulties in this respect and stated Watt had agreed to participate 50/50 in putting up the block wall, or they would put up the steel fence, which would cost about one-third as much.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and Councilman Beasley seconded; there was no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Mayor Isen suggested perhaps Watt could furnish the materials and the homeowners would help build the wall. City Manager Peebles said he would attempt to reopen negotiations on the fence angle.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

12. Sidewalks adjacent to Sennes Center. Letter from Planning Director Shartle, City Engineer Nollac, Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, re sidewalks at subject location, submitting copy of letter from American Engineers and Contractors Corp.

Councilman Drale felt no exception should be made to the Council's policy that curbs, gutters and sidewalks be installed. Councilman Vico and Mayor Isen mentioned the rustic effect here desired and stated with the offer of a bond there would be no difficulty if later the City decided to require sidewalks. A similar situation was so handled at Broadway - Del Amo Center - by letter.

Councilman Drale moved to require the curbs, gutters and sidewalks at Sennes Center. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Vico, Mayor Isen.

The motion lost.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in granting the request of Robert K. Burke, President of American Engineers and Contractors Corp. to delete sidewalks at Sennes Village at Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw Boulevard, providing an adequate bond is posted guaranteeing their installation if requested at a later time. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

13. Final Tract Maps Nos. 22792 and 22796, R. A. Watt, subdivider, located on the south side of Sepulveda east of Maple Avenue. Recommended for approval with conditions - 794 lots. Planning Director Shartle with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, letter of transmittal submitting pertinent correspondence and maps.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of Final Tract Maps No. 22792 and 22796, R. A. Watt, providing all conditions set forth in the Planning Director's letter dated March 14th are met. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. City Manager Peebles and Planning Director Shartle were instructed to watch this project closely.

14. Resolution re Case No. 832 for Variance - Cramer/Poulin.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF THE OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE FOR LOT 19, TRACT 18657 AT 2780 SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 832 - CRAMER/POULIN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-39. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Isen declared a recess and the Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

15. Claim of Cagle and Garcelon in amount of \$232.26 for alleged water damage occurring on February 9, 1963 at 1404 Cravens Avenue.

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

15-A. For information and/or action. Request of Jefferson, Inc. re new facility in service center.

City Attorney Remelmeyer was excused and left the meeting at recess and City Manager Peebles said he had asked that Mr. Peebles convey the message to the Council that there is no legal problem involved here.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the request of Jefferson, Inc. for a family-type billiard parlor facility on their leasehold. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale said he felt the Airport Commission should consider and make a recommendation and Councilman Miller was inclined to agree. It was explained the building is already in existence and all that is here considered is its occupancy. This is a C-4 zone which provides for certain uses and a billiard hall is not one of the permitted uses listed in the lease. Mayor Isen compared the situation with that of Pride and Groom pet shop which needed and was granted permission by the Council on this leasehold.

Councilman Miller sought establishment of a policy by which it could be determined what matters go through the Airport Commission and the Airport Committee of the Council. It was decided anything which does not fall within the wording of the lease should come to the Council and not the Airport Committee. Councilman Sciarrotta suggested at the next Airport Committee meeting a policy be perfected.

Mr. Levitt, representing the Jefferson, Inc. interests, described the advanced type of facility which will be far removed from what is ordinarily thought of as a billiard parlor or pool hall and Councilman Sciarrotta called for the question.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale who said he has no objection to the particular operation, but still feels it should be either approved or denied by the Airport Commission.

15-B. Announcement of Western Regional Conference - Civic Committee People-to-People program - April 7th to 9th, 1963.

Mayor Isen stated this communication, being informational, should be filed. However, Councilman Sciarrotta believed some representation should be present from Torrance to recommend whether or not the City should continue in this program.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested Mrs. Naomi McVey be authorized to attend the conference at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, with appropriate expenses paid. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Beasley will be attending portions of the same conference and was included in the same motion, with appropriate expenses paid.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

16. Issuance of Building permits in drainage district No. 8-A. Norris Co., Tract No. 21390. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that request be granted and submitting copy of letter from Norris Construction Co. dated March 14, 1963.

City Manager Peebles remarked that Items 16 and 18 are closely related; however, they were considered separately. City Manager Peebles said this particular property is outside the flooded area, but within the drainage district, and he provided information on the particular areas which were flooded during rains. Until the sumps are under construction, he said buildings should not be placed in the inundated areas. Councilman Drale stated there is only one disputed area, but there are four drainage areas and only one where it is not certain which location should be used as a sump. The appraisals have been made, but not the core test for the Kettler sump.

In answer to questions from Councilman Miller, the consensus was that any building permit requested will be granted, except those under condemnation, if they agree to pay their proportionate share.

Councilman Drale moved that the request of Norris Construction be granted and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Councilman Drale moved to accept the following easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated March 6, 1963 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 5, Tract No. 9765, given by American Engineers & Contractors Corp.
2. Street easement deed dated October 19, 1962 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 3458, given by Theodore K. Wendorff, et al.
3. Street easement deed dated March 6, 1963 for the widening of Gramercy Place over portions of Lot 64, McDonald Tract, given by George W. and Mary Lou Mattson.
4. Street easement deed dated March 1, 1963 for the widening of Bailey Drive and Amie Avenue over portions of Lot 20, McDonald Tract, given by Lionel S. and Sigmund S. Hockwald and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Benstead called attention to Sketch C (Item 3 above) involving what were designated as Parcels 1 and 2 and the discrepancy in the easement widths. City Engineer Nollac satisfactorily explained the reason for a 10 foot easement on one portion and two feet on the balance.

18. Drainage Districts 8-A and 5-E. Report from City Manager Peebles, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Engineer Nollac submitting proposed resolutions.

The sump locations were again discussed and City Manager Peebles stated meetings to be held this weekend may develop a completely satisfactory solution. Councilman Drale said, if possible, improved property will not be used and every effort will be made to keep properties intact. No homes will be taken and there will be no severance damages paid because that would only increase the assessments. He is hoping for a voluntary offer of land at a stated price.

The resolutions here set forth establish a district, but do not make a definite location.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES WITHIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A WHOSE BOUNDARIES ARE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 1359 OF SAID CITY, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1963; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF SAID FEES; DECLARING THE

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED AND CONSTRUCTED ARE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID FEES, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-40. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was not agreed to by Councilman Vico, who exercised his right to have the entire resolution read by City Clerk Coil

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-40. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES WITHIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5-E WHOSE BOUNDARIES ARE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 1360 OF SAID CITY, ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1963; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF SAID FEES; DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED AND CONSTRUCTED ARE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID FEES, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-41. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-41. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

19. Request for refund of building permit - 3232 Newton Street Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of approval of refund and submitting copy of letter of request from Mrs. E. Eakins.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the usual 80% refund. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

20. Request for refund of building permits - 20347 Anza Avenue. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation for approval of refund and submitting copy of letter of request from George L. True.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to refund the usual 80%, of \$298 building permit fees paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

21. Payroll Deduction Policy. Director of Finance Scharfman, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation re payroll deductions.

Councilman Sciarrotta disagreed with sub-item 9 which states "A proper charge shall be made for the service rendered", but otherwise agreed. Councilman Drale asked if this should not be done by resolution and Mayor Isen said it could be done by an established policy set forth in the Policy Manual, deleting item 9 quoted above.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to delete the questioned sub-item 9 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead thought the Council should be advised of the deductions which are in effect and City Manager Peebles promised a detailed report next week, showing what the deductions are and the cost in manpower to the City.

22. Sales Tax Revenues. Report from Director of Finance Scharfman with approval and comment from City Manager Peebles, re investigation of entire process by which City receives sales tax revenues submitting proposed resolution.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the Finance Director be authorized to go to Sacramento with appropriate expenses paid, to make an immediate survey of sales tax revenues. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES AND
USE TAX ACCOUNTS.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-42. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION:

23. Program re objectionable literature. Acting Chairman Babbitt with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting action of Commission taken January 3, 1963 re objectionable literature complaint program and sample copy of program for Council use.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved this item be referred to the Legal Department to determine the feasibility of such a program because there have been recent court decisions on the subject. Councilman Miller asked Commissioner Piatt for his views and he

stated the program has been developing for over three months with the advice and under the supervision of City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Prosecutor Catterlin who have concurred. Under these circumstances, Councilman Sciarrotta withdrew his motion, but Councilman Drale asked for a written statement from the Legal Department and Mayor Isen mentioned decisions which have not yet been explored and said he believes some of the criteria set forth in the program are exceeding the legal bounds completely, in that they seem to be scaled down to juvenile level, rather than that of the general reading public. He asked for a written report or opinion from City Attorney Remelmeyer in two weeks and that the material distributed at this meeting be saved.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. Resubmittal of Dr. Shackford's request re T-hangars. Airport Manager Egan, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Council Airport Committee's recommendation of approval and minutes of their meeting of March 13, 1963.

Councilman Miller stated the Airport Committee of the Council reached the conclusion that this request should be approved and he so moved. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

25. Recommendations on budget for Victor Park. Chairman H. M. Sippel, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Commission recommendation of approval and copy of budget for first phase of improvements on Victor Park.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Councilman Benstead seconded and Mayor Isen remarked that the money has been appropriated. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

26. Resolution governing the New Recreation Center: Chairman H. M. Sippel, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles' transmittal letter submitting proposed resolution.

Councilman Drale felt some of the fees should be reduced; Councilman Benstead thought they were reasonable and Councilman Sciarrotta wished time to digest the contents of the resolution and moved it be held for one week, stating his opinion that the building which belongs to the people of the City of Torrance should be for their use as much as possible for recreation, and by non-profit organizations within the City, and not as competition for organizations which have halls to rent out. In answer to a question from Councilman Miller, Recreation Director Van Bellehem stated his figures are reworked from those used at the old Civic Auditorium. Mayor Isen asked for a written report for the next Council meeting and that the material distributed be saved for that purpose.

27. Relocation of Joslyn Center Building. Chairman H. M. Sippel, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Commission's recommendation to approve request of Architect Weldon J. Fulton to relocate Joslyn Center and submitting amended master plan and copy of Mr. Fulton's letter of March 6, 1963.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to confirm the fact that a \$75,000 check has been received from the Joslyn Foundation as promised for the construction of their share of the first increment of Joslyn Center, and Mr. Peebles stated it has been received.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to relocate the Joslyn Center Building as set forth in the communication referred to. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and City Manager Peebles exhibited the twin perma plaques that will be presented to Mr. Joslyn. Mayor Isen lauded the gift as the most magnificent in the history of Torrance and Reverend Sippel mentioned also the nine acres of land donated by Mr. Guenser which is comparable.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the motion.

28. Summary of action taken at Park & Recreation Commission meeting March 13, 1963.

This being informational, Mayor Isen ordered it be filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

29. Sale of surplus City land, Lot 10, Block 5, Tract No. 15213 Our Docket NO336, with proposed resolution, location sketch and quitclaim deed.

The reasons for the recommendation to sell the property to the Branhams for \$100 were developed through conversation between the councilmen and City Engineer Nollac. Councilman Drale moved to concur in that recommendation of the City Attorney and City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED TO ITS INTEREST IN THE EASTERLY FOUR FEET OF LOT 10, BLOCK 5, TRACT NO. 15213, EXCEPT THE SOUTHERLY FIVE FEET THEREOF, TO JERRY F. BRANHAM AND JEAN E. BRANHAM.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-43. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. Time-out Circuits at Arlington Avenue, just north of Del Amo Boulevard. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of transmittal submitting proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES

COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-FOURTH OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE ARLINGTON AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-21.3C.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-44. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1371

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AT THE RATE OF \$600 OR \$2000 PER ACRE BY ANY PERSON IMPROVING SUBDIVIDING OR DIVIDING ANY LAND IN THAT PART OF LAKE WALTERIA DESIGNED AS DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7-A AND DETERMINING THE BASIS OF COMPUTING SAID PAYMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1371. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1371 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

32. Report on loud speakers for ball diamond at Entradero Sump.

Mayor Isen highly commended the report and stated all that remains is to amend Section 16.251.

Councilman Vico mentioned a similar problem involving Seaside and Sunset Little Leagues. Mayor Isen suggested they work out the problem in the friendly way that was done at Entradero. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to instruct the City Attorney to prepare amendment to Section 16.251 by adding the words "or for any other purpose" as set forth on page 3 of the communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

33. Comments regarding letter from Space Equipment Corporation pertaining to storm damage.

Councilman Drale moved to deny and refer this demand to the Legal Department, adding complete agreement with the statement made by the City Manager with respect to the efforts of City employees in times of flooding. There was no objection.

34. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures: \$591.86 to Lacquer-Graph for 600 city decals (300 7 x 15" gold and black on white, and 300 8 x 12" in five colors) a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve this expenditure and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously. (Councilman Drale voted "No" until the need was explained to him by City Manager Peebles, and then changed his vote to "Yes").

35. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of April 22 through 26, 1963 as PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. It was noted that Mr. J. A. Harlow has resigned as a Torrance Beautiful Commissioner. Councilman Beasley and Councilman Drale agreed to find a commissioner for this post and Councilman Beasley also has an appointment for the Youth Welfare Commission to make.

37. City Manager Peebles announced the check from the State of California had been received for the City's 1% retail sales tax for the three-month period over the Christmas season, in the amount of \$125,329.15.

38. City Manager Peebles asked approval of an expenditure of about \$1240 for 31 title searches required for the Airport property. Councilman Beasley moved that approval be given and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

39. City Manager Peebles said the only dates he has been able to arrange for the Metropolitan Water District trip are May 31, June 1 and 2, which, including Memorial Day, would make a four-day holiday trip. Mayor Isen referred the decision to the Council Committee consisting of Councilmen Sciarrotta, Drale, and Benstead.

40. City Manager Peebles asked how many councilmen would be attending the League of California Cities general meeting next Thursday at the Pen & Quill and Mayor Isen stated Torrance does not have representation at general meetings.

41. Councilman Benstead stated a meeting was held of the Police Commission which consists of Councilmen Miller, Benstead, Vico, Chief Bennett, Assistant Chief Porter, Captain Maestri, and the City Manager, and it was their unanimous recommendation that an addition of not less than fifteen police personnel be made at budget time. He moved to concur in that recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and it was so ordered.

42. Councilman Benstead asked if something could not be done to facilitate the street sweeping operation. He believed people should at least move their cars from the streets on the day after rubbish pickup. Mayor Isen referred the matter to the City Manager for a comparative survey of cities and how they handle this problem.

43. Councilman Drale reported a meeting he attended of the Ladera Heights Homeowners association in the Fox Hills area. The northerly boundary of the college district has been changed to

extend to the Santa Monica mountains. A majority of the people at the meeting were opposed to using the Fox Hills location for a college. Mr. Drale mentioned the problems connected with the location: 1. The flight pattern of Hughes airstrip, which it is stated will be protested to the Federal Aviation Agency. 2. The Marina Freeway has been established in this area and some rights-of-way have been acquired therefor. 3. Soil tests would have to be made because the land was filled and a high rise plan is contemplated. Councilman Drale reminded the Council of the Citizens' Committee meeting on the college site question tomorrow at 4:00 p.m., at City Hall.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta commented that all those who are working on the college site matter are doing a fine job and regretted his work will not permit his joining in many of the meetings.

45. Councilman Vico called attention to the repairs needed at the new Recreation Building. City Manager Peebles said it has now been ordered the roof be removed and replaced with an adequate one. Sufficient moneys are impounded to insure that this is done.

46. Councilman Vico asked about the STOP sign at Buena Ventura and del Campo and City Manager Peebles said it has gone to Traffic Commission for consideration.

47. Councilman Vico recommended a division of age groups at the Police Association Saturday night dances at the Recreation Building.

48. Councilman Benstead asked about the signal on Sepulveda at the entrance to Sears and City Manager Peebles said an agreement is almost reached with the Public Utilities Commission and Santa Fe Railway. He will report on this next week.

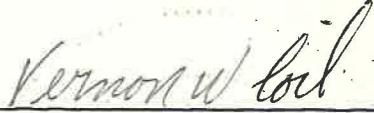
49. Mayor Isen said the people on Portola Avenue have requested of the Traffic Commission that there be two-hour parking between Torrance Boulevard and El Dorado on Portola because of the telephone company traffic congestion. Evidently they have received no reply and he asked City Manager Peebles to call this to the attention of Traffic Engineer Whitmer.

50. Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Drale on the college site, but held out hope that despite the conditions that now exist, there may be a miracle when the will of the people is actually expressed. He hopes that a large delegation of South Bay people will charter transportation, perhaps a Santa Fe Railway train, and go to Arcata for the hearing in May. Particularly, he mentioned Ordinance No. 1361 dealing with oil drilling and the possibility of litigation involving the site proposed in Torrance if this ordinance is put into effect. Mayor Isen said possibly there will be a new proposal for a smaller campus which would obviate conflict with oil wells and, with this thought, he moved that Ordinance No. 1361 be removed from the table for consideration. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen then moved to rescind the action of approval of Ordinance No. 1361 at its first reading, and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

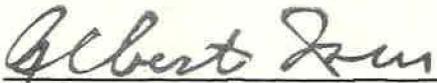
Mayor Isen moved to file the document designated "Ordinance No. 1361" and Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no communications from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Vernon W. Coil
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Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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