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Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Torrance, California  
July 30, 1963

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:  
**COUNCILMEN:** Beasley, Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale arrived a few minutes later. Also present were City Manager Peebles and Deputy City Attorney McVay.

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Isen asked that his introduction of Mr. Clyde Leech be included in the minutes verbatim:

"Councilman Drale has objected to some of the notorious publicity that Torrance has been having recently and, of course, no one can control how or what the newspapers will write up. However, I have a very pleasant announcement to make. About three years ago a gentleman came in our midst from the Herald-Express and did a very fine feature story on Torrance. He is back again this evening, to again do a constructive story on the "Torrance story" which will appear in all the editions of the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner a week from Friday, August 9th. I am told there is 740,000 circulation. I know Clyde and I know he will do a story that will do honor to our lovely city. So at this time I would like to call on Clyde Leech of the Herald-Examiner to lead us in our flag salute."

Whereupon Mr. Leech led the salute to our flag.

**4. INVOCATION:**

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 23, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta introduced his sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Camplan who is visiting here from Detroit.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:** Drale.

**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 Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale had not arrived at this point).

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

**HEARINGS:**

**8. City of Torrance Vehicle Parking District No. 1 City Clerk Coil's transmittal of letter submitting recommended procedure for combined hearings on report and ordinance of intention.**

**8A. Letter from George Binder re Vehicle Parking District No. 1.**

**8B. Letter from George Binder requesting change in Vehicle Parking District in so far as acquiring the two parking lots.**

**8C. Letter from Richfield Oil Corporation re Vehicle Parking District No. 1.**

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 o'clock has come and this is the time and place fixed for the hearing on the report filed in connection with proposed Vehicle Parking District No. 1. It is also the time and place fixed for the hearing on the formation of said district as proposed by the Ordinance of Intention No. 1391.

The City Clerk then presented to Council the four affidavits showing publication, posting and mailing of the ordinance of intention and mailing of the notice of hearing on report. Councilman Benstead moved they be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Attorney McVay introduced Attorney Richard Volpert of the firm of O'Melveny & Myers, who explained the purpose of the two hearings and the steps which have been taken to this date. A petition signed by 56% of the owners in the area and 63% of the assessed valuation in proposed Parking District No. 1 was filed with the City on March 14, 1963. The City Council ordered the City Engineer to prepare a debt limit report estimating the cost of doing the things proposed to be done. This report is required by the State Statutes since there is a maximum amount that can be assessed for a parking district. That debt limit report was prepared and filed with the Council in June and it is set for hearing tonight. At the same time the Council adopted the Ordinance of Intention stating it intends to form the district with the boundaries as set forth in the petition and to order the acquisitions and improvements set forth therein. Each landowner within the proposed district has received notice as outlined in the affidavits above received and the questions before the Council tonight are: whether to form the district with the boundaries as set forth; and whether to acquire and make the improvements set forth in the petition. He asked if the Engineer would read the report or summarize it as required by the Statute and then have the Clerk read written protests, oral protests be taken and/or any other communications.

Mayor Isen administered the oath to each, City Engineer Nollac and Assessment Engineer Laurence J. Thompson., and in answer to questions propounded by Mr. Volpert, Mr. Nollac testified that he supervised the preparation of the Debt Limit Report by Mr. Thompson.

Mayor Isen administered the oath to Mr. Thompson who testified that pursuant to Resolution No. 63-46 adopted by this Council March 26, 1963, he prepared the Debt Limit Report, consisting of five exhibits: A, is the resolution just referred to; Exhibit B is a map which indicates by boundaries the limits of the district and the parcels which compose it. Exhibit C shows how the parking stalls will be delineated on the proposed lots if and when acquired. Exhibit D indicates the cost of the acquisition as being \$160,000 the improvement as \$50,760 and incidental expenses of \$15,006, making a total of \$225,766. The assessed value of the land in the proposed district is \$644,700 and the assessed value of the improvements thereon is \$796,230; therefore the true value of the land is \$1,289,400. There is a limitation of 35% of the assessed value of land and improvements which is a maximum that can be assessed to the landowners. The assessment is planned to extend over 20 years, be bondable, and the bond shall not exceed 6%. They will actually be sold for less than that. Using the map, Mr. Thompson, delineated the boundaries. He specified the map as being a true copy of the one contained in the report. There are 64 or 65 parcels subject to the assessment. On Post Avenue there are proposed to be acquired 56 parking stalls and on two parcels to be acquired on Sartori Avenue, 24 stalls.

At the request of Mayor Isen read in full two written protests: one from W. E. Kalbfleisch, Attorney representing Mrs. Esther Emmet of 200 Manhattan Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California owner of the north 10 feet of Lot 11 and Lots 12 and 13 of Block 2 of Torrance Tract; and the other from Mrs. Inez J. Allen, whose address was not given.

Mayor Isen asked if any person who has filed written protest, wished to be heard in support of such protest. Attorney Kalbfleish stated his letter speaks for itself. There was no response to Mayor Isen's repeated invitation to speak.

Mayor Isen asked then if any person wished to make an oral protest and two persons came forward.

Mr. Ernest Wilson, 3045 Dannehill Drive, Los Angeles, said he understands there are some proposed changes and until their clarification, he wished the record to show his protest. He is concerned with Lot 9, Block 2 owned by his wife. Mr. Thompson stated this is one of the two lots to be acquired on Sartori Avenue

Attorney Erwin Sandler, 403 West Eighth Street, Los Angeles 14, representing Janice N. Spitzle, the owner of Parcel 1, Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block 8. Mrs. Spitzle's address is 146 North Vista, Los Angeles. An office building with two units is on the land as well as a warehouse area fronting on the alley. He protested and said there may be some changes whereby part of that property will be deleted. Mayor Isen promised him an opportunity to make further statements after the change has been clarified.

Mayor Isen asked if any person present wished to make further oral protest and City Clerk Coil mentioned a letter received from Richfield Oil, stating their policy is to remain neutral in this municipal matter and that they will abide by the decision of the majority taking part in the proceeding. There being no objection, that letter was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if any person present wished to speak in favor of the proceeding, or comment upon it in any other way, and Mr. Mason Adams of 520 Esplanade, Redondo Beach who owns Lot 23 in Block 8 on Cravens Avenue and also Lot 7, Block 1 on Sartori. He objected to the parking district on the grounds that parking facilities are provided on this property and suggested other general locations for the parking lots.

Attorney Charles Chorna, representing Jacob E. Cook who owns the property at 1261 Sartori (Lots 3 and 4 in Block 8), objected on behalf of his client, based on the same reasoning as that expressed by Attorney Kalbfleisch whose letter was read in full earlier in this hearing.

Mr. Morris Cook, 829 South Ogden Drive, representing the Estate of Sol Cook, which owns Lots 4, 5 and 6 of Block 9, stating the property provides ample parking facilities for the owner's need and there is no reason to pay for someone else's requirement.

Attorney Volpert asked for any comments which Assessment Engineer Thompson might want to make, especially as to expansion of the district. Mr. Thompson said he believes the boundaries are correct and accurate and outline the boundaries of the benefited area as nearly as possible. He felt the property of Mrs. Emmett would benefit from the district, as would the property about which Mr. Mason Adams protested, and every lot contained within the boundaries.

Mayor Isen asked if any person in the audience, or any member of the Council desired to speak or ask the City Engineer any question regarding the written report which he read, or summarized, earlier in the meeting. There was no response.

City Engineer Nollac reported the total of written protests is 3.4%; the oral protests are 2.6%.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the City Council hereby determines that written protest or objection to the doing of the things proposed to be done as set forth in Ordinance of Intention No. 1391 has not been made by the owners of more than one-half of the area of the land included within the proposed Vehicle Parking District No. 1 of this city and subject to assessment, and that there is no majority protest within the meaning of Sections 2930 and 2931 of the Streets and Highways Code. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked that items 8A now be considered and invited Mr. George Binder to make an oral request along the lines of his letter. His address is 1220 Sunset Plaza, Los Angeles, requested on behalf of several of the large property owners that the lots to be acquired be changed as follows: Instead of taking four lots in Parcel 1, just take the vacant Lot which is 60 feet (eliminate Lots 25 and 26, Block 8) and a portion of Lot 11, Block 2. This, he said will provide a little parking for the people on Marcelina Street. He stated his remarks represent the views of himself, Sam Levy and Jack Schlanger, whose combined assessment will be \$84,000.

If this change is determined to be beneficial, Mr. Volpert asked that there be another public hearing and notice published thereon. There will also be an estimate of the change of cost involving new appraisals and publication of notice. August 27, 1963, would

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a suitable date. Notice by publication of this further hearing is mandatory and notice by mailing is optional.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the changes suggested in Mr. Binder's letters, listed as Items 8A and 8B on the agenda and to enter the following minute order re proposed change in Vehicle Parking District No. 1:

"This City Council hereby orders the City Clerk to publish a Notice of Intention of this City Council to make the following decreases, changes and other modifications in the acquisitions or improvements proposed for proposed Vehicle Parking District No. by Ordinance No. 1391:

1. To eliminate from the proposed acquisitions the acquisition of Lots 25 and 26, Block 8, Torrance Tract, as per map recorded in Book 22, pages 94 and 95 of Maps, in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California;
2. To eliminate from the proposed improvements all improvements proposed to be made on Lots 25 and 26, Block 8, said Torrance Tract;
3. To add to the proposed acquisitions the acquisition in fee simple for public parking places and to be used as public parking lots in lieu of said acquisition and improvements to be eliminated, Lot 10 and the southeast 20 feet of Lot 11, Block 2, said Torrance Tract; and
4. To add to said improvements the improvement of the acquisitions to be added described in No. 3 above, said improvements to be the same as those described in Section 5 of said Ordinance No. 1391.

Further, that August 27, 1963, at the hour of 8:00 o'clock p.m., in the public Council Chambers of this City Council in the City Hall in said City are hereby fixed as the time and place of hearing objections to said proposed decreases, changes, or other modifications, and in addition to the notices required by law that the City Clerk send postcard notices to all property owners involved, or to be assessed.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the above motion and it carried as follows:

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

Councilman Miller moved the hearing be continued to August 27, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The reference here is to the main hearing which is not closed this evening.

Mayor Isen ascertained from the audience that there were many people present on Item 14 and in their interest, he asked that it be heard next:

14. Case No. 63-31 - Change of Zone - Planning Commission. Third and final hearing for change of zone from R-2 and R-1 to R-3 on property located northerly and southerly of Carson Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Maple Avenue.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-31. There was no response.

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

The recommendation of the Planning Commission in this case is for denial and Councilman Drale moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Many of the audience had evinced interest in Items 12 and 13 and for their accommodation, Mayor Isen asked that there next be considered these companion items.

12. Case No. 63-15 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Harry S. Rinker (resubmitted) Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to C-2 on property located on the northwest corner of Arlington Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963 and April 17, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated April 17, 1963, location sketch and petition recommending denial.

13. Case No. 63-32 - Precise Plan - Petitioner, Harry S. Rinker (resubmitted). Formal hearing for a Precise Plan of development to construct a service station and office building on property located on the northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Arlington Avenue in Zone C-2 and A-1. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated May 15, 1963 and June 5, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated June 5, 1963, plot plan, location sketch and petition of protest.

Mayor Isen stated this being a public hearing, anyone who wished to speak would be welcome to do so.

Attorney James Hall of Redondo Beach, whose home is at 624 Calle Miramar, Torrance, representing the petitioner presented two legal points regarding the zoning.

In 1957 the City Council passed an ordinance and changed this property from A-1 to C-2. In that ordinance an attempt was made to conditionally zone, so that it could not be used for service station, 100 feet. He said there is either certain uses within a zone or a valid ordinance which allows you to conditionally zone even when you go commercial. In this instance, the City had neither. If the zone is changed to C-2, he said there is no authority which would allow authority to enforce any conditions, except those voluntarily made by the applicant. Under these circumstances, Mr. Hall believes the zone is already C-2, and he stated City Attorney Remelmeier would probably agree with his contention. The ordinance under discussion is No. 880 and it was passed June 25, 1957.

Planning Director Shartle outlined his understanding of the ordinance as being that the actual zoning is A-1 with an indication that the City would consider commercial zoning on it at a future date. The easterly 100 feet is A-1 and the adjacent 50 feet C-2. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if it would be within the province of the Council to deny under these circumstances. Deputy City Attorney McVay said he has not resolved that question; City Attorney Remelmeier is out of town.

Councilman Vico saw nothing wrong with permitting a service station in this location. A washrack is not permitted in C-2, but a gasoline station is.

Councilman Drale read item j. of the ordinance referred to and there is some ambiguity in its meaning. Planning Director Shartle felt this controlled zoning was only an indication that while it still remains A-1, but a commercial zoning would be looked upon favorably in the future if a precise plan were brought in.

While the councilmen searched for the land use ordinance on the subject, Mayor Isen asked that Mr. O. Malani be permitted to speak. He gave his address as 17303 Arlington Avenue, said there are in the audience 20 or 30 people who bought homes in this area, strictly for homes. In 1957 there was a report there would be a medical building built here and the owners agreed on the condition that there be no service station nor hamburger stand. This was the reason for the A-1, controlled C-2 provision. He stated there are many, many service stations in this general neighborhood and no necessity for this one. He believes the planned office building is being used as a ruse which could later be used as a tire rack or a fender shop. He saw no reason to penalize 25 property owners for the financial gain of one. He listed his objections to a service station, lights, noise, danger to children from traffic swinging into his driveway, long open hours. Under these circumstances, he preferred to sell his property to the petitioner because as is, he said it would cut the value of his property in half.

In answer to questions by Councilman Miller, Planning Director Shartle explained the means by which controlled commercial zone would be made commercial, and read in detail from the Land Use Ordinance, adopted in 1956. The final decision is up to the Council.

Mr. John Woolley of 17216 Arlington Avenue (now Van Ness) added that there has been greatly increased traffic since Van Ness has been built all the way through and placing a service station on this corner would only increase the traffic further, and consequently the hazard to the children.

Mr. Cortland Selvage who just purchased property at 2210 West 173rd Street, about 25 feet from his back door to the office building planned. He purchased with the understanding A-1 was back of his property and feels to permit the requested use of the property would cause him a loss of about \$2,000 in value of his property.

Mr. Warren E. Lefevre, representing the proponent Rinker, asked to be permitted to discuss the extraordinary features of the design and the precise plan which he feels would adequately counteract some of the objections presented this evening. He said no signal bells are to be on the station, no flood lights on Arlington, the landscaping will have to be approved by the Planning Director; the pump island is set back considerably deeper than normally (at least 25 feet); landscaped area between the pump island and Arlington, with a 30" wall; landscaping at the corner; no openings in the rear of the service station building; no heavy repair work; pump island to close at 10 p.m.; no lights visible from adjoining residences. The professional building, he felt would provide a buffer between the residences and the service station.

Mrs. Cortland Selvage of 2210 West 173rd Street objected to the service station also, saying there are many things that could go in which would be more advantageous.

Mr. Malani said there are also petitions signed by most of the people within the 300 feet.

It appearing that everyone had spoken who wished to do so, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and there was no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the the petition for change of zone and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller. Councilman Drale believed there are some advantages to having a gas station, especially on a corner as compared with a large apartment house which blocks the view of the street and can cause many inconveniences.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought the matter should be held for advice from our City Attorney and Councilman Beasley moved a substitute that decision be reserved until a legal opinion is obtained. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded that motion.

Earlier in the discussion, comparison had been made to the situation near Calle Mayor and Bill Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza Avenue, President of the Southwood Riviera-Royale Homeowners Association, said the situations are not comparable and sympathized with the homeowners at the location of Arlington and Artesia.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion failed as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Scairrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Mayor Isen.

Roll call vote on the original motion (to deny) was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Vico.

Thus, the petition to change zone was denied in concurrence with the Planning Commission recommendation. This would seem to obviate further consideration of Item 13 - Precise plan.

Beginning, now with Item 9, Mayor Isen pursued the regular order of the agenda.

9. Case No. 63-45, Variance, Petitioner, Griswold & Wall. Formal hearing for a variance to permit a construction office at 3706 Sepulveda Boulevard, R-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 3, 1963, and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard other than the representative of the petitioner; there was no response. The hearing was ordered closed and there were no objections.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mr. Carol Terry of 25218 Loytan, Torrance, representing Griswold and Wall, exhibited an artist's rendering of the proposed development which the Council praised and showed to the audience. Included are a building for Guaranty Bank, a medical unit, the company's office and he stated the buildings would follow the attractive appearance of the sketch.

10. Case No. 63-42, Variance, Petitioner, George Kessler. Formal hearing for a variance to construct 11 units on property situated at 3634 Garnet Street in Zone A-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 3, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-42. There was no response. 11

There being no objection, the hearing was ordered closed. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, including all the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen cautioned the Planning Department to include the conditions on the transmittal sheet in submitting these recommendations. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

11. Case No. 63-38, Variance, Petitioner, Evelyn Cox. Formal hearing for a variance to permit remodeling of existing malt shop and gas station into a real estate office and insurance sales office on property located at 2121 West Carson Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 3, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-38; there was no response. On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and the motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote.

(Items 12, 13 and 14 have been handled previously in these minutes.)

Affidavits of Publication on cases identified herein as Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were presented by City Clerk Coil and there being no objection, ordered filed.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

15. Final Tract Map No. 22798 - Subdivider, R. A. Watt. 2 lots located west of Maple Avenue and south of Sepulveda Boulevard. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal letter to Planning Commission from City Engineer dated July 15, 1963 and location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of Final Tract Map No. 22798 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Final Tract Map No. 28242, Subdivider, Williamson Construction Co. 10 lots located northeast corner of Victor Street and Spencer Street, Zone R-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, letter to Planning Commission from City Engineer dated July 17, 1963, letter to Torrance Planning Commission from City Engineer dated March 14, 1963.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of Final Tract Map No. 28242, with all conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1405

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. 63-28.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1405 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

18. First Reading of Ordinance reclassifying Planning Commission Case No. 63-16.

City Manager Peebles asked that this ordinance be referred back to staff for more study. Councilman Miller so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1406

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. 63-29.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1406 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

20. Resolution on Planning Commission Case No. 63-17 - Pioneer Theatres property reclassifying.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2500 REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-17.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-168. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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



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

ORDINANCE NO. 1407

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. 824. (R-1 to C-3 - Pioneer Theatres, Inc.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1407 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF 180TH STREET AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-21. (Roger L. McGee, Jack-in-the-box Restaurant).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-169. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1408

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. 63-11.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1408 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

24. Request for temporary use of trailer on CMA property. Planning Director Shartle's letter re request with attached letter from CMA dated June 3, 1963.

Councilman Benstead contends there should be no extension of this trailer use, but extension does not apply to this request.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant permission for ninety days use of a trailer as an office for a car lot at CMA. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOMMENDING THAT ZONING CASE NO. 4246-4 BE DENIED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE FOX HILLS BEING RETAINED AS A RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE AREA.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-172 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

26. Request from Billy Graham Southern California Crusade to install street banners and decorations at several Torrance locations.

Councilman Drale said he saw no objection, as long as the necessary insurance is furnished and moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. The following conditions were stipulated: necessary insurance, necessary license and \$25 deposit or bond for immediate removal of the signs at such time as their usefulness is ended.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

27. Claim submitted by W. J. Holder for alleged damages sustained when vehicle hit a chuck hole at Prairie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard on July 21, 1963.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

28. Director of Finance Scharfman's recommendation, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, re request of Local 1138, I.A.F.F. for change in payroll deductions.

The recommendation is to authorize the change in deduction as outlined in the communication and on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

29. Bid Recommendation on Diesel Fuel No. 1 and No. 2 and Motor Oil. Garage Superintendent MacRae, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to have this bid recommendation sent back to come in different form. He does not believe the lowest bidder is being selected. In answer, City Manager Peebles called attention to Mr. MacRae's explanation as to the various items.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to award the contracts as listed in the letter from the Garage Superintendent, individually as to each item and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Benstead asked for further explanation from the City Manager who said the reasons for the choice in regard to diesel fuel

of Standard Oil Company which was not the low bidder was based on the experience of Metropolitan Transit Authority, which employs many pieces of diesel equipment and has found Standard to be far superior. In any bid, there are technical differences in type of material and it is impossible to write a specification which would take all of these factors into consideration. City Manager Peebles said as to individual items e. and f. on which rejection is recommended, more precise specifications are needed. He definitely stated there has been no collusion on any of these bid items.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

30. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles re request for billboard on Hawthorne Avenue near Emerald Street.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in approval of the billboard to be erected by Advance Neon Sign Co. located as described in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Mr. Schlens communication. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale.

31. Request for refund - S. J. Labate. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens' recommendation, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to make usual 80% refund.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the refund of 80% as recommended and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

32. Tentative Tract No. 27443 - subdivider, Norris Construction Co. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that request of subdivider for extension of time on tentative tract map (one year) be granted. Attached were letter from subdivider and location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in granting the extension requested and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

33. Acceptance of future streets - Lots 16 and 17 in Tract No. 21811. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that future streets described in attached resolution be accepted as dedicated public rights of way and submitting for adoption proposed resolution. Attached location sketch.

Mayor Isen suggested as a matter of policy a statement from Engineering in the event there is a future street easement if there is a completed street that it comes up to Code requirements as to width, etc. He moved that policy be followed and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 16 AND A PORTION OF LOT 17 OF TRACT NO. 21811, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREET "WHITE COURT".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-170 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. Intention to vacate two corner cut-offs - Intersection of 238th and alley between Anza Avenue and Ladeene Avenue. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting with recommendation of approval and proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE TWO CORNER CUT-OFFS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 238TH STREET AND THE ALLEY BETWEEN ANZA AVENUE AND LADEENE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-171 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to waive the fee in connection with this vacation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, by unanimous roll call vote.

35. Intention to vacate portion of 236th Street. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting for adoption resolution of intention and recommending that vacation fee be waived. Location sketch attached.

At the request of Councilman Benstead, City Manager Peebles explained the purpose of this vacation.

City Clerk Coil, at Mayor Isen's request, assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 236TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-173. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to waive the vacation fee and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. Intention to vacate utility easement at Anza Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting proposed resolution and recommending that vacation fee be waived; also location sketch attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED WESTERLY OF ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND SPENCER STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-174. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to waive the vacation fee and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. Acquisition of storm drain easement in Redondo Beach Boulevard. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending condemnation of northerly six feet of Lot 86 of the La Fresa Tract for storm drain purposes, with attached location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:**

38. Cost estimates for upgrading of railroad crossings at Sepulveda and Madrona and at Carson and Madrona. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending City approve subject cost estimates and request Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company prepare the appropriate agreements for the improvement of these grade crossings. Attached copy of Railway Co. letter with summaries of cost and engineering drawing.

Mayor Isen commented this is very interesting information for the progress of the City and City Manager Peebles called attention to additional information distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the subject cost estimates and request the ATS&F to prepare the appropriate agreements for the improvement of the two grade crossings, as follows:

1. Sepulveda and Madrona - the cost estimate for installing railroad signals at this location is \$9,342. The City's share of this cost will be 50% or \$4,671. The City will be in line for a reimbursement of one-half of its share or \$2,335 from the PUC.
2. Carson and Madrona.
  - A. The cost estimate for installing railroad signals at this location is \$9,930. The City's share of this cost will be 50% or \$4965. The City will be

in line for a reimbursement of one-half of its share or \$2,482 from the PUC.

- B. The cost estimate for reconstruction of the track area crossing Carson Street is \$11,612. Per the PUC Decision No. 56234 this cost is to be borne entirely by the City. The work should have been taken care of by the City at the time Carson Street was built across these tracks.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:**

39. City Attorney Remelmeyer's transmittal letter with proposed resolution authorizing the execution of that certain agreement with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for the fiscal year 1963-64 with agreement attached. (Not to exceed \$15,000).

Councilman Benstead asked for a report on what the Chamber of Commerce actually spends this money from the City. City Manager Peebles stated Finance Director Scharfman audits this and Mr. Scharfman supplemented his remarks by saying a quarterly report is received and the Chamber submits a budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1963-64.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-175. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

40. City Attorney Remelmeyer's transmittal letter for adoption of proposed resolution determining the general prevailing rate for per diem wage and the general prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work in the City for certain crafts or types of workmen.

It was explained this resolution obviates the necessity of readopting the wagescale with every contract and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR PER DIEM WAGE AND THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR LEGAL HOLIDAY AND OVERTIME WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR CERTAIN CRAFTS OR TYPES OF WORKMEN.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-176. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. City Attorney Remelmeyer's transmittal letter submitting for adoption resolution granting a variance to permit the construction of a mobile home park in Planning Commission Case No. 63-27 (Jack E. Kettler). Attached sketch.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OF APPENDIX I (OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MOBILE HOME PARK ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF WALNUT, SOUTHERLY OF 238TH STREET, APPROXIMATELY 300 FEET NORTHERLY OF 242ND STREET, IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-27 - JACK E. KETTLER.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-177. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter submitting for adoption proposed resolution authorizing execution of agreement with Cotton and Francisco for auditing services for fiscal year 1963-64.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-178

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COTTON AND FRANCISCO, FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1963-1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-178. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

43. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter submitting proposed resolution authorizing execution of agreement with Charles E. Catterlin for services as City Prosecutor, with attached agreement.

A second item was distributed just prior to this meeting: a letter signed by Deputy City Attorney McVay requesting retaining Mr. Catterlin to handle all civil rights matters on financial terms as set forth in the above referred to contract and indicating approval of hiring him for these activities outside the scope of his normal employment as City Prosecutor.

As to this second item only, Councilman Beasley moved concurrence in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. However, Mayor Isen asked that the item concerning the contract be first considered and at his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CHARLES F. CATTERLIN DATED JULY 1, 1963, FOR SERVICES AS CITY PROSECUTOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1963-1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-179 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Now, with respect to the letter above described as the second item, Councilman Beasley moved for concurrence in the recommendation of Deputy City Attorney McVay in his letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked for a closed personnel session in the very near future to discuss the legal problems involved in this letter. He stated there had been no hiring of Mr. Catterlin for this purpose although Councilman Drale thought Mr. Catterlin the logical choice.

Mayor Isen quoting from the letter stated the phrase "all legal aspects of the civil rights problems" is very broad and some definition is necessary. Councilman Miller asked Mr. Catterlin if he received extra compensation for the other cases he handled within the past few months (the Greer case and the magazine case) and he said he did. This work under discussion would be handled in the same fashion if the Council so authorizes. Mayor Isen stated there is an ambiguity here which needs clarification. If the City Prosecutor is hired to do some specific work, it should be definitely described in connection with that hiring.

Mr. Catterlin in answer said what Mr. McVay has in mind is a direction that City Attorney Remelmeyer left, namely, that he (Catterlin) would continue to handle the civil rights problems as they arise. Aside from the regular misdemeanor prosecutions, there are lawsuits in the offing that have at least been threatened by CORE, NAACP and the American Nazi Party. He does not propose to be paid in advance, but it is necessary that someone be in contact with these matters. In fairness to Mr. McVay who is new to the City and to the practice of law, Mr. Catterlin asked that he be allowed to continue in the same vein as in the past especially as to any injunction suit brought by the City so that there would be one person with authority to make an appearance in any case brought against the city on these subjects. There are now 85 sit-in defendants to go to trial, and information has been received that the ACLU will attempt to seek injunction against the City of Torrance from prosecuting these individuals. This is clearly associated with the prosecution, but outside the scope of the duties outlined in the contract. He does not ask to be authorized to decide policy matters.

Councilman Vico called for the question and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

44. City Attorney Remelmeyer's transmittal for approval at first reading of ordinance specifying hours for poolrooms, etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1409

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 18.16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" SPECIFYING THE HOURS THAT POOLROOMS, BILLIARD HALLS, BOWLING ALLEYS AND SIMILAR PLACES OF BUSINESS MAY KEEP OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON WEEK DAYS AND SUNDAYS.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1409 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

45. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter re Van Horn vs. City.

City Manager Peebles said he has discussed this matter with Attorney James Hall and would like to have it held for more discussion with the parties involved. The case involves sewer easements and who should pay therefor. Councilman Beasley moved to refer it to the City Manager and City Attorney for study. It will be back on the agenda at a later date. There was no objection.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1404

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1399 TO ADD THE POSITION OF SENIOR AIRPORT ATTENDANT, WITH ITS SALARY RANGE, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1404 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

47. Bids for Joslyn Recreation Center. City Manager Peebles' recommendation that McKittrick Construction Company be awarded the contract in the amount of \$172,922, with bid summary attached.

City Manager Peebles explained this is the first increment of the construction and Assistant City Manager Johnson explained the amended bid.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to McKittrick Construction Company in the amount of \$172,922, with the possibility of making minor design changes which would reduce the figure, as set forth in the communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Mayor Isen stated with respect to the legal problems discussed under Item 43 and the letter which was a second item thereof, that tomorrow morning or late afternoon a meeting should be held of the councilmen and Mr. Catterlin for legal advice toward any affirmative action the Council should take regarding injunctions, or ramifications or other remedies that have arisen. To comply with the Brown Act, he asked an open meeting. Mr. Catterlin could not be present at the times mentioned and after several specified times proved to be impractical for one or another of the councilmen, it was decided that the meeting could be held in the council conference room during a recess which would be declared later in this meeting.

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48. Revised County Health Services Agreement.

The recommendation is that the City Council authorize the execution of this newly revised Health Services Agreement and that said agreement be effective July 1, 1963. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

49. Police Reserves Uniform and Equipment Allowance.

The recommendation is that:

- 1. a \$75 uniform and equipment allowance be authorized for Police Reservists to purchase shirt, trousers, gun belt, holster, handcuff case and cartridge case.
- 2. That newly recruited reservists shall receive said allowance immediately and existing reservists shall receive said allowance in three equal installments.
- 3. That funds to finance this recommendation be deducted from Police Department 1963-64 salary savings.

It is estimated that this recommendation will cost \$1,500.

Mayor Isen favored also making the allowance retroactive, but Councilman Drale asked there be included in the recommendation the provision that there be established a time limit. If a reservist has served for a full year, he may retain his uniform. With this stipulation, Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation; the motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

50. Secret Service Account.

This report on funds in the Secret Service Account was considered to be informational only and as such, ordered filed.

51. Minute Secretaries' salary for night meetings.

For reasons set forth in the communication from City Manager Peebles, it was recommended that for minute secretaries only, on an after-hours basis, i.e., night meetings only, be paid \$8.00 per hour with a minimum of \$10.00 per meeting.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

52. Proposed resolution declaring weeds upon certain parcels a public nuisance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-180. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-180. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

53. Miscellaneous Recommendations.

Personnel: 1. That Fire Chief Benner be authorized to attend the Pacific Coast Inter-Mountain Fire Chiefs' Conference in Hawaii September 23 through 30, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Expenditures:

- 1. \$330.20 to Monarch Metal Products for Storage rack and shelves for the Finance Department, a budget item.
- 2. \$469.25 to Econolite Corporation for modification of Traffic signals at 182nd Street and Freeway off-ramp, as directed by City Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the item under Personnel and both items under Expenditures. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION:

54. Mrs. Roy J. Apsey's letter re clean-up of Torrance Boulevard west of Madrona Avenue.

The notation on this communication shows it is being taken care of and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

55. South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4. Request from contractor for extension of time.

This is an item added to the agenda this evening and the recommendation is that the extension of 20 working days be granted Dorfman Construction Co. provided those portions of the sewer system not dependent upon pumping plant "A" (Cypress and Sepulveda) are tested, cleaned, and turned over to the City for use on or before August 6, 1963, the presently authorized termination date.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced the League of California Cities Board of Directors will hold its meeting at Rodger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles on Thursday, August 1, 1963 at 7:00 p.m. A car will leave Torrance City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

56. Councilman Drale recommended a meeting be called of the Citizens' College Site Committee because there is to be a Trustees Board meeting in this area within the next thirty days. Some kind of presentation should be prepared for that meeting. Mayor Isen remarked that City Attorney Remelmeyer's secretary is in the audience and would undoubtedly take note of the suggestion.

57. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had read in South Bay Daily Breeze a statement that last week the Torrance councilmen asked for an injunction but yesterday Mayor Isen said the idea had been dropped. Mr. Sciarrotta said he did not know if that was or was not true, but he wanted the record to show that he had not been consulted on whether or not to drop the idea. Mayor Isen added that no one was consulted. Newspaper articles are not always accurate and the purpose of this meeting to be held in a few minutes in the conference room is to clarify some of these statements.

Councilman Miller also asked that the record show he had not been consulted and Councilman Beasley stated his understanding was that the City Attorney was unanimously instructed to pursue the course. Mayor Isen denied that, stating there was no instruction to file an injunction suit. He asked that the council discuss this question at the meeting in the conference room this evening.

58. Mr. Robert Kurtz of 142 Paseo de la Concha, spoke as a private citizen, not a representative of any group. He stated he had visited and observed the demonstration last Saturday at Southwood, for about twenty minutes. He was approached by a young man who courteously offered him a piece of literature from a large supply he had in his hand. Mr. Kurtz said he had given a copy of this tract to Deputy City Attorney McVay and at this time he distributed a few Xerox copies to councilmen and the Mayor so they might be advised of its contents, although he stated he would not dignify it by reading it aloud; it speaks for itself. He asked if it would be possible to have a legal opinion regarding this specific piece of writing. Mayor Isen said even in this loathsome specimen, the right of free speech is being exercised. Nothing can be done unless there is some overt act such as occurred at the Shrine Auditorium a while back. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Kurtz to consult with City Prosecutor Catterlin if he wished more legal information on the subject.

59. Mr. Charles Rippy of 1629 Fern Avenue, Torrance protested the handling of Item 14 (the Carson Street proposed change of zone). Mayor Isen told him his remarks were out of order, but Councilman Miller asked that Mr. Rippy be heard. Mr. Rippy's complaint was that the case was handled so rapidly there was no opportunity for him to speak; the implication was that a decision had been reached prior to its hearing. The Councilmen and Mayor denied any such action and there was no move to rescind or reconsider their action.

Mayor Isen declared a recess for the councilmen to gather in the conference room and consider the legal problems with the attorneys. Following that short recess they reconvened in Council Chambers and proceeded as follows:

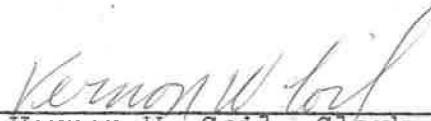
Councilman Sciarrotta moved that our attorneys, our designated attorneys, City attorneys, City Prosecutor, move along with the injunction that we mentioned last week.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council be more precise; that it authorize Mr. Catterlin, as a private attorney in this to be employed for the purpose of seeking injunctive relief in connection with the Southwood Riviera Royale Tract problems. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

60. Mr. Bill Uerkwitz of 23136 Anza Avenue stated his organization is extremely pleased to see the Council take direction of movement and for the record, stated the association intends to join in this injunction as a friend of court and they would like to be considered in full support of the council in this move.

61. Mayor Isen added that the civil injunction route should not be considered as a solution to the problems that exist here. In saying "problems that exist" speaking for the Council he said he means the peace, safety and quiet of the residents and nothing else. There is no intention to get into the merits of the controversy or grudge between CORE and Wilson. Sixteen arrests were made over the weekend and 69 prior to that. He stated for either agreement, or disagreement by the remainder of the Council, that a policy is being adopted by the Police Department of being tough, of not coddling anybody in the event criminal laws of either the State or the City are violated. Regardless of the outcome, he asked that the City Prosecutor prosecute any such violations in a timely manner within the law and that he see that they are carried through to their conclusion as the law requires and that there be a definite ruling of what constitutes trespassing in this state. Unless the council disagrees, he repeated there will be no more coddling of anybody and there has been none during the past few days.

There being no further oral communications, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
 Minute Secretary

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