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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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**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, August 6, 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, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico,
and Mayor Isen. Also present was City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Lawrence I. Liston lead the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend J. A. O'Gorman of St. James Catholic 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 30, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman 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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 63-37 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Lawrence I. Liston. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on property located at 17702 Prairie Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 3, 1963, location sketch, and copy of letters of approval and disapproval.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 63-37; there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked why this matter comes to Council when the applicant is not in a position to build. Planning Director Shartle said the Commission has recommended approval, but subject to a precise plan, and also that there not be a second reading on the ordinance which would change the zoning until the precise plan has been presented. Mayor Isen did not think it proper to plan to postpone, or hold, the second reading of an ordinance past its regular course. He thought it more logical to table the matter until the precise plan comes before the Council. Councilman Drale explained the situation of the property owner, who does not plan to develop the property, but does plan to sell it in about a year.

Councilman Vico expressed his opinion that the land in question should not be rezoned to R-3 and Mayor Isen said he would like to hold the case for an opinion from City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to hold Case No. 63-37 for two weeks (August 20, 1963, a 5:30 meeting) for the legal opinion Mayor Isen suggested and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried there being no objection.

In addition, Mayor Isen asked Planning Director to report on the lack of uniformity in zoning which could possibly permit A-1 uses in the backyards which would be unharmonious to the houses in the front.

9. Case No. 63-40 - Variance - Petitioner, Samuel J. Shaffer. Formal hearing for a variance to permit a 78 unit apartment building on property situated at 3330 Redondo Beach Boulevard in C-2 and A-1 zones. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 17, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 17, 1963, location sketch, plot plan for council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-40; there was no response.

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

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

10. Case No. 63-43 - Variance - Petitioner, Christie/Lounsbury. Formal hearing for a variance to conduct board and care home. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 17, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 17, 1963, and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-43 and Mr. George Smith of 3331 West 189th Street came forward and registered an oral protest, stating the petitioners should buy in a commercial district for this type of business, not residential.

Also protesting was Joseph Hanna, 3327 West 189th Street, who stated certain questions he had asked at Planning Commission level had not been satisfactorily answered. Mayor Isen advised him to talk with Planning Director Shartle.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the requested variance and Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The protesting citizens in the audience reported the business is now being carried on and Mayor Isen said if so, it is illegally and instructed Planning Director Shartle to determine if this is true.

Councilman Benstead asked why the recommendation of approval had been made and Planning Director Shartle explained that under conditional use permit, the operation could be reviewed by the Planning Commission and Council and discussed with the neighbors. When no protests are received a different situation exists. Councilman Miller reminded the council these boarding places for aged people exist in other residential parts of Torrance and there are many factors which determine suitability in any particular location.

Affidavits of Publication as to cases listed in Items 8, 9, 10 were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. Waiver No. W-63-31 - Henry P. Carlson, 4406 Scott Street, requesting rear yard waiver of 13 feet to attach home addition to existing garage at 4406 Scott Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Dept. recommendations to Planning Commission, location sketch, and plot plan for Council use.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

12. Award of contract on improvement of Arlington Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Engracia Avenue. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to award contract to HADD CONTRACTING CO., with bid summary attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in awarding the bid to HADD, for the low bid of \$8,267.60. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

13. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 38. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that subject reimbursement district with sewer connection fees therein be established at \$5.00 per assessable front foot plus \$209.04 per acre, for direct connection to the reimburseable sewer in Samuel Street, or \$209.04 per acre for all other sewer

connections within the district, plus 5% thereof to defray the costs of establishing and collecting for the district, be established.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. Acceptance of Easement Deeds:

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following four easement deeds:

1. Street Easement Deed dated July 9, 1963 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard and Cypress Avenue over portions of Lot 5, Tract No. 639, given by Donald G. Hunt.
2. Street Easement Deed dated July 15, 1963 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard, Cypress Avenue, and 227th Street, over portions of Lot 6, Tract No. 639, given by Evangel Temple Assembly of God Church.
3. Street Easement deed dated July 16, 1963 for the widening of Carson Street and to provide a corner radius at northwesterly corner of Carson Street and Beech Avenue over portions of Lot 9, Block 92, Torrance Tract given by Benjamin H. Smith, et al.
4. Street easement deed dated July 24, 1963 for the widening of alley over a portion of Lots 76 and 77, Tract 7955 given by Champol Construction Co., Inc.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

15. Expenditure from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sewers in Redondo Beach Boulevard and other streets. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that funds from Sewer Revolving Fund be appropriated for construction of sanitary sewers in Redondo Beach Boulevard, etc. Location sketch attached to agenda.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation that \$25,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sanitary sewers in Redondo Beach Boulevard and other streets, as shown on the sketch. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

16. Bid summary on sprinkling system for Entradero Park. Park Superintendent Clemmer with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that low bid of Oranco Supply Co. be accepted.

Councilman Benstead asked about the substitutions mentioned with respect to certain bidders and did not receive what he considered a satisfactory answer. Councilman Drale moved to hold the item for two weeks and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

17. WALTERIA Fire Station Lot - Chairman pro tem Dougan, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to use WALTERIA Fire Station lot for parking for WALTERIA Library and WALTERIA Park.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to use the lot from which the WALTERIA Fire Station was razed, as a small parking lot to serve the WALTERIA Library as well as WALTERIA Park. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen thought this might amount to furnishing parking for the office building rather than the library. The lot is very small and to enforce parking not for other purposes than the library and park would require constant police surveillance. Roll call vote, however, was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN; Mayor Isen.

18. Standardized Park Signs. Chairman pro tem Dougan, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting action taken re subject signs.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to approve the park signs with the deletion of "Department of Public Works, Park Division", and the motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

19. Traffic Commission Secretary Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting the following traffic recommendations:

- A. That the request for STOP signs at the intersection of Towers Street and Inglewood Avenue be denied.
- B. That the request for STOP signs at Highgrove Avenue and Harrlee Lane be denied.
- C. That angle parking in cul de sacs be denied.
- D. That a green zone (20 minute parking) be established at 2060 Carson Street, and submitting for adoption resolution thereon.
- E. That the NO PARKING ANYTIME restriction on the south side of 182nd Street east of the freeway off-ramp be repealed.

The items were considered individually, as follows:

A. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in denial; Councilman Benstead seconded and there were no objections, except from Councilman Drale who asked to be recorded as "No".

B. Mr. Wayne Bluemel, 3227 Susana, said the residents of the area think there should be these STOP signs, or some traffic control devices, in that Highgrove is used as a race track. It is widely traveled by persons taking their children to school, as well as children going to elementary school on foot.

Councilman Drale moved FOUR-WAY STOP signs be installed at Highgrove and Harrlee Lane. Mayor Isen seconded, and asked Traffic Engineer Whitmer for his statistical basis for recommended denial.

Mr. Whitmer said there had been no accidents within the past three years; good enough visibility; traffic fairly light most of the day; in short, no great hazard exists. Traffic signs normally create accidents themselves in the form of rear end accidents, while they tend to correct intersecting accidents.

Roll call vote on the motion to install four-way STOP signs was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Miller.

C. Councilman Drale moved to concur in denial and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Traffic Engineer Whitmer said there is a possibility of the City becoming liable for denying access by emergency vehicles.

Councilman Drale and his second, Councilman Benstead, asked that there be added to the motion a general policy to deny angle parking in cul de sacs and roll call vote on the entire motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-34 WHICH ESTABLISHES YELLOW, WHITE AND GREEN ZONES IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-181. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to repeal NO PARKING ANYTIME restriction on the south side of 182nd Street east of the Freeway off-ramp, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

20. Purchase of property -Airport Clear Zone. Deputy City Attorney McVay submitting proposed resolution authorizing purchase of certain real property from John and Goldie Jevne.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM JOHN AND GOLDIE JEVNE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS THEREFOR; AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS THEREFOR. (AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-182 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO WILLIAM C. HOAG, JR., FOR RENDERING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

Councilman Drale moved unanimous adoption of Resolution No. 63-183. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

(Under the established policy of the City, this resolution will be prepared in permaplaque form for presentation).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1410

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO REGULATE THE DIVISION OF LOTS OTHER THAN SUBDIVISIONS AND THE DIVISION OF LOTS BY SUBDIVIDERS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1410 as an emergency measure at this, its only reading, and on second by Councilman Vico, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Miller asked if anything filed prior to this evening would fall within the inclusion of this particular ordinance and Mayor Isen said it would not - this evening's meeting is the dividing line in time.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

23. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1405 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by following roll call vote.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

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24. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1406 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico.

25. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1407 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Miller.

26. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adoption of Ordinance No. 1408. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

27. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1409 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

A recess was declared at 6:35 and Council reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

28. Police Motorcycle Maintenance.

City Manager Peebles asked to hold this item for from two to four weeks for his further study. There was no objection and the item will be back on the agenda at Mr. Peebles' convenience.

29. Joslyn Recreation Center - McKittrick contract revisions.

A pre-council meeting was held on this subject at which time the fifteen prospective changes were carefully and individually reviewed with the result that the following items were agreed to be changed, or left as is, as noted. The motion to concur is based on the following:

1. To change hot water heating system to three gas furnaces, \$1,633.00 saving.
2. To retain the Sgraffito murals
3. To retain the tile on walls in Rooms 110 and 111,
4. To omit all ash cabinets, substituting paint grade fir or pine, and paint, \$828 saving.
5. To ~~omit~~^{replace} all ash door frames and casings with fir, \$404 saving.
6. To omit plaster, lath, metal corner beads, tacked-on channels, and aluminum and metal wrappings on all steel tubes, Sheet No. 5, Details 8, 8A, 9, 10, 12, and 13, and Sheet No. 9, Details 3 and 5. Prime and two coats of automotive enamel on tubes, \$518 saving
7. To retain the folding stage in Room 107
8. To retain the folding doors in Room 107
9. To retain wall tile in office bath.
10. To deduct estimated profit on above items, \$600 saving.
11. To change millwork details to lip construction, \$500 saving.
12. To retain the electrical fixtures as per submittal
13. To revise the plumbing fixtures as follows:
P-1 to Kohler K-4248-ET (6 required); P-2 to Kohler K-3712-EB, (1 required); P-9 to Kohler K-6550 - 24 x 18" Addison A.R. Enameled cast iron flat rim sink K-7857 supply fitting with swing spout and aerator, (5 required); omit one drinking fountain complete; omit one P-3 in women's restroom complete; omit one P-7 stainless steel single sink in kitchen complete, relocate garbage disposal to P-8, \$1,015.00 saving

14. Item B, weather screen (wait until Phase II)
15. Item D, storage cabinet (wait until Phase II)

The total of the savings as noted above is \$5,498. Other items will remain as set forth in the plans and specifications.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the above listed revisions to the contract with McKittrick Construction Company, as suggested by Weldon J. Fulton, the architect. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

30. Downtown Revitalization Project - sound system. Proposed resolution and agreement.

The recommendation here is to reallocate the amount mentioned, \$8,700 to the Chamber of Commerce after it is returned by the Downtown Businessmen Retail Merchants' Association which is not a legally constituted entity. The original allocation was made to that organization by the Council on June 18, 1963, and was *made possible* ~~composed of moneys received from Los Angeles County as reimbursement for improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard.~~

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-184

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 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SOUND SYSTEM IN THE DOWNTOWN TORRANCE REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-184 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

Councilman Drale does not remember the June 18, 1963 action and Councilman Benstead's "Yes" vote was reluctant.

31. Payment of \$3,614.90 to Denn Engineers.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to pay this bill and Councilman Beasley seconded. City Manager Peebles confirmed that this money comes from the bond contract on the Airport. Councilman Benstead said \$2,000 was appropriated and now there is asked \$3,600 plus \$680, which covers necessary electrical engineering work as required by the FAA. Extensive and very elaborate drawings were necessary.

Roll call vote was:

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

32. Proposed Drainage Districts No. 8-A and 5-E.

City Manager Peebles recommends that the City retain Koebig and Koebig Engineers for the design of the sump and inlet structures to the sump for Drainage District 8-A; and C. M. Leonard &

Associates, Inc., to design the sump and inlet structures for proposed Drainage District No. 5-E.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation and Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

33. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

\$325.00 to Western Construction Equipment Co. for one month's rental of dual drum sheepsfoot tamper to start approximately August 5, 1963, to be used by Street Department for compaction at Entradero, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the above mentioned expenditure and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

34. Senate Bill No. 344 (additional one cent gas tax)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY USERS TAXES AND FEES PURSUANT TO THE ACT ENACTED AT THE 1963 REGULAR SESSION SUBMITTED AS SENATE BILL NO. 344, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 63-21.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-185 as above titled, and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

The councilmen did not like this resolution as it appears and Councilman Sciarrotta made a statement that this is an encroachment on local rule and a coercive move. He did not believe the City could be denied its just share of the revenues which are the subject of this discussion.

After some discussion and explanation, Mayor Isen moved to reconsider the action taken above in adoption of Resolution No. 63-185. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote on the motion to reconsider was:

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

In order to correct the resolution above numbered 63-185, the following changes were noted:

"Omit paragraph 1 (the first WHEREAS clause); omit the entire Section 4 which provides for repeal of City of Torrance's Resolution No. 63-21; and delete the following words from the title "AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 63-21."

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt a resolution entitled as follows: Councilman Beasley moved to adopt a resolution entitled as follows:

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At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read the above title as well as the entire resolution, deleting the matter noted on the previous page of these minutes. Councilman Beasley's motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen instructed City Clerk Coil when he forwards a certified copy of this resolution to the Department of Motor Vehicles, to ask them if the City of Torrance has now complied with all the requirements and is in a position to accept the tax providing it matches funds.

35. Proposed Building Addition - Engineers.

The recommendation is that the City Council approve and endorse this request for the construction of additional office space, at an estimated cost of \$3,600; the work to be done by Building Maintenance Department, with possibly an outside contractor to install the roof.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

This is the end of the items listed on the agenda, but Mayor Isen noted Item E "Letter of explanation re Planning Commission Case no. 63-7" on FOR INFORMATION ONLY and asked that it go on the regular agenda for two weeks from now.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. City Manager Peebles asked authority to order another population study from Sacramento for additional gas tax funds so that the third and fourth quarters' allocations may be received. Councilman Beasley moved to grant that authority and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead; there was no objection.

37. Councilman Drale said now that the sidewalks in downtown have been reduced in width, there is a problem of not having sufficient space because of the presence of newspaper racks, and certain signs. Mayor Isen suggested referring this item to the City Attorney for proposed ordinance and study. It was agreed the area to be considered is in downtown where the sidewalks have been reduced.

38. Councilman Drale asked if there had been any report from Pacific Electric on Sartori and Dominguez. City Manager Peebles said not, but that preliminary drawings are now in process in Engineering and a letter will be written by the end of this week.

39. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager relative to the 40-hour week for firemen; that the City Manager be instructed to submit a complete evaluation of the three-platoon, 60-hour work week for the City Council's consideration prior to January 1, 1964. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, noting the City is not interested in Salem, Oregon's proposed 40 hour work plan, which is strictly conjectural.

Roll call vote was:

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

40. Councilman Sciarrotta requested on behalf of City Clerk Coil, paid vacation time from August 12, through 23 and it was agreed there is no necessity for action, although Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the request be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

41. Councilman Sciarrotta presented a tribute to Councilman Vico in the form of an original acrostic poem neatly framed, which he stated was in lieu of the permaplaque which Mr. Vico has never received. Councilman Vico received it with gracious appreciation.

42. Councilman Drale announced there would be a public hearing on the college matter, probably August 16th before the Board of Public Works, either at Long Beach State College, or Los Angeles State College.

43. Mayor Isen called attention to Item B of INFORMATION ONLY regarding left turns signals for Torrance Boulevard at Hawthorne Avenue. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said the State standards differ from those of the City. City Manager Peebles said another request will be made in three months for another study which may show different statistics.

44. Mayor Isen mentioned the worsening of the problem of left turns at Crenshaw and Sepulveda and Mr. Whitmer reported there is a project in process on that corner now: first a temporary solution and later a signal and additional paving.

45. Mayor Isen mentioned the nice letter from Ethel Kovach commending a park employee and asked City Manager to find out who he is. He should be publicly thanked.

46. Mayor Isen read a letter of resignation from Planning Commissioner John Melville and asked that the usual letter be sent to him. A replacement on the Planning Commission should be made, preferably from the central portion of the City.

47. Mayor Isen stated according to the Regional Planning Commission quarterly report on July 1st Torrance gained 3,162 persons, bringing the population to 118,245. By Christmas he expects our population will exceed that of Pasadena. He mentioned the proposed high-rise apartments on Newton Street and stated within the year our sales tax will be tremendously increased and in general the prospects for Torrance are extremely rosy,

On motion, regularly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned to August 20, 1963, at 5:30 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes
August 6, 1963

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil
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of Torrance, California