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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Drale, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and Assistant City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced Miss Tony White who attends El Camino and Miss Lorraine Kelly of Torrance High School and at the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Kelly led the salute to our Flag.

4. The Reverend Hugh R. Percy of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 8, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:  
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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 Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 10 (1963-64) Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-265 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in said resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-265, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 3 inclusive, described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels: It was determined there were no

exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried (Councilman Vico absent) it was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak and there was no response.

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

Mrs. Howard G. Dinwiddie of 24851 Hawthorne Boulevard, explained how the 3½ acres she and her husband own, are being taken care of with respect to weed abatement and Mayor Isen advised her to talk with Assistant City Manager Ferraro and he will report back to the Council when it is settled to her satisfaction. The subject property is now in escrow subject to rezoning.

Mr. Forrest Wilson of 3820 Newton Street, read a letter from W. E. Ford, Geologist, regarding the effect of weed abatement on soil erosion. The roots of natural vegetative cover tend to prevent dangerous erosion. The letter was delivered to City Clerk Coil for filing and Mr. Wilson also was advised to talk with Mr. Ferraro in the interim before the next Council meeting, which will be October 29, 1963 at 5:30. The October 22nd scheduled meeting will not be held because of the League of California Cities meeting in San Francisco.

Mrs. Martha Riggle of 2555 Eldorado Street asked about her parcel, but it was determined her property was not involved in this particular hearing.

Again, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried, the hearing was ordered closed and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 63-265.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-265 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-266 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen asked regarding the objections presented at last week's hearing and Assistant City Manager Ferraro answered that they were satisfactorily disposed of.

9. VACATION OF PORTION OF 235th STREET BETWEEN HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND MADISON STREET. Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-239. Transmittal from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles submitting recommendation of approval and necessary resolution for adoption.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 235TH STREET BETWEEN HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND MADISON STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale questioned whether or not this land was in the flight pattern of the Airport and there ensued a discussion of the advisability of this vacation, unless there was some urgent request therefor. It was determined the request originated in the office of the Planning Department.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to table the request and refer it to the City Attorney and Administration for study and a recommendation. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. The resolution was not voted on and the item was postponed or tabled indefinitely.

10. VACATION OF PORTION OF 228TH STREET BETWEEN SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY RIGHT OF WAY. Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-246.

Affidavits of Posting and Publication were presented by City Clerk Coil and there being no objection, ordered filed.

A communication from the City Engineer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommended the proposed vacation and Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mrs. Dorothy Light of 2803 Martha Street, unofficially representing a group of residents of the street, spoke definitely in favor of the vacation at the earliest possible time.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to vacate the subject portion of 228th Street and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Ferraro to watch this item and obtain an agreement with the railway company to accomplish the vacation completely.

## PLANNING MATTERS:

11. WAIVER 63-37. WILLIAM K. DOINOFF, 2827 West 167th Street in R-1 zone. Request for waiver of 15 feet in rear yard to construct rumpus room within five feet of rear property line. Recommended for approval. Submitted were letter dated October 8, 1963 from Planning Director Shartle transmitting recommendation; Planning Department recommendation dated September 18, 1963 to Planning Commission; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 18, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for Council use.

Planning Director Shartle stated no protests had been received and Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28518. Subdivider: Clarence Niebuhr. Seven lots located easterly of Cabrillo between 230th and 233rd Streets in A-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Submitted were: letter dated October 9, 1963 from Planning Director Shartle submitting location sketch and recommendation, letter from City Engineer Nollac dated August 5, 1963; Planning Department recommendation dated August 7, 1963 to Commission; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of August 7, 1963; letter of transmittal for tentative approval of subdivision dated June 19, 1963; addendum to Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated June 5, 1963; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated June 5, 1963, Planning Department recommendations dated June 5, 1963; letter dated May 29, 1963 from City Engineer Nollac setting forth recommendations for condition of approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval, and Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilman Drale asked about access by the Fire Department, Police Department and traffic circulation and Planning Director explained that these maps are sent to the Fire Department for their recommendation and there is 37 feet of right of way to allow an extra driving lane for this purpose.

Councilman Benstead asked the reason for the item first mentioning six lots and now seven or eight; why was it changed? Mr. Shartle explained this is a revision; originally there were eight and some were substandard. This seven lots constitutes a compromise from the time of the tentative map application. The tentative tract map was approved and it is now in order to approve the final.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent) and it was called to the attention of the Planning Director that the vote on the tentative map was not shown in his letter of transmittal.

13. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 27784. Subdivider: Kenland Development Co. 41 lots located southwest of 230th Street and Ocean Avenue in Zone A-1. Recommended for approval. Submitted were: letter of transmittal dated October 8, 1963 from Planning Director Shartle and City Engineer Nollac; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963; Planning Department recommendation to Planning Commission dated September 18, 1963; letter dated September 11, 1963 from City Engineer Nollac setting forth recommendations for condition of approval; and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta questioned City Engineer Nollac regarding his recommendation numbered "10" and Councilman Miller asked for recent situations of a like nature. Mr. Nollac cited the Southwood Riviera situation wherein Anza Avenue and the center island and the two alleys on either side and fully improved all of them. It was agreed while Lomita Boulevard is not going through at this time, it will eventually, as it is on the master plan.

The land is a subdivision and policy is that the subdivider fully improve it, including paving, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, as it is a major street.

Councilman Drale asked especially that the record show that the subdivider should make the necessary dedication of land and put in the improvements where the houses are. Also, they should be made to grade the street and the City be responsible for the paving. City Engineer Nollac said the use of the street by school children should require the curb, gutter and sidewalk installation. He outlined exactly where the City has right of way and where it is lacking. On a major highway when the property owners dedicate for the widening, the city by its present code, puts in curbs, gutters and paving. This is for widening under the Commercial Improvement ordinance and does not apply to a subdivision, or at least has not, up to this point, he said.

Mr. Ken Battram who is with Kenland Development Company, 17422 South Prairie Avenue, stated the 41 lots would have to absorb the extreme land cost of the land to be dedicated to the City, and there is no other improvements of the street in this area, although there are subdivisions on both sides. He said the houses in his proposed subdivision would not benefit by the improvement of the street, as they do not face it.

Blacktopping would cost around \$17,000 or \$18,000 and grading another \$4,000 or \$5,000, Mr. Nollac said.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with the exception of the City Engineers sub-item 10 and as to that item to agree that if the company paves 40 feet the City would pave 36 feet, the same as if it were a regular residential street (as suggested by Assistant City Manager Ferraro)

Councilman Beasley asked to amend the motion so that the subdivider not be required to pave to ten feet east of the center-line of the ultimate standard 60 foot street mentioned in sub-item 9 of the City Engineer's recommendations. Mayor Isen seconded that amendment (the extra ten feet be eliminated) to get it before the Council. Roll call vote on the motion as amended was:

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

Mayor Isen asked for roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Sciarrotta and Councilman Drale moved a substitute that the Planning Commission's recommendation, as is, be concurred in and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

Roll call on the original, or main motion, was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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Mayor Isen noticed Mr. Ray Watt in the audience and invited him to make an announcement. Mr. Watt told of his \$12,000,000 development, New Horizons, which will be formally opened on November 1st. He invited all councilmen and the Mayor to assist in playing host to the councilmen and mayors of other cities. He asked approval of a form letter which will be sent to invitees, copies of which he distributed among the councilmen present. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the form letter and refer the City's participation to the City Manager's office for cooperation. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

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There was a ten minute recess declared at 6:30 p.m.

14. FIRST READING ORDINANCE amending Appendix I of The Code to reclassify that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 63-41. Petitioner T. Fujii, property situated at 186th Street between Western Avenue and Manhattan Place. Cover letter from Planning Director Shartle. Property to be zoned from A-1 to R-1.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1425

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. 63-41.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1425 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

15. FIRST READING ORDINANCE amending Appendix I of The Code to reclassify that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 63-55, with cover letter from Planning Director Shartle. Petitioner: Ollie M. Sites. Property situated at southeast corner of 166th and Taylor Court, to be reclassified from M-1 to R-1.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1426

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. 63-55.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1426 at its first reading and motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. In introducing this item, Mayor Isen stated it was previously approved and Councilman Benstead asked by whom. Mayor Isen stated the Council had approved this case by unanimous roll call and Councilman Benstead asked that the roll call vote by names be shown.

The roll call vote on approval at first reading was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

16. H. Ted Olson, Activities Chairman, South Bay District Boy Scouts of America, requesting permission to hold a parade along Torrance Boulevard from Border Avenue to Madrona on February 8, 1964 at 10:30 a.m.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection. All City requirements are to be met.

17. C. N. Cake's request dated October 8, 1963 that the City install make-up pavement in front of Lot 6, Tract 3994 on Torrance Boulevard between Earl and Anza, with comments of City Manager Peebles attached.

The recommendation is to deny the request. Mr. Cake was present and outlined his position. He said on both sides of this property the property owner has been granted the make-up paving where he has put in curb and gutter. City Engineer Nollac said this is true because the policy is to require it of a subdivider. Mayor Isen thought there might be some sort of compromise; Torrance Boulevard is a major street.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Mayor Isen suggested a policy be established where there is a subdivision which becomes involved, with major city streets, that all the subdivider should be required to do would be to pay for what he would be required to do if it were a normal residential street and the City would take care of the rest of it. Councilman Drale disagreed and restated the motion to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved a substitute to refer the question to the Streets Committee of the Council for consideration and a possible settling of policy. Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote on the substitute motion for possible change of policy was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

18. Recommendation dated October 7, 1963 from Fire Chief Benner that the bid of National Sanitary Supply Company in the amount of \$312.00 for furnishing one Vacuum Water Pick-up with attachments and dolly for use at fires be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

19. MAJOR CITY STREETS. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending approval and adoption of resolution designating certain streets as major City streets. Attached were two letters from City Engineer to Planning Commission dated September 12 and June 19, 1963, and proposed resolution.

It was the consensus that the resolution was in order and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-268

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DESIGNATING CERTAIN STREETS AS "MAJOR CITY STREETS" AND REQUESTING THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE SAID CERTAIN STREETS AS "MAJOR CITY STREETS" WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-268 and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

## 20. ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT DEEDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the following listed easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated September 24, 1963 for the widening of 227th Street over a portion of Lot 19, Tract No. ~~369~~<sup>639</sup>, given by Bernard J. DuBois.
2. Street Easement deed dated October 1, 1963 for the widening of 230th Place over portions of Lot 82, Tract No. 639, given by Harris Bros.
3. Street easement deed dated September 30, 1963 for the widening of 234th Street over a portion of Lot 12, Tract No. 530, given by Abbie B. Courtney.
4. Street Easement Deed dated September 9, 1963 for the widening of Anza Avenue, Emerald Street, and Garnet Street over portions of Lot 28, Tract No. 3218, given by Howard F. Ruby, et al.
5. Storm Drain Easement Deed dated September 25, 1963 for the construction of a storm drain over a portion of Lot F, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by J. E. Kettler.
6. Street Easement deed dated June 12, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over a portion of Lot 25, Tract No. 437, given by Shunichi and Satsuye Takeuchi.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion to which there was no objection and it carried.

## 21. NOTICE OF COMPLETION. Installation of sewers in Samuel Street by Allied Construction &amp; Equipment Rentals.

The recommendation is that the Council accept the work, retaining \$360 from the contract price for the final chip seal; and that the contractor's request for immediate payment of the remaining moneys due him under the contract be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

22. Proposed resolution opposing the imposition of property taxes to finance the construction and operation of a rapid transit system in Los Angeles County, with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Benstead thought there was some ambiguity or inconsistency in the wording of this proposed resolution, but City Attorney Remelmeyer explained his purpose and the urgency of getting some expression in to the MTA.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-269

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAXES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-269. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

23. SECOND READING:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1427

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. 63-49.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1427 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1428

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. 63-53.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1428 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

## FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION:

25. Greater Los Angeles Voluntary Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee transmitting (a) by-laws; (b) names of the members of Steering Committee; (c) requesting certain action by Council including appointment of representative and alternate; and (d) giving notice of meeting scheduled for November 6, 1963, in Room 739, County Hall of Administration, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Ferraro be appointed to attend and report back to the Council until such time as actual organization is accomplished and a formal appointment of a delegate is necessary. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

## 26. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

## Expenditures:

1. \$407.68, including tax, to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 6" Hersey Model Detector Check for Water Department, to be used on Sears Service Store, a budget item.
2. \$458.64 to International Business Machines for one 17" Electric typewriter for the City Clerk, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the two above listed expenditures and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

27. City Manager Peebles, resubmitting for Council action request of E. M. Schlesinger for relief of requirements under our Commercial Improvement Ordinance on property described as Lot 17, Block A, Tract No. 10300. Attached were recommendation of City Engineer Nollac dated September 24, 1963, letter dated September 12, 1963 from E. M. Schlesinger, and location sketch.

City Engineer Nollac's recommendation is to grant the request made by Mr. Schlesinger and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

## 28. Police Department rain gear.

The City Manager's recommendation is that the Council authorize the award of Police Department rain gear to the low bidder, Sears Roebuck & Co., in the amount of \$2,595.80 and that all items purchased conform to the April 9, 1963, bid specifications.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in that recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

29. Recommendation of the City Manager's office regarding packers.

Assistant City Manager Johnson explained in detail the negotiations and events which have culminated in the recommendations set forth in the letter dated October 10, 1963 from City Manager Peebles and the change in that recommendation as to the two truck chassis for packer bodies (Item 1). The recommendation as to Item 1 at this time is to reject all bids and readvertise on the basis of 15 percent down and 12 months lease purchase agreement at not to exceed 6% interest.

Councilman Beasley moved to reject the items listed as Item 1 and accept the recommendation of A. M. Donaher & Sons as low bidder in the amount of \$19,658.12 for 2 packer bodies on a lease purchase agreement of 15% down and 30 monthly payments; as to Item 2; and that A. M. Donaher & Sons be awarded the bid for Spare Pony Motor for Packer Body at a low bid of \$826.00 on a lease purchase agreement of 15% down and 30 monthly payments on the balance. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion of Mayor Isen to re-advertise as to Item 1 and the motion carried, there being no objection.

PROCLAMATIONS:

30. Federal Aviation Agency Day - Mayor Isen proclaimed November 3, 1963 as FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY DAY.

ADDENDA ITEMS:

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK:

31. General Municipal Election, April 14, 1964.

There was a request for a authorization to proceed with consolidation of precincts for the General Municipal Election to be held April 14, 1964 on a two-to-one basis. Councilman Drale thought it might be confusing to voters, but Mayor Isen moved to grant the authorization and on second by Councilman Miller, there was unanimous roll call vote in favor (Councilman Vico absent).

When completed, a map of the consolidated precincts will be submitted to the Council by the City Clerk's office.

32. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE.

Proposed resolution authorizing purchase of certain real property from Ramona Higginbotham.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-270

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM RAMONA HIGGINBOTHAM; 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. 63-270 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote, as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-271

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH RUNWAY AND APPROACH PROTECTION AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-271 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

34. Downtown Revitalization Project.

City Manager Peebles asked in his letter dated October 10, 1963 for clarification of the official council action in their meeting held June 18, 1963 by reaffirming appropriation of \$4,600 for widening of El Prado Street to Cabrillo Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommended clarification as above set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

35. FURTHER MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Expenditures:

1. \$463.32 to Victor Business Machines Company for one Victor Automatic Calculating Machine, Model No. 63-85-54 for Finance Department, a budget item.
2. \$265.82 to the Victor Business Machine Company for one Victor Adding Machine, Model No. 71-85-54, for Water Billing Section of Customer Service Accounting Division.
3. \$739.44 to the Victor Business Machines Company for two Victor Calculating Machines, Model No. 72-85-54, for Water Billing Section of Customer Service Accounting Division.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the above listed three expenditures and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

36. AIRPORT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING RE MAYFLOWER NEGOTIATIONS.

In response to a request from Mayor Isen, Councilman Miller briefed the Council explained the problem and the negotiations which took place at the meeting October 14, 1963 at 10 a.m. as set forth in the communication dated October 15, 1963 from the City Manager's office. He said the recommendation of the Committee remains \$2100 in lieu of putting it on the basis of preparing the ground according to the City Code. The Mayflower Trailer Company has withdrawn its offer and no action appears necessary at this time.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Item 36 would be ordered filed; there was none.

37. Airport Manager Egan said he had overlooked the fact there would be no Council meeting on October 22 and certain expenditures should be approved for dedication of the runway and airport facilities on November 15, 1963. Approximately 135 invitees are expected and he asked approval of the following budget:

\$675 for food service

\$ 75 for some overtime extra help

\$ 50 for programs

\$100 for contingencies, or a total of not to exceed \$900 out of the Airport Fund.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve and authorize the expenditures noted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

38. Assistant City Manager Johnson reminded the Council of the Downtown development kick-off which will extend through Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and invited the audience to attend the opening ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Thursday.

39. Mr. Johnson announced word has been received the arms of the Council Chamber chairs and the outer row of chairs are now located and enroute to Torrance. They will be installed during the time the Council Chamber is not in use the week of October 21st.

40. Mr. Johnson exhibited a design of the scraffito which will be placed on the Joslyn Recreation Center and it was left on display.

41. Councilman Drale asked for a suggestion as to nomination of a Torrance Beautiful Commissioner and Mayor Isen said he had some one in mind and would furnish the name and address to Mr. Drale.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta said he would make the communication he had in mind at a later time, due to the lateness of the hour.

43. Mayor Isen reminded the Council of the Ministerial breakfast at First Methodist Church tomorrow morning at 8 a.m.

44. Mr. Robert Burks of 26744 Eastvale Road, Rolling Hills, who manages the Burko Company on Hawthorne Boulevard, asked on behalf of himself and many business men on Hawthorne that the City of Torrance ratify the allocated funds for the extension of Hawthorne to the peninsula area. He said he understood the County plans to withdraw its funds unless action is taken within thirty days. City Engineer Nollac stated the plans are all designed and the acquisition of the right of way is up to the Council to instruct the City Attorney and City Manager. Councilman Drale asked for a report on this and Mayor Isen asked for the resolutions. Councilman Miller so moved and Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

45. There appearing no further business for this meeting, Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to October 29, 1963, at 5:30 p.m. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance