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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 29, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall. No meeting had been held on October 22, 1963 due to conflict with the League of California Cities meeting in San Francisco.

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 were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bill Uerkwitz led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Hugh R. Percy of St. Andrews Episcopal Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 15, 1963. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and, there being no objection, carried.

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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. PROCLAMATIONS:

It was noted that November 3, 1963 is FEDERAL AVIATION DAY as proclaimed October 15, 1963.

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

## HEARINGS:

9. CASE NO. 63-30 - Change of Zone - Petitioner Dan E. Butcher. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to C-2 on property described as Blocks 13, 14 and 16, Walteria Tract, south of Newton and east of Hawthorne. Recommended for approval with conditions. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated June 5, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, letter from City Engineer dated May 29, 1963, and location sketch.

A letter was received from Walteria Civic Organization requesting postponement of the hearing on Case No. 63-30.

The secretary of the organization, Mrs. Bessie Slonecker was present and protested that proper notice had not been received by interested parties, although the Planning Department said notices were sent to the property owners within 300 feet, as usual. Mrs. Slonecker also preferred that the hearing be held at an 8:00 o'clock meeting and Mayor Isen moved that the hearing be set forward to November 12, 1963, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that the interested parties consider this announcement as proper notice of the hearing at that time.

10. CASE NO. 63-69 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, J. E. Webb. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to R-3 on property described as a portion of Lot 25, Tract 3218 (exclusive of streets) bounded on the north by Garnet, east of Victor 305', west by Victor, south of Garnet. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated September 18, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, list of petitions and letters, and five sketches.

Also attached were letters: from Mrs. Patricia L. Rhynsburger and Lawrence L. and June E. Wolf, both disapproving the change.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on case No. 63-69 and Mr. Charles Norman of 224 Calle de Andalusia, Torrance responded on behalf of the proponent. He outlined the general proposal for development of the property which is owned by Mr. Webb, Mrs. Browning and the law firm of O'Connor & Wood. Exhibiting from three maps or charts, Mr. Norman showed what property owners approve and otherwise, as well as the use that could be made of the property under present zoning and the projected use, under which they would plan to subdivide the lots into 75 foot lots with a single family residence in front and ten or twelve unit apartments in the rear.

Two more protesting letters were mentioned by City Clerk Coil: one from Del Amo Christian Church of 4915 Emerald Street and one from Mrs. John G. Siegert of 20529 Victor Street and Mrs. Clark R. Miller, 20535 Victor Street.

Mrs. David Vacarro, Jr., 20623 Victor Street spoke in favor of the change of zone so that the owners could develop their land as proposed.

Reverend Ashford of Del Amo Christian Church which adjoins the property said both letters which he wrote were opposed to the change but he would be interested to know what precise plan is to be followed.

Mr. Bryan O'Brien of 20705 Victor Street presented a petition against the change of zone containing about 52 signatures of owners within a very short distance of the property. He exhibited a number of snapshots of the area stressing the traffic congestion problems which would accrue. The petition was ordered filed.

Mr. Joseph J. Segna who lives on Onyx Street spoke in favor of denial, as he believes the area should remain single residential.

Councilman Miller reminded the Council there is also a matter of dedication for Garnet Street involved in this case.

Mayor Isen suggested Mr. O'Brien as spokesman for the local property owners, Mr. Norman, and Planning Director Shartle confer with the possibility of bringing back a precise plan as a result of compromise.

Mr. O'Brien said a petition will be presented in the near future asking for a buffer zone of 120 feet starting at Victor and Emerald and going east to the park.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to table the case to follow the suggestion of Mayor Isen toward a compromise and Mayor Isen seconded the motion to which there was no objection.

11. CASE NO. 63-73 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Henry C. Griswold. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to C-2 on property situated at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated October 2, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated October 2, 1963, and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-73; there was no response.

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to change the zone to C-2. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen, because of the interest of a former client.

12. CASE NO. 63-77 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Henry C. Griswold. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to C-2 on property situated at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated October 2, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated October 2, 1963, and location sketch.

This property is adjacent to that considered under Item 11 above and in response to Mayor Isen's invitation to speak, Mr. Henry Griswold outlined the purpose which he plans to put the land. He said it would be an ideal situation for a restaurant with adjacent parking. He plans to bring in a precise plan for the development, if this is required, provided the Council approves the change to C-2.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to change the zone from R-1 to C-2 as set forth in the Planning Director's transmittal letter and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute that Henry Griswold be granted a change of zone to C-2 and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. It was noted the motion is to include the stipulation regarding taking care of the drainage problem and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 6:25 p.m. and Council reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

In order to accommodate the representatives of United Artists Theatre, Mayor Isen requested that Item 50 be considered at this time out of regular agenda order.

50. UNITED ARTISTS THEATRE REQUEST FOR SIGN ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation; copy of United Artists Theatre's letter dated October 1, 1963; copy of Airport Manager Egan's letter to Airport Commission dated September 25, 1963 with Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens' comments; copy of R M Permit Service letter of request dated August 26, 1963, copy of plot plan and sign elevation to be available at this time.

Airport Manager Egan explained three situations dealing with this sign: first the fact that it is oversize for the frontage on Crenshaw; second, the location on a different part of the leasehold and third, the precedent which might be set for other subtenants.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the permission requested, subject to written consent of the Bank which is located adjacent, and Leonards' store. Mr. Fred Kunkel of the theatre said this could be obtained. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

The motion carried.

13. CASE NO. 63-76 - Variance - Petitioner, Thomas M. Fien. Formal hearing for a variance requesting relief from Ordinance No. 1396 requiring a solid masonry wall where private garages face a public street on property situated at 164 Paseo de la Concha in Zone R-3. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated September 18, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, location sketch, plot plans.

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

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request for variance and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale.

14. CASE NO. 63-79 - Variance - Petitioner, Larry D. Long. Formal hearing for a variance requesting relief from Ordinance No. 1397 requiring garage doors, on property situated at 22505 Ocean Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated September 18, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, location sketch and site plan.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this case and there being no response, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

A discussion followed of the intent of the ordinance, as to whether it was from an aesthetic standpoint, or to prevent pilferage. This is a continuation of a project on which there are already garages built with no doors. Councilmen Drale and Benstead believed this ordinance should either be enforced or abandoned. At the suggestion of Councilman Miller, Lt. Miles of the Police Department reported there is considerable pilfering in garages which are not exposed to view and open garages are a matter of considerable concern to the Police Department.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Councilman Vico seconded that motion which carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale.

Councilman Sciarrotta modified his vote by saying, it was only because Mr. Long had already started his project.

Affidavit of Publication on the above Planning Hearings was presented by City Clerk Coil and ordered filed, there being no objection.

15. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 28575 - Jewel Land Company. 148 lots between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated September 18, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, copy of letter from Chamber of Commerce dated August 5, 1963, letter from City Engineer dated July 15, 1963, location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked about the sump size and City Engineer Nollac explained it is now 4.25 acres and that is adequate.

Mr. Dan E. Butcher objected in that he thought the plan would affect a small parcel of land he has purchased. The street under discussion was B Street and a cul de sac which extends into Mr.

*Butcher's land.*

Councilman Vico suggested Mr. Cake and Mr. Butcher confer with Mr. Shartle in an adjoining room and reach some sort of agreement, if possible. They did so and the decision reached will be reflected later in these minutes.

16. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 28576 - Jewel Land Company. This is an accompanying item to Item 15 and appears later in the minutes of this meeting.

17. PLANNING CASE NO. 63-7 - Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1429

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. 63-7.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1429 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. CASE NO. 63-47 - Change of Zone, C. N. Cake.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1430

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. 63-47.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1430 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. CASE NO. 63-52 - Change of Zone - Torrance Knolls.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1431

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. 63-52.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1431 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. CASE NO. 63-59 - Change of Zone - Planning Commission.

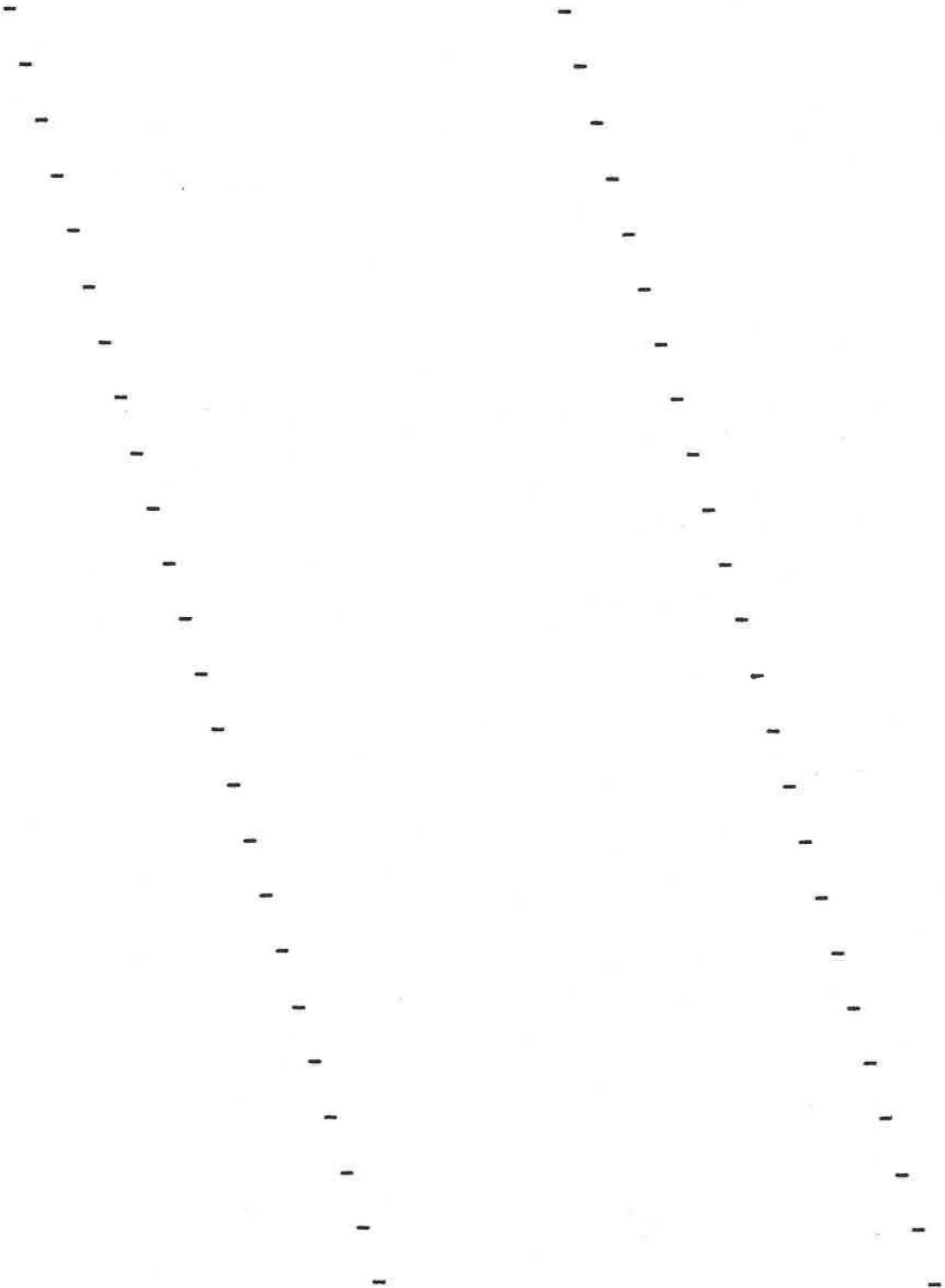
At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1432

N 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. 63-59.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1432 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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



21. CASE NO. 63-57 - Variance - Thomas J. Baron.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-272

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING AT 1520 FERN AVENUE IN LAND USE ZONE R-1 AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-57.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-272 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. CASE NO. 63-56 - Precise Plan - Torrance Knolls.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS TRACTS 22792 AND 22796 IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-56.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-273. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

23. CASE NO. 63-58 - Variance - Robert Hill.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-274

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING AT 3642 GARNET STREET IN ZONE A-1 AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-58.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-274. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. CASE NO. 63-66 - Variance - Stanley Cooper.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-275

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRNACE, 1954" TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING ON THE WEST SIDE OF ARLINGTON AVENUE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FEET NORTHERLY OF 239th STREET IN LAND USE ZONE A-1 AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-66.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-275. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Claim of Chizuko Catherine Ritchie for alleged damages sustained when she was involved in automobile accident with a Torrance bus, submitted by Attorney Nakamura.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. Claim of Joe Wade for alleged damages sustained when she was involved in an automobile accident with a Torrance bus.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. Amended verified claim of Space Equipment Corporation for alleged water damage sustained on or about February 9 and 10, 1963, submitted by Attorneys Bird and Daraban.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. Letter from Walteria Civic Organization re property located at 4086 Newton Street in Walteria.

There have been many complaints about this property over a long period of time and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection this letter would be referred to City Manager Peebles for action, definite and immediate, in conjunction with City Attorney Remelmeyer.

The situation near the home of Councilman Miller was also mentioned and Mr. Peebles said it is being worked on.

29. Letter from William J. McCann, Mayor of Santa Fe Springs, re Metropolitan Recreation and Youth Services Council study on operation of public beaches.

Meetings are being scheduled for this organization and Councilman Vico was appointed to attend, on behalf of the City of Torrance.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:**

30. City Clerk Coil, with approval of City Manager Peebles, requesting approval of consolidated precinct map for the General Municipal Election to be held April 14, 1964.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that the polling places be conspicuously marked with large flags.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

31. AWARD OF CONTRACT ON IMPROVEMENT OF BORDER AVENUE FROM SANTA FE STREET TO RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that contract be awarded to Hadd Contracting Company, in the amount of \$7,744.89.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract as recommended and that all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

32. AWARD OF CONTRACT ON IMPROVEMENT OF OCEAN AVENUE 238th STREET AND LOS CODONA AVENUE. Recommendation from Engineering Department with concurrence of City Manager that contract be awarded to Hadd Contracting Company, in the amount of \$20,280.60.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to award the contract as recommended and reject all other bids. 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.

33. REQUESTED EXTRA PAYMENT ON HAWTHORNE AVENUE SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PROJECT (A'11 61-4) Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that contractor Robert G. Castongia, Inc. be granted extra payment of \$2,013.68 for additional work incurred and that payment be made from the Sewer Revolving Fund.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

34. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that \$1,200 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of sanitary sewer in intersection of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

35. REFUND OF INSPECTION FEES - Grading Permit No. G-401, Walter Reese. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that grading permit be canceled and \$10 inspection fee refunded.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation above and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

36. REFUND OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FEE TO FORTUNE HOMES, INC. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that \$27 be refunded to Fortune Homes, Inc. from Drainage Improvement Fund.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

37. QUITCLAIM DEED OF SLOPE EASEMENTS ALONG WESTERN AVENUE TO CITY OF TORRANCE BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

The recommendation is to accept the subject quitclaim deed and that the City Clerk be directed to record same with the County Recorder.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

38. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK FOR STREET LIGHTING FACILITIES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-276

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND UNITED CALIFORNIA BANK.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-276 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale suggested a suitable letter be written to the United California Bank complimenting them on their cooperation and the council members agreed. City Manager Peebles will write such a letter.

39. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF SEWERS IN SONOMA STREET (CHET KOHLER CONSTRUCTION) AND DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION DISTRICT (ELECTRIC AND MACHINERY SERVICE, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the notices of completion above mentioned and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

40. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE FROM TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO ENGRACIA AVENUE. CONTRACTOR: HADD CONTRACTING CO. with recommendation of immediate payment of moneys due thereon, \$837.31.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the notice of completion and pay the amount shown to be due. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried as follows:

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

41. VACATION OF PORTION OF LINCOLN AVENUE EASTERLY OF BORDER AVENUE. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought the City should receive something for this land. City Engineer Nollac explained the extent of City ownership and the advisability of vacation; there is no possibility of speculation with this land.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF LINCOLN AVENUE EASTERLY OF BORDER 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. 63-277 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following three easements:

1. Street Easement deed dated September 24, 1963 for the widening of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue over portions of Lot 23, McDonald Tract given by Richfield Oil Corporation.
2. Street easement deed dated May 16, 1963 for the widening of 228th Street and 229th Street over portions of Lot 44, Tract No. 639, given by C & S Investment Co. and Vincent Grant Incorporated.
3. Storm Drain and Sanitary Sewer Easement deed dated October 3, 1963 for the construction of a storm drain and sanitary sewer over a portion of Lot 25, Tract No. 437, given by Meine Construction Company, Helen V. and Harold F. LaMour.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and there were no objections.

43. RELOCATION OF WALNUT STREET DRAINAGE RETENTION BASIN:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-278

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM J. E. KETTLER AND LORE KETTLER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO SAID J. E. KETTLER AND LORE KETTLER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-278 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

44. Petition for Street lights on Yukon Avenue from 175th Street to the San Diego Freeway.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Traffic and Lighting Engineer to install three 4,000 lumen incandescent street lights on existing wooden poles, at a cost of \$42.80 per light per year. 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.

45. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer's report with concurrence of City Manager Peebles regarding signalization of Torrance Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

This report is informational and at the suggestion of Councilman Drale, City Manager Peebles said it would be hastened with all possible expedition.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

46. Deputy Fire Chief Lucas, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, requesting authorization to purchase one complete pump unit and accessories to test old and new hose at the drill tower.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the authorization requested to purchase from Sprague Engineering Corporation for the sum of \$338. 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.

47. Deputy Fire Chief Lucas with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, requesting authorization to purchase 12 salvage covers to replace old worn-out covers.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the authorization requested to purchase from W. B. Equipment Company in the amount of \$562.32. 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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

48. Re. cooperation of Girl Scout troops in tree planting in January.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the offer outlined in Mrs. Apsey's letter dated October 18, 1963. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote. City Manager Peebles will write a suitable letter to the Girl Scout organization involved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

49. Letter from Mrs. Naomi McVey re annual tour of Recreational areas.

City Manager Peebles announced this date has been changed to November 30th and next year will be combined with the Torrance Beautiful Commission tour. Council members will be reminded in sufficient time before the date of this tour.

50. This item was considered earlier in this meeting.

51. REQUEST OF SHERIDAN GRAY FOR APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL BUILDING. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation of approval, subject to certain stipulations, with copies of correspondence attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

After a recess, Mayor Isen asked that Items 15 and 16 involving Mr. Cake's land be considered.

Planning Director Shartle reported a compromise had been reached to pull the cul de sac back westerly a small amount as suggested by Mr. Butcher and make Lots 133 through 136 slightly substandard. Under this plan Mr. Cake has requested those lots be approved with 150 square feet less than normal. The corrected map will be supplied at the time of the request for final approval. This arrangement was determined to be satisfactory to Mr. Cake and Councilman Benstead asked from what source water will be served. City Manager Peebles said the City should furnish the water if there is a line in the vicinity.

Councilman Beasley moved approval of the Tentative Tract Map numbered 28575, Jewel Land Company, in compliance with the above stated compromise, with the added provision that Torrance Water Department furnish the water. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was as follows:

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

16. Councilman Beasley moved to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 28576, Jewel Land Company, 25 lots located on the north side of Spencer Street at Osage Avenue, with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and Engineering Department, and the further addition that Torrance Water Department serve the area with water. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

52. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE.

City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval and adoption proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-279

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

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-279 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Airport Manager Egan reported this project is going along fairly well although there are several parcels which will have to be condemned.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

53. FRANCHISE - SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC. City Attorney Remlmeyer submitting for approval and adoption resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-280

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AWARD FRANCHISE TO SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-280 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

54. REGULATIONS RE BARKING DOGS AND CROWING ROOSTERS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 4.10.3 TO ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," PROHIBITING NOISY ANIMALS.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1433 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

55. AMENDMENT TO STATE RETIREMENT CONTRACT.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1434

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1434 at its first reading. Councilman Benstead seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked for the exact practical effect of this amendment and City Manager Peebles said he would check. Chief Benner was present and stated his understanding is that a safety member can retire at age 50 with somewhat reduced benefits, after a stated number of years employment.

56. SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1426.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1426 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

57. SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1425

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1425 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

58. 190th Street improvement from Hawthorne Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard.

A sand bog area about 100 x 15 feet wide has been discovered in front of the Standard Brands Paint Co. in this project and it is recommended that the area be corrected by drilling seven dry wells 30 feet deep to drain. The wells will be filled with cesspool rock to provide a good drainage system and the cost is estimated to be \$550.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of this plan and Councilman Benstead seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

59. Inasmuch as he has not previously expressed himself to any great extent, Councilman Beasley said he has a great deal of confidence in the Police and Fire Departments of Torrance as being outstanding among the cities of Los Angeles County.

60. Councilman Benstead read aloud a report signed by himself as chairman of the Council Committee for Fire and Police matters, containing the following recommendation reached unanimously by that committee:

"Both Police and Fire Chiefs' examinations are to be given on an open basis to cities in California with a population of 80,000 or more to the first three ranks in the respective departments, including all Sheriffs' departments within the State of California.

"Anyone qualifying in the above category who is presently employed by the City of Torrance, for each five years of service they will receive 1% point to a maximum of 3% points, providing they pass the examination with a score of 70% or greater. The examination is to not be down-graded and no veteran's preference to be given."

Councilman Benstead moved to instruct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance embodying this recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Drale set forth his position on this matter: There is no opening in the Police Department at this time; and he does not believe the City Manager should have the exclusive say in

choosing the Police Chief. Although the Fire Chief has stated an intention to retire, no definite date has been set. He does not believe there is any reason to change the ordinance as to this particular examination, and does not believe the City of Torrance should seek applicants outside its boundaries to compete in the examination.

Councilman Miller stated the Council is a policy-making body and some policy should be set on this before the time these positions need to be filled.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the City of Torrance is entitled to more of a choice than is now permitted and moved a substitute that the ordinance be written to apply to Fire Department only at this time and that the examination be open to the three ranks below that of Fire Chief: the Assistant Fire Chief, Battalion Chiefs and Captains. Councilman Beasley seconded that motion and roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Sciarrotta

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

The substitute motion failed.

Mayor Isen said he believes the City has been lax in not having an established eligible list for Chief during all this time and with the rapid growth, the City needs the best available; whether residents of the City or not.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought the Committee of the Council on matters involving Civil Service should be consulted. Councilman Vico suggested it be made a matter of decision of the people themselves on the municipal ballot

Councilman Drale called for the motion and roll call vote on the original motion introduced by Councilman Benstead was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Sciarrotta.

The required five out of seven affirmative votes were not received and the motion failed.

Councilman Sciarrotta explained his "No" vote: There is no City in the State goes outside the City for Fire Chief. He will reconsider, if it is shown to him to the contrary. Again, he asked for a meeting with the Committee of the Council on Civil Service matters.

61. Councilman Drale asked for a report on the drainage sumps.

62. Councilman Drale asked for a report on the cost of a sidewalk along Pacific Coast Highway near South High School which was requested some time ago.

63. Councilman Drale appointed Mrs. Ethel Kovach to the vacancy on Torrance Beautiful Commission. Her address is 21730 Barbara, Torrance.

64. Councilman Sciarrotta recommended the City Manager publish or release for publication a monthly list of accomplishments of the City of Torrance as a positive approach to publicity. He cited a similar type of publication made by the City of Shafter, which could be put out by the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance in conjunction with the City.

65. Councilman Sciarrotta suggested for the Planning Commission's consideration, a large building of multiple dwellings on the perimeter of downtown Torrance.

66. Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the City Manager, on behalf of the City Council, issue a welcome letter to businesses who take out a license for conducting business within the City, as a gesture of good will.

67. Mayor Isen outlined the policy of the City regarding annexations; that the City does not go out seeking territory or citizens and called attention to the annexation of a portion of Lomita which was initiated a few weeks back. The Lomita territory is now seeking cityhood on its own behalf and complying with Torrance's belief in home rule, he recommended the people in Lomita be given free rein by removing any complications which might result from the proposed annexation. He asked that the Council go on record to this effect and moved whatever legal steps are necessary be taken through the City Attorney to withdraw any piecemeal annexations begun several weeks ago. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

68. Mayor Isen said there has not been very good communication with our sister city, Konya, Turkey, recently and in that numerous California cities are having two sister cities, he proposed Torrance have a comparable sized industrial city, perhaps in Japan, as a second sister city. Councilman Sciarrotta supplied the name of the man to contact, Snowden Chambers, who has a list of available cities..

69. Councilman Benstead asked how many jet planes are flying to and from the Torrance Municipal Airport and Airport Manager Egan said none at this time, but there is a turbo-jet from U.S. Steel.

70. Councilman Miller asked about airport matters for the agenda and was told they will be on next week's agenda.

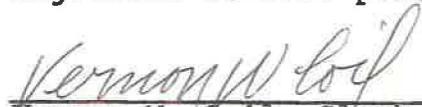
71. Mr. Bill Uerkwitz of 23136 Anza stated his homeowners' association is quite concerned about the airport and two such associations are now coordinating their activities to investigate jet use at the airport. He said two gentlemen will supply the facts, statistics and figures for a presentation to the Council a little later. A meeting is to be held at Calle Mayor Elementary School auditorium next Monday to correlate the activities of the two associations for presentation later.

72. Mr. Uerkwitz also asked what steps could be taken to assure that the committee which arranges for attendance at these council meetings is furnished with an agenda of each Tuesday's meeting in advance. He was advised to talk with the City Clerk after this meeting.

The meeting of the Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance  
Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

  
Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the City of  
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