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Torrance, California
November 19, 1963

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, November 19, 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, Mayor Isen. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and Assistant City Manager Johnson.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. George Brewster, Past President of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and member of Youth Welfare Commission, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of South Bay Church of God 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 November 12, 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 Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure and introduced Mr. Harold Smith, President of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce who responded by describing the activities of the group and introducing the members who were in attendance. Following this Council meeting, the council members and those who wish to do so were invited to attend a dinner at The Palms.

Mayor Isen also announced briefly the program for next Council meeting which will observe Junior Citizens Day.

HEARINGS:

9. VACATION OF LINCOLN AVENUE EASTERLY OF BORDER AVENUE. Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 62-277. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting two resolutions.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on this matter and Mr. Jay Tyler of 1843 Marinette Street asked if the vacated property would accrue to the benefit of the people on his street. Don Kemp of Engineering answered the vacation will be in favor of the people to the south, those who originally dedicated, and will become an extension of their backyards.

Mrs. LaVerne who lives on San Ardo and Mrs. Hale who circulated the petition, also asked and were given clarification as to the effect of the vacation. Mrs. Hale stated the people plan to keep the alley open by paving it themselves and invited any who live on San Ardo to participate in the improvement and maintenance of the alley.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Mayor Isen, the hearing was ordered closed, it appearing no one wished to speak further.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-289

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF LINCOLN AVENUE EASTERLY OF BORDER AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-289 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-290

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THOSE CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO THE RECORD OWNERS, JOINTLY OR IN SEVERALTY, AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR OF LOT 1, LOT 2, LOT 3, LOT 4, AND LOT 5, ALL IN BLOCK 1 OF TRACT NO. 15230.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-290 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. CASE NO. 63-83 - VARIANCE - Petitioner, Jack Emerzian. Formal hearing for a variance to omit garage doors for an 8 unit apartment building located at 20704 Osage Avenue in R-3 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning

Commission dated October 16, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 16, 1963, location sketch and plot plan.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on this case and Mr. Emerzian came forward and explained the reasons for his request. It is a subterranean type of garage and the doors would conflict with the way the plumbing is arranged from some of the bathrooms. The garages are approximately 4½ to 5 feet below street level. The planning of this apartment building was simultaneous to the consideration of the ordinance on the subject by the Council.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Benstead did not favor granting the variance as he believed Mr. Emerzian could have planned the plumbing to better advantage.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in granting this waiver and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27784 - Subdivider, Kenland Development Company. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated September 18, 1963, letter dated September 11, 1963 from City Engineer, letter dated November 5, 1963 from City Engineer, location sketch.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval, subject to all the conditions set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28440 - Subdivider, Bartlett Development Company. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of City Engineer's letter dated November 4, 1963, letter of transmittal approving tentative tract dated June 13, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated May 15, 1963, Planning Department recommendations dated May 15, 1963, letter from City Engineer dated May 8, 1963, and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Drale asked why the requirement is for 27 feet instead of 37 and Planning Director Shartle explained.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, except for the vote of Mayor Isen, who abstained.

13. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28896 - Subdivider, Meine Construction Company. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of City Engineer's letter to planning Commission dated November 4, 1963, transmittal of approval of tentative tract dated September 11, 1963, Los Angeles County Flood Control District report, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated August 21, 1963, City Engineer's letter to Planning Commission dated August 20, 1963, and location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen especially commended Planning Director Shartle on his organization and handling of the Planning function of the City.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

14. Claim of Josephine Brittain, 117 East 220th Street, Torrance, for personal injuries and damages allegedly sustained in accident on Post Avenue near Cravens Avenue, August 7, 1963, submitted by Clifford J. Peterson, Attorney at Law.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer this claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection.

15. Letter from Mr. Ed Maloney re location of Air Museum on Airport property.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered filed and Mayor Isen called on Councilman Miller for comment. Mr. Miller remarked that the negotiations had consumed an immense amount of manhours although no satisfactory conclusion was reached; both Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen thought there should be a record made of the time spent on this fruitless negotiation.

COMMUNICATION FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

16. CARNIVAL LICENSE - ATLAS AMUSEMENTS. Recommendation of License Director Whitacre with approval of City Manager Peebles, that subject license be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur and Mr. Whitacre asked concerning the Council's wishes with respect to policy on future ventures of this kind. He recommends a deposit of \$200 to assure that requirements are met, particularly on parking and clean-up. Mayor Isen favored approving this application now being considered and postponing the decision on policy for another week.

Councilman Beasley expressed his opinion that some of the equipment is not in good shape and he does not intend to vote in favor of carnivals, etc., in the future.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion of Councilman Drale and roll call vote follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Sciarrotta.

The policy matter will be acted upon at the next council meeting.

Mayor Isen referred back to the matter of tract maps and reminded the Council that once a tentative tract map is approved, the final tract map must be also. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed the statement and Mayor Isen asked him for a written memorandum of the law to substantiate this conclusion for next week's council agenda, if possible. This memorandum will be for the information of the newer Council members.

COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

17. BID ON ENVELOPES. Recommendation of Director of Finance Scharfman, with approval of City Manager Peebles, that bid of Mail-Well Envelope Company in the amount of \$336.96 be accepted and all other bids rejected.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

17A. BID ON ENVELOPES. Recommendation of Director of Finance Scharfman, with approval of City Manager Peebles, that bid of Mail-Well Envelope Company in the amount of \$384.07 be accepted and all other bids rejected.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

18. REQUEST FROM DEVELOPER FOR ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME ON PORTION OF TRACT NO. 27813 (Don Wilson, subdivider). Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that request be granted. A copy of Engineering Service Corp. letter was attached to the agenda material.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the requested extension and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. INTENTION TO VACATE AMIE AVENUE BETWEEN SPENCER STREET AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-291

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE AMIE AVENUE BETWEEN SPENCER STREET AND DEL AMO BOULEVARD 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. 63-291. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 43. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that subject sewer reimbursement district with sewer connection fees outlined in City Engineer's communication be established.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 44. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending establishment of subject sewer reimbursement district with fees as indicated therein.

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

22. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - IMPROVEMENT OF WESTERN AVENUE FROM 235TH to 236TH STREET. CONTRACTOR: HADD CONTRACTING CO. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of work by City Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the work as completed and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the following listed six easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated November 4, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over portions of Lot 28, Tract No. 437, given by Vincent Grant, Inc.
2. Street easement deed dated September 30, 1963 for the widening of Anza Avenue and alley over portions of Lot 40, Tract No. 2895, given by Billy R. Waddle and Mary ~~Boles~~. *BeLLES*
3. Street easement deed dated September 18, 1963 for the widening of Future Street over a portion of Lot B. S. Weston 1898.4 acres, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by Laboratory for Electronics, Inc.
4. Street easement deed dated October 31, 1963 to provide a corner radius at the southwest corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Yukon Avenue over a portion of Lot 9, Tract No. 2248, given by Christina Z. Drale.
5. Street easement deed dated November 5, 1963 to provide a corner radius at the southeasterly corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and yukon Avenue over a portion of Lot 85, La Fresa Tract, given by Christina Z. Drale.
6. Street easement deed dated November 6, 1963 for the widening of 226th Street, 227th Street and Ocean Avenue, over portions of Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, Tract No. 454, given by Max Edwin Webber, M.D., et al.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of the deeds listed as items number 4 and 5 on which Councilman Drale abstained from voting.

24. COMMUNICATION FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Proposed Sign for Albert Levitt. Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection McKinnon, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that sign be approved for a period of six months.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission as requested by Mr. Levitt. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

25. City Attorney Remelmeyer's submittal of proposed resolution authorizing disposition of moneys obtained as evidence in criminal actions or proceedings.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-292

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF MONIES OBTAINED AS EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-292 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS RE CONSOLIDATION OF WATER AND RUBBISH BILLING.

These ordinances are tailored to effect the changes in water and rubbish billing which have been authorized by the Council. Councilman Benstead brought up the question of re-connecting charge in the event a customer does not pay his bill and the service is cut-off, in the belief that the re-connecting charge mentioned is not proper nor legal. This provision appears in the second resolution to be considered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-293

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2279 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-293 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

As to the second resolution, Councilman Drale moved to amend Section 9 of subparagraph A and B in such a way as to eliminate the \$5.00 penalty and change the reconnecting charge from \$4.00 to \$2.00. Director of Finance Scharfman explained the \$5.00 penalty is against persons who turn on their own service without authorization and Councilman Drale changed his motion to make only the change in re-connection charge, subparagraph 9A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to adopt and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-294

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2279 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND RESOLUTION 61-112 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO AND ESTABLISHING RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND REFUSE SERVICE.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Vico.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1436

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 30.7 AND 30.12, CHAPTER 30, IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND REPEALING SECTIONS 30.9, 30.10, 30.11 and 30.14, CHAPTER 30 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO: WATER SERVICE, METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING AND PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS, NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS, AND METER READINGS, RATES AND CHARGES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1436 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1437

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 13.30, 13.31, 13.34 AND 13.35, CHAPTER 30 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO DEFINITION OF OCCUPANT AND RESIDENCE; RELATING TO LIABILITY FOR REFUSE COLLECTION FEES; PROVIDING THAT REFUSE FEES SHALL BE ADDED TO WATER BILLS; AND REQUIRING A DEPOSIT TO INSURE PROMPT PAYMENT OF SAID REFUSE FEES.

Councilman Beasley mentioned that this will be a quite different policy regarding rubbish fees than in the past and Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1437 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. Proposed ordinances on lot splits.

City Clerk Coil stated this item is to be held for two weeks for further consideration by the City Attorney and Planning Director.

28. Proposed ordinance relating to mobile homes and mobile home parks.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 1413.1, REPEALING SECTION 16.447 AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR, REPEALING THE DEFINITIONS OF "TRAILER, AUTOMOBILE" AND "TRAILER, COURTS" IN SECTION 2, APPENDIX I, ADDING SECTION 15-Q TO APPENDIX I, AND REPEALING CHAPTER 28 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 28, OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", ALL RELATING TO MOBILEHOMES AND MOBILEHOME PARKS.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1438 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and after an explanation by City Attorney Remelmeyer as to the reason for this ordinance, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1435

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., A NEW YORK CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1435 at its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. Sidewalks - 236th Street and Western Avenue.

The recommendation on this item is that the Council authorize the installation of a sidewalk on Western Avenue between 235th and 236th Streets, on the west side, by City forces at an expenditure of not to exceed \$800 for which budget is available.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

31. Use of Shake Roofs on commercial buildings.

The recommendation is to approve a policy set forth in six subparagraphs of a communication from Building Superintendent Schlens and Fire Chief Benner, dated October 22, 1963, and addressed to City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended this be continued as a policy pending adoption of a new Building Code.

32. Request for Senior Aide position.

The recommendation of the City Manager is that the Council approve an additional position of Senior Engineering Aide at a salary range No. 48, to commence on January 1, 1964, the salary to be on an inspection fee reimbursement basis.

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

Assistant City Manager Johnson explained this was originally in the budget and was deleted; however, it now appears to be necessary. The salary which ranges from \$595 to \$656 is reimbursed through fee charges.

33. Election supplies and services for the General Municipal Election, April 14, 1964.

The recommendation in this respect is that the City Council award to Martin and Chapman Company a contract to furnish election supplies and services for the April 1964 Municipal Election per quotation attached to the communication from City Manager Peebles dated November 15, 1963 and that this recommendation be subject to the conditions previously set forth by City Clerk Coil in his attached memorandum dated November 7, 1963.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

34. Payment of balance of the 1962-63 taxes on lots used for off-street parking in Torrance.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to pay these taxes and authorize contact and negotiations with Mr. Rayor of Inglewood to determine the feasibility of continuing off-street parking on lots 13 through 18, Block 72 and Lots 6 through 9, Block 71, Torrance Tract. The amounts are \$426.92 for the remainder of the 1962-63 taxes and \$561.94 for the first half of the 1963-64 taxes as provided in the agreement with Mr. George Binder who has now sold this property to Mr. Seymour Rayor.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable with the exception of Councilman Drale who said he would abstain because of a small financial interest.

35. Miscellaneous recommendations.

\$410.80 to Brewster Mapping Service for City of Torrance maps for various departments, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve this item of expenditure and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION:

36. City of Baldwin Park transmittal of their Resolution No. 63-144 petitioning the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to invite proposals for private financing and construction of a mass transportation system.

Councilman Drale moved to instruct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution along these lines for presentation to the Council next week. Councilman Benstead seconded and there was no objection.

37. Assistant City Manager Johnson set forth a problem which exists with respect to the work being done on 190th Street east of Hawthorne Avenue, particularly along the Standard Brands Paint plant property. It will be necessary to remove additional sand and other materials and refill with base at an estimated cost of \$4,000. He recommended the Council authorize this work and the necessary expense be appropriated. Quicksand has been found in this area and the ground will not dry out. Don Kemp of Engineering confirmed Mr. Johnson's statements, pointing out the traffic hazard which would be compounded by further rains. Under these circumstances, Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth by Assistant City Manager Johnson and Don Kemp. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and roll call vote was:

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

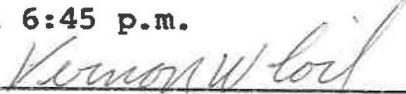
38. Planning Director Shartle said he had received a request from the School District to postpone the hearing on the Sovereign Development high-rise building from December 10th to some other date because of a conflict in meeting dates. Councilman Beasley moved to extend this time and set the hearing on January 14, 1964, an 8:00 o'clock meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Councilman Benstead reported that the Police and Fire Committee of the Council held a meeting on the 60.3 hour week system effective January 1, 1964 and recommended the City Attorney and City Manager be instructed to prepare the necessary Civil Service ordinance amendments to effect the three-platoon system. He moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

40. Councilman Drale reported there had been a couple of meetings on sidewalks, curbs and make-up paving and a written report will be submitted to the Council next week.

41. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer concerning the ordinance to eliminate businesses in apartment houses in C-2 zones and Mr. Remelmeyer said it would be before the Council in two weeks.

Council was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


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

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance