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Torrance, California  
December 17, 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, December 17, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present was City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John Tweedy led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Francis Rath of Seaside Community Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

In the first paragraph of Item 18, page 8 of the December 10th minutes, the figure "\$1,354.00" should read "\$9,354.00." With this correction, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the regular minutes were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, all councilmen being present.

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.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and introduced the members of the Press who were in attendance. The Council is host to dinner for the Press following this meeting.

Out of agenda order, Mayor Isen asked that Item 32 be considered at this time to accommodate Mr. John Tweedy, President of the Rotary Club. January 3, 1964 was proclaimed ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY in recognition of the visit of the International President who will be speaker at a jointmeeting of the Rotary Clubs at the Jump'n Jack on that day.

## HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 63-82 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Petitioner, B. C. Riggs. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-2 to R-3 at 24433 Park Street - with letter from applicant requesting case be withdrawn. The recommendation of the Planning Commission was for denial.

In view of the letter asking withdrawal of the case, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to remove it from the agenda and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 63-25 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Petitioner, Velma Jean Beezley. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to R-3 on property situated at 2652 Brian Avenue. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated November 6, 1963, and location sketch.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Herb Sculnick of 11410 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, asked that his remarks be considered to apply also to Item No. 10 on this agenda, the precise plan. He said he had purchased the property under the belief that the rezoning would take place, subject only to the precise plan's approval.

Mayor Isen questioned the Planning Director on this point and Mr. Shartle replied that the Commission had stated they believed the request to be proper, but asked for a precise plan.

Mayor Isen reminded Mr. Sculnick that the Planning Commission is an advisory or recommending body only. Mr. Sculnick feels he has suffered a great wrong due to the action of the Planning Commission in recommending the case for denial, although he said he does not hold the Council or the Planning Commission responsible for his decision to purchase the property. However, he said there will be apartments here because there is an existing R-3 parcel. The difference will be whether there is a small 17 unit apartment house, or a complete 30 units, with all modern facilities which he said would be a definite contribution to the community. The land which Mr. Sculnick refers to is at the dividing point between R-1 and R-3.

Mr. George Brotherton of 2613 Dalemead, definitely opposed apartment buildings for many reasons, principally from the standpoint of safety to children.

Mr. Don Feldman of 2601 Brian Avenue also opposed the petition and complained that the residents had not had notice. Mayor Isen answered the latter by saying that the Council can only assume that all legal requirements are met by the Planning Departments regarding these notices.

Mr. Gerald Dold of 2629 Brian Avenue, feared the whole area would go to R-3 and talked in definite opposition to this and all apartment projects in the neighborhood.

Mr. Richard Loebel of 2638 Brian Avenue opposed from the standpoint of traffic and danger to the children.

Mr. Ed Fields of 2634 Brian spoke from the standpoint of traffic, danger to children and access to the area, as well as

lack of parking space for the residents and lower water pressure which he said is too low now. In summary he said there is plenty of space which can be used for R-3 in Torrance and he does not want it to be in this neighborhood.

Mr. Bernard Broberg of 2618 Brian said he is under the impression that the Traffic Commission has recommended against this application because of the traffic problem.

Mayor Isen asked for an indication of opposition from the audience and many responded.

Mr. Herman Wilson of 2614 Brian objected because he believes Mr. Sculnick plans to build a cheap 17 unit apartment house if he is denied the chance to build the 30 units. He disapproved of this as being against the best interests of Torrance, and asked that the lot which is now R-3 be rezoned R-1 to thwart Mr. Sculnick's plan.

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

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the zone change in Case No. 63-25. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (he is a property owner within 300 feet).

10. CASE NO. 63-68 - PRECISE PLAN - Petitioner, Ruby Sculnick. Formal hearing on Precise plan of development to construct an apartment building at 2652 Brian Avenue. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, and plot plan for Council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in denial of Item 10 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (for the same reason as on Item 9 above).

11. CASE NO. 63-84 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Petitioner, Roger McGee. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to C-2 on property situated at 4347 and 4343 West 178th Street. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated November 6, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated November 6, 1963, and location sketch.

Affidavits of Publication on Items 8, 9, 10 and 11 were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mr. J. C. Overman of 4328 178th Street came forward. He indicated opposition and Mayor Isen asked that the proponent be heard first.

Mr. Roger McGee of 142 Via Monte d'Oro, owner and petitioner, pointed out that this area was developed as R-1 in 1950 and since then there have been many changes which have converted the area to commercial from a practical standpoint.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. McGee a question which elicited the information that Mark C. Bloome is interested in putting in a tire sales room here.

Mr. Overman spoke again, stating all the property owners are against this "spot zoning" as depreciating the value of the property and encouraging a slum area.

Mr. Robert Mason of 4343 West 179th Street objected because it is next to impossible to get across the street; however, he said the hamburger stand was permitted to go in and he recognizes the location is becoming commercial. He is disappointed in the character of the development of this area and feels Torrance could do better.

Mr. Edmund Grimsley, 4320 West 178th Street, has lived at his address for over ten years and is one of the petitioners on the petition submitted to the Planning Commission containing over 40 names, opposing the change to commercial. His main objection is as to parking area which he does not consider to be sufficient. Speaking on behalf of himself and other neighbors, he said he realizes eventually a zone change will come, but he does not consider the planned development a proper one because there is not adequate room.

Mr. Leroy Freiler of 4244 West 178th Street, has lived there for twelve years, recognizes the problem of growing commercialism but would still like to keep the street residential. He advocated beautification of the end of this street rather than commercializing. this small clean residential tract.

Mr. Wayne Haslam who lives on West 177th Street, stated his opposition based on traffic increase and possibility of creating a slum area.

Mr. Jerry Fields spoke on behalf of the Mark C. Bloome Company, and pointed out the various commercial enterprises within this close area. He stated his company owns the houses that either adjoin or face the property in question; there is no outside interest that touches that property. He exhibited a sketch of what is proposed by his company at a cost, including equipment of around \$100,000.

He stressed that the store which will employ 12 to 15 persons is not a service station nor an old style tire store, but a beautiful glass and stone building for a business which would result in sales tax revenue to Torrance of approximately \$15,000 a year.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, met no objections.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request for change of zone and Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Councilman Sciarrotta and Councilman Vico agreed that eventually this will probably be all commercial and that a study should be made. Councilman Drale mentioned that much tax revenue is going across the street to Redondo Beach. Mayor Isen recalled the responsibility to the property owners and the problem posed by this situation. He said he would like to have the matter referred back for consideration in connection with a plan for the area between the Red Balloon and Akron, rather than denied.

Councilman Beasley asked Planning Director Shartle if a study and hearings could be completed within sixty days and was told it would be more like 90 days.

Councilman Miller did not want to have Torrance lose this Bloome store, but is concerned with the welfare of the people caught in between.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Fields of Bloome Company if the company's cause would be prejudiced by a ninety-day delay for the Planning Commission to study each of the fringe areas. Mr. Fields said his company would concur in such a continuance.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute to refer the case back to the Planning Commission to be incorporated in a study to be presented before the end of ninety days, with a recommendation to be made to the Council by that time. Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

Mayor Isen asked that the man from Bloome Company get together with the spokesmen of the citizens group and work out something, recognizing what has been said this evening.

Mr. Fields repeated that anywhere his company has put in this type of store, there has been no devaluation of property.

Mr. A. F. Cupka who lives at 4247 West 178th Street described the bad traffic problem which ties in with the freeways. Mayor Isen suggested the traffic organizations of the City also join in the study.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 6:40 and the Council reconvened at 6:52.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

12. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 29248 - Jefferson Inc. (Al Levitt)  
43 lots located southwest of Bluff Street, east of Wilmington Avenue, Zone A-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated December 4, 1963, location sketch for Council use.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Councilman Benstead asked to see a map that was readable. City Engineer Nollac said the lots have the required 6,000 square footage. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, stating specifically "on the Engineering recommendations".

Mr. David Johnson of 343 Hawthorne Way in Hawthorne explained the width of streets and rights of way which seemed unclear and stated there will be a 34 foot width of pavement with 8' of parkway on each side, with sidewalk adjacent to the curb.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the motion, again noting that the approval is based on the recommendations of Engineering.

13. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22324 - R. A. Watt. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of letter from City Engineer dated November 20, 1963, location sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes dated November 20, 1963, letter of transmittal of Tentative Tract dated May 2, 1963, letter from City Engineer to Planning Commission dated April 12, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated April 17, 1963.

City Engineer Nollac stated there had been a request to hold this final tract map until December 30th meeting. Councilman Drale moved to grant that request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

14. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 27811 - Don Wilson. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of letter from City Engineer dated December 12, 1963, letter from City Engineer to Planning Commission dated June 17, 1963, copy of letter from Don Wilson dated June 21, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated June 19, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated June 19, 1963 and location sketch.

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

15. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT DEED FOR DRAINAGE RETENTION BASIN; Don Wilson, builders. Transmittal of grant deed to City Council with recommendation that deed be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the grant deed and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection. The property is to be transferred in fee simple to the City of Torrance by Don Wilson Builders.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1448

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 CASES NO. 63-73 and 63-77.  
(Henry Griswold)

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1448 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

17. From Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club re shuffleboard courts to be installed in Walteria Park.

Several persons were present representing the interested groups: Mr. Bob Serber, Mr. Wyatt, Mrs. Faye and Mr. Cameron. The letter stated the \$600 would be given on completion but on suggestion by Mayor Isen, it was offered at whatever time is considered necessary. Councilman Drale moved the \$600 be accepted subject to the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mrs. Faye, the president of the Senior Citizens introduced Mr. Cameron, who spoke briefly in favor of immediate construction of the shuffleboards at Walteria Park.

**COMMUNICATION FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:**

18. Recommendation of License Director Whitacre, with approval of City Manager Peebles, that license be granted, subject to all the requirements of Council policy dated September 19, 1961 being complied with, to Atlas Shows to conduct an eight-day ride pro-motion.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Sciarrotta asked if there are any food concessions and Mayor Isen answered "No". There was no objection and the motion carried.

**COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

19. BID ON FINANCE DIRECTOR'S SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT. Recommendation of Finance Director Scharfman, with approval of City Manager Peebles, that bid be awarded to Southwest Printing Company in the amount of \$773.55 for 200 80-page booklets, plus \$10.40 for each additional page.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Scharfman why 200 copies are needed and Mr. Scharfman said it is legally required, copies are sent to a great many cities, and libraries. Councilman Beasley moved to approve awarding the contract as outlined. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:**

20. AWARD OF CONTRACT - IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION OF MADRONA AND CARSON STREET. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that contract be awarded to SULLY MILLER CONTRACTING CO., in amount of \$27,488.87.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

21. PROPOSED 1911 ACT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - 236th PLACE BETWEEN ARLINGTON AVENUE AND CABRILLO AVENUE. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that subject street be improved by private contract in lieu of assessment proceedings per request of property owners.

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

22. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following three street easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated December 5, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street over a portion of Lot 8, Tract No. 437, given by Chas. E. Middleton and LeRoy Gotham.
2. Street easement deed dated November 12, 1963 for the widening of Anza Avenue and Emerald Street over portions of Lot 20, Tract No. 3218, given by Howard F. Ruby, et al.
3. Street easement deed dated December 15, 1961 for the widening of Lomita Boulevard over a portion of B. S. Weston Allotment, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by Vickers, Incorporated.

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

23. RIGHT OF ENTRY UPON CITY PROPERTY (AIRPORT) TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Attorney, Airport Manager, and City Manager, that request of Flood Control District for permission to enter upon City property (airport) for storm drain construction be granted. Document of Right of Entry submitted.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

24. Memorandum of law to substantiate the proposition that once a tentative tract map is approved by the Council, the final tract map must also be approved.

The communication was accepted and ordered filed, it having been previously requested by the Council.

25. Submittal of proposed resolution re agreement with C. M. Leonard & Associates, Inc. for engineering services for Drainage District 5-E.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-304

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 10, 1963, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND C. M. LEONARD & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5-E.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-304 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1399 BY ADDING THE POSITION OF DUPLICATING ROOM CLERK WITH ITS SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1449 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for its first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1450

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1399 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SALARY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1450 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. Transmittal of:

A. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE declaring a moratorium on property bounded by Garnet Street, Victor Street, Emerald Street and Victor Park, etc.

B. ORDINANCE imposing said moratorium,

C. RESOLUTION directing the Building Department not to issue building permits in said area.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for its first and only reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1451

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY GARNET STREET ON THE NORTH, VICTOR STREET ON THE WEST, EMERALD STREET ON THE SOUTH AND VICTOR PARK ON THE EAST, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1451 at its first and only reading as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and failed as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta, Vico.

The majority of the council members felt there was no emergency.

Next considered was a regular ordinance along the same lines and the City Clerk presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1452

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY

GARNET STREET ON THE NORTH, VICTOR STREET ON THE WEST, EMERALD STREET ON THE SOUTH AND VICTOR PARK ON THE EAST.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1452 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

This ordinance will not take effect until after its second reading, adoption and thirty days interim.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-305

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY GARNET STREET ON THE NORTH, VICTOR STREET ON THE WEST, EMERALD STREET ON THE SOUTH AND VICTOR PARK ON THE EAST.

Councilman Beasley complained that the Council has just voted down an emergency ordinance which would do the same thing that is now being ordered by the above resolution. Mayor Isen and Councilman Miller explained this resolution is the result of a specific instruction to the City Attorney and whether it is adopted is up to the councilmen, by vote.

Reverend Ashford asked about exclusion of the Church's property and Mayor Isen told him to go ahead and build with the Council's blessing.

Mr. C. K. Norman said he has not been able to ascertain that interested persons were notified of any action which might affect their property.

Mr. B. J. O'Brien and Mr. Strange of the area also spoke and Councilman Drale contended that there should be an opportunity for all these affected people to be heard and that a moratorium such as is proposed here is illegal. Councilman Drale said he challenges this action and moved to table Resolution No. 63-305 until the City Attorney returns for a ruling. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which he stated is not debatable.

Councilman Vico recounted some of the action which has taken place on this property, expressing his opinion that the whole thing is a "mess".

Roll call on the motion to table was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

The motion carried, and the statement was made that there is no time limit - it can be taken from the table at any time.

## RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-306

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ELECTION SUPPLY CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MARTIN & CHAPMAN CO., LTD. RELATING TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 14, 1964.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-306 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1447

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 11.6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE PLATOON SYSTEM OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER, AND REPEALING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1446.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1447 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

31. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

1. \$460.20 to IBM for one Selectric Typewriter with one script ball for the Recreation Department, a budget item.
2. \$573.71 to Southern California Edison Company to relocate transmission pole located on the northeast corner of 164th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, Project No. 98.
3. \$343.80 to Ducommon Metals, f.o.b. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, plus sales tax, for one Johnson No. 313 Soft Metal Furnace with temperature control for Police Pistol Range.
4. \$400.00 to Dircks Reloading Service to rebuild and improve M-1800 Loadamatic Reloader for Police Pistol Range, a budget item.
5. \$446.16 to GarWood Truck and Equipment Co. for one packing cylinder No. 2045600 for City Garage.
6. \$418.88 to IBM for one 17" Electric Typewriter for Engineering Department (allowing \$45 for trade-in of IBM typewriter Serial 183376, a budget item).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve items 1 through 6 above listed. 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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

32. This item was taken care of at the beginning of the meeting.

33. Mayor Isen proclaimed January 18, 1964, as GIRL SCOUT TREE PLANTING DAY.

34. An item was added to the agenda regarding Construction of Drainage Structure at 238th Street and Ocean Avenue and the recommendation is to extend the contract to include the construction of a L.A.C.F.C.D. No. 3 Catch Basin and No. 4 Junction Structure and 32 lineal feet of 24 inch reinforced concrete pipe at a lump sum cost of \$1,475, the additional work requested still being within the budgeted amount.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

35. Another item was marked "K" and consisted of a copy of letter from Sovereign Development Co., by Robert D. Keillor, President, requesting withdrawal of the request for variance dated August 30, 1963 on property located at 205 Paseo de la Playa, Lot 2, Boock C, Tract No. 10303.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested withdrawal and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. City Manager Peebles reported in a meeting with representatives of ATS&F Railroad, the City has been advised that materials for the two signals have been ordered and should be received by the middle of January; will be constructed starting the middle of February. Final agreements have been completed by the company and construction will go ahead.

37. Mayor Isen said he has a request from Chairman Apsey of the Torrance Beautiful Commission for approval of leave of absence from December 14th to February 1st, covering three consecutive meetings, for a trip to Michigan. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the leave and there was no objection.

38. Mayor Isen called attention to a letter on the INFORMATIONAL items written by a Mr. Grady. Mr. Grady was present and asked for reconsideration of Resolution No. 62-222 which deals with a vacation near Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Boulevards. Mayor Isen inquired of the council members if they wished to reconsider and there was no response. Mr. Grady was told he is free to appeal to the courts if he wishes.

39. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn this meeting to December 30, 1963, at 5:30 p.m. and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting was thus adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Vernon W. Coil*

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

APPROVED:

*Albert J. ...*

Mayor of the City of Torrance