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Torrance, California
January 12, 1960

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 12, 1960 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale and Jahn. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Bradford and Isen. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

Councilman Jahn nominated Councilman Blount to act as Mayor.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, and Acting Mayor Blount took the Chair.

At the request of Acting Mayor Blount, Councilman Jahn led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sippel, Pastor of the First Christian Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of December 29, 1959 and January 5, 1960, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Acting Mayor Blount gave a brief explanation of Council procedure to the audience.

HEARINGS:

1. Acting Mayor Blount announced that this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on:

CASE NO. 603 - CHANGE OF ZONE. Petition of Eleanor Z. Drale for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-3 (motion to include R-2) on Lot 54 of the La Fresa Tract, situated on the north side of 171st Street, about 250 feet east of Yukon Avenue. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval. Attached to the transmittal form were location sketch; excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of December 2, 1959; and Exhibit "A". 1033

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Bartlett, and it was ordered received and filed.

Councilman Beasley asked that the record show Councilman Drale had left his seat for the consideration of Case No. 603.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on Case No. 603.

Mr. Richard F. Mongar, 17021 Ermanita Avenue, Torrance, said they had presented a petition of protest, signed by 27 of a possible 28 interested property owners, and he felt this was given no consideration. Mr. Mongar said he had the feeling at the Planning Commission hearing that the matter was cut and dried before the meeting was ever held, and he wanted to go on record as being opposed to the re-zoning.

Councilman Beasley asked Mr. Mongar if he had a specific objection or felt that this was bad planning.

Mr. Mongar said that having apartments in this area, which until this time has been strictly a single residence district, would mean a concentration of population which he felt was not necessary.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that there is R-3 zoning on the west side of this property, along Yukon.

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Mr. Mongar was aware of this, but he felt there should be no further encroachment on the R-1 section where he lives. One of the main reasons for his objection, he said, was that it would open up the lot (Lot 55) immediately back of his residence for 2-story housing. He was under the impression that the owners of this lot have held back on a request for re-zoning awaiting the decision on this Case No. 603.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone else in the audience wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford, Drale and Isen absent.)

The Councilmen, after viewing an Exhibit "A" showing the lot lines of the proposed development, questioned any approval as per Exhibit "A" with the lot lines shown since it would constitute an approval of the method of development.

Councilman Beasley moved that, for the purpose of consideration of the Change of Zone on Case No. 603, all lot lines be deleted from the Exhibit "A".

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford, Drale and Isen absent.)

Councilman Benstead asked how many notices were mailed out in connection with this case. Planning Director Powell replied that 52 notices were sent out and 27 objections received.

Councilman Benstead requested that disposition of the case be held for two weeks, saying that he would like to see the property personally. Miss Drale stated she had no objections since she is in no hurry to develop the property.

There were no objections from the Council, and Acting Mayor Blount ordered that disposition of Case No. 603 be placed on the agenda for January 26, 1960.

Councilman Drale returned to his seat on the Council.

2. Acting Mayor Blount announced that this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on:

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CASE NO. 605 - CHANGE OF ZONE. Petition of Lynn Chandler, 28311 Narbonne Avenue, for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on a portion of Parcel 5, Lot 2, Tract 9765, located at 2600 Pacific Coast Highway, for the purpose of erecting a ski resort with related shops. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission, with attached exhibits, recommended denial. Also attached was a letter from the petitioner's representative, John F. Mascola, requesting the withdrawal of the application for a Change of Zone.

In view of the request for withdrawal of the application, Acting Mayor Blount asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if the Council should proceed with the hearing; it was Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion that the hearing should proceed as scheduled.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication, and it was ordered received and filed.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved that the hearing be closed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission that Change of Zone be denied in Case No. 605.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

3. Acting Mayor Blount announced that this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on:

GRANTING OF VARIANCES - AMENDMENT TO LAND USE ORDINANCE. 1034
Proposed Ordinance amending Section 18-F of Appendix I of the City Code.

City Attorney Remelmeyer informed the Council that the hearing date was not published, and he requested that the Council set another hearing date, for February 9, 1960 at 8:00 p.m., so that it might be published.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Acting Mayor Blount announced that the hearing was set for February 9, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in these Council Chambers.

4. Acting Mayor Blount announced that this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on:

C-R RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT: ALSO R-R-3 RESTRICTED MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT - AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE ORDINANCE. Two proposed Ordinances amending the Land Use Ordinance (Appendix I of the City Code.) 1034

City Attorney Remelmeyer informed the Council that the hearing date was not published, and he requested that the Council set another hearing date, for February 9, 1960 at 8:00 p.m., so that it might be published.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Acting Mayor Blount announced that the hearing was set for February 9, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. REVOCATION OF VARIANCES - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LAND USE ORDINANCE. A letter dated January 7, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, requested the City Council to fix a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Ordinance repealing Section 18-H of Appendix I of The Code. Draft of the Proposed Ordinance was attached. 1034

There were no objections, and the hearing was set for February 9, 1960, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

2. CASE NO. 511 - VARIANCE - John Howard. A letter dated January 7, 1960, from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted request from petitioner John Howard to cancel Variance request for a trailer park. Mr. Powell recommended the request for cancellation of this Variance be accepted. 1033

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Director that the Variance be cancelled.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

3. W-134 - WAIVER - Gilbert D. Sellan, 25219 Loytan Street. A letter dated January 7, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the request of Gilbert D. Sellan for permission to build 1036

adjacent to the alley radius in construction of an apartment building on Lots 1 and 2, Tract 24819, (174th Street).

At the request of Councilman Jahn, Planning Director Powell handed a map of the proposed development to the Council.

Councilman Jahn, after viewing the map, said it appeared to him that the radius is the property line and the building will be 1 foot from the property line.

Planning Director Powell said that was correct. He explained the reason for this was that the original tract map had a turn-around shown rather than the curved radius, and Mr. Sellan's architect evidently had had this map. Mr. Powell said that at one time there was an actual right-angle there, as indicated on the map which the Council viewed.

Councilman Beasley asked if this was simply an alley turn-around; Mr. Powell replied in the affirmative, saying that it was simply to permit trash trucks and cars a 50' turn radius.

Councilman Beasley asked City Engineer Nollac if the 50' radius is adequate. Mr. Nollac replied that it is.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Sellan said the garages would front on the alley, and that there would be apartments on the upper floor which would extend to the property line.

Councilman Jahn asked Building Superintendent Schlens if the garage openings are sufficient. Mr. Schlens replied that they are actually wider than the City requires.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

4. An interoffice memorandum dated January 7, 1960 from Planning Director Powell to Director of Public Works Peebles reported on the status of Oil Well Sumps as of January 4, 1960.

Councilman Blount commended Mr. Powell and his staff for their hard work on this and he asked that Mr. Powell report on the six remaining sumps listed in his memorandum:

- (1) J. E. Pettyjohn, 1870 E. Villa St., Pasadena - Tackett #1. Property in escrow, ownership not determined to date.
- (2) Geo. H. McCarthy, 714 W. Olympic Blvd., L.A., Redondo Comm. #15 - 14. Contract has been let but contractor unable to complete per schedule.
- (3) Ajax, 5441 Encino Ave., Encino, Calif. S. & P #12. Recommended to City Attorney for immediate prosecution.
- (4) Keystone Consolidated, Box 171, Redondo Beach - Lopin #1. Owner hospitalized, prior to completion.
- (5) and (6) - Vi-Roi Oil Co. 15008 Halldale Ave., Gardena - Crocker Com. #1. Previously referred to City Attorney for prosecution. Court date scheduled.

On Item (1), Mr. Powell said that the property cleared escrow and that they have the name and address of the new owner. He recommended that Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 be referred to the City Attorney for prosecution. Items 5 and 6 were previously referred to the City Attorney for prosecution.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Powell's recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if any hardship would be involved on Item No. 2. Mr. Powell said the owner was being very cooperative and

he believed this would be cleared before a trial date could be set.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Powell if the ordinance did not provide also for the removal of oil derricks. Mr. Powell replied that the ordinance provided that the oil derricks be down by July 1, 1961. He said that as of Monday, January 11, there were 62 derricks left in the City and they are coming down rapidly.

Mr. Powell requested permission of the Council to prepare a letter for circulation to the press and to all parties concerned pointing out what has been accomplished since Ordinance No. 1116 became effective, and commending the Council on the adoption of the ordinance. He was of the opinion that it is one of the finest ordinances in the City of Torrance insofar as establishing a City that we can be proud of. 1038

Acting Mayor Blount said Mr. Powell had such permission.

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving any guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

5. CASE NO. 601 - CHANGE OF ZONE. A letter dated January 7, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted an Ordinance reclassifying property in Case No. 601. Location sketch was attached.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1149

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. 601, SITUATED AT THE EAST SIDE OF ARLINGTON AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 140 FEET SOUTH OF REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, FROM R-1 TO R-3. 1033

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1149 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

At 8:30 p.m., Acting Mayor Blount declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 8:40 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. In his letter of January 8, 1960, City Manager Stevens submitted the following recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

1. That J. Scharfman, Director of Finance, be authorized to attend the Finance Officers Association conference in New York, June 5 to 9, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid. Mr. Scharfman has never attended an out-of-state conference. 1039

EXPENDITURES:

- 1042 1. To the League of California Cities for 1960 dues, the sum of \$1,750. (A budget item.)
- 1042 2. To Lewellen Press, the sum of \$368.11 for publishing the annual Police Department report. (A Police Department budget item.)
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1041 3. To International Harvester Company for installation of specialized mufflers on rubbish pick-up trucks, the sum of \$390.00. (From Street Department budget.)

APPROPRIATIONS:

- 1043 1. For the purchase of \$10,000 worth of Water District Bonds, the sum of \$8,592.73. (Supporting letter from Director of Finance Scharfman attached.)

FOR STUDY:

- 1017 1. Report from Charles L. Robinson, City Insurance Consultant, on group, accident, health and hospitalization program.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Item 1, Personnel.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Items 1, 2 and 3, Expenditures.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked if the specialized mufflers referred to in Item 3, Expenditures, were smog-free mufflers such as those Los Angeles County is planning to use.

Mr. Stevens said they were not, that the specialized mufflers referred to go up over the packer, protecting the employees from fumes and eliminating the fire hazard.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Stevens to check on the smog-free mufflers and give the Council a report next week. It was his belief if they could be purchased at a reasonable price now, we might just as well do so. Councilman Drale agreed.

City Manager Stevens suggested that if he cannot find such mufflers at a reasonable price, then we proceed to purchase the specialized mufflers as noted in Item No. 3. The Council agreed.

Acting Mayor Blount asked Mr. Stevens to see if he could obtain the requested information from Los Angeles County authorities.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager on Item 1, Appropriations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

On Item 1, For Study, the report from Charles L. Robinson, City Insurance Consultant, on group, accident, health and hospitalization program, was studied by the Council at a pre-council meeting.

Councilman Jahn moved that City Manager Stevens look into the proposals received and bring back to the Council next week for consideration not more than two bids, one representing each type of plan.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale objected, saying he had not heard Mr. Robinson's report at pre-council but saw no reason to narrow the field down to two companies.

City Manager Stevens explained that the 4 low bids on each type of insurance had been analyzed by Mr. Robinson tonight for the Council, and they are now requesting him to bring before them next week the most favorable bid of each type so that they may choose between them.

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The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Jahn.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Isen.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING DIVISION:

- 1. IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION AT HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND CARSON STREET TRAFFIC SIGNALS. - Project No. 72. A Notice of Completion dated January 7, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended acceptance of the project.

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Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

- 2. IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION AT 174TH ST. & ARLINGTON AVENUE. TRAFFIC SIGNALS - Project No. 66. A Notice of Completion dated January 7, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended acceptance of the project.

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Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

- 3. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION: A letter from Traffic Engineer Whitmer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted the following recommendations.

- 1. That the City install "NO PARKING ANY TIME" signs on the west side of Madison Street from 227th Street to 230th Street and place nine-unit red reflector signs opposite the "T" intersections in this area. This will cost approximately \$130.00. This street is only 20' wide with residents on the east side only.

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- 2. The expenditure of approximately \$70.00 for the installation of street name signs, "SLOW TO 15" sign and directional arrow signs at the intersection of Calle de Arboles and Paseo de los Reyes.

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At present there are no street name signs at this intersection.

The proposed warning signs are necessary at this right angle turn because of the steep grades and short turning radius involved.

- 3. The removal of the "STOP" signs on 228th Street at the railroad crossing northeast of Sepulveda Boulevard.

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The grade crossing is equipped with electric railroad signals which are mounted much higher and can be seen much sooner than the existing "STOP" sign. Because of reduced sight distance this "STOP" sign causes an unnecessary hazard and should be removed.

- 1047 4. That "NO PARKING DURING SCHOOL HOURS" signs be installed on the west side of Yukon Avenue adjacent to the Yukon elementary school parking lot. This installation will cost approximately \$75.00.

Installation of these signs will provide needed safety for children entering and leaving the school proper.

- 1050 5. That the City of Torrance participate with the City of Redondo Beach in the installation of "Vista Bars" in the center section of 190th Street at exits of the North Torrance Shopping Center. The City of Redondo Beach has agreed to install these traffic bars and requests that the City of Torrance pay 50% of the materials involved. The cost to our City will be from \$40.00 to \$60.00.

These traffic bars are being installed to prevent hazardous left turns in this area. Enforcement and signing have not been effective in correcting this hazard.

- 1046 6. The installation of a nine-unit, red reflector and directional arrow at the right angle intersection of Regina Avenue and 180th Street. The cost of this installation will be approximately \$25.00.

- 1050 7. That a temporary loading zone be authorized on the northeasterly side of Cravens Avenue for the third parking space northwesterly from Post Avenue. This loading zone is to be used for book deliveries to the Torrance Library. A "TEMPORARY LOADING ZONE" sign will be placed over the parking meter of this space for a few hours on two days of each week. This space will be open for public parking when not being used as a loading zone. This "TEMPORARY LOADING ZONE" sign is to be put into place by the Library personnel. The cost of this installation will be approximately \$10.00.

- 1047 8. The installation of "NO PARKING ANY TIME" signs on the east side of Palos Verdes Boulevard between Via Monte D'Oro and Highway 101.

This street is less than 30' wide and should have parking prohibited on one side. The east side of the street, which is mostly taken up by driveways should be posted "NO PARKING ANY TIME", thus leaving the west side (which is a continuous curb) open to supply enough parking to meet the demand in this area. This installation will cost approximately \$110.00.

Councilman Jahn asked the number of nine-unit reflectorized signs and "NO PARKING ANY TIME" signs to be installed under Item 1 for the amount shown. City Engineer Nollac could not say without looking at the report.

Councilman Benstead made the same objection to Item No. 2.

Acting Mayor Blount asked that Items 1 and 2 be returned to the agenda next week with clarification.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission on Items 3 through 8.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

Councilman Drale asked that the record show the objections on Items 1 and 2 are to the amounts only and not to the installations to be made at these locations.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. A letter dated January 8, 1960 from President Thomas B. Abrams of the Airport Commission, submitted by Airport Manager Jack Egan, recommended an extension of 30 days for their consideration of the request of H. R. Halverson to erect multiple "T" hangars in the Executive Aircraft "T" Hangar area. 1010

Councilman Jahn felt that there has been a great deal of confusion in the lines of communication between the Council, the Airport Commission, and the Airport Manager. He felt the Airport has progressively bettered itself over the last few years with the exception of the provision of closed space for airplanes. He stated that the higher value airplanes, ranging in price from \$10,000 to \$50,000, are now coming into the airport and it is not feasible for such aircraft to be kept in the open subject to the elements and possible vandalism. Councilman Jahn believed the Commission felt that the Council does not want an individual owner to build hangars for rental or any other purpose, and that they wish to limit the hangars to be built to City-owned hangars only and that we have placed such stipulations in the lease negotiations between the Commission and people who want to build hangars, particularly the idea that after so many years the hangars would revert to the City. Councilman Jahn was not at all sure that the City would want these hangars back at the end of the given period. 1009

It was pointed out also that our Insurance Consultant should be used to set up an insurance program that would be to the best advantage of the City and the owner. Councilman Jahn said that a number of people who have wanted to build hangars have been eliminated by the insurance requirements. 1052

Councilman Jahn said that we want to keep the higher value airplanes on our airport because it benefits the City not only from a tax standpoint but because they buy more gasoline and service, and in general upgrade the airport; he did not want them to have to leave the Torrance airport because of the lack of hangar space. 1009

In view of the fact that the City does not have the capital to build all of the necessary "T" hangars, Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney at this time express to the Airport Commission the desires of the Council in changing their requirements, if such is what they have had, so that it is possible for an individual to come in and either build individual hangars or groups of hangars necessary to house the airplanes on the airport.

In regard to insurance requirements, Councilman Beasley commented that he had read a report indicating that insurance requirements on a hangar on the airport run from \$30.00 to \$60.00 a month. He said he had contacted one of the larger insurance companies, and in going over the details with them, discovered that a \$100,000/\$300,000 hold harmless liability policy only costs about \$12.00 to \$14.00 per year. He said the insurance company pointed out that you can have multiple coverage if you are not careful, and he felt there should be a consultation with Mr. Robinson to determine what the requirements should be. 1052

Councilman Drale believed that it had been the policy of the Council to support the recommendations of the Airport Commission to see that nobody abused the privilege of having one hangar to house his particular airplane on the airport. He believed further that it has been the policy of the Council that no one should be able to go into the business of renting hangar space on the Airport when the City itself intends to do this and has a contract out to build hangars. 1009

Councilman Jahn's motion was seconded by Acting Mayor Blount.

Councilman Jahn said he did not intend to imply criticism of the Airport Commission but merely wanted to make it expressly clear

that the Council does not want to prohibit the building of hangars on the Airport because the City does not have the capital to build more hangars than what we have already contracted for at the present time.

Councilman Benstead asked what had become of the City's contract to build hangars, and City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would make a report on this to the Council next week.

Councilman Drale saw no reason why the City could not build hangars there just as easily as individuals, and he thought leases should be kept to a minimum. Councilman Benstead agreed.

Councilman Jahn said he would go along with that thinking, but in defense of his motion he pointed out that the City has \$20,000 to build hangars and that this would not begin to supply the demand for hangars at the airport. He believed that if the City could not provide them, then we should not prohibit others from building them.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Beasley, Blount, Jahn.
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	Benstead, Drale.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEN:	Bradford, Isen.

1010 Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission that they be given a 30-day extension for the consideration of the Halverson request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, ordered carried.

Councilman Jahn asked that the Airport Commission be given the information he has requested before they go back in to discussion with Mr. Halverson. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

1070 2. A letter dated January 8, 1960 from President Thomas B. Abrams of the Airport Commission, submitted by Airport Manager Jack Egan, referred to the request for a sublease between Babcock et al and Air Credit Sales Company. The Commission recommended the denial of the sublease until the original Babcock et al lease is broadened to include all the operations as called for in the sublease and that the rental be increased to \$65.00 per month with the cost of living index clause attached, and further, that the present sublease be extended 90 days to allow for the provision to be incorporated into the Master Lease.

In reply to a question from Councilman Beasley, Airport Manager Egan explained that the increased rental was based on the fact that Babcock et al wants many things in their lease that they do not now have so that in turn they could transfer these rights under the new negotiated lease to Air Credit Sales. He stated he agreed with the Commission that if we make these concessions in the lease, then the rental should be increased.

1070 Councilman Jahn believed that the Council is the only body authorized to handle changes in rental, and he moved that Mr. Babcock submit his proposal directly to the Council, and that the Airport Commission send the information as to what he desires and their comments upon his request directly to the Council, without making any disposition of the matter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, ordered carried.

Acting Mayor Blount asked Airport Manager Egan to inform Mr. Babcock of this action.

3. A Resolution was submitted through the City Attorney's office ratifying the execution of a lease of airport property to Sheridan-Gray.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3857

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY FROM THE CITY TO SHERIDAN-GRAY.

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Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3857. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resubmitted was a Resolution fixing the time and meetings of the City Council and repealing Resolution No. 2883. Councilman Drale moved that this be held over until next week so that the full Council may act upon it. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.
2. City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 3858

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

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Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3858. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated January 7, 1960, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its Second Reading Ordinance No. 1148, which was approved at its first reading on January 5, 1960 by unanimous vote with all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1148

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.103 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" BY DELETING AN EXCEPTION TO THE TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE FOR TRUCKS USED TO TRANSPORT MATERIAL MINED WITHIN THE CITY.

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1148 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Acting Mayor Blount announced that a Proclamation commending the Junior Chamber of Commerce would be entered in full in the record.

"PROCLAMATION"

"WHEREAS, the civic bodies and service organizations of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered to this community by the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce; and

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"WHEREAS, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce and its affiliated State and Local organizations have set aside the week of January 17 to 23, 1960 to observe the founding of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and to commemorate such founding by the selection of any outstanding young man in this community as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award; and

"WHEREAS, this organization of young men has contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year.

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT ISEN, Mayor of the City of Torrance do hereby proclaim the week of January 17 - 23, 1960 as JAYCEE WEEK and urge all citizens of our community to give full consideration to the future services of the Junior Chamber of Commerce."

/s/ ALBERT ISEN
Mayor of the City of Torrance"

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. City Manager Stevens recommended that we go to bid on the general comprehensive liability insurance for the City of Torrance and that we limit it to people who have offices in the City of Torrance. Mr. Stevens said he thought it was the feeling of a majority of the Council that this should be done.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Stevens' recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn was opposed to going to bid in this particular case, saying that he did not think we would be served any better for having gone to bid. He felt we have received full value for the services given and he thought the recommendation should be to retain the same company. He stated that we had hired an insurance consultant to tell us what his recommendation was, that the insurance consultant has done so and he agrees with him.

There were no further objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

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2. City Manager Stevens referred to the recent talk of consolidating the courts. He said one plan was that they be consolidated into one big centralized unit, and another plan was that they be consolidated into 11 districts. He suggested that we offer as a counter-measure the return of the Courts to the cities in the matter of traffic citations, misdemeanors, etc.

In reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, Mr. Stevens said he believed that the people had voted on going into the municipal court; he said these two proposals might have to be voted on also, and there is no reason why we could not offer a counter-measure since the Council has gone on record as opposing the centralization of the courts. Mr. Stevens said he had gotten this idea at a meeting of City Managers from at least 12 cities, and each agreed to take the matter to their Councils for discussion.

Acting Mayor Blount noted that some weeks ago, a Court Committee composed of attorneys in the City had been reactivated by Mayor Isen to oppose centralization of the courts. There were no objections, and the matter was ordered referred to this Committee.

3. Mr. Stevens reminded the Council that the MWD trip is scheduled for February 18, 19, and 20, and that the trip will be made in several cars rather than a bus. He advised the Council he would keep them informed.

4. City Manager Stevens requested a personnel meeting with the Council for Monday, January 25, 1960.

There were no objections from the Council, and Mr. Stevens said he would notify them again before this date.

5. City Attorney Remelmeyer presented to the Council a Resolution for the annexation of certain territory to the City of Torrance. This is uninhabited territory located on the southeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Lomita Boulevard, owned primarily by Tony Aquini, who petitioned the City to annex this property. The effect of the Resolution will be to set the hearing date for February 23, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. to hear all protests, and if there is no majority protest it can be enacted.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3859

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ANNEX TO SAID CITY CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DESIGNATED AS "LOMITA-CRENSHAW ANNEXATION", AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS THERETO.

Councilman Jahn moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 3859.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3859.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

5. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain stated that at a meeting on December 8, the Bus Department submitted a recommendation that the Hollywood-Riviera line be extended approximately 2/10ths of a mile, and he asked for Council approval of this request.

In response to a question from Acting Mayor Blount, Mr. Chamberlain said that he recommended such a change.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Bus Superintendent Chamberlain.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, ordered carried.

6. Mrs. Ruth Fries, 24663 Pennsylvania Avenue, employed as Cashier in the City Treasurer's office, told the Council that she had moved to this address under the impression that it was in the City of Torrance. The address is approximately 30' to 50' beyond the Torrance boundary. Mrs. Fries said she had been given three extensions by the Civil Service Board to move back into the City, one of 3 months, one of 1 month, and the last of 2 weeks, this last extension expiring on January 20. Mrs. Fries said she had submitted a petition for the annexation of this area to the City, thinking that such action could be completed before these extensions expired. She stated she is unable to move and asked that the Council grant a further extension of time of at least 60 days or until the annexation proceedings go through.

Acting Mayor Blount informed Mrs. Fries that an extension of any kind must be to a specific date.

Upon questioning by Councilman Drale, Mrs. Fries said she rents at this location.

Councilman Drale felt that it would not be fair to other employees of the City of Torrance to allow any further extension of time. He felt that the Civil Service Board had been very generous in giving the previous extensions.

Councilman Drale moved that Mrs. Fries be given an extension of 2 weeks from this date, to January 26, 1960 to move into the City, and if she does not do so by this time, her services should be terminated.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Bradford and Isen absent.)

7. Councilman Drale moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance