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Marjorie Cunerty,
Secretary

Torrance, California
January 19, 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 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 1960 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Russell Lund led the salute to our Flag.

Mayor Isen said that the citizens and officials of Torrance were deeply saddened over the death of two of our most prominent citizens, Mr. Reed H. Parkin, former President of the Chamber of Commerce and outstanding civic leader, and the Reverend Joseph McArdle, Pastor of Nativity Catholic Church of Torrance. He advised that Councilman Benstead was attending the Rosary for Father McArdle this evening.

The Reverend Milton Sippel, Pastor of the First Christian Church, asked that the audience observe a minute of silence in honoring the memory of Father McArdle and Reed Parkin. Reverend Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 1960, as written.

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

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

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Mayor Isen showed to the Council and audience a Resolution which was presented to the City of Torrance by the California State Legislature congratulating Torrance and Konya, Turkey for participating as Sister Cities in President Eisenhower's "People to People" program. Mayor Isen asked that the City Manager prepare a letter of appreciation to Senator Richard Richards, and to also ascertain whether or not the City of Torrance could purchase an extra copy of the Resolution to send to its Sister City, Konya, Turkey.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. Letter from Messrs. Tymchak, Greengo, Amador and Swanson with reference to lighting in Tract 21588, near Illinois Court.

City Engineer Nollac advised that he had checked with the Edison Company on this and they advised that in the printing of the maps a few of the lots along 186th Street were cut off and the map did not show where the lights were to be placed. He said that the people in that area are in the assessment district and the lights for these streets are in the original standards. A change of work order will

be made and the lights will be installed in that area.

Mayor Isen moved that this letter be referred to the Engineering Department for answer.

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

2. Letter from Gilbert B. Myers, City Clerk, City of Rolling Hills, requesting permission to erect an additional sign in the City of Torrance. 1049

Councilman Jahn moved that this request be granted.

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

3. Letter from Gilbert Myers, City Clerk, City of Rolling Hills, requesting an appropriate marking on Crenshaw Boulevard to indicate the narrowing of the road at Rolling Hills Road. 1046?

Mayor Isen asked for a report on this from Director of Public Works Peebles.

Mr. Peebles advised that this matter is being studied.

Councilman Jahn moved that this letter be referred to the Traffic Commission and the Department of Public Works for study and recommendation.

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

4. Letter from Donald R. Fulton, re: incentive plan to reduce City Employee absenteeism. 1058

City Manager Stevens advised that this matter is being studied by management at this time.

Mayor Isen requested that Mr. Stevens answer this letter.

Councilman Beasley said it was his understanding that the Council had agreed to study these matters at a work shop meeting this month.

Councilman Drale said that many employees do not take advantage of sick leave and he thought there should be some type of compensation for these employees. He suggested that a paid up life insurance policy be given to employees after so many years with the City. He said that many industries are doing this.

Mayor Isen advised that this matter would be discussed at the work session of the Council to be held Monday, January 25, 1960 in the Council Chamber, 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Stevens advised he would present a report on this matter at that time.

5. Letter from City Treasurer, Harriett V. Leech re: extension of time to live outside City for Ruth Fries. 1019

Councilman Drale moved that the request for extension be denied.

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

6. Letter from A. D. Wilson, Realty Assistant, Acquisition and Disposal Division, General Services Administration, re: Torrance Annex to Long Beach Naval Shipyard. 1060

City Manager Stevens said he put this letter on the Agenda as a matter of interest; that the City had not solicited this. The letter was sent to various agencies advising that the land was available.

Councilman Jahn moved that this matter be brought up at the work session meeting of the Council on Monday, January 25, 1960.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. EXPENDITURES.

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1041 (a) To Jumbo Equipment Company for special service body for pick-up truck designed for Survey Crew, the sum of \$635.82. (Low bidder on the item.)

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1041 (b) To Keese Tank and Pump Company for 3,000 gallon storage pump, the sum of \$493.48. (Low bidder.)

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1041 (c) To Arrow Engineering Company, Inc. for engineering services during the month of December, 1959, the sum of \$2,034.25.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager on the three items under "Expenditures".

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

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e-86 2. Letter from City Manager Stevens dated January 14, 1960 recommending that effective January 1, 1960 the monthly fee payable to Mr. Green for collection of garbage and non-combustible rubbish, under the terms of his contract, be established at \$9,114.51.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

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

1017 3. Letter from City Manager Stevens dated January 14, 1960 re: Employee Health and Hospitalization Program, together with comparison chart of plans.

Upon request, Mayor Isen granted a point of personal privilege to Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Beasley said that he holds a State insurance agent's license for fire and casualty insurance; that he is associated on an agency basis with a man who is agent for one of the companies that is bidding on the employees' health and hospitalization program. He said he had no participating interest in the other agent's business; that they were simply two agencies associated together. Councilman Beasley advised that he does not hold an agent's license for life insurance or disability insurance and could therefore have no interest in such types of insurance, but because of his association with the agency that is bidding on this insurance, he would like the record to show that he would leave his seat in the Council Chamber and would remain outside the Council Chamber while the matter of employee insurance was being discussed.

1017 Councilman Beasley left the Council Chamber at 5:55 p.m.

Councilman Jahn said he had carefully studied the insurance report and the two plans offered to the employees. He said he did not want to dictate to the employees what plan to take, but it was his opinion that the benefits given under the Pacific Mutual plan

were the best.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Pacific Mutual group medical plan be approved and that this be referred to the City Manager to ascertain from the employees whether they wished the 80% plan or the 100% up to \$500.00 plan of Pacific Mutual.

Councilman Drale asked who would administer this plan.

City Manager Stevens advised that somebody would have to be appointed to administer the plan.

Councilman Drale said that group insurance is a specialty and he did not feel at the present time the City could go out and hire an employee who is familiar enough with the insurance business and pay the salary it would take to administer the plan.

Councilman Jahn said that in defense of his motion, the Blue Cross pays what the doctor and hospital bill and no one negotiates the claim. The Pacific Mutual checks the bills of the doctors and hospitals under their California Medical Association Relative Value Fee Schedule plan. This is a specific dollar control on charges to employees. It was his opinion it would only take a part-time employee to administer this plan. Councilman Jahn said he favored the Pacific Mutual Plan because he thought there were greater benefits to the employee under this plan and also because the cost would be less to both the employee and the city.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Mr. Albert Salcido stepped forward and said he would like to speak on behalf of the Council of United Employees, which Council embraces employees of the Police Department, miscellaneous employees, and employees of the Fire Department. He said representatives from those departments were present at this meeting.

Mr. Charles Oates said he was Chairman of the Wage and Insurance section of the Council and authorized Mr. Salcido to speak for his group and give recommendations on insurance.

Mr. J. M. Simmons said he was President of Local 1117, Miscellaneous Employees Union, and authorized Mr. Salcido to speak on behalf of his group.

Mr. Richard DeArmitt said he was President of the Torrance Firefighters Local No. 1138, and requested that Mr. Salcido as Chairman of the Council of United Employees speak on behalf of his Local.

Mr. Salcido said he thought Councilman Jahn's statements on the insurance plans were very good, however, the employees were primarily interested in benefits. He said as it was pointed out on the last page of the insurance comparison report the Pacific Mutual Plan is governed by a Relative Value Fee Schedule and is actually a scheduled program with the maximum of \$500.00 available, whereas the Blue Cross will pay the limit. He said this point has been discussed by the employees with Assistant City Manager Bone, and the employees have proposed to administer the insurance program themselves. He pointed out that the Blue Cross handles all its own claims. The employees have proposed getting a quarterly report from the insurance carrier, regardless of what plan is used, and going over the reports themselves. Mr. Salcido said in that manner the employees can police the insurance plan and try to eliminate the abuses of any plan that is taken.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Salcido which plan the employees are going to administer.

Mr. Salcido replied that the employees recommended the Blue Cross plan because they felt it is a better plan and it gives greater benefits. He said the employees would like to have quarterly reports from the insurance carrier so that they could examine the claims and the payments to doctors and hospitals and they would want to do this under any plan of insurance. The employees are primarily interested in insurance benefits and secondly in the cost of the insurance. Mr. Salcido referred

to Exhibit CC attached to Mr. Robinson's insurance survey where it is stated that the cost of the Blue Cross plan is \$37,000.00, which is approximately \$3,000.00 more than the present premium. He said the employees would recommend the acceptance of the Alternate Blue Cross plan. This plan would cost approximately \$15,000.00 more, but the employees are willing to pay the difference because they feel the plan is superior to the other insurance plans offered. He said the cost to the City is an increase of less than \$3,000.00 and the employees are willing to pay the extra \$15,000.00. Mr. Salcido advised that this has been discussed with Assistant City Manager Bone, and the employees feel they can police the plan and have a better experience than they have had in the past because there has been no policing of the insurance plan in the past.

Councilman Blount said he seconded Councilman Jahn's motion because he thought it was well taken. He said from experience where he works it was found that the Blue Cross plan started out at a reasonable rate and then went sky high, and other big companies who once had Blue Cross do not now have it because apparently they were not satisfied with the plan. Councilman Blount told City Manager Stevens that he saw no reason why an extra person should be hired to administer an insurance plan. Where he works the Public Relations office handles insurance matters and they have 400 more employees than the City does. He said Mr. Stevens said in his recommendation that he did not want to hire another employee. Councilman Blount said he would vote "no" on this if another employee was hired to administer the plan.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Beasley returned to the Council Chamber at 6:10 p.m.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

- 1059
 1. Memorandum from T. E. Donovan, Personnel Assistant, forwarding resume of Civil Service Board actions taken January 6, 1960.

Mayor Isen noted that the Council had been given a complete set of Minutes of the Civil Service Board and a list of persons completing their tenure in Civil Service and list of persons completing probation period. He said that the mere fact the Council has been supplied with this for information only does not imply the Council is for or against any individuals and that they should be blanketed in because it goes through channels.

City Manager Stevens said this was not intended, that the list was for information only.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIC CENTER PROMOTION COMMITTEE:

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 1. Report of James Becker, Chairman, Civic Center Promotion Committee, submitting report of activities to date, and recommendations of the Committee.

Mr. Roy C. Bayer of 2544 Sierra Street, Torrance, said he is a member of the Civic Center Promotion Committee and was representing Mr. Becker who was unable to attend this meeting.

Councilman Drale moved that this matter be held over for the work session meeting of the Council on Monday, January 25th.

Councilman Beasley said that three or four of the items covered in the report were things considerably in the future, and the Committee had expressed themselves as being unable to go any further without having a master plan. He said he did not see how much could be accomplished now until someone with technical skills was available to work with the Committee and the Council. There were also matters of policy that would have to be decided over a period of time.

Councilman Jahn said that on Item 2 concerning leasing of buildings to Community Service Organizations, and Item 5 concerning financing of the project on a lease-purchase plan, that he would want some expert advice on these matters to help him make a decision.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Councilman Jahn, saying that he did not know whether Community Service Organizations were properly a part of a Civic Center development, and he would also want some expert guidance on the matter before making any decision.

Mr. Bayer advised the Council that the items in the Civic Center Committee's report were merely recommendations and a report of what the Committee has been doing and what they want. The Committee felt the time has come when they need expert help to answer the same questions raised by members of the Council. Mr. Bayer said the Committee has gone as far as they can at this time, and they now want to sit down with someone who could put it into a master plan.

Mayor Isen said he thought a joint meeting between the Civic Center Promotion Committee, the City Council and interested agencies should be the next order of business.

Considerable discussion followed regarding architect's fees and the placing of community service organizations on a civic center site. 1661

Councilman Jahn moved that this be referred to Management for negotiations for a formal contract with an architect, but in no way to be under the scale or fee set up by the architects association; that the City select for the master planning of the Civic Center development the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright of Long Beach.

Councilman Drale said he thought these recommendations should come from the City Manager or the Department of Public Works. He said the Council was being hasty in selecting an architect and that he did not know whether the Adams firm of architects was qualified. He recommended that the matter be studied more carefully before making any decisions.

Councilman Jahn said he was familiar with the type of work done by the Long Beach firm of architects and he felt that firm had adequate facilities to handle this matter, that is why he made his motion.

Discussion followed regarding qualifications of various firms of architects.

Mayor Isen said he was convinced as to the ability and integrity of the Adams firm of architects, as evidenced by the fine work they have done on other projects in Torrance. He thought a more simple motion should be made.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

Mayor Isen moved that this matter be referred to the City Manager to negotiate with the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright for the preparation of a master plan, and that the City Manager report back to the Council the result of the negotiations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if this was not a Public Works matter.

City Attorney Remelmeyer replied that it is primarily a question of policy. The construction of the building would come under Public Works, but on this level it is a question of policy and administration.

Councilman Drale said that under the City Charter any bill over \$2,000.00 must be let to bid.

Councilman Bradford advised that architects will not bid, they will present a fee schedule only. He thought the Council should determine policies before talking to architects.

Motion failed to carry by the following roll call tie vote:

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

Councilman Blount said he agreed with Councilman Bradford that the Council is putting the cart before the horse. He said no matter how competent an architect is, he cannot make the decisions. He said the Council should make some policy decisions before they talk to an architect.

Mayor Isen said a Pre-Council meeting would be held with the Civic Center Promotion Committee on Tuesday, January 26, 1960 at 6:30 p.m., and asked that the City Clerk notify all interested parties of the meeting date.

Mayor Isen called a recess at 6:25 p.m. with the Council reconvening at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Isen requested that Mr. Shadduck of Boy Scout Troop 315 be heard out of turn on the agenda. There were no objections.

Mr. Herb Shadduck said he was head of the Harbor District Training Committee of the Boy Scouts of America and also Committee member of local Boy Scout Troop No. 315. He said this year is the 50th anniversary of the Scout program and troop No. 315 would like to make this anniversary a special occasion.

Mayor Isen requested that City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare an appropriate Resolution for the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Scouting.

Mr. Shadduck presented to the Council Mr. Wisdom, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 315. Mr. Wisdom requested permission for Troop No. 315 to have an overnight camp on February 6th and 7th in the parkway at El Prado and Cravens. The Scouts will present camping demonstrations as a kickoff for Boy Scout Week in Torrance.

Councilman Blount said inasmuch as he lives across the street from the proposed Scout Camp site that he had better make the motion. He said the Scouts have camped there before and they did an excellent job and no one in the neighborhood was disturbed.

Councilman Blount moved that if the Recreation Department has no objections, the request of Troop No. 315 to camp on the parkway at El Prado and Cravens on February 6th and 7th be granted.

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

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Shadduck and Mr. Wisdom to present their request to the Recreation Commission at its next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. BUILDING DIVISION. Letter from John B. Cogan, Del Amo Recreation Center, Inc., submitting request for permission to erect a sign for the Gable House Bowl at 22501 Hawthorne Avenue, with comments of Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspections.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspections.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale

Mr. Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, said a correction should be made in the second sentence of paragraph 2 of his recommendation. The word "curb" should read "curve". 1063

Councilman Beasley amended his motion to concur with the recommendation as corrected.

Councilman Drale seconded the amended motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. ENGINEERING DIVISION.

- (a) Arlington Avenue Improvement Sly. of Del Amo Blvd. Letter dated January 14, 1960 to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting plans and cost estimate of project for City Council approval. 1064

City Manager Stevens recommended the appropriation of \$11,000.00 from the unappropriated reserve to make up the deficit on this project.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager.

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

City Manager Stevens said that proceedings should be started on the vacation of a portion of Arlington Avenue as soon as possible. 1064

Councilman Jahn 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 and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order.

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

- (b) Request of City of Los Angeles for Consent of City of Torrance on 1911 Act Sewer Improvement in vicinity of Western Avenue and 205th Street. Letter dated January 14, 1960 to City Manager Stevens, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending approval, together with copy of letter dated January 8, 1960 from City of Los Angeles. 1065

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3862

RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE ASSUMPTION OF JURISDICTION BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE 205TH STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE "IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911", BEING DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAY CODE. 1065

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3862.

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

2. ENGINEERING DIVISION (Cont'd.)

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- (c) Traffic Sign Installations - Cost Estimates. Letter dated January 14, 1960 to City Mgr. Stevens from City Engr. Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works, submitting breakdown of costs for Items 1 and 2 of Recommendations of Traffic Commission, as requested by City Council on January 12, 1960.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Items 1 and 2 of the Traffic Commission report of January 14, 1960.

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

- 1066
- (d) Transmittal of Grant Deed from O. R. and Maxine J. Brown. Letter dated Jan. 14, 1960 from W.M. Nollac, City Engr. countersigned by Director of Public Works, approved by City Mgr and City Attorney submitting for acceptance deed for widening of Crenshaw Blvd., legally described as a portion of Lot 45 of McDonald Tract, together with location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the grant deed.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 1072
1. Letter from Robt. P. Burbank, Distr. Sales Mgr. for So. Calif. Edison Co. re providing electrical service to Aeronca Mfg., together with copy of letter dated Jan. 13, 1960 from Edison to Aeronca and copy of letter to Edison from Airport Manager.

City Manager Stevens said that Airport Manager Egan has advised him that this will not interfere with the flight pattern at the airport and he would therefore recommend that Edison be granted a temporary permit.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens.

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

- 1067
2. Letter from Thomas B. Abrams, Pres. Airport Commission, submitted by Airport Manager, transmitting recommendation of Airport Commission re. installation of water line in the 100 x 100 sites, together with location sketch.

City Manager Stevens said that there are some other airport matters on the agenda under "Oral Communications" that approach being critical and which involve money and he thought they ought to be considered now so that too much money is not spent at one time.

Mayor Isen said the Council would hold this item up on the water lines until the other matters had been introduced by Mr. Stevens.

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City Manager Stevens said that last week he received a telephone call from Mr. George Gary, District Engineer for the Airport, and Mr. Gary advised him they were processing the application for Federal funds and were giving careful consideration to the City's application for a tower. The tower is to cost \$130,000.00 with the Government paying \$70,000.00 and the City paying \$60,000.00. Mr. Stevens said that in the application for the tower it was stated that there would be

\$40,000.00 available. Mr. Gary said if the City could give him a letter assuring the other \$20,000.00 he thought it would have a better chance of getting by, and that he, Mr. Gary, would personally take the letter to the F.A.A. City Manager Stevens said the City spends approximately \$20,000.00 a year for the operation of a tower, and the cost could be saved in three years. He said he does not know yet whether the application will be approved, but Mr. Gary indicated they were giving it very careful consideration. He asked that the Council approve his action of writing a letter guaranteeing the \$20,000.00.

City Manager Stevens said the second matter which approached the critical was that he received a letter from the airport insurance carrier advising that they would not renew the airport insurance after March 1st unless the City advanced money to erect a fence and build an access road. He said Mr. Robinson, our insurance consultant, is attempting to get another bid, and so are other insurance brokers in the City, but he felt there was a problem here and it involves a large sum of money. Mr. Stevens said if the City has no insurance on the airport it would be in a most serious position, however he believed that insurance could be obtained before March 1st. 1052

Mayor Isen said that the Council would now consider Item 2 under Airport Matters relating to the installation of a water line. 1067

Councilman Blount moved that the Council concur with the motion of the Airport Commission in which they recommended, for sanitary and fire prevention purposes and the fact that the City will sell water to lessees, and it will create more interest in the airport, that the City order the construction of the lines as marked out "AA" and "BB" on the exhibit; that the funds for such construction work are to come from the Water Department's resources and that at the time the work is completed the City Manager and the Water Department Superintendent get together and figure out a way of repayment from the Airport fund.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the action taken by City Manager Stevens of writing a letter to Mr. Gary, District Engineer for the Airport, assuring the sum of \$20,000.00 on the cost of the airport tower. 1011

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Jahn said the Airport Committee met with the Wilsons and the Wilsons were unable to give an answer on whether they would be able to build a tower. The Wilsons agreed to go back and present their findings to this Council not later than tonight. Councilman Jahn said he did not see the Wilsons or any of their representatives in the audience so he assumed they could not meet the criteria of the City in order to complete the contract. He said in view of this he thought the City would have to go ahead per Mr. Stevens' recommendation and build the tower. 1011

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 3. Letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting "Second Modification of Lease" for El Rancho Rolling Hills, together with Resolution authorizing execution of same.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3863

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF SECOND MODIFICATION OF LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EL RANCHO ROLLING HILLS, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMMENCING AND COMPLETION OF NEW CONSTRUCTION. 1068

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3863.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3863.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY.

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1. Letter from City Attorney with reference to the repeal of hazard area Ordinance in the South Torrance Oil Fields, with excerpt from Staff Minutes of January 11, 1960 meeting attached.

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Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, to remove the building ban on March 1, 1960.

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

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Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens said it was not clear to him whether District No. 3 was included in lifting the ban.

Mayor Isen said the record should show that the building ban would be lifted in Narbonne Ranch Water District No. 2, the district which the City is taking over.

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2. Communication and Statement from Newlin, Tackabury & Johnston for costs and legal services re: Dominguez Water Corporation. (California Supreme Court - S.F. No. 20371)

Mayor Isen said he had read Mr. Tackabury's Writ of Review and thought it was a masterpiece.

Councilman Drale moved that the bill of Newlin, Tackabury & Johnston for legal services in the sum of \$3,893.88 be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3864

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO WITHDRAW SUCH PORTION OF COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 13 WHICH INCLUDES BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3864.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Letter dated January 13, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting recommendations of City Engineer Nollac re proposed Quitclaim of reserved easement to Walteria Assembly of God.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Engineer Nollac.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3865

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A DEED QUITCLAIMING TO THE WALTERIA ASSEMBLY OF GOD CERTAIN RESERVED EASEMENTS IN 244th STREET.

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Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3865.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its Second Reading:

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.

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Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1149 at its second reading.

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

2. Letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting Ordinance revising Article II of Chapter 2 relating to the Planning Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" GOVERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW ARTICLE II RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

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Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1150 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following

roll call vote:

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

Councilman Beasley said he voted against this ordinance because of a letter he had received today about it.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1057 Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of January 17-23, 1960 as "Printing Week" and requested that the citizens of Torrance join him in paying honor to the graphic arts industry for the great contributions they have made to the progress of our nation and the world.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

0 1. City Manager Stevens presented monthly report from Koebig & Koebig to the Council.

1078 2. City Manager Stevens said he had received an emergency request for the sum of \$630.00 to install three new heaters in the Police Department, and he recommended the Council approve this.

1041 Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that three new heaters be installed in the Police Department.

1042 Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Benstead absent.)

1079 3. Airport Manager Egan advised the Council that Catalina Airlines have not complied with the insurance provision of their Agreement, and he recommended that Catalina be declared in default of the Agreement and that authorization for Catalina to operate at the Airport be withdrawn.

C-12 Councilman Blount told Mr. Egan he thought he was late with his recommendation as this condition has existed for almost a year.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the late recommendation of Airport Manager Egan.

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

Councilman Blount said he thought this matter should be handed to the City Attorney for immediate action.

1045 4. City Manager Stevens advised he received copy of letter addressed to Vincent Thomas from the P.U.C. in which the P.U.C. approved funds for the signalization of Arlington at the Santa Fe tracks. He said the City had asked for half of the cost from the P.U.C., however, they only give the cities one-half of the cost where the city in turn pays half. In other words the P.U.C. pays no more than one-fourth the cost.

Mayor Isen asked that City Manager Stevens send a letter of thanks to Vincent Thomas for his help in this matter.

1041 5. City Manager Stevens said he had been asked to report on the new smog-proof muffler that the County is testing. He advised that the County has a number in use for test purposes, but they are prototypes and there are none in production.

1118 6. City Manager Stevens advised that the City of Gardena has passed a resolution similar to the one passed by Torrance opposing the centralization of the Municipal Courts.

7. Councilman Beasley moved that the Council send a cablegram to the Mayor of Konya, Turkey and his wife inviting them to visit the City of Torrance during Konya Week, and also send a similar wire to the Turkish Ambassador in Washington, D.C. 1056

City Manager Stevens advised that he received a telephone call from Mr. E. Snowden Chambers of Washington D.C. asking him to invite the Turkish Ambassador. The Mayor of Konya is to make a visit to Washington, D.C.

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

8. Councilman Bradford requested that the Traffic Commission investigate the conditions in the alley between El Prado and Marcelina adjoining the A & P parking lots. Automobiles park in such a manner that the entrance to the alley is blocked off and in case of an emergency fire trucks or police could not enter the alley. 1082

9. Councilman Jahn asked what happened to the signal at Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevard. He said he would like an official report on this. 1081

Director of Public Works Peebles said he could not answer that question, but he will find out and report back to the Council.

10. Mayor Isen said he and Councilman Blount attended a League of California Cities Directors meeting about ten days ago and found the meeting to be unusually informative. The League is holding quarterly meetings now and are in search of a sponsor host city for the March 17th meeting. He said the last time the League of California Cities had a meeting in Torrance was eight or nine years ago. He and Councilman Blount extended an invitation to the League to hold its March meeting in Torrance, subject to the League picking up the tab and subject to the Jumping Jack Restaurant being available on that date. He said he would like to officially extend an invitation on behalf of the Council and the City to hold the March meeting in Torrance. 1080

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Mayor that an official invitation be extended to the League of California Cities to hold its March 17th meeting in the City of Torrance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections; so ordered.

11. Mayor Isen said he read in the newspaper where the City of Burbank is building a nine million dollar addition to its city hall and is getting \$200,000.00 from the government because the building will house civil defense facilities. He thought the City should explore this and see whether it is possible to get Federal funds in connection with the Civil Defense Program as the Civil Defense headquarters is in Torrance. He asked that City Manager Stevens look into this. 1083

12. Mr. Graziadio, representing Airport Plaza, asked the Council what action is going to be taken on the airport service road. As the service road will adjoin the Airport Plaza property, it is important to them to know immediately when it will go in. Mr. Graziadio thought the entire site should be graded at one time from the standpoint of good planning and economy.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Graziadio what useful purpose the access road would serve Airport Plaza.

Mr. Graziadio replied that it would service the back of the stores. If the service road was not going in they would have to move the buildings forward. The road is important in the over-all plan to the development and it would connect the rest of the service area with Crenshaw Boulevard. 1012

City Manager Stevens said the insurance carrier is also interested in this service road.

Councilman Blount asked if the City rough-graded that portion of the road if it would serve the purpose of Airport Plaza.

Mr. Graziadio said they would be glad to grade it at the same time the property is graded.

Councilman Blount said in that case the City might find some asphalt.

Mr. Graziadio said he would leave the matter in the hands of the Council for decision.

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13. A gentleman in the audience stepped forward and gave his name as Mr. Koshak. He said he has been a resident in Torrance for many years. The past month he has had occasion to go to the City Engineer's office many times for information and advice. Mr. Koshak said the Council should be told what a fine job the Engineering Department is doing. They are very cooperative and helpful and their assistance to him was outstanding. He said as a citizen he wanted the Council to know what a fine job he thought the Engineering Department was doing.

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14. Mrs. Clara Shield stepped forward and said she was a resident of Torrance and worked at the South Bay May Co. store. She asked that the bus schedule be changed to accomodate the workers at May Co.

Mayor Isen requested that Mrs. Shields present her request to Mr. Chamberlain, Superintendent of the Bus Department, as the Council did not have the authority to change bus schedules.

15. Councilman Jahn moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. (Benstead absent.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. to reconvene on Monday, January 25, 1960 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Marjorie Cunerty,
Secretary