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Torrance, California
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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, March 1, 1960, in the Council Chamber City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. William Hanson, Chairman of the Library Commission, led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Peter Lee of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 1960, as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. Miscellaneous recommendations.

The following recommendations are submitted for your consideration and approval:

EXPENDITURES:

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- (1) To Western Badge and Trophy Company for purchase of 11,000 Award Ribbons for the Recreation Department, the sum of \$330.00 plus tax. (A Budget Item.)

Bids Received:	Western Badge and Trophy Co.-----	\$330.00
	Mason Badge Products -----	381.00
	L.A. Stamp & Stationery Co. -----	No Bid

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- (2) To Municipal Parts Company for the purchase of a conveyor belt for Street Sweeper, the sum of \$470.74. (A Budget Item)

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- (3) To Smith Booth Usher for repair of Austin Western Roller #664, the sum of \$901.26. (A Budget Item.)

MISCELLANEOUS:

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- (1) Attached is a proposed Agreement, which would employ J.B. Hanaue and Company as financial consultants for financing improvements at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

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- (2) Several weeks ago the City of Rolling Hills requested certain street painting at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road. The Public Works Department estimates that the cost of this work would be approximately \$175.00. I recommend that the work be performed by the City of Torrance, as a good traffic control measure and also good City relationship. A map of the proposed work will be available at the Council meeting.

Councilman Beasley moved that items (1), (2), and (3) under "Expenditures" and item (2) under "Miscellaneous" be approved as recommended by the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved that item (1) under "Miscellaneous" be approved. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Fieldman of Hanauer Company stated there would be no obligation or charge as stated in the agreement if such agreement were approved.

Councilman Drale moved to table this matter for sixty (60) days. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Communication from City Attorney Remelmeyer requesting permission to attend City Attorneys' Spring Meeting in Monterey, April 24-26. 1039

Councilman Blount moved to approve the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Recommendation of M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, regarding proposed sale of bus frame, with comment of City Manager Stevens. It is recommended that Mr. Donald J. Ronnons' offer of \$25.00 be accepted. 1164

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of Bus Superintendent Chamberlain. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. RESUBMITTED. Memorandum from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens, regarding proposed sites for location of bus depot and plans for same. 1158

Councilman Blount moved to approve the bus site location no. II - vicinity of El Prado Avenue and Border Avenue with the stipulation that the bus depot only be built. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Supplement to report on swimming pool maintenance, submitted by Director of Public Works Peebles. 1006

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting historical report on signalization of intersection at Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevards. e-151

Councilman Blount inquired as to the status of this project. City Manager Stevens stated the County had verbally approved the plans but they will not send them back to us until they have obtained their right-of-way and they estimated this would take at least one more week. Locally, our Engineering Department has sent out the right-of-way request to Standard Oil and Union Oil. 1066

Mayor Isen ordered the report filed and asked that a weekly report be given to the Council as to the progress on this project.

4. Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles with reference to proposed improvements of Del Amo Boulevard, from east city limits to west city limits. 1165

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Councilman Jahn moved the request be forwarded to the County in the amount of \$175,000 for the improvement of Del Amo Blvd. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved the City do the preliminary survey so that it can be ascertained where the right-of-way has got to go, then design and even start doing some grading and construction on the segment first between Maple and Crenshaw, second between Crenshaw and Western Avenue, third between Maple and Hawthorne and fourth between Hawthorne and the city limits. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

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5. Request of Maine Construction Company, by E. Weinberg, Agent, for permission to install oversize signs at four different locations, with recommendation of Sup't of Building Inspections Schlens.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Sup't of Building Inspections Schlens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

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6. Tract No. 25033 - Proposed Reimbursement Dist. No. 13. Supplemental Report. Report to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles. - Sewering this tract.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of City Engineer Nollac. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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7. Parking Restrictions - Sepulveda Blvd. from Madrona Ave. to Arlington Avenue. Memo to City Manager Stevens from Traffic Engineer Whitmer, endorsed by Director of Public Works Peebles and City Engineer Nollac submitting Resolution prohibiting parking on Sepulveda Blvd. between Madrona Ave. and Arlington Ave.

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 Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3882

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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".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3882. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

8. Grant Deeds for Street Widening - Letter of transmittal from City Engineer Nollac, endorsed by Director of Public Works Peebles approved by City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting grant deeds for acceptance as follows:

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a) Widening of 182nd Street, Deed dated December 22, 1959, from John and Iva E. Salm, for a portion of Lot 68, McDonald Tract.
b) Widening 170th and 171st Streets, deed dated November 9, 1959 from Eleanor Z. Drale, for a portion of Lot 54, La Fresa Tract.

Mayor Isen moved to accept the deeds. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

- 1. Communication from Mr. A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of the Water Department regarding renting the flat area near the City's Ocean Avenue pumping plant for storage of nursery plants in flats to Mr. Taniguchi.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar with the stipulation that the flats not be stacked one on top of the other. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION:

- 1. William J. Hanson, President, Torrance Library Commission, submitting recommendations regarding Capital Improvements for the 1960-61 Library Budget.

Mayor Isen moved this matter be referred for consideration in the 1960-61 budget meetings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

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RESOLUTIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3883

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR A POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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Councilman Jahn moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 3883. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3883. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

- 1. With his letter of March 1, 1960, the City Clerk presented for second reading Ordinance No. 1159, which was approved at its first reading on February 23, 1960, with all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1159

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESIGNATED AS "LOMITA-CRENSHAW ANNEXATION" IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939".

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1159 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With his letter of March 1, 1960, the City Clerk presented for second reading Ordinance No. 1160, which carried by roll call vote with Councilmen Blount, Bradford and Jahn voting "No", all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1160

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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. 593, DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 61 AND ALL OF LOT 62, LA FRESA TRACT SITUATED ON 168th STREET AND CRANBROOK, FROM A-1 TO R-1, R-2 and R-3.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1160 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford and Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. City Manager Stevens stated that in his last report on the status of the location of the Walteria Lake Sump was that the City should appoint an appraiser and the district would appoint an appraiser. The district has done this. During the past week, Mr. Stevens stated he had contacted three appraisers and had received bids from two of them. Mr. Stevens recommended the Council authorize him to employ one of the three appraisers since this project should move forward. The basic appraisal report should not exceed \$1650 and the per diem cost in court not to exceed \$100 per day.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with City Manager Stevens' recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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2. City Manager Stevens stated that he had received a report from the Director of Public Works Peebles dated March 1, 1960 regarding the Maricopa Cross Gutter and handed a copy to each Councilman.

Mayor Isen ordered the report filed and if any of the Councilmen wish to comment on same they could do so at the next regular meeting.

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3. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the judge had signed the order to give the City immediate possession of the condemned portion of Arlington Avenue.

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4. Public Works Director Peebles called the Council's attention to item I-4 on the agenda regarding the proposed improvement of Del Amo Blvd. stating that if this project is given top priority in the Engineering Department that other projects would be delayed.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles to present a report to the Council next week regarding the status of such projects, which projects would come to a standstill, and the proposed man-hours for the Del Amo project.

5. Councilman Beasley inquired regarding the curbs and gutters on Crenshaw Blvd. in the Howard Tract. Mr. Peebles stated that he would present a report on this matter at the next regular council meeting.

6. Councilman Bradford moved that the City Attorney prepare a resolution commending Fire Chief Benner and his staff for the outstanding work they are performing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered. Councilman Bradford asked this Resolution be perma-plaques for presentation.
7. Councilman Drale stated 220th Street between Abalone and Western Avenue needs resurfacing and the crown is high.
8. Councilman Drale stated that Arrow Brands have put in their curbs and gutters and inquired about the easement. Public Works Director Peebles stated a letter had been sent to them in this regard.
9. Councilman Drale inquired regarding the sand condition at Paseo de la Playa. Assistant City Attorney Dower stated a letter had been forwarded to the Don-Ja Ron Company this date. 1152
10. Mayor Isen announced the California League of Cities Directors' Meeting would be held Thursday evening at the Roger Young Auditorium.
11. Assistant City Attorney Dower stated that Assemblyman Thomas would not be available to come to a Council meeting to accept a perma-plaques resolution until after April 1. The resolution had been drafted and would be presented to the Council in the very near future.
12. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett

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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Minutes taken by Margaret Beavers

Council Minutes
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The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 8, 1960 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Senior Administrative Assistant Robert Carleson were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Police Sgt. Hahn led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of February 29 and March 1, 1960, as written.

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

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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

HEARINGS:

1. CASE NO. 597 - CHANGE OF ZONE - R. A. Watt. Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on the petition of R. A. Watt for a Change of Zone from R-3 and A-1 to R-1 on Lot 43 and a portion of Lot 42 in Tract 2895, situated 300 feet east of the intersection of Victor Street and Del Amo Boulevard on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard for the purpose of constructing single-family residences. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval. Attached were a plot plan; location sketch; excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of December 2, 1959; and protest of William H. and Vivienne I. Compton. 1033

Councilman Jahn moved to appoint Robert Carleson as Clerk of the Council for the conduct of tonight's meeting.

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

Council Clerk Carleson presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Affidavit be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard in regard to Case No. 597. There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission on Case No. 597.

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

2. CASE NO. 615 - VARIANCE - James Cloward. Hearing before the City Council on petition of James Cloward for a Variance to 1033

construct a rental in addition to existing dwelling on Lot 133, Tract 15933, situated at 18525 Ashley Avenue in Zone R-1. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval. Attached were Exhibit "A" (Plot Plan); Location sketch; and excerpts from the February 3, 1960 Planning Minutes.

Council Clerk Carleson presented the Affidavit of Publication, and it was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on Case No. 615; there was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved that the hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 615.

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

- 1033 3. CASE NO. 616 - VARIANCE - Nolan & White. Hearing before the City Council on petition of Nolan & White for a Variance to construct retail stores in addition to existing stores on a portion of Lot 43, McDonald Tract, situated at the south side of 182nd Street approximately 325 feet west of Crenshaw Boulevard in Land Use Zone R-2. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval. Attached were Exhibit "A"; Location sketch; and Excerpt from February 3, 1960 Planning Minutes.

Council Clerk Carleson presented the Affidavit of Publication, and it was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on Case No. 616, but there was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved that the hearing be closed.

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

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

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

- 1033 4. CASE NO. 618 - VARIANCE - Harry A. Peterson, et al. Hearing before the City Council on the petition of Harry A. Peterson et al for a Variance to construct three additional buildings in addition to existing buildings on a portion of Lot 55, Block 5, McDonald Tract, situated at 17504 South Arlington. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval. Attached were Exhibit "A"; Location sketch; and Excerpt from February 3, 1960 Planning Commission Minutes.

Council Clerk Carleson presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved that the Affidavit be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on Case No. 618, but there was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved that the hearing be closed.

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

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

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

- 1033 5. CASE NO. 621 - VARIANCE - C. N. Cake. Hearing before the City Council on the petition of C. N. Cake for a Variance to construct a car wash on Terrance Boulevard between Hawthorne and Amie,

being Lot 1, Tract 3458, in Zone C-3. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval. Attached were Exhibit "A"; Exhibit "B"; and Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of February 17, 1960.

Council Clerk Carleson presented the Affidavit of Publication, and it was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved that the hearing be closed.

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

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

Motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn questioned whether the cars coming out of the car wash would have to be parked and dried at the end of the car wash run, thereby creating a traffic problem on Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. C. N. Cake stated the cars would be dried on the rack, and that the cars coming off the rack would be turned around and could be taken back the other direction on the west side of the car wash.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPOINTMENT:

1. Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, told the Council the Chamber felt the public should be more aware of Armed Forces Day, and they proposed to hold an Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 21, 1960, which will take the place of the Rancho Days Parade held the past few years. Mr. Fitzgerald asked the permission of the Council to hold this type of parade, saying that the Chamber Board has given its approval and Mr. Jack Phillips has been appointed Chairman of the Armed Forces Day celebration. He stated they would like to use the space behind the City Hall for static displays and military exhibits. 1173

Councilman Drale moved that the City support the program.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Jahn.

In reply to questions from several of the Councilmen, Mr. Fitzgerald said the proposed plans involve some expenses to the City such as putting up the stands and providing for Police officers to control traffic. He stated further that the Secretary of Defense has approved the parade subject to the approval of the City Council and he will assign military officers to work with Chamber officials.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. WAIVERS. A letter dated March 3, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval of requests for waivers as follows: 1036

a. W-138, John I. Bainer, 2516 Lesserman Street.

b. W-141, D. C. Cano, 20556 Amie Avenue.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, on Waivers W-138 and W-141.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated February 24, 1960 from Richard Carpenter, Executive Director and General Counsel, League of California Cities, asked the City to request Governor Brown to include in the call for the 1960 Special Session reconsideration of the subject matter of 1080

SB-789, pertaining to the Allocation of Unrefunded Fuel Taxes for Airport Purposes.

Mayor Isen stated he had had the honor of being appointed Chairman of the Airport Affairs Committee of the League of California Cities, and that the above communication was received with the request for immediate action. He thought a telegram should be sent to Governor Brown making such a request.

Councilman Jahn moved that such a telegram be sent.

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

Mayor Isen requested City Manager Stevens to send the telegram tomorrow on behalf of the Council.

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2. A letter dated February 23, 1960 from Albert M. Salcido, Chairman of the Torrance Council of United Employees requested a meeting with the Council to discuss longevity pay.

Mayor Isen noted it has been the policy of the Council to refer such matters to the City Manager to be brought up along with the regular budget.

Councilman Drale moved that the request be referred to the budget study, with the statement that longevity pay should be given some consideration.

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

Mr. Albert Salcido stated this request had been discussed with the Council last year at budget time and they were asked to submit it again after Thanksgiving. He said they were hopeful of having it considered for inclusion in the next fiscal budget.

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Salcido the request should go through the regular channels prior to a meeting with the Council so that City Manager Stevens would be in a position to make recommendations.

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3. Verified Claim of Ada L. Brown, submitted by the law firm of Plotnik, Deems and Winn, 6642 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 28, for alleged injuries and damages resulting from an accident which occurred on Post Avenue near the Fox Market on December 12, 1959.

Councilman Beasley moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. With his letter of March 4, 1960 City Manager Stevens submitted the following recommendations for consideration and approval.

PERSONNEL:

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1. That the Director of Public Works be authorized to attend the Public Works Conference in Fresno May 16-18, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

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2. That Lt. G. R. Rethwisch be authorized to attend the State Juvenile Officers' Association Conference in Monterey March 22-25, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

EXPENDITURES:

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1. To Mutual Liquid Gas for monthly rental of Butane tank plus liquid gas used, the sum of \$500.00.

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+ 1041
2. For purchase of one surplus T.D.-18 tractor with angle dozer, the sum of \$500.00. (Surplus property.)

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. It is recommended that the sale of antiquated and surplus equipment indicated on a list attached be sold. The equipment has been declared surplus by the Public Works Department. 1164

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Attached were two resolutions submitted by the State of California Division of Highways for approval. Copies of the Memorandum of Agreement were available at the Council meeting.

Under Miscellaneous, Item 1, City Manager Stevens asked that there be added to the list of surplus equipment as Item 12 one (1) 1950 Ford V-8 4-door sedan, License No. E-47990.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve all items under Personnel, Expenditures, and Miscellaneous.

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

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

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

At the request of the Council, City Manager Stevens reviewed the intent of the two Resolutions. The first Resolution provides for the signing of the Master Agreement for budgeting for the expenditures of engineering allocation for streets under Section 21075 of the Streets and Highways Code, and it merely sets up the program for 1960-1961, with no individual projects listed. In order to get this going, and in order that we get our maintenance funds coming in automatically, it is necessary to adopt this Resolution at an early date.

The other Resolution is actually a supplemental agreement which covers the following projects:

- (1) Project 65 - Maintenance of major highways for the fiscal period June 1, 1959 through July 1, 1959, \$106,000.
- (2) Project 66 - 174th Street, Traffic Signals and Safety Lighting at Arlington Avenue.
- (3) Project 67 - 174th Street at Crenshaw Boulevard, modified traffic signals.
- (4) Project 68 - Hawthorne Boulevard at Del Amo, installation of traffic signals and safety lighting.
- (5) Project 69 - Arlington Avenue from Del Amo south to existing Arlington Avenue north of Dominguez Street. (Mr. Stevens noted we will be going to bid on this soon.)
- (6) Project 70 - Crenshaw Boulevard from 160th Street to 174th Street, re-surfacing and channelization.
- (7) Project 71 - Western Avenue from 190th Street to Torrance Boulevard, re-surfacing and storm drain.
- (8) Project 72 - Hawthorne Boulevard at Carson Street, installation of traffic signals and safety lighting. (This has been completed.)

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3884

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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FOR EXPENDITURES OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR
MAJOR CITY STREETS.

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3884.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll
call vote.

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3885

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE
MASTER AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS
ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF THE
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3885.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll
call vote.

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2. In his letter of February 29, 1960 City Manager Stevens recommended
the employment by the City of a trained parking meter technician to
maintain the parking meters and to make collections.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr.
Stevens, with such reasonable safeguards as can be maintained.

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

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Councilman Benstead noted that a great many of the parking meters
in the areas where the most revenue is received are in very bad shape,
and he moved that the parking meter heads be taken from some of the
meters along Torrance Boulevard to be used in these sections, the
repaired meters then to be replaced on Torrance Boulevard.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. In his letter of March 8, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented
for acceptance by the Council a Tax Deed dated January 15, 1960,
covering the east 34 feet of Lot 2, Tract No. 8857, purchased under
terms set forth in Agreement No. 1127 with the County of Los Angeles
and the State of California, for the purchase of tax-delinquent
property. This parcel was acquired for street widening purposes, and
is located north of Del Amo Boulevard and west of Arlington Avenue.

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Councilman Blount moved to accept the tax deed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale pointed out the fact that there is a building
on this lot in which people are living, and acceptance of the lot
and building would involve a liability on the part of the City. He
asked that the City's liability be determined prior to acceptance of
the deed.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered the matter
referred to the Department of Public Works and the City Attorney, for
a report to the Council as soon as possible.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

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1. With his letter of March 3, 1960, License Inspector Whitacre
submitted applications for fireworks stands from the Torrance Scout
Center and Junior Women's Club (1 stand), and from the North Torrance
Lions Club (1 stand). Mr. Whitacre recommended approval of these

two requests.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Whitacre.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. In his letter of February 26, 1960, Director of Public Works Peebles recommended that the City put in curbs and gutters on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard, north of 180th Place for approximately 100' to 150', and west on 180th Place for approximately 60', and to put in the sidewalk on Crenshaw Boulevard only, with the understanding that the property owner will put in the sidewalk on 180th Place. Mr. Peebles explained that the present property owner feels he is financially unable to put in curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and that the City should install them since he is giving the right of way. It is Mr. Peebles' opinion this is the only alternative to condemnation of the property, which could cost more than for the City to make the installation. 1189

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Peebles, with the comment that this approval will not constitute a precedent.

Motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, who added that City policy can be modified only in cases involving public safety.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BUILDING DIVISION:

2. A letter from Von's Grocery Company requested permission to erect a sign at 5035 Pacific Coast Highway. Comments of Building Superintendent Schlens, appended thereto, recommended approval of the sign. 1063

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

3. With his letter of March 3, 1960, City Engineer Nollac submitted Resolution of Intention to vacate future street, being the proposed extension of Vista Largo in Tract No. 23988. Location sketch was attached.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, Building Superintendent Schlens said there would be no land-locked land as a result of this vacation, that if the land to the west is developed, it would be served through the land fronting along Newton Street.

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3886

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN FUTURE STREET BEING A PROPOSED EXTENSION OF VISTA LARGO IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. 1094

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3886.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. A telegram dated March 3, 1960 from Senator Thomas H. Kuchel informed Mayor Isen that the Federal Aviation Agency has approved a \$70,200 grant in the fiscal 1961 program for the construction of a Control Tower at Torrance Municipal Airport.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, Airport Manager Egan said no action is required of the Council at this time, that the FAA will send us instructions on the next steps to be taken.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens to write a letter to Senator Kuchel thanking him for his advice and efforts on behalf of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer what progress had been made toward the removal of the reversionary clause from Airport leases. Mr. Remelmeyer replied that he, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Carleson and Mr. Egan have an appointment with Mr. Gary, the Airport Engineer, next week, at which time they will present their brochure to him. Mr. Remelmeyer felt we are making progress in this respect.

2. A letter dated February 29, 1960 from Thomas B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, recommended approval of a lease to be granted to Donald C. Tripp, Aero Propeller Company, for the construction of a hangar on a 100' x 100' site.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

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

3. A letter dated February 29, 1960 from Thomas B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted the Commission's recommendation that permission be granted to Mr. Ed Dalton to install electrical power in his "T" hangars.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

4. A letter dated February 29, 1960 from Thomas B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted the Commission's recommendation for approval of the request of Collins-Dietrich Air Service and Standard Oil Company for extension of term on their fueling agreements.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale thought there should be an upward adjustment in the amount the City receives per gallon of fuel dispensed. Mr. Stevens advised him the City receives 2¼ cents per gallon.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

5. A letter dated February 29, 1960 from Thomas B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted the Commission's recommendation that the request of Mr. H. R. Halverson for an extension be denied on the basis of lack of interest on his part.

Councilman Beasley moved that this matter be removed from the calendar.

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

6. A letter dated February 29, 1960 from Thomas B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted the Commission's recommendation for approval of the request that Aero-Care, Inc. be allowed to sublease space to Electronic Service Laboratory for a radio repair business.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

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

7. With his letter of March 2, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted for Council approval the proposed amendments to the lease of Jefferson, Inc. Mr. Remelmeyer recommended the amendments be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

8. With his letter of March 1, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted resolution authorizing the execution of Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison Company for right of way for a pole line at the Airport. Copy of the Grant of Easement was attached.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Remelmeyer that the easement be executed.

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

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3887

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

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Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3887.

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

9. Submitted was a resolution authorizing the execution of an Airport lease with Acme Aircraft Company.

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3888

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AIRPORT LEASE WITH ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

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Mr. George Kurtz, Attorney for Acme Aircraft, came forward and requested that the completion date on the petroleum agreement be changed from February 1, 1960 to July 1, 1960.

Councilman Blount moved that the completion date be changed to July 1, 1960.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3888.

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

10. With his letter of March 3, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a resolution approving hangar lease with K. S. Redfern. Copy of the Lease was attached.

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3889

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND K. S. REDFERN.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3889. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. With his letter of March 3, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a resolution authorizing an airport lease with Robert L. Marks. Copy of the proposed lease was attached. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3890

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AIRPORT LEASE WITH ROBERT L. MARKS.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3890. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. With his letter dated March 3, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted resolution authorizing the execution of an Airport lease with Mercury Helicopter Service, Inc. Copy of the lease was attached. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3891

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AIRPORT LEASE WITH MERCURY HELICOPTER SERVICE, INC.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3891. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the Council pass a motion permitting Mercury to have immediate possession of the leased premises after the filing of the construction bond and certificate of insurance with the City Clerk, as required in the Lease.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

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

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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1. A letter dated February 23, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer requested a change in the oil code to reduce the tax of \$125.00 for deepening oil well holes. It was the recommendation of the City Attorney, the City Manager, and the License Inspector that the fee be reduced to \$50.00, this fee to be levied not only for a deepening but also for re-drilling or slant drilling from the same hole.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. A letter dated March 1, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a resolution authorizing the execution of stipulation for judgment in the case of the California Water Service Company, et al, vs. City of Compton, et al. Mr. Remelmeyer stated that Mr. McVicar and Mr. Stevens concurred with his recommendation that such stipulation for judgment be executed.

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3892 1192

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO AUTHORIZE AND ATTEST A STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT IN CASE NO. 506,806 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ENTITLED, "CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY ET AL, VS. CITY OF COMPTON, ET AL."

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3892.

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

3. With his letter of March 3, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a resolution authorizing renewal of the Lease between the City and Torrance Little League, Inc. and Babe Ruth League, Inc. 1105

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked the Council to pass a motion that he be permitted to substitute for Torrance Little League, Inc., Torrance American Little League, Inc, and Torrance National Little League, Inc., if they are incorporated, and if not, for their officers. The League has been divided into two leagues but they do not know whether they are incorporated yet. This would allow him the discretion of determining who the Lease should go to.

Councilman Blount so moved.

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

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3893 1105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE, INC., AND BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3893.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: 1193

1. A letter dated February 25, 1960 from Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman, Park & Recreation Commission, submitted the recommendation of the Commission to erect a building containing restrooms and storage room at La Romeria Park.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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2. A letter dated February 25, 1960 from Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman, Park & Recreation Commission, reported that the Commission had studied the Regional Recreation Areas Plan prepared by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, and while they were highly impressed with the document, they were concerned that more regional development was not planned for the immediate Torrance area. The Commission recommended that the Council suggest to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission a future development of the Torrance Beach area.

Councilman Jahn moved that a resolution be drafted to be sent to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission requesting the future development of Torrance Beach.

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

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to show in the content of the resolution that a copy would be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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3. A letter dated February 25, 1960 from Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman, Park & Recreation Commission, submitted a summary of the actions taken by that Commission at its meeting of February 24, 1960.

The communication was ordered filed.

REPORTS:

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1. The Office of the City Clerk reports that a complaint and summons was received on February 29, 1960 in the action of Inter-Insurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California, as subrogee of Donna J. Awerkamp, against the City of Torrance et al, for damages allegedly sustained as the result of an accident involving a City vehicle on July 22, 1959. The complaint was submitted by the attorney for plaintiff, A. L. Lindley, 2601 S. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. This claim was denied by the City Council on October 6, 1959.

The matter has been referred to the City Attorney.

2. The Office of the City Clerk reports that on February 29, 1960, that office was served with the following documents in the action of David Vierra Figueredo, against the City of Torrance et al;

- (1) Petition for Writ of Mandate in connection with petitioner's nomination paper for the office of City Councilman in the election to be held April 12, 1960.
- (2) Points and Authorities of Petitioner re. Writ of Mandate.
- (3) Alternate Writ of Mandate.
- (4) Peremptory Writ of Mandate.
- (5) Stipulation for an order, and order setting time and place for hearing petition for writ of mandate.
- (6) Declaration of William Robert Steele, by Attorney Boris S. Woolley.

This matter has been referred to the City Attorney.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Submitted was a resolution ordering, calling and providing for General Municipal Election to be held on April 12, 1960.

Council Clerk Carleson asked that the following changes be made for Precinct 137:

New Inspector: Shirley Wolpert, 17020 Cordary.
 Judge: Martha Slack, 3844 W. 170th St.
 Clerk: Margaret Greig, 3637 W. 169th St.
 Clerk: Barbara Betts, 3752 Redondo Beach Blvd.

Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3894

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING
 AND PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL
 ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF
 APRIL, 1960. 1089

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of
 Resolution No. 3894.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call
 vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3894.

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

2. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3896

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND
 IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE
 CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS
 INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF. 1115

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3896.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3897

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF 169TH STREET
 TO THORNBURGH PLACE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. 1092

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3897.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll
 call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3898

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF 174TH STREET
 TO ARTESIA BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. 1092

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3898.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCES:

1. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1161

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1092 ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954"

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1161 at its first reading.

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

2. Council Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1162

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 24.5 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT FOR A SIGN MAY BE ISSUED.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1162 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Stevens reminded the Bus Committee of the meeting to be held Thursday, March 10, at 12:00 o'clock.

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2. Mr. Stevens reported that, pursuant to Council's authorization of last week for the employment of an appraiser based on the submission of proposals and within a certain rate, Mr. Howard Martin has been retained. Mr. Martin submitted the low bid for the appraisal.

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3. Assistant City Manager Bone said that on March 12, 1960, El Camino College is allowing the City to use their facilities for conducting a Blacksmith-Welder's examination, and they have asked us to indemnify them against any harmful action that might occur. He presented an Indemnity Agreement prepared by City Attorney Remelmeyer, and he recommended the agreement be signed.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

4. Councilman Beasley inquired as to the status of curbs and

gutters on Crenshaw in the Howard Tract.

Director of Public Works Peebles said a report would be submitted at the next Council meeting.

5. Councilman Benstead noted from the minutes of the Staff Meeting of February 29 that Fire Chief Benner had complained of the lack of fire hydrants in commercial and industrial developments.

Water Superintendent McVicar thought that this referred primarily to locations such as on Lomita Boulevard, where the mains are in but there is no way to tell ahead of time where the fire hydrants should go since the fire hydrants are installed solely for the purpose of feeding a particular place. He believed they are trying to get it set up so that before a building permit is issued, the hydrants and mains are arranged for.

In response to a question from Councilman Benstead, Mr. McVicar stated that normally the person or firm using the fire hydrant pays for it.

Councilman Benstead understood from the minutes that there are several locations where firms have been in for some time but do not have fire hydrants. Mr. McVicar believed there might be some small locations where this situation might exist, but simply because the person just does not go for having the fire hydrant installed.

Councilman Benstead requested a complete report from Fire Chief Benner on fire hydrants, showing where he believes there should be installations made.

Mayor Isen asked that the record show Councilman Benstead's request for such a report is in order.

6. Councilman Bradford appointed to the Traffic Safety Council Mr. J. K. Clutter, 812 Acacia Avenue.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale said he had previously nominated Mrs. Jeanne Gerald for the Safety Council.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Blount to submit his nomination.

7. Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Stevens' report of March 3, 1960 on hiring an architect for the Civic Center Master Plan, and to approve Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright as low bidder, as recommended by the Committee.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Blount objected, saying he thought the recommendation should come from the City Manager, and he moved a substitute motion to table for one week.

Motion to table was seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn defended his motion, saying that the report of March 3 was directed to the Council and it was his understanding it was up to the Council to take action.

8. In regard to trash and litter, Mayor Isen stated there has been some progress, but he noted that the City parking lots, particularly the one where the bus station is contemplated, is thick with papers. He asked Mr. Stevens if the street cleaner is still going around. Mr. Stevens thought he was, but he said he would check on it.

Mayor Isen quoted from a letter he had received indicating that downtown merchants are sweeping papers from the sidewalks into the gutters, and he asked that any such incidents be reported to him so that complaints could be filed. He stated trash and litter on the City streets would continue to be his pet peeve since we must have a clean town.

9. Councilman Blount moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett

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Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance