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Adjournment - 6:30 p.m.

Torrance, California  
March 15, 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, March 15, 1960 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jack Spahn led the salute to our Flag.

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

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 1960 as written.

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

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

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that one (1) Twin-Cessna Aircraft No. N66750 would be sold at public auction, to satisfy a lien, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 1960 at the Torrance Municipal Airport, 3201 Pacific Coast Highway. 1013

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Affidavit of Publication be received and filed.

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

2. Mayor Isen announced that bids for the installation of traffic signal systems and highway lighting at the intersections of Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue; Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard; and Arlington Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, 1960.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Affidavit of Publication be received and filed.

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

HEARINGS:

1. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 19 (GROUP 20) - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3896, listing parcels Nos. 1164-1 through 8.5. 1115

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3896, declaring parcels listed on Pages 1 through 20 inclusive, described in said Resolution, to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

Parcels 370-30, 311-30, 306-30; page 1 of Resolution.  
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Affidavit of Posting was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre. Councilman Benstead moved that Affidavit of Posting be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

Mrs. Leon Francois, 18114 Manhattan Place, Torrance, stated she was the owner of Lot 1, Tract 8198, which she presumed was included under this Resolution since it had been posted. Mrs. Francois said she had had some unhappy experiences with weed abatement in the past, and she wanted to know what the maximum charge would be; if it were too high, she preferred to have the work done privately.

Director of Public Works Peebles informed Mrs. Francois the charge was on a square footage basis, and he asked that she call him tomorrow to inform him of the square footage involved, at which time he could then give her a maximum price. In reply to a further question from Mrs. Francois as to the procedure involved in asking for the exception of her property, Mayor Isen informed her that Mr. Peebles could also give her this information.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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

Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3899

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
 TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR  
 OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND

EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON  
PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED  
IN RESOLUTION NO. 3896. 1115

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3899.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3899.

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

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22066. Subdivider: Property Management Co., 15502 Crenshaw Boulevard, Gardena. A letter dated March 8, 1960 from Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, City Engineer Nollac, and Planning Director Powell, with signature of concurrence of Director of Public Works Peebles, re-submitted transmittal form recommending approval, subject to certain conditions recommended by the Planning Commission, (set forth in Item 5, paragraphs "a" through "g" of said letter of transmittal. Attached were: Location sketches (2); Exhibit "C"; and excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of February 24, 1960. 1121

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

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Benstead (because lots do not conform to ordinance.)  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. CASE NO. 602, Petition of Dan E. Butcher, and CASE NO. 619, Petition of R. A. Watt, for CHANGES OF ZONE. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted a request for the fixing of a time and place for the third and final hearing on these cases before the City Council. 1033

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered that the hearings be set for March 22, 1960 at 8:00 p.m., in these Council Chambers.

3. CASE NO. 617 - Petition of Joseph Shafer for a VARIANCE. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted Case No. 617, petition for a Variance to erect an apartment building on Lot 25, Tract 454, for the purpose of fixing a time and place for the public hearing before the City Council. 1033

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered that the hearing be set for March 22, 1960 at 8:00 p.m., in these Council Chambers.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A Claim dated March 4, 1960 of Mrs. Ruth Hauk, 2416 Border Avenue, for injuries and damages allegedly sustained as the result of a fall on a Cabrillo Avenue sidewalk in the downtown area on February 6, 1960. Claim was submitted by Attorney James C. R. McCall, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5, California. 1174

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

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

2. A letter dated March 7, 1960 from Russell L. Haynes, President of the Torrance Central Little League, requested the issuance of a no-fee permit for a building to be constructed at 3950 West 190th Street.

Councilman Benstead moved that the request be granted.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked that the motion include that the building permit would be issued and the usual inspections made.

Councilmen Benstead and Drale accepted this as part of the motion.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

3. A letter dated March 8, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer referred to the City's verbal agreement with Ray Watt to buy his park property in the Victor Precinct for \$75,000. Mr. Remelmeyer advised that Mr. Watt owns the property subject to:

- (1) A note secured by a trust deed in favor of the Boltons, the original owners of the land, in the amount of \$48,000. The note provides that the principal may not be paid off for one year from August 25, 1959. The interest rate is 6%. Consequently, it would be necessary to purchase the Boltons' interest for \$48,000 plus the interest rate at 6% thereon for one year, which is approximately \$3,000, or whatever lesser amount Mr. Bolton might accept.
- (2) Certain mineral interests. Standard Oil will quitclaim its interest (other than pipelines) to the City free of charge. The St. Francis Oil Company owns record interest in said property, and Mr. Diebel, who may be a successor to St. Francis Oil Company, owns a mineral interest in the land and wants \$5,500 for his interest. Whether the City pays Mr. Diebel or the St. Francis Oil Company or any one else \$5,500 or any lesser amount, it will still be necessary to clear the mineral rights to the property.

Mr. Watt's attorney, William Leavitt, has written a proposed agreement with the City for the purchase of Ray Watt's surface interest for the sum of \$27,000, and the City would take the property subject to the aforesaid interests and any others of record.

Councilman Drale moved that the City pay Ray Watt \$27,000, and let the \$48,000 note run its course; that is, when the year's period has expired, the City may then pay the note off if it so desires.

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

With the concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen ordered that Item (2) of Mr. Remelmeyer's communication, dealing with mineral interests, be tabled.

4. A letter dated March 7, 1960 from Joseph F. Clark, Executive Director, Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, informed Finance Director Scharfman that Certificate of Conformance had been awarded to the City of Torrance for its "Finance Director's Second Annual Statement and Report of Financial Condition of the City of Torrance, California, for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959."

Mayor Isen extended congratulations to Mr. Scharfman on behalf of the Council.

The communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. With his letter of March 9, 1960, City Manager Stevens submitted a new Duplicating Equipment Operator classification which was approved by the Civil Service Board at its meeting of March 2, 1960. Mr. Stevens recommended that one position be allocated to this class at this time and that it replace an existing position of Junior Typist Clerk. The recommended salary range was \$371-\$386-\$404 per month. 1004

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

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

2. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from Assistant City Manager Bone, with signature of concurrence by City Manager Stevens, recommended that coverage for Automotive Fleet Comprehensive, Fire and Theft Insurance be continued with the present carrier, Continental Insurance Company, for the period through December 31, 1960. 1117

(For Council action, see 3. below.)

3. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from Assistant City Manager Bone, with signature of concurrence of City Manager Stevens, recommended that the five-year program currently in effect on Fire Insurance Coverage be continued at least through the second year (1960); should it appear that the market is more favorable for competition at the end of this calendar year, we might consider other measures before entering into the 1961 year.

Councilman Benstead moved that the City call for bids on both Item 2 above (Automotive Fleet Insurance), and Item 3, Fire Insurance Coverage.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

In reply to a query from Mayor Isen, Mr. Bone stated that we have a 90-day binder on the Automotive Insurance now which will expire at the end of this month.

City Manager Stevens told the Council that on the five-year Fire Insurance premium, 1/5 expires each year, so that if we were to write off four years it might have to be written off on a short-rate basis, which could prove most expensive to the City. It was his opinion that the best method of handling this would be to try to re-write it as each year expires.

Mayor Isen requested that the motion be withdrawn, and separate motions be made on each item.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion, and moved that the City advertise for bids on Item 2, Automotive Fleet Insurance.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked about the maintenance of coverage during the interim. Assistant City Manager Bone reminded the Council they had approved the obtaining of a 90-day binder on this insurance, and he has been advised that a 90-day binder is the maximum obtainable.

The motion lost by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation on Item 2 above.

Motion seconded by Councilmen Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation on Item 3, Fire Insurance Coverage.

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

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

Mayor Isen said he had voted "Yes" on these issues, but with the admonition that before next year comes along, these matters should be called to the attention of the Council far enough in advance to eliminate having to obtain binders, etc.

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 4. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from the Committee appointed to screen architectural firms proposing master plans for the Civic Center, recommended the retention of either Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright of Long Beach, or Charles Luckman Associates of Los Angeles. The Committee further recommended that the firm selected to prepare the master plan of the Civic Center be retained also to plan the expansion of the City Hall.

Councilman Drale moved that the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright be retained.

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

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

City Manager Stevens handed to the Council copies of a letter from Home Savings and Loan Association dated March 11, 1960 advising of their intention to utilize the hearing room opposite the City Recreation Department in the old City hall, effective April 1. They asked also that the chairs, platform and railing be removed by March 19.

Mayor Isen said he had been advised by Mr. Van Bellehem that the Recreation Department had also been served with an eviction notice providing for the vacation of their premises within one month.

Mr. Stevens said he was not aware of that development, but we do have an agreement to use the portion of the City Hall "west of the north and south hallway" until August 22, 1960, and that Home Savings should be so advised.

Councilman Blount recalled also that such a statement was made before the Council by Mr. Childs (see minutes of August 11, 1959), and he moved that the City Manager, in conjunction with the City Attorney, write a letter to Mr. Hickey outlining our stand on the matter and advising that we do not intend to move anything until the date agreed upon.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

##### BUILDING DIVISION:

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 1. Under date of March 10, 1960, Building Superintendent Schlens submitted a report to Director of Public Works Peebles on Tax Deed covering the east 34 feet of Lot 2, in Tract No. 8857. Resubmitted was a letter from City Clerk Bartlett submitting for acceptance the Tax Deed, purchased under terms set forth in Agreement No. 1127 with the County of Los Angeles and the State of California.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the Tax Deed.

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

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

2. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENT AND GRANT DEEDS FOR ACCEPTANCE.  
A letter dated March 8, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, approved by the Easement Committee (City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Stevens), transmitted for Council acceptance the following: 1188

- a. Easement Deed of December 16, 1959, for sewers over portion of Lot 11, Tract 454, given by Cogan Enterprises, Inc.
- b. Grant Deed dated February 10, 1960 for street widening, for a portion of Lot 73, McDonald Tract, given by Charles Stearns, Darlene Stearns, et al.
- c. Easement Deed dated September 1, 1959, given by Torrance Unified School District for street widening at 186th Street and Felbar Avenue.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept these deeds.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, ordered carried.

3. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted Easement from Southern California Edison Company for the widening of 186th Street west of Felbar Avenue. Resolution was attached. 1187

Councilman Benstead 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 was seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3900

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY. 1187

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3900.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted Agreement for the creation of Sewer District No. 15 and a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute such Agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3901

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL ENTERPRISES THEREFOR, AND 1200

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF  
A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3901.

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

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

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5. REAPPORTIONMENT OF FISCAL 1959-60 GAS TAX FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MAJOR CITY STREETS. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted an outline of projects and the reapportionment proposed.

The communication was ordered filed.

City Manager Stevens recommended at this time that the Council authorize the advertising for bids for the improvement of Arlington Avenue southerly of Del Amo Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

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6. IMPROVEMENT OF FELBAR AVENUE, 186th TO 187th, AND 186th FROM DOTY TO FELBAR - NOTICE OF COMPLETION. A letter dated March 10, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens advised that the subject improvement has been completed, inspected and approved by the Engineering Division and recommended that the project be approved by the Council in order that final settlement with the Contractor may be made.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. In his letter of March 9, 1960, Traffic Engineer Whitmer summarized the action taken by the Traffic Commission at the regular meeting of February 19, 1960 and the adjourned regular meeting of March 3, 1960.

Mayor Isen asked if the tentative plan for the realignment of Carson Street would come before the Council.

Councilman Drale said the Traffic Commission had so recommended. The communication was ordered filed.

2. In his letter of March 10, 1960, Traffic Engineer Whitmer submitted the following Traffic Commission recommendations:

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1. The relocation of the school crossing on Arlington Avenue, from 179th Street to 178th Street, and the installation of "STOP" signs on 178th Street at both approaches to Arlington Avenue. (Resolution attached.) Cost: Approximately \$41.00 for painting and signing.

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2. That a crossing guard be assigned to the school crossing at Carson Street and Fern Avenue, if funds are available. Cost approximately \$1,549 per year.

- 3. That the Torrance School Board be requested to study the feasibility of establishing a safety program utilizing school personnel and older students as crossing guards. 1146

Other cities have found such programs to be satisfactory. A staff of regular crossing guards will still be maintained and used at critical locations. At present, we are maintaining 22 crossing guards at a cost of \$34,072/yr. If such a safety program were adopted, it may prevent, or lessen, the increase of crossing guards and still provide adequate protection.

- 4. That a "STOP" sign be installed on the "Coleman Engineering" road at the south approach to Torrance Boulevard. Cost - \$16.00. 1048
- 5. That a passenger loading zone be established on the north side of Sharynne Lane in front of the church at Carlow Road. (Resolution attached.) 1050
- 6. That the following realistic speed zones be established for Crenshaw Boulevard: 1037

- 35 MPH from Rolling Hills Road to Highway 101.
- 45 MPH from Highway 101 to Jefferson Street.
- 35 MPH from Jefferson Street to Dominguez Street.
- 45 MPH from Dominguez Street to 190th Street.
- 35 MPH from 190th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Cost - approximately \$88.00. (Resolution attached.)

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission.

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

Referring to Item 3 of these recommendations, Mayor Isen asked if the Traffic Commission intended to make the request of the Torrance School Board. Councilman Drale replied in the affirmative. Mayor Isen requested that the record show the Council concurs with this recommendation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3902 †

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

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3902.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3903 †

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

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Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3903.

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

Councilman Bradford inquired about speed limits on Hawthorne Boulevard, and asked when the Council might expect a report on this.

Director of PublicsWorks Peebles replied that speed limits on Hawthorne come under the jurisdiction of the State and that he had written them a recent letter.

Councilman Bradford requested a full report on this matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3904

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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" AND SECTIONS 22357 AND 22358 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3904.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3905

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN REDONDO BEACH AND TORRANCE, DATED MARCH 1, 1960, FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THREE TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3905.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3906

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ASSEMBLYMAN VINCENT THOMAS FOR HIS EXCELLENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3906.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3907

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF J. J. BENNER AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3907.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3908

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 TORDONDO LITTLE LEAGUE FOR A BALL PARK.

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3908.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

In his letter of March 1, 1960, Leo Fischer, President of the Tordondo Little League, Inc., requested that the Council approve their request for three privileges, as required under the following paragraphs of the Lease:

PARAGRAPH 4 (e)

Consent to use a controlled, directional, public address system, solely for the purpose of standard Little League game announcing, and for use at special events such as "Opening Day", etc. Such system will not be used before 1:00 P.M. on Sundays, and will be operated in such a way as to not be deemed a "nuisance".

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PARAGRAPH 4 (f)

Consent to maintain and use artificial lights limited to such use as is necessary for the proper operation of League Members in their designated "after game hours" duties. (Paragraph 8 (d)). Minimum lighting required for necessary cleaning, maintenance, etc. One "night light" placed and used in such manner as to not be deemed an annoyance or nuisance.

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PARAGRAPH 9

Written consent for standard League advertising signs, affixed to the outfield fences - signs facing inward - excluding any advertising signs on other fences erected and maintained by the League.

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Building Superintendent Schlens stated the signs referred to in Paragraph 9 would be considered as billboards, and he requested that this provision be included in the recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve these requests under Paragraphs 4 (e), 4 (f), and 9 of the Lease, and the stipulation requested by Mr. Schlens.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3909

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH REFUSE AND DIRT 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.

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Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3909.

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

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With his letter of March 15, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1161, which was introduced and approved at its first reading on March 8, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote, with all Councilmen present.

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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1161 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

2. With his letter of March 15, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1162, which was introduced and approved at its first reading on March 8, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote, with all Councilmen present.

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 Blount moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1162 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

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1. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 20 - 27, 1960 as "HEALTH WEEK" in the City of Torrance.

ADDENDA:

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1. A letter addressed to Mayor Isen from Robert E. Merriam, Deputy Assistant to the President, Washington, D. C., referred to the Third Annual Joint Meeting of the Civic Committee of the People-to-People Program and the Committee on International Municipal Cooperation of the American Municipal Association, to be held in Washington on March 21-22, 1960. Mr. Merriam stated the President has been much impressed with the growth of the program in the past three years, and he believes that the continuation and expansion of the program will make a genuine contribution to international understanding and peace. There were no objections, and the communication was ordered filed.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Stevens informed the Council that the County Board of Supervisors has approved the extension of our Library contract for one year.
2. Mr. Stevens asked if he should now notify the six members appointed to the seven-member Traffic Safety Council.  
Mayor Isen said he would prefer that all members be notified at the same time, and he asked Councilman Blount to have his appointment to the Council by next week.
3. Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, presented a plaque of appreciation to Councilman George Bradford for his dedicated community service as Tournament of Roses Chairman. He added that in the three years Councilman Bradford has been Chairman, Torrance has been awarded two 1st Place awards and one 3rd Place award. 1000  
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In accepting the plaque, Councilman Bradford, on behalf of the Tournament of Roses Committee of the City of Torrance, said that he would like once again to present the first place award to the City for public display in the Trophy Room in the City Hall Lobby. The plaque was handed to Assistant City Manager Bone to be placed in the Trophy Room.
4. Councilman Beasley advised the Council that at the Intercities Highway Committee meeting last Thursday, Mr. Telford's office, through Mr. Paul Moore, informed the Committee he felt the \$37,000,000 appropriation for completion of the San Diego Freeway from the place where it leaves Torrance to Jefferson would be in the 1961-62 budget. It will be Mr. Telford's recommendation that the San Diego Freeway be completed through Torrance this year (1960-61), and he feels that the budget now being prepared will include the \$37,000,000 for this section. Councilman Beasley said it was their feeling we should not relax our pressure. There will be a resolution presented later and also information as to how we can help to see that this appropriation gets into the budget. 1204
5. Director of Public Works Peebles reported briefly on the Lomita Boulevard signals, saying that the County is having difficulty in obtaining their right of way. The plans have not been returned to us yet. We have received right of way from Union Oil Company, and Standard Oil Company is debating giving us a license to use their property. Mr. Peebles stated that when Lomita Blvd. was constructed some time ago, the right of way within Lomita was overlooked, and Standard Oil still owns a portion.
6. Councilman Bradford told Mr. Peebles that approximately 8' from the intersection of Lomita and Crenshaw, on the northwest side, there are two street risers for either water or gas which are badly eroded.
7. Mr. Bob Vroman of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce requested the Council's permission for the use of the Council Chambers on the evening of March 31 for a public forum, at which each Councilmanic candidate will be invited to give a three-minute talk before the general public. 1062  
Councilman Beasley moved that the request be granted subject to the availability of the Council Chambers on that date.  
Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, Councilman Bradford indicated he would abstain, there were no other objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

8. Councilman Beasley moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*A. H. Bartlett*

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

APPROVED:

*Albert Ison*

Mayor of the City of Torrance