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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 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 22, 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, Jahn and Isen. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMAN: Bradford. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

Mayor Isen announced that there was a very interesting group visiting the Council meeting and introduced Mr. Richard Saporita, Instructor, and his class in Citizenship at the Torrance High School. Mr. Saporita told briefly of the purposes and accomplishments of his class. His students are from various parts of the world, including Germany, England, Canada and Denmark, but are all now residents of Torrance. This class is a part of the Adult Education Program of Torrance and is financed principally by the Federal Government. At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Saporita led the salute to our Flag.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 1960, as written.

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

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen stated that bids on fire hose will be received in the office of the City Clerk until 5:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 22, 1960.

The AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and ordered received and filed.

HEARINGS:

1. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 20 (GROUP 21) - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3909, listing parcels Nos. 290-30 through 241.78. 1115

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3909, declaring parcels listed on Pages 1 through 21 inclusive, described in said Resolution, to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

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 Parcels 1-78, 2-78, Page 20 of the Resolution.

Affidavit of Posting was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre.  
 Councilman Jahn moved that Affidavit of Posting be received and filed.  
 Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.  
 Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there  
 was no reply.  
 Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed.  
 Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll  
 call vote. (Councilman Bradford absent)  
 Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3911

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. 3909.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution  
 No. 3911.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll  
 call vote (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3911.

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

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

2. VACATION OF PORTION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE - HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF  
 INTENTION NO. 3879.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the Hearing on  
 Resolution of Intention No. 3879.

Affidavits of Publication and Posting were presented by Deputy City  
 Clerk Whitacre, together with location sketch and they were ordered filed.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded  
 by Councilman Jahn, carried by unanimous vote (Councilman Bradford absent).

The City Attorney stated that the Council would not be furnished with  
 the resolution until the completion of New Arlington, but at that time he  
 would bring in the resolution.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City  
 Attorney.

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

3. CASE NO. 602 CHANGE OF ZONE - Petition of Dan E. Butcher.

Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on Petition of Dan E.  
 Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard for a Change of Zone from A-1 (Light  
 Agricultural) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential) in property legally  
 described as the Northerly 366 feet of Lot 21, Tract No. 3895, situated  
 at the Northeast corner of Victor Street and Spencer, for the purpose of  
 developing this area for single-family residential purposes.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the third and  
 final hearing on the above case No. 602 for Change of Zone. The transmittal  
 form from the Planning Commission recommended approval and there was attached  
 sketch of Tentative Tract No. 21811 and excerpt from the Planning Commission  
 Minutes of November 18, 1959.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication and it was ordered filed.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn; no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve this Change of Zone. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

CASE NO. 619 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Petition of R. A. Watt. Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 619, petition for a Change of Zone from M-1, R-1 and A-1 to R-1, submitted by R. A. Watt, 7862 S. Western Avenue. Change requested for the east half of the northwest quarter of Lot 72, McDonald Tract and the west 168 feet of the east half of the southwest quarter of Lot 72, McDonald Tract, except the south 246 feet thereof, for the purpose of a single-family residential development. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval and attached location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of February 17, 1960. 1033

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication and it was ordered filed.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn; no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve this Change of Zone. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Bradford absent).

5. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the third and final hearing on

CASE NO. 617 - VARIANCE - Petition of Joseph Shafer. Hearing before the City Council on petition of Joseph Shafer for a Variance to construct an apartment building on Lot 25, Tract 454, situated at Kent Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and 226th Street in Zone A-1. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval and attached location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of February 17, 1960. 1033

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication and it was ordered filed.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve this Variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn brought up the question of whether or not the sewer which serves this property is adequate. City Engineer Nollac expressed the opinion that while technically the sewer is neither wide enough nor deep enough, it is the only one available and will serve the property adequately.

Councilman Beasley asked that the Planning Commission take note of the congested parking conditions in the area, especially on weekends, in considering any further development in the area of 226th and Kent.

Councilman Jahn suggested that since this is a variance, it might be well to put in a condition that if the sewer proves to be insufficient that the Council could require the owners to attach to the Sepulveda sewer. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that such a stipulation is proper and would be made to apply at any time during the variance. The stipulation was accepted by Councilman Benstead and by the second.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

- 1036  
1. WAIVERS - W-142, Chas. M. Belcher, 1207 Kornblum Avenue.  
W-143, Harry A. York, 2602 West 166th Place.

Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, countersigned by Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Waivers of rear yard requirements, submitted by Harry A. York and Chas. M. Belcher.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission as to both of the waivers and for approval thereof.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1092  
1. A letter dated March 11, 1960, from J. H. Paget, President, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, re changing of name of 174th Street to Artesia Boulevard. Mr. Paget congratulated the Mayor and City Council on their farsighted decision and thanked them for enhancing the position of Torrance with regard to southeastern Los Angeles County and Orange County.

There were no objections, and the communication was ordered filed.

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2. A letter dated March 15, 1960 from Southwest Park Community Fair Committee, requesting permission to use La Romeria Park to hold the First Annual Community Fair on April 30, 1960 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and asking for advice as to regulations, procedures, limitations, etc.

Mayor Isen asked that this matter be referred to the Park and Recreation Commission and the City Attorney, with the request that the Commission confer with City Attorney Remelmeyer to see that all requirements are complied with as to licensing, insurance and police clearances.

Councilman Benstead moved that the request be granted subject to the approval of the Park and Recreation Commission, with the Commission to advise this organization of their decision.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, there were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

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3. A letter dated March 15, 1960 from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, J. G. Fry, Chief Engineer, enclosing the original and two copies of the usual form of agreement covering upgrading crossing protection at Torrance Boulevard crossing of the Santa Fe track, identified as Crossing No. 2H-21.2, and asking for the execution thereof on behalf of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Jahn had some questions regarding the location of the signals and Councilman Blount asked if the amount of money set out in the agreement proposed, \$8,590, was the total cost or the one-half which was to be borne by the City of Torrance. City Manager Stevens advised that the \$8,590 was an estimate only of the total cost, and that one-half of the amount paid by the City would be reimbursed by the Public Utilities Commission. City Attorney Remelmeyer commented that the estimate would be irrelevant; that whatever the total cost turned out to be, the City would be required to pay one-half.

Councilman Drale moved that the agreement be executed.

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

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

4. A letter dated March 15, 1960 from Leo F. Fischer, President, Tordondo Little League, Inc., requesting a "no fee" building permit for building to be constructed on a portion of Entradero Sump. Councilman Jahn moved that the request be granted with the usual inspection made of the proposed buildings and plans. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Bradford absent.)

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Councilman Drale was excused from the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

5. Letter dated March 15, 1960 from H. D. Pyron, President of Torrance Adult Club to request expansion of facilities at the Torrance Adult Club, especially for two additional shuffleboard courts and building expansion to relieve the crowded conditions which exist on account of the large influx of residents.

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Councilman Benstead moved that this communication be forwarded to the Park & Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen. Mayor Isen expressed the hope that sooner or later this particular activity could be transferred to the Civic Center and it was his thought that Park & Recreation Commission should consider this in conjunction with the Civic Center Development Committee for inclusion in the Master Plan for the Civic Center. Councilman Benstead said some consideration should be given to the part of the city in which the residents who use the Club reside. There being no objections, the motion was ordered carried.

6. Item on special session of Legislature which may affect City income. This is informational as to four bills which, if enacted by the State Legislature would reduce city sales and use tax revenues. The principal means of reducing the revenues would be to exempt all medicines (SB 4) and SB 8 and AB 2 would exempt those medicines dispensed on prescription. AB 6 would add to the exemption sales tax on prosthetic, ophthalmic and ocular devices.

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The Council held considerable discussion on this subject. City Manager Stevens stated that he had received later information that SB 4 has been passed by the Senate Committee on Finance and this is probably the start of a long battle against the cutting of revenues to the various cities.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Manager be directed to send telegrams to the Senator and Representatives from this area opposing these Senate bills. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen expressed the belief that this might not be a matter of hacking away at revenues and that there is considerable logic to removing the tax on items such as drugs and medicines. City Manager Stevens said that the State figures show that even 2% of the sales tax would cost the City \$20,000 to \$25,000 and that this would be only the beginning of the reduction of sales tax revenues.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion with the consent of the second so that each Councilman might do as he sees fit about writing his Senator and representative.

The communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. EXPENDITURES

- 1. To IBM Electric Typewriter Division for one 13" Electric Typewriter for the Planning Division, the sum of \$400.50 plus tax. This typewriter will replace an old model, which will be transferred to the Park Division. (A budget item)
- 2. To U. S. Postmaster, Torrance, California, for mailing 36,705 sample ballots at 2 cents each, the sum of \$734.10. (A budget item)

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3. To Superior Wholesale Electric for one #790 Greenlee Pipe Pusher, the sum of \$338.62 including tax. (A budget item)
  4. To Vel's Ford for one 1/2 ton pick-up truck the sum of \$1,812.72, to replace a business coupe (1951) Chevrolet #601) which will be disposed of. This truck is to be used by the Park Tree foreman.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Council concur in approval of Items 1, 2, 3, 4. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead; no objections; roll call vote carried unanimously. (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent)

## 2. SUBMITTING NEW JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

1004

A letter from the City Manager's office forwarded for consideration and approval the establishment of two new class specifications: Minute Secretary with a salary range of \$422-442-461 per month, and Parking Meter Repairman-Collector with a salary range of \$419-440-461 per month. These classifications were approved at the meeting of the Civil Service Board on March 16, 1960.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

- 1023
1. Letter from George A. Morehart, Chairman of the Civil Service Board asking for the appointment of one or two members of the Council to participate in a workshop for formulating an acceptable Civil Service Ordinance.

Mayor Isen said if the Council is agreeable, his suggestion would be to appoint Councilmen Bradford and Benstead. He asked that the Civil Service Board be advised that Councilman Benstead would work with them and that Councilman Bradford would be asked when he returns.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

- 1053
1. Letter of opinion from the City Attorney with respect to the clarification and rewording of resolution setting up the last Monday of the month as a regular council meeting, and recommending that the wording of the resolution should not be changed. Letter ordered filed.
  2. Letter of opinion from the City Attorney with respect to the taking of minutes at closed personnel meetings. The opinion is that it is not necessary. Letter ordered filed.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

- 1158
1. Letter dated March 15, 1960 from Department of Public Works enclosing specifications showing location of Bus Station, with restrooms, to be constructed at the corner of El Prado and Cabrillo Avenue. The Department of Public Works plans to use the City Building Maintenance Division to do this building in order to effect savings and prove that the Public Works Department can handle the design and construction of all park comfort stations more expeditiously than by going to contract.

Mayor Isen stated that he had had a conversation with Mr. Morgan and he is willing to volunteer the services of his firm without any pay whatsoever in order to take the plans and make them architecturally pleasing.

Councilman Beasley moved that we concur with the recommendations of the Public Works Department. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen. Director of Public Works Peebles said that it was not planned that the whole job be done without going to bid; that the block wall work should be done through contract. There was some question by Councilman Jahn as to the advisability of doing this sort of work by the Building Maintenance Division; he thought bids should be received in order to determine whether or not it could be done more cheaply by the City forces. Councilman Beasley said probably with materials and the cost of the employees' wages, it might even end up costing more. City Manager Stevens stated this is not a Public Works job, in that it is a building. Councilman Beasley made a substitute motion that the matter be directed back to the Department of Public Works and the City Manager and be let out for bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, ordered carried. (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

The Council recessed at 8:40 P.M. and reconvened at 8:55 P.M.

#### ENGINEERING DIVISION COMMUNICATIONS

2. GRANT DEED - Widening of Arlington Avenue. Letter from City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, approved by City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting Grant Deed dated February 11, 1960, from Harry A. and Marjorie D. Peterson, for a portion of Lot 66, McDonald Tract, together with a location sketch. 1177

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the deed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

3. INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT INTERSECTION OF TORRANCE BLVD - ANZA AVE.: CARSON ST. - CRENSHAW BLVD; ARLINGTON AVE & SEPULVEDA BLVD. Memo to City Manager Stevens from Traffic Engineer Whitmer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation, bid summary and copy of letter from Sherwin Electric Service asking that their bid be withdrawn. The Traffic Engineer recommends that the bid of Westates Electrical Construction Co. in the amount of their low bid of \$14,636 be accepted. 1206

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

#### BUILDING DIVISION

4. Letter from Lee Schlens, Building Superintendent, concurred in by Director of Public Works, with respect to letter and application from Glenn L. Goffar, pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Torrance, dated March 16, 1960, requesting permission to erect a temporary air-borne tabernacle, for use between April 8 and June 8, 1960 on the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Monterey Street. The purpose of the temporary structure is to hold a two-month long revival meeting. 1062

The Staff Minutes of the Building Division, March 21, 1960 recommended denial of the request for reasons of parking problems and the probability of noise and dust.

The Reverend Glenn L. Goffar, 4527 Palos Verdes Drive North, Rolling Hills, California, was present at the meeting and explained in detail the construction and safety features of the proposed structure.

He stated that this particular one was manufactured by U. S. Rubber Company to the specifications of the Church; that it is constructed of 20 oz. material whereas others previously have not utilized heavier than 12 oz. material. Also, he said this one is reinforced with steel cables to hold it up to a height of 12 feet even if the air pressure should fail, and that it would take two hours for it to come down to that height. As to fire hazard, he said that it had been passed by the California State Fire Marshal.

It was explained that there are three acres for parking and that all traffic will come out onto Monterey Avenue rather than Crenshaw Boulevard.

Reverend Goffar said he would check with his Association in Glendale and determine the limits of their public liability insurance but that his Association does carry complete coverage.

Councilman Jahn brought up the question of dust, noise from sound systems, congregational singing. Reverend Goffar assured the Council that whatever means were necessary would be taken to abate dust; that there would be a man on duty twenty-four hours daily during the whole period; that there would be no sound system and that congregational singing is being cut to an absolute minimum.

Mayor Isen stated that Item 1 of the Building Superintendent's recommendation should be amended to show that the structure is reasonably safe.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council grant the request of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to erect the building as described in these minutes with the express condition that the Church take every means of controlling the dust and sound problems and with the approval of the City Attorney as to insurance and that all requirements of the Police and Fire Departments be met.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objections, motion ordered carried (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

#### AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Submitted by Department of Public Works, Engineering Division. Memo from W. M. Nollac, City Engineer, approved by W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, re Kidwell T-Hangar legal description.

Councilman Benstead moved that this be held for one week for further study. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen. Councilman Jahn asked for a roll call vote, which failed to carry, as follows:

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur that the lease be granted on the terms set forth by the Airport Committee but that the legal description of the plot be amended to show 50 feet between the two rows of hangars instead of 60 feet so, if possible, the City could have room on the west side for another row of hangars. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead referred to paragraph 2 of the lease, stating that he preferred it be given for 25 years rather than 30 years. Councilman Jahn accepted that as a part of his motion and it was accepted by Councilman Beasley as second.

Director of Public Works Peebles said he had understood that the roof of the hangars would go to the same grade. The Building

Superintendent had informed him that he could not grant a permit on this basis. Councilman Jahn pointed out that if the ground is not disturbed too much the way it now lays, the roof line will not be completely level but will fall with the ground. It was the Committee's intention to do this in order to preserve natural drainage. Building Superintendent Schlens stated he would like to have clarified that if he issues a building permit and they are built on a slant, it is understood by the Council that they are being approved to be built on a slant.

Councilman Jahn stated that most hangars are built on this plan and gave as an example Palomar Airport, where in 300 feet the drop is more than 2 feet. Mr. Schlens said there is nothing wrong with that except when it comes in for plans we will probably not have a plot plan with the complete grade on it, and to approve a building on that slant in that manner, he would like to have it understood that the Council understands that will happen, and that they approve it.

Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3912

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION  
OF AN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE WITH E. G. KIDWELL. 1156

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3912. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Absent: Councilmen Bradford and Drale).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3912. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3910

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY ATTORNEY  
TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF CERTAIN RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FROM THE  
QUITCLAIM DEED DATED MARCH 5, 1948, BY WHICH THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA CONVEYED THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE. 1184

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3910. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead; carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

3. a. SUBMITTED BY AIRPORT COMMISSION

1209  
Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation that no action be taken on setting a fair rental on certain hangars at the Airport until after proposed new "T" hangars are built.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

- 1207  
b. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation that Aero-Care's use clause be amended to include flight instruction in connection with sale of aircraft. Also, recommendation that Aero-Care's sublessee, Flight Line Company, be allowed to give flight instruction in connection with sale of aircraft.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated he had no objection to the recommendation, but that they do have a problem with Aero-Care. They have several sublessees, but the City Attorney's office does not know who or how many. Mr. Remelmeyer requested that the approval of the recommendation be subject to his bringing the amendment to the lease to the Council together with the list of sublessees on the property.

Councilman Jahn was under the impression that Council at one time had voted to limit the number of flying school concessions to three. He said he had no objection to flight instruction being given solely in connection with the sale of new aircraft, but he would want it limited strictly to that.

Commissioner Floyd said as he recalled this was considered by the Council but no policy decision was made.

x With the concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen ordered that the request be held for a week or two for the Airport Committee to recommend a policy, and Councilman Jahn also requested it be ascertained whether any motion was passed by the Council in regard to flying schools.

- c. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting for Council's information forms to be used by applicants requesting leases, operating agreements, etc. before the Airport Commission.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated he and License Inspector Whitacre would like to have the words "business license" stricken from the form. With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen referred these proposed forms to City Attorney Remelmeyer for his suggestions and asked that they then be put back on the agenda. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman, submitting recommended priorities for capital improvement, as follows:
  1. La Romeria Park, \$17,000; restrooms. (This item has been recommended previously and accepted by the City Council.)
  2. Paradise Park, \$15,000; playground picnic area, walks.
  3. Los Arboles, \$7,000; playground equipment.
  4. Sea-Aire Park, \$8,000; protective fencing.

5. El Retiro Park, \$7,000; night lighting tennis courts.
6. Adult Center, \$1,000.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously on roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford and Drale absent).

2. Copies of letters following Park & Recreation Commission actions taken at meeting of March 9, 1960.
  - a. Letter to City Attorney Remelmeyer re. Torrance Beach and the undesirable conditions of accumulations of bottles and litter. 1209

With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen referred the communication to City Attorney Remelmeyer for a report back to the Council. Councilman Benstead suggested that this matter also be taken up with the County Board of Supervisors, suggesting that the sand should be screened or something done to eliminate broken bottles. 1208

- b. Letter dated March 11, 1960, to Director of Public Works Peebles re. signs for parks.

Councilman Jahn moved that Mr. Peebles' suggestion for redwood signs designating park names and the addition of the words "City of Torrance" be carried out and that the names of parks be included on the maps of Torrance which may be put out in the future. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered. 1208

- c. Letter to Mr. Douglas Trowbridge re installation of sidewalks by Lions Club at Los Arboles Park. 1104

Mayor Isen moved that a Perma-Plaque resolution, appropriately worded, be prepared and presented to the Lions Club to show appreciation of their generous improvement and he asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare such a resolution. 1000

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

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Submitted was a resolution recommending approval of certain amendments to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that Council had approved the Civil Service Rules and Regulations tentatively subject to certain corrections in move-up pay, which have now been made. Councilman Benstead moved that the Rules and Regulations be referred back to the Civil Service Commission for acceptance of these changes. 1004

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount moved to substitute a motion that the Council consider the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3913

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS BY  
REPEALING SECTION 8 OF RULE VI RELATING TO EXAMINATIONS, 1004

SECTION 2 OF RULE VII RELATING TO PROMOTIONS, SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 7 and 9 OF RULE XIII RELATING TO HOURS OF WORK, HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS, SICK LEAVES AND MILITARY LEAVES, RULE XV RELATING TO LAY-OFFS AND RULE XVI RELATING TO REINSTATEMENTS AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR PERTAINING TO THE SAME SUBJECTS AND AMENDING RULE I PERTAINING TO DEFINITION OF TERMS, RULE VIII PERTAINING TO EMPLOYMENT LISTS AND RULE XXIII PERTAINING TO MOVE UP PAY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3913.

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

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

Mayor Isen said he abstained from voting for the reason that he had not had sufficient time to study the Rules and Regulations thoroughly.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3914

1018  
 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO WRITE OFF OR COMPROMISE BAD DEBTS.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3914. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3915

1004  
 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIME OF BI-WEEKLY SALARY AND WAGE PAYMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3915. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3916

1114  
 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.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3916. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by roll call vote as follows:

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

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1163

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1117 BY ADDING NEW PROVISIONS REGARDING PAYROLL PERIODS. 1004

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1163.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1163 at its first reading.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1164

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1117 BY ADDING A CERTAIN POSITION WITH THE SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN. 1004

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1164 at its first reading.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1165

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 609 REQUIRING PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES, WHO SHALL COME INTO OR BE WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO REGISTER IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE. 1211

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1165 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of all present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1166

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 18 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND THE USE OF BOWS AND ARROWS.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1166 at its first reading.

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

PROCLAMATION:

1057 Mayor Isen proclaimed March 27 through April 2, 1960 as "Save Your Vision Week."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens announced that there would be no regular Council meeting on Monday, March 28, 1960, at 5:30 P.M., but only a closed personnel meeting. The press is so advised.

1409 2. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked for permission to hire a research attorney to do some work in the field of aviation rights. He plans to use a lawyer from the University of Southern California, a graduate law student, and expects that the cost will not be over \$300. Councilman Beasley moved that Council authorize the hiring of a research attorney at a cost not to exceed \$300.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent).

3. Mayor Isen said that he understands that the Harbor Freeway will be extended as far as 190th Street sometime between June 20th and July 20th with resulting congestion of a great many automobiles emerging from the freeway onto quite a narrow street. He suggested that the Traffic Commission look at 190th Street with a view of taking care of any traffic problems before that time.

1153 4. Mayor Isen also talked on the subject of the littered streets in Torrance. He said his patience was completely exhausted Monday when he saw the condition of the area around Certi-Bond on Arlington Avenue. He displayed some pictures which had been taken at 8:00 this morning showing litter, papers and trash which had been blown against the fences of Columbia Steel two or three blocks along Arlington and backed up against a sign telling of a \$300 fine for littering the streets. Mayor Isen filed a complaint against Certi-Bond this morning after which Mr. Hirshman, the Manager, called and said he has had crews cleaning up the area, that he too wants a clean town and has requested his employees to watch the area. The City will check this section on Wednesday morning.

This condition exists not only at Certi-Bond. There are merchants downtown who sweep litter into the street and cause similar eyesores to the ones shown in the pictures taken at Certi-Bond. Mayor Isen served warning that this is a campaign for all people. There are sufficient controls in our ordinances but we must see that they are enforced. Mayor Isen particularly thanked the Public Works Department for their promptness in getting the pictures.

1153 X 200 In answer to a question from Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer stated there is a system permitting the deputization of citizens who are not Police officers to enforce city ordinances through the citation method.

1028 5. Chairman of the Water Commission R. "Pat" Hogue asked if the Council recommends that the Water Commission hold its meetings at City Hall. Mayor Isen advised him that they should be held in the City Hall; that under the Brown Act the Water Commission is one whose hearings must be open to the public.

Mr. Hogue was requested to check with the office of the City Manager to determine the best time and place to hold the meetings, and if necessary change the presently arranged day of the week to conform to the already existing schedule of meetings.

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance