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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 29, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

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

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

Councilmen Bradford and Blount joined the meeting at 5:32 P.M.

Mayor Isen said that he and all the official family were saddened by the passing of the wife of Mr. Bartlett, the City Clerk, and asked Mr. Stevens to see that appropriate flowers are sent.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 22, 1960, as written.

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

BIDS:

1. IMPROVEMENT OF ARLINGTON AVENUE:

Mayor Isen stated that bids will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber at 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 7, 1960 (this is a correction of the date April 1 set forth on the agenda) for the improvement of Arlington Avenue from Del Amo Boulevard, 961 feet southerly.

2. 3/4 TON TRUCKS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Isen stated that bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 29, 1960, in Council Chamber.

3. SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Mayor Isen stated that bids will be publicly opened and declared at the City Yard at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 30, 1960, at which time a public auction will be held.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre stated that he has Affidavits of Publication on Items 2 and 3 and they were ordered received and filed. Mr. Whitacre advised Item No. 1 will be republished.

4. MISCELLANEOUS SHOP POWER EQUIPMENT:

Informal bids will be opened at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 30, 1960, in the Council Chamber.

HEARINGS:

1. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 21 (GROUP 22) - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3916, listing parcels Nos. 328-119 to 1-29. 1114

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3916, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 22 inclusive, described in said Resolution, to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

1.

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Parcels 1-125, 1A-125, 4-125, 100-125 on page 2 of Resolution.  
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 Parcels 1199-131, 631, 632, 634, 636, 843-132, page 14.  
 Parcel 527-125, page 17.

Affidavit of Posting was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre  
 Councilman Benstead moved the Affidavit of Posting be received  
 and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.  
 Mrs. W. Korach, 233 Calle Miramar, Redondo Beach, responded.  
 She stated that she wished an extension of time; that there was  
 no refuse on the property. Mayor Isen asked that she contact Mr.  
 Peebles, Director of Public Works.

Mr. L. J. Ransom stated that she owns half an acre, the East  
 half of Lot 105, Tract 639 as per map recorded in Book 15, page  
 132 of Maps, office of the County Recorder, near 2430 231st Street.  
 She stated there are no weeds, only a little grass, and no rubbish.  
 Mrs. Ransom is also to contact Mr. Peebles.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

Mr. G. B. Schwenk, 3722 Garnet, Torrance, said that he is clean-  
 ing up his lot; that he has done so each year, but that the job is  
 not yet finished. Mr. Schwenk was also asked to contact Mr. Peebles  
 on Thursday.

It appearing that no one else wished to be heard, Councilman  
 Benstead moved that the hearing be closed.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3917

1114  
 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. 3916.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of  
 Resolution No. 3917.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3917.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.

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 unanimously.

2. VACATION OF PROPOSED EXTENSION OF VISTA LARGO - HEARING  
ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3886: 1094

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3886 declaring intention to vacate the proposed future street being an extension of Vista Largo. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavits of Publication and of Posting. Councilman Benstead moved that they 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; there was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved that the hearing be closed.

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

Deputy City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3918

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN  
FUTURE STREET BEING A PROPOSED EXTENSION OF VISTA  
LARGO IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE. 1094

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3918.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 25456 - DON WILSON. 1121

Submitted were letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, transmittal form from Supt. of Building Inspections Schlens, City Engineer Nollac, and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 25456, consisting of 669 lots, located in WALTERIA Lake (approval subject to conditions set forth in letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, dated March 16, 1960). Also submitted were letter from Supt of MWD No. 3 and excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes dated March 16, 1960.

Councilman Jahn moved that Tentative Tract Map submitted be adopted together with the stipulations set forth in Mr. Powell's letter of March 24, 1960, and the stipulations set forth in the City Engineer's letter of March 16, 1960, numbered 1 through 13.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked for some clarification with regard to the Hold Harmless Bond and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that after the dike is finished the bond can be released.

Mayor Isen said that Ordinance No. 716 will have to be amended to exclude from the original ordinance the land covered by Part 1 comprising 191 lots situated in the northwest corner of Tentative Tract No. 25456.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney be directed to prepare a proper amendment to Ordinance No. 716 to effect this exclusion.

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

In compliance with Planning Director Powell's request, Item 2 of his letter of March 24, 1960, Mayor Isen ordered the Third and Final Hearing, changing the zone of the land within the subdivision marked Part 1, be set for 8:00 P.M., April 13, 1960 in the Council Chamber.

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2. CASE NO. 614 - CHANGE OF ZONE - DON WILSON:  
Letter from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting Case No. 614, petition of Don Wilson for a change of zone from A-1 and C-2 to R-1, R-3 and C-1 on property legally described as all of Lots 5, 6, and 7 and a portion of Lot 4, Meadow Park Tract, situated westerly of Ocean Avenue between Pacific Coast Highway and Lomita Boulevard, for the purpose of fixing a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing.

Mayor Isen announced that the hearing on this would normally be held at the City Council meeting April 12, 1960. However, this being election day, the regular council meeting will be held on April 13 and the hearing on the above Case No. 614 will be held at 8:00 P.M., April 13, 1960 in the Council Chamber.

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3. CASE NO. 613 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Property Management Company: Letter from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting Case No. 613, petition of Property Management Company for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-1 on a portion of Lot 67, McDonald Tract, situated at Arlington Avenue, approximately 300 feet northerly of 182nd Street, for the purpose of fixing a time and place for the third and final hearing.

Mayor Isen stated that this Case No. 613 will also be brought on for third and final hearing at 8:00 P.M. April 13, 1960 in the Council Chamber.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS, re salary grievance.

This is a request to correct an irregularity which has arisen regarding Fire Engineer A. Salcido's salary which is alleged to be discriminatory.

Mr. John Agapito, representing Fire Fighters No. 1138, and Mr. Richard DeArmitt appeared on behalf of the firemen and presented their case and proposed solution thereof. City Manager Stevens gave an explanatory discourse on the plan which allegedly has resulted in this situation. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bradford to table for two weeks, pending a study and report from Mr. Stevens, City Manager, on this alleged inequity and similar cases in other departments.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

Mr. DeArmitt asked if they could meet with the Council at a pre-Council meeting and Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens to set the meeting for 7:00 P.M. on April 13, 1960, and to notify the interested parties prior to that time.

2. South Torrance Lions Club re Los Arboles Park sidewalks:

1104

This letter was written by Douglas H. Trowbridge, President, South Torrance Lions Club and in effect is a formal offer to donate the sidewalks at Los Arboles Park, which have already been installed.

Councilman Beasley moved that the sidewalks be accepted.

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

3. A letter dated March 16, 1960, from the County Librarian states that Governor Brown is calling a conference on Public Library Service April 7 and 8 in Sacramento and that Councilman Blount has been invited to attend this conference. Councilman Blount stated he had already advised the County Librarian that he would attend.

Councilman Beasley moved that Councilman Blount attend as a representative from Torrance, at city expense.

1039

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

4. A letter dated March 25, 1960, from R. "Pat" Hogue requested approval of a plan whereby there will be one parade for all Baseball Leagues of the Torrance Youth Baseball Council and that May 7th be declared "BASEBALL DAY". Included were requests that permission to use the City reviewing stand and the field back of the Civil Center for this particular day be granted. Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Remelmeyer to draft a proclamation as to "BASEBALL DAY" and Councilman Beasley moved that permission be granted as requested in Mr. Hogue's letter.

1057

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

5. Request of North Torrance Babe Ruth League, Inc., for renewal of their lease at Guenser Park site, by letter dated March 17, 1960, from R. O. Aggen, President, North Torrance Babe Ruth League, Inc. This lease is for about three acres and its term was from February 24, 1958 to December 31, 1959, since which date the tenancy has been on a month-to-month basis. The request is for a five-year period subject to the same covenants, conditions, stipulations and provisions set forth in the original lease. Councilman Beasley moved that authority be granted for renewal of the lease under the terms set forth in the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously on roll call vote.

1105

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

PERSONNEL:

- 1. That M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, be authorized to attend the American Transit Association Regional Conference to be held in Sacramento May 9, 10, 11, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

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EXPENDITURES:

- 1. To Moore Business Forms, Inc. for 125,000 rubbish collection service bills, the sum of \$532.50 plus tax. (A budget item).
- 2. To Arrow Engineering Company for contractual survey work in connection with Hollywood Sewer District No. 3, the sum of \$1,125.74. This amount will be reimbursed.

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1099

MISCELLANEOUS:

Joint Agreement with Torrance Unified School District. This agreement deals with joint use of school owned and maintained property and budgeting therefor.

1213

Councilman Blount moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of the City Manager and approve Item 1 Personnel and Items 1 and 2 Expenditures.

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

Councilman Drale moved that the item under Miscellaneous be authorized. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS SUPERINTENDENT:

This letter requesting permission to attend American Transit Association Regional Conference May 9, 10, 11, 1960, was approved

under Communications from City Manager.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer, Torrance Fire Department, submitting report on the subject of hydrants.

Mayor Isen stated that if there were no objections, this report should be ordered filed.

Councilmen Bradford and Beasley asked how it was determined who bears the expense of installing hydrants when they are located on City property but serve individual property owners in commercial and industrial sites.

Mayor Isen suggested that the report and Fire Chief's map be referred back to City Manager Stevens and that he coordinate with the other affected heads of departments and bring back a recommendation.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Request to go to bid on two items of Miscellaneous Shop Power Equipment:

1 Model E-1416 HD Allen or equal syncrograph, with floor cabinet

1 Model 10-06 Allen or equal tune-up Scope

It is estimated that this equipment will cost in the neighborhood of \$1100.

Councilman Jahn moved that approval be granted to go to bid on these items.

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

2. INTERSECTIONS ON HAWTHORNE BLVD: Signal installations and widening of Hawthorne between Pacific Coast Highway and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. A letter from A. L. Himelhoch, District Engineer of State Division of Highways explained the reason for the delay in these improvements. Letter was ordered filed.

3. Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens, transmitting engineering proposals for work on Del Amo Boulevard. Engineering Service Corporation's proposal is for field surveys for the route between Western Avenue and Prospect Street for a fee of \$3950. Pacific Air Industries' proposal is for flying and drafting a cronaflex map of the route of Del Amo Extension approximately 4.3 miles in length and 500' in width and is in an amount of \$4,375.

After some explanation by Director of Public Works Peebles, it was agreed that the prices set forth in the proposals of Engineering Service Corporation and Pacific Air Industries were reasonable. Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Peebles and under the conditions set forth in his letter to the City Manager dated March 23, 1960.

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

ENGINEERING DIVISION

4. TRACT NO. 23327 (HOWARD INDUSTRIAL TRACT) - COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENTS ON CRENSHAW BLVD., VICINITY OF AMSLER ST. Report dated March 24, 1960, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, with location sketch attached.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac that the City request the subdivider to pay one-half of the total cost of the 30" storm drain (estimated at \$8,000) and install the required street improvements. If the sub-

divider does not choose to participate in the cost of constructing the subject drain then it is recommended that no drainage work be done and the street improvements not be installed until the storm drain has been built.

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

- 5. Transmittal of grant deed for portions of Lot 34, Resurvey of the R. O. Hickman Tract for the widening of Prairie Avenue, given by Searcy E. Binford and Florence Binford together with location sketch. 1177

Councilman Drale moved that the deed be accepted.

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

- 6. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 18920. Letter from City Engineer Nollac to Director of Public Works Peebles submitting recommendation for release of Bond No. 01-B-60448 covering improvements in Tract No. 18920. 1101

It appearing that the Park Superintendent and City Engineer have inspected and approved the improvements, Councilman Jahn moved that the Subdivision Bond be released.

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

- 7. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract 21624. Letter from City Engineer Nollac to Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation for release of Bond No. 205665, covering improvements in Tract No. 21624. 1101

It appearing that the Park Superintendent and City Engineer have inspected and approved the improvements, Councilman Benstead moved that the Subdivision Bond be released.

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

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

- 8. Recommendations of Traffic Commission to City Council: Letter dated March 24, 1960 from J. O. Whitmer, Traffic Engineer recommending that the existing overhead signals be relocated as follows:

- a. From Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue to Torrance Boulevard and Henrietta Street. 1081
- b. From Sepulveda Boulevard and Arlington Avenue to Arlington Avenue and 190th Street.
- c. From Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard to Carson Street and Border Avenue.

These existing overhead signals are being replaced by corner post installations.

The establishment of a passenger loading zone in front of the South Bay Church located at Yukon Avenue and 177th Street (Resolution attached). 1050

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer with respect to these signals.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 3919

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY 1050

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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 that Resolution No. 3919 establishing a loading zone on the west side of Yukon Avenue at 177th Street be adopted.

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

9. Summary of the action taken by the Traffic Commission at its regular meeting of March 16, 1960. This item is for information only and is ordered filed.

1037  
10. Interoffice communication dated March 16, 1960 from Traffic Engineer Whitmer relating to installation of pavement markings indicating speed limits and the problems of maintenance thereof. This communication is informational only and is ordered filed.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3920

1115  
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 Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3920.

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford and Drale.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3921

1115  
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 Jahn moved that Resolution No. 3921 be adopted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by roll call vote, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford and Drale.

ORDINANCES

1. With his letter of March 29, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1163 which was introduced and approved at its first reading on March 22, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent.

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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1163 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

2. With his letter of March 29, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1164 which was introduced and approved at its first reading on March 22, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1164 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

3. With his letter of March 29, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1165 which was introduced and approved at its first reading on March 22, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1165 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

4. With his letter of March 29, 1960, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1166, which was introduced and approved at its first reading on March 22, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote, with Councilmen Bradford and Drale absent.

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. 1212

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1166 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

5. Submitted was Emergency Ordinance prohibiting the erection of derricks and the drilling of oil well holes in the City of Torrance except within the boundaries of designated areas and declaring the presence of an emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1167

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OF DERRICKS AND THE DRILLING OF OIL WELL HOLES IN THE CITY EXCEPT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF DESIGNATED AREAS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1167.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance No. 1167 at its first and only reading.

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

Mayor Isen stated that the regular resolution will be on the agenda for next week's meeting of the Council.

REPORTS

1. The office of the City Clerk reported that the following papers were served on Tuesday, March 22, 1960:

Petition for Writ of Mandate in Case No. 742-127, Superior Court, action of Eugene C. and Katherine Capel vs. City of Torrance et al, in connection with the "Lomita-Crenshaw Annexation" proceeding and Order to Show Cause in said action; by the firm of Davidson & Russ, Attorneys at Law, 1047 West 164th Street, Gardena, California. This matter has been referred to the City Attorney.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. City Manager Stevens reported that two or three weeks ago the City got a very short notice to vacate a portion of the rear section of the old City Hall which we understood we had a right to occupy rent-free until August 20, 1960. Home Savings & Loan was advised of the City's interpretation but they stated they have a real need to open escrow offices there and wanted to know if we could work out something whereby they could occupy the area where the old council chambers were. Home Savings was asked if the City might extend its occupancy to January 20, 1961. Their reply letter agrees to the City's occupying the present Recreation Department office from August 21, 1960 to January 20, 1961, at a reasonable monthly rental to be determined prior to August 20, 1960. However, Mr. Hickey of Home Savings & Loan has advised that the rental would be \$450 per month. Mr. Stevens advised him that he believed this to be unreasonable.

Mayor Isen suggested that a committee consisting of Mr. Willys Blount and himself, arrange to meet with the officers of Home Savings on next Monday, April 4, 1960, to try to negotiate a satisfactory settlement.

A short recess was declared at 6:55 and the Council reconvened at 7:05 P.M.

2. Mr. Stevens stated that there was another matter which warranted immediate attention and on which he would like to have an indication of the Council's feeling. He stated that Robert Carleson was handling the coming election and recommended his appointment by Mr. Bartlett, City Clerk, as Deputy City Clerk. 1086

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Stevens' recommendation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously on roll call vote.

3. Mr. Stevens also talked about the Powder Puff Derby. He said that over a year ago the Council approved by resolution that they would follow the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce in staging the Powder Puff Derby in Torrance in 1960 and they promised \$2500. In October, 1959, \$1000 was paid of this and now the Committee needs the remaining \$1500 so that they can pay a \$500 fee that has already been advanced. The Chamber of Commerce will take care of all other expenses which they estimate will be about \$2500 and the payment of \$1500 will complete the City's portion of it. 1216

Councilman Drale moved that \$1500 be appropriated to the Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of the Powder Puff Derby.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Councilman Benstead stated that the people on Elgar and Falda Streets between 174th and 176th understood if they went into the Assessment District lights would be on by last Christmas. So far there is not even an installation. Mr. Peebles said he would check into this and submit a report. 1218

Councilman Drale asked that Mr. Peebles investigate and report also on street lighting in back of McMaster Park.

5. Councilman Bradford said that he thought when resolutions are brought up, it would be well to insert by whom the resolution was initiated. It was Mayor Isen's opinion that this could be done. 1219

6. Councilman Drale said that the downtown area parking has become a serious problem. Real estate values have been affected, business is being affected and sales tax revenue is being reduced. He moved that all parking meters be removed from the downtown area.

Councilman Benstead asked in that case how the balance on parking lots would be paid. Councilman Drale thought this could be done by the increased sales tax revenue and policing the area to collect fines. If the bus depot takes over part of the parking lot he thought they should be obligated to pay for a certain portion of it. Otherwise, there are going to be a lot of vacant stores in downtown Torrance. 1007

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Blount made a substitute motion that Councilman Drale's motion be tabled until after the election. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by roll call vote, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

7. City Manager Stevens said there is still a vacancy on the Traffic Safety Council and Mayor Isen stated that this will not be filled until after April 12. 1029

8. Mr. Milton Langum of the Torrance Fire Fighters said his association was shocked to learn that Resolution No. 3913 was passed, amending the rules and regulations of Civil Service. He questioned 1110

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 the manner in which this was done. Mayor Isen asked that he present in writing the matters with which he took issue and they would be put on the agenda for about April 20th. Mr. Langum stated there are about four major issues to consider.

Mr. John M. Simmons, President of Local No. 1117 Miscellaneous City Employees, asked to be permitted to join with Mr. Langum and present his objections at the same time. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens to notify Mr. Langum and Mr. Simmons when these matters are placed on the Council's agenda.

BILLS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills which have been properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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