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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., Wednesday, April 13, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

Mayor Isen extended congratulations to Councilman-elect George Vico and at the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Vico led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend William K. Schatz of Seaside Community Evangelical and Reformed Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 5, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen welcomed City Clerk Bartlett and expressed to him the sympathy of the Council in his bereavement.

Mayor Isen announced that Councilman-elect Vico would be installed at the next Council meeting, 5:30 P.M., April 19, 1960, and on behalf of the City employees and Council and the people of Torrance congratulated Councilmen Drale and Benstead for each coming into a new term and expressed the hope that the next four years during which they will serve will be eventful and progressive. He expressed regret that Councilman Jahn would no longer be with the Council and appreciation of his years of dedicated service to the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3926

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ROBERT B. JAHN FOR HIS FOUR YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS CITY COUNCILMAN.

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Councilman Beasley moved that the Council dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3926. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Jahn and Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3926 in permanent form. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Jahn and Blount absent).

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Drale, as the oldest in point of service in the Council, to read in its entirety, Resolution No. 3922

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING ALBERT H. BARTLETT FOR HIS YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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WHEREAS, Albert H. Bartlett has served the people of Torrance as City Clerk for 38 years, having been elected to that office ten consecutive times commencing April 2, 1922; and

WHEREAS, ever since "Bart" came to Torrance with his bride in 1913, he has played a significant role in the City's development, having been an organizer of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Athletic Club, Kiwanis Club and Lions Club, Governor of the Moose Lodge and leader of the Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World and Masons; and

WHEREAS, through his long public career, "Bart" has conducted his office with efficiency, courtesy to the public, and otherwise with great distinction; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was requested by Councilman Nickolas O. Drale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this City Council, on behalf of each of its members and the people of the City of Torrance, hereby commends Albert H. Bartlett for his many years of efficient and faithful service to the citizens and government of the City.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 13th day of April, 1960.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3922. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

A perma-plaques copy of the Resolution was presented to City Clerk Bartlett by Councilman Drale with warm and friendly words of commendation. Mr. Bartlett responded and each member of the Council present made appropriate remarks covering his individual friendship with Mr. Bartlett. At this time Mr. Bartlett asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting and was escorted from the room with a standing ovation.

Mayor Isen explained briefly for the benefit of the audience the procedure of the Council meetings.

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

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

#### HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3924, listing parcels Nos. 1-134 through 755-167, Hearing No. 23 (Group 25) declaring weeds and rubbish thereon to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

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 Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

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

Director of Public Works Peebles remarked that this hearing would also determine the matter set forth on the agenda under "I 4", a letter from Ellenwood Homeowners Association dated April 6, 1960 on the subject of weed abatement, soil erosion and maintaining a nuisance along

Newton Street in the Ellenwood Tract near the Newton Elementary School.  
 Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed. Motion,  
seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.  
 Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3927

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. 3924. 1115

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3927. Motion,  
seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call  
 vote:

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

2. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the Third and  
 Final Hearing on Case No. 613, petition of Property Management Company  
 for change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on a portion of Lot 67, McDonald  
 Tract, situated at Arlington Avenue approximately 200 feet northerly  
 of 182nd Street. Submitted were location sketch and excerpt from  
 Planning Commission Minutes of January 20, 1960, recommending this  
 change of zone. 1033

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded  
 by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the  
 Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried  
 by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and  
 Jahn absent).

3. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for Third and  
 Final Hearing on petition of Don Wilson for change of zone from A-1  
 and C-2 to R-1, R-2 and C-1 on property situated between Pacific  
 Coast Highway and Lomita Boulevard westerly of Ocean Avenue, legally  
 described as all of Lots 5, 6, 7, a portion of Lot 4, Meadow Park  
 Tract and that portion of Parcel 2 shown upon a record of survey in  
 the Los Angeles County Recorder's office. Submitted were excerpts  
 from Planning Commission Minutes of January 20, 1960, recommending  
 approval of the change of zone. 1033

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk  
 Whitacre and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.  
 Mr. Stan Wilson of 27016 Strawberry Lane, Rolling Hills, came for-  
 ward and presented a letter on behalf of Don Wilson, the petitioner.  
 Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the entire letter to the Council, as  
 follows:

April 9, 1960

To the Property Owners Within 300 feet Northerly and  
 Westerly of the Proposed C-1 Property lying at the Pro-  
 longation of Calle Mayor Easterly and Anza Boulevard  
 Southerly

At a meeting held in my office on this date with  
 Messrs. L. G. Haslam, James H. Armitage, Joseph T. Allen  
 and C. J. Rennie, it was agreed by me, in consideration

of the aforesaid gentlemen agreeing to the change of zone of the northwest 2.3 acres of the intersection created by the prolongation of Calle Mayor easterly and Anza Boulevard southerly, that in the event I sell the proposed C-1 Property I will cause to be deed restricted as set forth below, or in the event I develop the subject property I will cause it to be developed as set forth below:

1. Construct an alley not less than 25 feet in width along the north and west portion of the property.
2. Construct a six feet masonry wall along our north-west property lines around the north and west, said wall to be constructed in such a manner as to be a retaining wall to the pad level of the homes along the north, and to construct a retaining wall along the west, at least to the highest height necessary to the north.
3. Any commercial buildings constructed are to be constructed as close to Calle Mayor as possible with the parking zone provided between the buildings and the alley to be constructed.
4. Any commercial buildings to be constructed to be one-story in height with a maximum height of 15 feet.
5. Any lighted signs constructed on the proposed commercial buildings to be no higher than the top of said buildings and are not to be constructed on the north side of said buildings or on the west side of the nearest buildings to Lots 62 and 63 of Tract 15570.
6. Any parking lights to be constructed so as to shine lights down and toward the commercial buildings and away from the property owners to the north and to the west.

/s/ Don Wilson

and acknowledged that these conditions are binding upon Don Wilson in connection with any change of zone.

Mr. C. J. Rennie, 23118 Carlow Road, one of the property owners listed in the above letter, stated this is the agreement which was reached and that the owners are in favor of the change of zone petitioned for by Don Wilson.

Councilman Beasley moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission with the conditions set forth in this hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount and Jahn absent).

4. Mayor Isen announced that Mr. Abe Robinson, President of the newly organized Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants Association, was present and wished to make a request. Mr. Robinson announced the first downtown promotional sale April 21, 22 and 23 and asked the Council to authorize the Bus Department to offer free rides, one way, into the Torrance Downtown area during the sale. He also asked permission to put up pole cards advertising the sale generally and stated the ads would contain no individual advertising. Bus Superintendent M. A. Chamberlain stated that when the plan was used a month or six weeks ago, it proved to be a stimulus to bus travel and it was agreed that the advertising material would include notice that the free rides would be provided.

Motion, by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Drale, that the request of the Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants Association be

granted, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Robinson to bring to the attention of his Association, the extension of the privilege of buying for \$4.00 a month, parking permits for the benefit of the merchants and their employees.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Tentative Tract Map No. 25601, Subdivider Salmac Construction Company. Submitted were transmittal form from Building, Engineering and Planning Divisions, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, Tract Map No. 25601, consisting of 16 lots zoned R-3, located on the north side of Emerald, approximately 300 feet west of Madrona, location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of March 16, 1960 and letter dated January 22, 1960 from A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent, recommending that Dominguez Water Company serve this area. 1121

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Department, with stipulations as provided. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Questions by Councilman Benstead as to size of the lots, and by Councilman Beasley as to sewers, were resolved by Director of Planning Powell.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Jahn.

2. Tentative Tract Map No. 25602, Subdivider Salmac Construction Company. Submitted were transmittal form from Building, Engineering and Planning Divisions, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, consisting of 16 lots, zoned R-3, located on the south side of Garnet Street, north of Tract 25601, location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of March 16, 1960, letter from A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent recommending that Dominguez Water Company be permitted to serve this tract. 1121

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur with the recommendations of the Planning Department with stipulations provided. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Beasley asked if the Councilman had not authorized the Torrance Water Department to put in a line on Emerald Street at a cost of about \$8,000 and A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of Water, answered from the audience that it had been discussed but the cost was about \$16,000 to \$18,000 and the lines would have paralleled some that Dominguez Water Company has. It was decided the improvement was not worthwhile at that cost, as he recalled. Councilman Bradford agreed with the recollection of Mr. McVicar.

Motion, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Jahn.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claim of Jerry J. Presba, 1232 23rd Street, Manhattan Beach, dated April 4, 1960, for alleged damage to airplane at Torrance Municipal Airport, incident occurring on April 2, 1960. 1174

Councilman Benstead moved that the claim be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. Downtown Torrance Retail Merchants' Association re. free bus rides to Torrance. This was heard and approved under a previous heading early in the meeting. 0

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3. Mrs. Norma Boy re North Torrance Little League Opening Day, extending invitation to the members of the City Council to attend. Mayor Isen asked that any Councilmen who wished to do so, please contact Mrs. Boy.

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4. X Ellenwood Homeowners Association, re condition existing on Newton Street. This item came up with the weed abatement hearing to a limited extent. However, there were further difficulties to be discussed, as set forth in the letter signed by Karl Weber, dated April 6, 1960. Mr. Louis Rule of 4702 Highgrove Avenue and Mr. Karl Weber of 4714 Highgrove Avenue spoke about the danger to children of the caves and gullies which have developed. It has been necessary on at least two occasions to send in Fire Department men to rescue children. Assistant City Attorney Dower said he would check the law to see if a private or public nuisance of some sort is involved and that the City Attorney's office would write Mr. Kissel, the owner. The Association's communication has been referred to the Department of Public Works for investigation and recommendation.

Mrs. Joseph D. Haddad, 4820 Highgrove Avenue said this condition has been growing worse for three years; that it was supposed to have been taken up with the Council before and nothing came of it. Also, she said Mr. Kissel had promised a park which he had not furnished. The erosion, she said, is a result of Mr. Kissel removing fill dirt to use elsewhere.

Director of Public Works Peebles invited members of the representation to accompany him to his office to talk over what could be done to solve their problems.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Council plan to take a personal tour through this section at an early time.

A recess was declared by Mayor Isen at 8:40 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Personnel

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1. Mayor Isen moved that Battalion Chief Gordon E. Northington be authorized to attend the Fire Training Officers' Workshop in the City of Fresno May 16 - 20, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid, in concurrence with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens.

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

Recreation Matters

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1. Recommendation of Harry Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, for grooving the Plunge deck, at a cost of approximately \$4,500. There was considerable discussion of this proposal, principally as to the manner in which it was to be accomplished. The recommendation was made based on the experience of other municipal plunge owners, notably the City and County of Los Angeles, that the type of grooving recommended was the best available permanent protection from slipping. City Manager Stevens also said that he had made a report on this some time ago in which he spelled out the experience of the City and County of Los Angeles and that they both had reached the conclusion that this method is by far the best and, in the long run, the cheapest.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Recreation Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale and Isen.  
(Mayor Isen noted that his vote is on the recommendation of the Recreation Director)

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Jahn.

2. Painting of swimming pool. This communication ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. County's offer to City of participation in mass purchase of supplies, particularly gasoline, with City Manager's recommendation that the City participate.

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The principal advantage is that the City can use this mass purchase ability as a way of getting better prices from suppliers. It is not necessary to participate on every purchase, only when it proves to the City's advantage.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen stated that a representative of the City Manager's office is to attend a meeting with County Administrative Offices regarding mass buying power on Thursday, April 14, 1960.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. Taxicab Fare Rate Increase.

City License Inspector Whitacre stated that he had no specific recommendation; that the ordinance particularly states the Council shall set taxicab fare rates.

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Mayor Isen moved to approve the increase. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. Letter dated April 8, 1960 from A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent requesting authority to purchase transite pipe at special price of \$7,731.

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Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Letter from Clyde Fryar, Building Maintenance Supervisor, approved by Director of Public Works, submitting recommendation re acceptance of bid on Shop Power Equipment, together with bid summary and copy of notice to bidders. John P. King Power Tools, 770 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, low bidder, \$1,610.72 plus tax.

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Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

2. Street Deficiencies Report.

Mayor Isen complimented the Department on the excellency of this report and asked that a copy be sent to each of the five County Supervisors with our compliments, also one to each Vincent Thomas and Richard Richards.

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Councilman Bradford moved to adopt the Report. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

3. Engineering Division. Improvement of Arlington Ave., from Del Amo Blvd. 961 feet southerly - award of contract to Epic L. Peterson, low bidder, recommended by Director of Public Works Peebles, in the amount of \$32,356.60.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead questioned the necessity of the amount of fencing to be used. Director of Public Works Peebles assured the Council that wherever possible, material would be salvaged and re-used, whether it was fencing or posts. Councilman Benstead also asked about the possibility of moving two palm tress from the area to the City Hall grounds, but Director of Public Works Peebles said they had been inspected by the Park Department and found to be in bad

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condition and not worth moving.

Motion, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

- 4. Vacation of Sanitary Sewer Easement in Tract No. 23327. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3928

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE AN EASEMENT FOR SEWER PURPOSES IN TRACT NO. 23327; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3928. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

- 5. Transmittal of grant deeds for acceptance by City Council. Letter from City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting two easements for street widening purposes, as follows:

- a. Grant deed from Robert B. and Solange B. Parker for a portion of Lot 49 of the McDonald Tract, for widening of Crenshaw Boulevard.
- b. Grant deed from Century Properties for portions of Lot 16, McDonald Tract, for widening of 180th Street.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the two deeds described. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

- 1. Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager submitting estimate of cost of increasing hours of control tower operation.

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Mr. Egan asked that the amount shown in his letter as total annual cost of increase be corrected to read "\$2800" instead of \$2964. He stated that since writing the letter he had received resignations from two airport control employees, both effective April 30th. Although these resignations were not related to the projected increase in operation time, it is very difficult to hire anyone to replace them.

Mayor Isen moved to table this item for consideration after July 1st, with the budget study. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

- 2. Stanley E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, re Airport Leases.

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Mayor Isen moved to approve the action of the City Attorney in preparing the form letter with respect to assignment and sub-leasing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. Adoption of Resolution No. 3922. This was effected in the early part of the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3929

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1520.

City Manager Stevens explained that this is not a Civil Service

matter, but rather an administrative one; that it spells out in general terms the duties of employees.

Councilman Drale asked that the Councilmen be allowed to see what changes were made. Mayor Isen recommended that this resolution be held for two weeks for consideration on April 26, 1960, at the regular Council meeting at 8:00 P.M. and that Councilmen Drale and Benstead check and make a recommendation at that time.

ORDINANCES:

1. With his letter of April 13, 1960, the City Clerk presented for its Second and Final reading Ordinance No. 1168 which was introduced and approved at its First Reading on April 5, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote:

ORDINANCE NO. 1168

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 19.40 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954 (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1167) WHICH PROHIBITED THE ERECTION OF DERRICKS AND THE DRILLING OF OIL WELL HOLES IN THE CITY EXCEPT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF DESIGNATED AREAS AND DECLARED THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; and SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

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Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1168 at its Second and Final Reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

2. With his letter of April 13, 1960, the City Clerk presented for its Second and Final Reading Ordinance No. 1169 which was introduced and approved at its First Reading on April 5, 1960, by unanimous roll call vote:

ORDINANCE NO. 1169

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

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Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1169 at its Second and Final Reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed April, 1960, as "CANCER CONTROL MONTH" in compliance with the American Cancer Society's program of research, education and service.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Councilman Beasley called the Council's attention to the meeting of the Inter-City Council and Mayors' Group on Thursday, April 21st, at The Cockatoo Restaurant. The State Public Works Director and Chief Engineer of the Highway Department will attend and there will be important discussions of highway and freeway development in Southern California.

2. Councilman Beasley asked that the Public Works Department investigate the question of bonds on sidewalk curbs and gutters. Director of Public Works Peebles stated it would be on next week's agenda.

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3. Councilman Bradford said that last year at budget time the City had planned to hire a blacksmith-welder. He wanted to know why it takes so long to hire after a position is created. He also asked about the filling of vacancies in the personnel of the Fire Department. Director of Public Works Peebles explained that it had been difficult to find a place to hold the examination for blacksmith-welder. Several places had turned the City down and finally El Camino College permitted the use of its facilities.

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4. Councilman Bradford expressed the belief that some thought should be given to employing a different agency for giving Civil Service examinations. The Civil Service Commission plans to review the City's method of testing.

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5. Councilman Drale said that for two or three years there has been under consideration the installation of a traffic signal on Highway 101 near the St. Lawrence School, the cost of which was to be participated in by the City of Torrance, the State, and the City of Redondo Beach. City Manager Stevens said that the State refused to participate; that he would write again.

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6. Mayor Isen asked that the Traffic Commission again consider what is to be done when the Harbor Freeway reaches 190th Street this summer. Director of Public Works Peebles said that plans are being made to take care of it.

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7. Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Attorney Dower if the City has any regulations on trampolines. Building Inspector said there is one trampoline center in Torrance and that they had been required to pad the edges of the trampolines. Assistant City Attorney Dower will inquire as to public liability insurance and report back. The one center is located at Stearns Trailer Park.

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8. Mayor Isen said that the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright, Architects, are planning to destroy the pattern for the plaque presented to the Mayor of Konya and wondered if the City would like to have a replica made. The cost would not exceed \$150. It would be suitable for placing in the City Hall or some other appropriate place in the Civic Center.

Councilman Beasley moved to order a duplicate made in accordance with the Mayor's information. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

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9. Mayor Isen said he had received a letter dated April 4, 1960, from the American Municipal Association, signed by the Mayor of St. Louis, advising him that he had been appointed an official of the 8th Interamerican meeting at San Diego next October 16 - 21 regarding municipal practices in Latin America and North America. Mayor Isen felt it quite an honor and hopes he will be able to attend.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Council approve attendance by Mayor Isen, with appropriate expenses paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

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10. Councilman Beasley said he thinks some recognition should be given to the Turkish officer in San Francisco who did so much to arrange the visits of Turkish mayors to their sister cities in America. If this has not been done, he thought it suitable to prepare a resolution to be sent to the man's superior in Ankara, Turkey. Assistant City Attorney Dower will check to see if this has been done.

11. Councilman Bradford reported that he had recently attended a social function held at a new Youth Center adjacent to a park in Long Beach. He was very impressed with the building which was evidently done by equal participation of the School system and City at a cost of

approximately \$110,000. He wondered if something similar could not be done for the youth of Torrance. Mayor Isen asked that a tour be arranged so that the Councilmen could view this Youth Center in Long Beach; also that some time after Armed Forces Day, a similar tour be made of our local park and recreation facilities to see what has been accomplished. In this connection, Councilman Beasley asked how far along the construction of the building at Southwest Park has progressed. Director of Public Works Peebles answered that the plans are almost completed.

12. Councilman Benstead expressed dissatisfaction with what is being done toward building the bus station and restrooms in downtown Torrance. He said they seemed entirely inadequate. Mr. Peebles replied that these buildings always seem smaller when they are at this early stage of development; but that the bus station will seat between 12 and 20 people when completed.

13. Mr. Walter Virgil, President of the Southwest Little League, presented an oral request to approve waiver of permit fee for relocation of their facility onto the Victor Street Park site, and presented a letter for incorporating the request into the agenda. 1105

Councilman Drale moved that the waiver be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

14. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Jahn absent).

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 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