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Torrance, California
April 26, 1960

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., April 26, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and Assistant City Attorney Dower were also present.

Mr. Johnson, Student Activities Advisor at Torrance High School was introduced by Mayor Isen and, at the request of Mayor Isen, one of his students, Miss Charlotte McComas, led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 19, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

1. SALE OF AIRCRAFT: A public auction for the sale of one Luscombe Aircraft, N45862 will be held at the Torrance Municipal Airport, 3201 Pacific Coast Highway, on April 26, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., said sale to be held for the purpose of satisfying a lien.
2. TRAFFIC CONES: Informal bids for furnishing 500 traffic cones will be opened in the Council Chambers at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 28, 1960.

Mayor Isen announced that this Council and City are very honored to have Assemblyman Vincent Thomas present with his family. Mrs. Thomas and their two children, Vince, Jr. and Mary Virginia, were introduced. Mayor Isen then introduced Assemblyman Thomas and told of his fine service to the City of Torrance in the twenty years he has been Assemblyman for the 68th District. Mayor Isen read in its entirety and presented to Assemblyman Thomas, Resolution 3906 on behalf of the City Council, City Government and citizens of Torrance.

Assemblyman Thomas replied, thanked the City Government and Council for their cooperation and promised to represent this District to the best of his ability.

A short recess was declared by Mayor Isen during which the Council members and members of the audience greeted Assemblyman Thomas and his family.

Mr. Harris of the Daily Breeze, Redondo Beach, was present and explained a forthcoming edition of the Daily Breeze which will trace 75 years of growth of the South Bay area. He suggested a page, or a half page, advertising plus editorial and pictorial matter be purchased by the City. The cost was quoted at \$995 per page, or \$550 per half page. Mr. Harris felt the paper merits the support of the City of Torrance and stated he

had discussed this with both Mr. Stevens, City Manager, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Drale stated if this was done, the City would be obligated to place similar matter in many other papers. Councilman Beasley expressed the opinion that this type of thing should come through the Chamber of Commerce which is the public relations agency of the City. Councilman Bradford agreed this is the responsibility of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Drale moved that the request be denied, as a waste of City money. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mayor Isen stated although the motion is in order, he objects to the word "waste"; that it is a matter of determining where the money should go in any particular year. He asked if the word "waste" might be deleted. Councilman Drale said the motion was made and he wished it left in the record.

Councilman Benstead stated that the Chamber of Commerce is the advertising agency of the City and this is the place the Breeze should go for such an ad.

Councilman Bradford made a substitute motion that this matter be referred to City Manager Stevens and that he contact Mr. Fitzgerald of the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote on the substitute motion showed the following:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Isen, Bradford.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico.

Roll call vote on the original motion showed:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Isen.

Mayor Isen repeated that he does not like the use of the word "waste"; that the newspapers serve a very useful purpose in the community. Councilmen Beasley and Bradford asked that the record show they voted "No." due to the terminology of the motion. Councilman Vico stated that the Daily Breeze is doing a fine job but the City cannot advertise in all the papers. He does not think the taxpayers' money should be spent unless it is necessary.

Mr. Harris thanked the Council for their time and took leave of the meeting.

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

1115 Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3936, Hearing No. 24 (Group 26), listing parcels 1-136 through 4-114 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 that the affidavit be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

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

Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Drale asked if this is the time for a new contract on weed abatement. City Manager Stevens said the present contract

expires in May or June and if there is to be further weed abatement, it will be necessary to advertise for a further contract. He said this is a policy matter which can go either way. He said the procedure for a new contract had actually started. Councilman Drale said he had called several times and had some areas cleaned up and this is the reason for changing his vote. If there is not going to be another contract, he said his vote will be "no" until this is done.

Mayor Isen asked if he might close the public hearing, no objection, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens asked for an expression from the Council as to whether the project should continue; the contract expires with the Spring cleaning and does not go beyond that. If there is to be a Fall plowing and again next Spring, we would want to advertise for bids soon and have a program ready after the present contract expires. 1113

Mayor Isen stated that perhaps it should go on the agenda, for discussion maybe next week. post

Councilman Bradford mentioned an instance at Beech and Carson which he stated is the only right type of abatement which he has seen so far. The grass was mowed down to stubble and it was really a nice looking job. His main objection is that no one knows what the abatement is going to cost. It is really a direct tax, he said, which he does not believe in. He said he thought we need an abatement system, but it should be a sensible one. He does not think rubbish removal should be included.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council proceed with the hearing; that consideration of the contract would be on the agenda at its proper time and place.

Councilman Beasley said it might be well to report to the Council about the Ellenwood tract which was reported to be in bad condition about three weeks ago. He said he had driven by and that they are doing a wonderful job of cleaning up the area. He said he was quite proud of the program when he saw what was being done there.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3941

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. 3936. 1115

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3941. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3941. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on CASE NO. 606 - VARIANCE - ANDERSON. Petition of Daryl Anderson, 8907 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills for a variance to construct a medical center on a portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765, situated at 25601 Rolling Hills Road, in Land Use Zone R-1. Submitted with form of transmittal from Planning Commission, recommending approval, were: Location sketch, Excerpt from April 6, 1960 Planning Commission Minutes, letter dated April 21, 1960 from Daryl K. Anderson, and Exhibit. 1031

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

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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3. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on CASE NO. 607 - VARIANCE - ANDERSON. Petition of Daryl Anderson, 8907 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, for a variance to construct a medical center on Lot 13, Tract 17444 situated at 25403 Rolling Hills Road. Submitted with Transmittal Form from Planning Commission, recommending approval, were: Location sketch, excerpt from April 6, 1960 Planning Commission Minutes, letter dated April 21, 1960 from Daryl K. Anderson, and Exhibit.

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

Councilman Drale moved that the hearing be closed; motion seconded by Councilman Vico; no objection, so ordered.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, with a comment that it will cause a heavy traffic condition in the area; that he is not too keen on it but does not think he would vote against it. He asked how many units there are and Director of Planning Powell answered there are two suites and two consulting rooms and two offices each. Councilman Blount inquired as to access rights and Planning Director Powell said access rights would be effected later but that a variance would not affect access rights. Councilman Beasley asked what happens to the service road to Jack Rogers' development and Planning Director Powell answered that this has no effect at all. This is the far east end of the service road. It is the applicant's desire to come in off Rolling Hills Road at points indicated.

Motion to concur seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on CASE NO. 622 - VARIANCE - MORELAND. Petition of Ralph E. Moreland, 3420 Garnet Street for a variance to construct an additional dwelling at 3420 Garnet Street, described as Lot 24, Tract 3458, in R-1 Zone. Submitted with Transmittal Form from Planning Commission recommending approval, were: Location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of April 6, 1960 and Exhibit.

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

Mayor Isen stated if there were no objections, the hearing should be moved closed. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, on the condition that the two old garages on the property be removed and sidewalks be installed.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

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1. CASE NO. 625 - VARIANCE - LUCY TARICCO. Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, re withdrawal of Planning Commission Case No. 625 from Planning Commission Agenda.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission permitting withdrawal. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered. On question from Mayor Isen, Assistant City Attorney Dower stated that because the request for variance has been withdrawn, it is not necessary for Council to consider it.

2. WAIVERS. Letter from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting Planning Commission recommendation for approval of requests for waivers as follows:

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- a. W-148: Eugene H. Martin, 5013 Jacques St., request for waiver of rear yard requirements.
- b. W-147: James R. Oliver, 3610 W. 181st St., request for waiver of rear yard requirements.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 3 (Resubmitted)

1. Cover letter from James O. Whitmer, Traffic and Lighting Engineer, approved by W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting resolutions and contract for the establishment of Street Lighting District No. 3.

1218

Councilman Blount asked for an explanation of the map which was submitted and Director of Public Works explained the map and indicated the areas thereon to be covered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3931

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT, DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE AND REPORT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 1, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1960, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1964.

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Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3931. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3931. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3942

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, ASSESSMENT ENGINEER.

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Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3942. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3942. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, by J. R. Foster, Secretary, re appointment of Director and Alternate Director to represent the City in Sanitation District No. 5 and South Bay Cities Sanitation District.

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Mayor Isen stated that the Sanitation District meets at 2:15 P.M. on the second Wednesday of each month; that he has attended all the meetings, but will be unable to attend the one this month. He asked Councilman Beasley to attend, if possible, and Councilman Beasley said that he would do so.

Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney prepare a resolution appointing Councilman Beasley to act as alternate in lieu of Robert B. Jahn.

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2. Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright, by Chas. P. Morgan, re policy toward placement of other governmental units in the Civic Center Extension Area.

City Manager Stevens said this matter was brought up at the Committee meeting April 25th and they voted unanimously against the other type of governmental agencies buildings, such as Federal buildings, State buildings, etc., and voted to restrict it to the County and City buildings and recreational and cultural buildings, library, museum, etc., only.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civic Center Planning Committee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objections, so ordered.

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3. Mr. Louis S. Greene, dba Greene Construction Company, registering protest against public agencies doing their own building.

Mayor Isen asked that this be filed; there being no objections it was so ordered.

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4. Southwest Park Community Fair Committee, inviting all members and their friends to their First Annual Community Fair, April 30, 1960, at La Romeria Park, 19301 Inglewood Avenue. Ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

- 1042
1. Expenditures: To John F. Wardlaw Fire Equipment for the purchase of 1,000 feet of 2½" fire hose, the sum of \$1,750 as recommended by Chief Benner (a budget item).

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of Chief Benner to accept the bid of John F. Wardlaw Fire Equipment in the amount of \$1,750. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Miscellaneous: The Mayors' and Councilmen's Institute will be held in Berkeley May 26 and 27, 1960. Registration cards are available in City Manager's office.

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Councilman Beasley moved that any Councilman who desired be permitted to attend with appropriate expenses paid.

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

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2. Removal of Parking Meters.

Submitted was a brief report on the removal of parking meters: as to financial statement, ordinances, personnel and sale of meters, compiled by City Manager Stevens.

Councilman Drale moved that the matter of removal of parking meters be removed from the table and brought back for consideration of the Council. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale said that due to the condition of some meters, and he was not placing any blame on any particular party, several are in very bad repair and no attention has been paid to repairing them. He said that the policing of the meters has been very good; he has no objection to that. Some time ago there was a survey made by downtown merchants and there was an urgent petition sent in against

the meters. They wish to have them removed. Real estate values in downtown areas are being affected by the installation of the meters. He also feels they have served their purpose; they have been in for about six years. When they were put in, there was no competition from large commercial businesses with free parking lots. The meters, themselves, have purchased two valuable lots downtown and he does not feel that the taxpayers will lose any money thereby. All but \$18,000 or \$19,000 has been paid, and the City could get somewhere near \$100,000 for the property. He does not think the lots can revert to anyone but the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved that the parking meters be removed as soon as possible.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked if Councilman Drale had taken into consideration that the payment would have to be made from the General Fund and Councilman Drale said he had, but that would be in return for the City receiving two valuable lots.

Councilman Blount said he would like to know if included in the motion was the provision that \$23,000 from the General Fund be appropriated.

Mayor Isen suggested that the motion be amended to add where parking meters are now established, that two-hour parking zone limit be established; that the General Fund assume the balance due on the lots and all expense of removal of old parking meters; that the parking meters ordinance be repealed; that a resolution be prepared instituting two-hour enforcement zones in those areas; that personnel be assigned as per Item L-2, the report of Mr. Stevens. Councilman Bradford added that the motion contain the provision that the two-hour parking restriction be strictly enforced.

Councilman Drale and second, Councilman Beasley, accepted the amendment.

Councilman Beasley asked City Manager Stevens if the City is going to ask for bids for removal of the meters and City Manager Stevens replied that he believes this is the type of business we could do best; that the big job is not getting meters out, or even the poles; it is patching up the sidewalks. The cost is pretty much an unknown factor and would bring forth too high a bid from a contractor, for that reason.

City Manager Stevens asked what is meant by "as soon as possible". Does this mean after the present ordinance is repealed and a new one goes into effect? Removal before this will result in confusion. Mayor Isen said it was understood that the meters could not be removed until appropriate ordinances were effective.

Councilman Benstead said there is a good story here for any newspaper which has the courage to print the history of the meters; going back to when they stopped them before; he believes the people would enjoy reading it.

Mayor Isen stated that as long as he is on the Council, he will never vote again for parking meters.

Councilman Benstead asked when the City is going to be reimbursed for the dollars that have been put in parking meters.

Councilman Bradford said he was glad to see this happen. He said he has brought up the motion to eliminate parking meters and could never get a second.

The motion carried, as amended, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

Councilman Benstead said now that this property has become so valuable, he moved that the City sell all the property it has downtown and put the money in a fund for the auditorium which should be built on the Civic Center site.

Councilman Bradford said that people are still going to have to park some place.

Councilman Beasley stated he thinks the City Council has a certain responsibility. Downtown Torrance is a large source of revenue which we have a responsibility to protect. In the days when most of the businesses were built, the need for planned parking was not realized. That does not give us any right to refuse to recognize that need now.

The motion of Councilman Benstead failed for want of a second.

Mr. Abe Robinson, President of the newly formed Torrance Merchants Association, came forward and gave his views on the subject. He said there is some thinking that the merchants alone want the meters out.

Councilman Benstead said he understood Mr. Robinson circulated a petition - and Mr. Robinson said he did not. Councilman Benstead asked if Mr. Robinson told people they were going to have to pay for the lots and Mr. Robinson said he did not; that he did not even sign the petition. He said that downtown Torrance is the nucleus of Torrance - that it should not be killed.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 9:00 and the Council reconvened at 9:15 P.M.

Mayor Isen remarked that there had been received information that the City of Santa Maria is placing 175 meters and suggested we see if they want to buy some of ours. He suggested that City Manager Stevens run an ad in Western City magazine and contact Santa Maria.

3. Junior Account job description, with cover letter from City Manager Stevens.

Councilman Drale said that the City has been going outside of Torrance to fill jobs and he would like to specify that these jobs be given to Torrance people first, not waiving the residential clause.

City Manager Stevens explained that actually the Commission has come to the Council when they wished to go outside of the City for employees such as department heads or other special types of jobs. Otherwise the employees are restricted to residents of Torrance; that the restriction is not waived in this case.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley asked if it is not true that this does not increase the number of people; only changes the title and wages, not the number of people, replacing one Account Clerk. City Manager Stevens said that is true.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute motion to table this motion for budget hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY

1. City Attorney Remelmeyer, on the subject of width of streets. Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works as set out in the letter dated April 21, 1960, from Stanley E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there being no objections, it was ordered carried.

2. Robert K. Dower, Assistant City Attorney, submitting letter dated April 25, 1960, to City Council re litter complaint

filed in the Municipal Court against Grand Theaters, Inc., together with recommendation re dismissal of complaint.

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Mr. Ray Wyatt, the complainant, was present and Mayor Isen thanked him personally and on behalf of the Council. Assistant City Attorney Dower stated that after the complaint is filed, the only way to withdraw is by recommendation to the Judge.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Dower to recommend dismissal.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion and said if there was no objection, the motion would be ordered carried, and thanked Mr. Wyatt for his civic interest.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. Director of Public Works Peebles on the subject of hand sweeping downtown Torrance area, with copy of Ordinance 471 attached. 1153

Director of Public Works Peebles stated that he wished to correct paragraph 2 of his communication in that the City does have a No Parking Ordinance from 2 to 5 A.M. He thinks the problem can be solved by changing the shift of one of the sweepers.

Mayor Isen inquired about the reasibility of an ordinance prohibiting parking on the lots at night unless the car owner has a decal. He stated there is no obligation for the City to furnish parking spaces for hotels. Director of Public Works said that even two or three cars in a parking lot make it impossible to sweep.

Councilman Bradford referred to the second page of the communication with respect to containers for litter. He said it was not his intention that the trash be handpicked; that the receptacle would be placed within the wire cage so if the wind blew the papers would not be scattered and the burden would be on the shopowner to put papers inside the container.

Director of Public Works Peebles said the City could solve this with presently existing ordinances which require containers of specified size and volume be covered.

Mayor Isen said we have an ordinance passed in 1949 and perhaps this is the time to enforce it in the interests of a clean city.

Councilman Bradford expressed the opinion that it is useless to have ordinances if they are not to be enforced.

Assistant City Attorney said Ordinance 471 has been superseded by No. 578. He said probably Mr. Peebles is referring to present Code provision 13.3.

Mayor Isen asked if something could not be done toward a program of public education on this subject. He also suggested uniform containers for refuse collection for both commercial and residential areas.

Councilman Drale said this had been discussed at the Trash and Rubbish Committee meeting and they had suggested painting them different colors so the City would not pick up other contrators' trash and rubbish. post

- 2. Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation with reference to right of way in connection with the signals at Lomita Boulevard and Crenshaw, with location sketch attached.

Director of Public Works Peebles' recommendation is to commence condemnation action for the area involved as shown on the map for the signal. 1066

Councilman Blount referred to Mr. Peebles' communication in which he states he cannot understand why Standard Oil does not wish to grant an easement for the benefit of the City and can't see how it would possibly hinder their property. Councilman Blount said he had been informed by Mr. Peebles that up to about

two weeks ago he was given the impression that all was well - that cooperation would be forthcoming - then suddenly Standard Oil decides \$4,000 would be the price for this right of way. It can be seen from the map that this 40 feet is land we have been using for some time and now Standard Oil proposes we pay them. Councilman Blount moved that the City proceed immediately to condemn the right of way in order to get a signal which would protect the employees of Standard Oil from possibly fatal accidents. The City has been at this since last July and now anything that can be done toward putting it in the same category as streets, should be done.

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

Councilman Blount said he thought the policy was that the City proceed forthwith on these things and Director of Public Works Peebles stated it would be done as soon as he could get the right of entry.

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3. Recommendation re. sign at 3741 Torrance, Boulevard, C. N. Cake.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

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4. Park Division.

C. W. Clemmer, Park Superintendent, approved by Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting recommendation with reference to acceptance of bid for transite irrigation pipe and fittings for sprinkler system in Edison Company right of way, Job No. 6034.

Councilman Blount moved to award the bid in the amount of \$2,237.30 plus tax \$89.49 to Republic Supply Co., as recommended.

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

Councilman Bradford left the meeting at this point.

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5. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15. W. M. Nollac, City Engineer, approved by W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting resolution authorizing agreement with Universal Enterprises and Standard Paint Co., Inc. for establishment of Sewer Reimbursement District No. 15.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3946

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3901 AND CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15, APPROVING THE CHARGES ESTABLISHED THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL ENTERPRISES AND STANDARD BRANDS PAINT CO., INC. THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Benstead stated this in no way binds the City and Assistant City Attorney Dower answered that is right.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3946. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3944

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A DEED QUITCLAIMING TO UNIVERSAL ENTERPRISES A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES IN THAT PORTION OF THE 1028.61 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE RANCHO SAN PEDRO ALLOTTED TO MARIA DE LOS REYES DOMINGUEZ, AND TO ACCEPT A DEED FROM UNIVERSAL ENTERPRISES GRANTING A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER PURPOSES IN THAT PORTION OF THE 1028.61 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE RANCHO SAN PEDRO ALLOTTED TO MARIE DE LOS REYES DOMINGUEZ. 1185

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3944. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen.
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: COUNCILMAN Bradford
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMAN Vico.

6. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 24633 - Property Management Corporation, with letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation that bond covering improvements in Tract No. 24633 be released. Memo from Park Division and location sketch attached. 1101

It appearing that subdivision requirements have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Engineering Division, Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

6x. ADDITION OF PUMP FACILITIES AND AUTO-POOL MAKE UP SYSTEM FOR LUMP SUM OF \$475. 1006

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles to have this work done at the price quoted by Thompson Engineering Co., Inc. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

7. Traffic Division

Summary of action taken by Traffic Commission at regular meeting of April 20, 1960. Ordered filed. O

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A. E. McVicar, Supt., Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, regarding water service for Tract No. 19910, being subdivided by George E. Steinkamp. 1121

Councilman Blount moved that this communication be referred to the Legal Department for opinion. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

Recommendations from Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, as follows:

- 1141 1. For denial of Mr. K. S. Redfern's proposed changes in his Airport Hangar Lease.

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

1238 Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, he would like to have the record show that Mr. Blount will be Chairman of the Council Airport Committee and he will try to have the other committees appointed by next week.

- 1239 2. To concur with Airport Manager's recommendation to approve Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Company's request to lift building restrictions adjacent to their existing leasehold.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, motion carried.

- 1009 3. To concur with recommendations of Building Superintendent and Airport Manager concerning "T" hangar fire wall construction and grouping of "T" hangars for purposes of establishing areas permissible under building code.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, motion carried.

Councilman Bradford returned to the meeting.

- 1009 4. To concur with Airport Manager's recommendation re. rock and oil resurfacing of transient area and area fronting Standard pumps; and application of dust inhibitor to access road.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

- 1240 5. To file the matter of Aero Ad doing commercial business on the Airport without the consent of the City.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

The following reports of Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, on matters considered at the Commission's meeting held April 14, 1960:

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1114 6. Weeds and rubbish abatement along the fence adjacent to Madison Street on the Airport.

Councilman Beasley asked why a spray could not be used to kill the weeds instead of moving the fence. Airport Manager Egan said this is a public relations problem in that people in the area who have been cited, say that the Airport also should be cited. Mr. Atkinson has asked that the fence be removed as it is in poor condition. Eventually Mr. Egan said there should be a new fence. Mayor Isen asked that one thing be considered at a time.

Councilman Drale and Councilman Vico said the work could be done cheaper than the \$310 quoted, by City ~~forced~~ ^{forces} labor, for approximately \$183.

Councilman Bradford moved that the work be done by City labor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote. *See Council Minutes May 3, 1960*

7. Report re Redondo Beach Medical Center proposal. Lease Committee meeting was to be held with them, but was cancelled per Dr. Olson's request. This communication was ordered filed. 1009
8. Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager, re water service to the Airport Plaza property, submitting recommendation of Airport Commission dated April 18, 1960. 1012

There was some discussion about when this money would be reimbursed by the Airport to the City, City Manager Stevens stating that the time would be indefinite. 0

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3929

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3929. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Accepting on behalf of the City the sidewalks at Los Arboles Park.

This resolution is to be held over for preparation of a perma-plaques resolution.

The matter of coin-operated service machines as used in apartment houses and the licensing of same is to be put back on the agenda after study. 1241

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3943

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT THE PROPERTY AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF A LONG TERM LEASEHOLD WITH EL RANCHO ROLLING HILLS, INC., IS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NOT REQUIRED FOR CITY PURPOSES. 1068

Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Attorney Dower the reason for this resolution and was told it was to satisfy a formal routine requirement of The Title Company for a recital by resolution of the Council that the particular airport property is for commercial development and is in excess of City needs.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3943. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Richard D. DeLuce, 605 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles 15, California, attorney for Standard Oil Company, introduced himself and presented the Standard Oil Company's ideas on the matter of the 1242

City putting in the sidewalks, curbs and gutters at Sepulveda Boulevard and Madrona Avenue, where they are planning to erect a service station, in return for dedication of the necessary land.

There was considerable discussion on this matter. Councilman Blount cited Section 25.31 of the City Code and moved that its requirements be met in this instance as it has in others.

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

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2. City Manager Stevens called to the Council's attention the meeting that had been planned between the Airport Committee and Mr. Gary, District Engineer, to expedite the Airport tower. The Committee, consisting of Councilmen Blount, Drale and Beasley plans to go ahead with the project.

3. Mayor Isen requested that an ordinance be prepared prohibiting tossing of handbills as soon as possible.

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4. Mr. McVicar of the Water Department brought up a question of water service to tracts and Mayor Isen asked him to bring it back to the Council meeting next week, in writing. Councilman Blount asked that the minutes of the Council meeting whereby the so-called Steinkamp tract was passed be made available to the Council because of Mr. McVicar's statement that he had no instructions thereon.

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5. Mayor Isen asked for a report from City Attorney Remelmeyer on the matter referred to by letter from Bertrand Rhine, Attorney for Anderson Structural Steel Co.

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6. Chief Benner of the Fire Department asked that May 7th be proclaimed Fire Service Day and that this be placed on next week's agenda.

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7. Councilman Beasley stated there was a young lady present in the audience who had asked permission to use La Romeria Park for a community fair. The City Attorney had asked that a \$300,000 policy of insurance be put up. The cost of this policy for the one day would be about \$104 and Councilman Beasley would like to have the Council waive the insurance requirement in this case.

Councilman Bradford moved to waive the insurance requirement in this particular case subject to approval of the insurance carrier of the City of Torrance, said approval to be obtained not later than Wednesday, April 27th.

Councilman Blount asked the opinion of Assistant City Attorney Dower re. personal liability of the Councilmen and Mayor Isen made the comment that this is an occupational hazard connected with being a councilman.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion made by Councilman Bradford and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. Councilman Bradford reported that John Russell is in the hospital in Long Beach, quite ill, and moved that the City send him suitable flowers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection; City Manager Stevens was instructed to order them.

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9. Councilman Drale said he wished to go on record as opposing the dismissal of Mr. DeArmitt of the Fire Department. Councilman Bradford asked if that should not be considered an administrative or personnel problem and Councilman Drale answered that it must have had the sanction of the Council.

10. Councilman Vico reported that he had been told in some areas of the City parks children were being ordered off the grass and

signs had been placed prohibiting children playing. Director of Public Works Peebles answered that there had been some trouble with patches of grass dying and that it was being treated with insecticide. He felt the instructions were misinterpreted; that it was only a matter of protecting the diseased grass. Mr. Peebles pointed out the complaints the City has been receiving about hard balls being thrown onto adjacent property in LaRomeria Park. Mrs. Rose Craig also stated she had received complaints from citizens about hard ball being played so that smaller children could not play in safety; also that bows and arrows are being used.

11. Councilman Bradford asked why the new projection screen for McMasters Park had not been purchased. He said it was approved over a year ago for last year's budget and asked City Manager to investigate. 1041

12. Mayor Isen nominated Fred R. Stevens, Jr. to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Board.

13. Mayor Isen expressed himself in favor of a perma-plaque resolution for The Lions Club in appreciation of their donating the sidewalks at Los Arboles Park. These men have donated over \$2,000 in time, work and materials and he felt recognition would encourage similar civic endeavor. 1104

14. Mayor Isen also mentioned a newspaper article telling of scientific achievements of a Mr. Robert Gottfried, a 36 year old Torrance scientist. He felt his accomplishments merit recognition and moved that a perma-plaque resolution be prepared. There was no second to this motion and Councilman Drale moved that the Mayor write Mr. Gottfried a letter of commendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered. 1000

15. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 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

Edith Shaffer
Secretary