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Torrance, California
May 3, 1960

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., May 3, 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 City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

Mayor Isen announced that present in the audience were Mr. Bob Welling of Toledo, Ohio, and his wife. He extended a welcome to them and introduced them to the assembly. Mr. Welling is Director of Public Safety of Toledo and being in the general area, came to Torrance for the dedication of Toledo Avenue in Torrance. Toledo, Ohio, has a street named Torrance Drive. Mr. George Powell, Director of Planning, who had brought Mr. and Mrs. Welling out from Los Angeles, spoke a few words of greeting and Mr. Welling responded. He left with the Council three glass keys to the City of Toledo, symbolizing their position as glass center of the world. Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Welling and stated that one of the keys would be placed in our relic room. He mentioned that in addition to our Sister City in Turkey, Konya, we now have a domestic Sister City, Toledo, Ohio. 1245

Mrs. Seville was present with members of Den 3, 706C Cub Scouts and she and her daughter and the cub scouts present were welcomed.

Mr. Welling, at the request of Mayor Isen, led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Lloyd Warneke of Ascension Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the two regular meetings held April 25 and April 26, 1960. Councilman Blount called attention to an error in the fourth line of page 12, paragraph 6, line 11, of the minutes of April 26 and asked for a correction to show "City forces labor" rather than "City forced labor". The motion was amended to show approval of the minutes as corrected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered. 1246

BIDS:

1. Playground Equipment Carts: Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, at 10 A.M., Wednesday, May 4, 1960. ○
2. Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe: Bids on 1,650 linear feet of 12" asbestos-cement water pipe will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 10 A.M., Tuesday, May 3, 1960. ○

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on proposed vacation of sewer easement in Tract No. 23327, Resolution of Intention No. 3928. Affidavit of Posting and of Publication were presented by the Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and Councilman Benstead moved that they be ordered filed. Motion 1234

seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved to vacate the sewer easement in Tract 23327; motion seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen stated that a Resolution would be drafted and presented to the Council later. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Expenditures:

To Lomita-Wilmington Tag, Inc., the sum of \$434.72, for purchase of 11,000 dog tags. (Low bid. Other bids received from The Keyes-Davis Co. \$531.04 and C. D. Soiseth & Son \$514.80). The City will be reimbursed by the Pound Master.

Councilman Blount moved to accept the low bid as set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale; carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Miscellaneous:

1. Request of West Coast Transit Advertising Company for an increase in payment schedule which would make the City receive 40% of the gross revenue rather than the 50% which has been paid.

Mr. Strauss of West Coast Transit Advertising Company was present and in answer to a question from Mayor Isen, stated that the contract has nineteen months yet to run. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain recommended concurrence with the terms set forth in the letter, with one stipulation: that when the advertising contract has expired the Company pay \$25 per bus to repaint the sides of the nine buses which carry advertising.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur, with the stipulation as to payment for repainting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. A committee consisting of City Manager Stevens, Superintendent McVicar and City Attorney Remelmeyer, has met with officials of the County Water District No. 13 in an effort to work out a method whereby the City of Torrance might serve that section of District No. 13 which lies within the boundaries of the City of Torrance. It was the consensus of the members of the Committee that a method could be worked out to accomplish the above, if the terms were agreeable to the City Council and the Board of Supervisors. Attached letter dated April 20, 1960 from County of Los Angeles, Department of County Engineer, set forth the conditions for solution as between the County Waterworks District No. 13 and the City of Torrance.

City Manager Stevens explained the method whereby the solution would be reached and City Attorney Remelmeyer assured the Council that the benefit to the people of the area would be equivalent to the proportionate share of the bond issue in the value of the new construction and the installation of new lines. He stated the plan is to exchange documents simultaneously and concurrently. If we abandon the litigation we will have a joint agreement with them to serve that area as if we owned it. One of the requirements is that the rate charged will be the same as the County Water District No. 13 rate. City Attorney Remelmeyer assured the Council that the litigation would not be dismissed or abandoned unless and until there was such a simultaneous exchange of documents.

Councilman Bradford moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens and the members of the committee, with the stipulation that the dismissal of the litigation and the agreement be simultaneous and concurrent.

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

2. Report on Weed Abatement, compiled by City Manager Stevens, dated April 29, 1960.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the City should continue this program. Councilman Drale does not think that rubbish should be included in the abatement program. Mayor Isen suggested that more bidders be contacted and perhaps a lower price could be obtained. Councilman Bradford said he voted against the program because he objects to rubbish being included and also to the feature which does not allow the citizens to know how much the abatement is going to cost them. Councilman Benstead would like to have this held for study for about three weeks.

Mayor Isen asked if it would not be possible to add to the notices posted, a rate schedule for the abatement and removal of rubbish, so that the landowners would have some basis on which to make their decision to either do the work themselves or allow the City to do so. It was agreed that this probably could be done and should be considered at the time the study is made.

Councilman Beasley said that a great deal of care should be used in selecting personnel to decide where the notices should be posted. He said the only complaints he has received have been on that ground. Consideration should be given to the property owner as well as to the fact that we need a clean city.

Councilman Beasley moved that this matter be referred to the Street, Sewer and Refuse Collection Committee, consisting of Councilmen Drale, Vico and Bradford, for discussion with City Manager Stevens.

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

3. Appraisal of Walteria Lake Sump Sites.

This appraisal has been received and City Manager Stevens will call a meeting of the whole Council to consider it. Mr. Chris Sorenson of 3775 Pacific Coast Highway, asked that the report be made available for examination but was told by Mayor Isen that there would be no action until after the hearing before the Council at an open meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Letter to the Assistant City Attorney from Department of Parks and Recreation of the County of Los Angeles with respect to the operational program of Torrance County Beach, acknowledging responsibility for the condition of the beach and promising clean-up and maintenance. Assistant City Attorney Dower stated he had replied to the letter. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the letter would be filed. There was no objection, so ordered.

LICENSE MATTERS:

1. Resubmittal of communication from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, regarding coin-operated vending and service machines.

Councilman Bradford suggested that in apartment houses where washing machines and dryers are furnished, that the tax be \$2 per year on washing machines and \$1 on dryers, per year. That if the machines are owned outright by the apartment house owner he should supply the License Department of the City with an affidavit stating his ownership of the equipment and that the moneys charged for the use thereof by tenants is for maintenance of the equipment, and would then be exempted from tax thereon.

Councilman Beasley moved that the conditions set out by Councilman Bradford be referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer for drafting of an amended ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

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1. Recommendation of City Engineer approved by Director of Public Works Peebles for approval of completion of project of construction of traffic signals at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Calle Miramar.

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

Councilman Drale suggested that some provision be made to protect against the possibility of collision on left hand turns. Traffic Engineer Whitmer reported that these signs were to have been installed today.

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. James Whitmer, Traffic Engineer, and complimented him on this job and others which he has accomplished. Councilman Beasley asked why Hawthorne Boulevard is not included in the list of through streets for consideration later in the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Whitmer explained that as this is a State Highway it is covered by the State Vehicle Code and controlled by the State Highway Division.

Mayor Isen asked if the Council members have not done so, that he thought it worthwhile to visit this intersection and see what has been done. He said the residents are very happy with it.

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2. Transmittal of Easement Deed and Grant Deeds for acceptance by City Council, listed in communication of April 26, 1960, as follows:

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1. Easement deed dated April 18, 1960, from Robert T. and R. Virginia Beck and Ruth L. Brumbly for the widening of Emerald Street. (Portion of Lot 18, Tract No. 3458).

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2. Grant deed dated April 13, 1960, from Miguel and Clara Yniguez for the widening of Crenshaw Blvd. (Portion of Lot 44, McDonald Tract).

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3. Grant deed dated April 4, 1960, from Ed and Sarah L. Boyanton for the widening of Del Amo Blvd. (Portion of Lot 42, Tract No. 2895).

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4. Grant deed dated April 5, 1960 from Jesse Thomas and Christine Marie Coughlan for the widening of 230th St. (Portion of Lot 65, Tract No. 639).

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5. Grant deed dated April 5, 1960, from Jesse Thomas and Christine Marie Coughlan for future 229th Place. (Portion of Lot 65, Tract No. 639, granting 1 foot).

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6. Grant deed dated April 5, 1960, from Jesse Thomas and Christine Marie Coughlan for future 229th Place. (Portion of Lot 65, Tract No. 639, granting 26 feet).

Mayor Isen said if there are no objections, these deeds will be accepted. No objections, so ordered.

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3. Recommendation of Traffic & Lighting Engineer Whitmer, approved by Director of Public Works, that the informal bid of Hawkins-Hawkins Co. in the amount of \$1.089 each plus sales tax, for 500 traffic cones be accepted.

Councilman Beasley moved that the low bid listed be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Traffic Recommendations for approval.

Preliminary discussion was held on the recommendations as follows:

Councilman Drale asked what through streets where necessary be approved without resolution, and moved that the recommendations set forth in the communication be approved and forwarded to REMCO for approval and such further action as is necessary.

Mayor Isen asked that the tentative plan for realignment of Carson Street be considered.

Councilman Benstead brought up the question of the several and varying speed limits on some of our streets, notably Crenshaw, which he states are very confusing. Traffic Engineer Whitmer explained this is due to varying conditions on the streets and the limits as set are those which would be driven by a reasonable driver. At four or five locations on Crenshaw the speed change is also painted on the street itself.

The motion to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer made by Councilman Drale was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Councilman Bradford asked to add to Councilman Drale's motion that adequate lighting be provided on Carson Street. Councilman Drale asked City Manager Stevens what is being done about securing the return of tax moneys to be applied toward this project. City Manager Stevens said there is about \$34,000 which has accumulated over a period of years and that he will apply for it immediately.

Councilman Drale moved that the money be applied for. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved that the money received back from the County be used toward the project listed in this communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead asked if the trees are going to be saved and Director of Public Works Peebles said they will be, all that are possible to save.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3945

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3945. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3947

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

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3947. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3948

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

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3948. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3949

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

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3949. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. In answer to a question by Councilman Benstead, as to the reason for this 20-minute parking zone, it was explained that there are now two stores there. Motion, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3950

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SECTIONS 22357 and 22358 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

Councilman Beasley moved that Resolution No. 3950 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RECREATION COMMISSION:

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1. Laurence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem, submitting recommendation that City Council approve Housewives' Swimming Program.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation

of the Park and Recreation Department as set forth in letter of April 28, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2. Laurence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem, submitting recommendation that City Council approve the request of Nativity School for the use of the Plunge. 1006

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Department regarding the request of Nativity School, with the conditions as set forth in letter dated April 28, 1960, based on the request of Nativity School dated April 27, 1960, that no expense accrue to the City; that lifeguard be provided by the School and that proper insurance requirements be met by the School. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3951

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE SOUTH TORRANCE LIONS CLUB FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AT LOS ARBOLES PARK. 1104
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Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3951. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Resolution be prepared in perma-plaque form and presented at a Council meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3952

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REAPPOINTING THE MAYOR AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY; DESIGNATING AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO SAID DISTRICTS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3462 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE. 1244

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3952. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3953

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR MORE EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA KNOWN AS TORRANCE BEACH. 1209

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3953. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen directed that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors and to each member thereof, to the Regional Planning Commission and to each member thereof, and also to the Parks Commission and to each member thereof. He said there is a tendency to overlook this type of communication when it is addressed to the commission, or the secretary of the commission.

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

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1170

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO "PARKING METERS" AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1170 at its first and only reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3954

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING TIME LIMITS ON PARKING IN LIEU OF THE REPEALED PARKING METER PROVISIONS IN DIVISION 2, ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Stevens to start tomorrow and proceed diligently with seeing that the meters are removed, until they are all taken out.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3955

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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 NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked that all of the AT&SF right of way be included. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would check this.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen proclaimed May 7, 1960, as FIRE SERVICE DAY in recognition of the splendid services rendered to our community by the Torrance Fire Department.
2. Mayor Isen proclaimed May 21, 1960, as ARMED FORCES DAY and stressed the plans that have been made for a large parade composed of various armed services, tanks, guns and marching men. In time, he said this will grow to be one of the greatest parades in Southern California from year to year.

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The Council recessed at 6:30 P.M. and reconvened at 6:40 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens called attention to a sketch of the proposed City Hall Addition which was placed on the table for examination. It was also passed along among the Councilmen for perusal. Councilman Drale moved that the Council approve the plan as proposed in the sketch. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered.

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Mayor Isen commented that when the City Hall was dedicated four years ago this coming August, it was presumed that it would provide enough space for about ten years. Now, with crowded conditions, this addition is needed, which will give 11,000 more square feet of space.

2. Mayor Isen stated there is present a delegation of whom George Snyder will act as spokesman, who wish to be heard regarding the proposed traffic light at Tulita Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway, the cost of which is to be shared by Redondo Beach, Torrance and the State of California. Mr. Snyder made a very forceful presentation, telling of the delay and the danger at this location because of the hundreds of children who cross the highway there on their way to school. He cited the instance of two little sisters, Linda and Pamela, and the school crossing guard narrowly escaping death because of a speeding car which ignored their right to cross. He said it should not be necessary to sacrifice children's lives on the altar of governmental red tape and buck-passing. These people want a traffic light at that intersection, he said, and they want it now.

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Mayor Isen asked what the attitude of Redondo Beach is and Mr. Snyder answered that they are favorable.

Councilman Vico said he had gone to Redondo Beach and talked with the Traffic Engineer there and he had said they are willing to go ahead and participate in the expense. Councilman Vico asked that the Department of Public Works check on this and get on it right away.

Councilman Beasley asked what the State has done and Director of Public Works Peebles gave a complete report of his correspondence with the State up to April 27, 1960, in which the Highway Division said an investigation is being made and upon its completion, the City of Torrance will be advised.

Councilman Drale moved to appropriate the amount necessary for the City of Torrance's portion of the cost of the signal. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Councilman Drale moved that Assemblyman Thomas be advised that we are starting action to receive installation of the signal. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion and added that the members of the delegation should write letters to Assemblyman Thomas. There was no objection and the motion carried.

Councilman Beasley remarked that the problem is obviously not a political one. He feels the pressure should be put on the State Highway Commission, rather than Vincent Thomas. Councilman Bradford said he felt Mr. Thomas could take the letters and use them in the most effective way. Councilman Bradford suggested that the same motion be made with respect to Assemblyman Charles Chapel. Motion made by Mayor Isen and seconded by Councilman Bradford; no objection, so ordered. This land lies in Mr. Chapel's district and he is very cooperative, Mayor Isen said.

Mayor Isen said he would like to see Redondo Beach which is equally concerned, have the same attitude and take the same action. Mr. Snyder answered that the children who use the crossing are Torrance children, the boundary is at Pacific Coast Highway, but that he would get someone to call on the Redondo Beach Council also when they meet on Monday evening.

Mayor Isen suggested a committee of interested citizens, of which Mr. Snyder should be a member, keep this going until it is accomplished. He instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to draft an appropriate resolution to be sent to the Highway Commission of the State, Robert Bradford, its president, and each individual member thereof, to Vincent Thomas, Charles Chapel, Mr. Telford, the Assistant District Engineer, and to Richard Richards, each with an explanatory letter.

The committee from the Council will consist of Councilmen Drale, Bradford, Benstead, with Mayor Isen serving as alternate. Also included will be Director of Public Works Peebles.

3. License Inspector Gale Whitacre said that about two weeks ago the Council approved the applications of various organizations and locations for fireworks stands. He has a request from Veterans of Foreign Wars to change its location from Hawthorne Boulevard near Lomita Avenue, to the site of the old Hollywood Riviera, 201 Paseo de la Plaza. He recommended it be approved subject to the approval of the Fire Department. No objection, so ordered.

4. Councilman Beasley asked what has happened to the lifting of reversionary clause on the Airport property.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that there is now pending before the FAA an application to lift the restriction on Palos Verdes Motel property. That since the Federal government had refused to lift the clause on the entire municipal Airport that present procedure was to proceed by taking up parts of the whole.

Councilman Beasley stated he believes this is a political problem and will not be solved unless action is taken on a political level. Councilman Bradford asked what happened to the proposed appeal. Mr. Remelmeyer answered that he and City Manager Stevens had reached the conclusion that it would be better to proceed through usual channels and provide political pressure only if they failed in the administrative channels. One issue is how to proceed, as to timing. Councilman Beasley stated that people will not spend time and money unless they are assured they can get financing. He thinks the restrictions on the whole area should be lifted at one time.

Councilman Drale suggested that the Airport Committee be granted the power to contact the necessary politicians or senators and try to see what can be done. Mayor Isen moved that the Council again review this matter in sixty days and in the interim grant permission to process the El Rancho motel property. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objection, so ordered.

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with request to proceed to stay title on the El Rancho property.

5. Councilman Beasley spoke of the inadequate postoffice facilities of Torrance and asked permission of the Council to have City Attorney Remelmeyer draft a resolution for Cecil King and the Senators for the purpose of acquiring additional postoffice facilities. Mayor Isen agreed but said it might have to go to a committee; that there would be a lot of work required.

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6. Councilman Bradford asked what has been done regarding his request sometime ago for adequate lighting in the form of Mercury Vapor lamps on Torrance Boulevard and Director of Public Works Peebles answered that it is under way; that he will check Crenshaw and Carson at the same time. Councilman Bradford called attention to the beautiful job of lighting that has been installed on Torrance Boulevard from the City limits to Redondo Beach.

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7. Councilman Bradford also mentioned a dead pepper tree which overhangs Arlington across from Huff's Coffee Shop on Torrance Boulevard. There is danger, he said, of the tree falling and it should be removed. Councilman Benstead added "and a new tree planted."

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8. Councilman Bradford asked again about the projector screen for McMasters Park. Mr. Stevens said he had checked, that it was purchased and is kept with the other screens at the Recreation Center and that they are sent out on request. Councilman Bradford said as the motion was made, and unanimously passed, over a year ago, the screen was for McMasters Park and to remain there.

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9. Another thing, he mentioned is the baffle or screen for the ladies' restroom at McMasters Park. This was passed at the same time as the projector screen. There was also, he said, a leaking closet at that restroom which was to have been repaired. City Manager Stevens' commented that the latter is a maintenance problem.

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10. In answer to a question by Mr. Bradford about Del Amo and Crenshaw intersection, Director of Public Works Peebles said he expects within 10 days to have final plans and completion sometime after June 1st.

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11. Councilman Drale moved, in view of the Council's apparent attitude in presenting perma-plaque resolutions, that perma-plaque resolutions be presented to all organizations that contribute to Park development and improvement. With respect to the Los Arboles Park project he said Las Colinas Garden Club, Riviera Garden Club and Palos Verdes Riviera Homeowners Association had done as much as the Lions Club and if one is recognized, all of the organizations should be recognized.

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

12. Mayor Isen stated that last week Fred R. Stevens, Sr., was nominated to serve as a Civil Service Board member. His address is 21605 Redbean Avenue and his telephone number FRontier 31137. Mayor Isen asked Deputy City Clerk Whitacre for a poll of the Council. The nomination carried by the following roll call vote:

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AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Isen, Drale. {See pg. 2 C.M.N. 5-12-60 1st Paragraph.}

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Benstead, Vico, Drale.

13. Mayor Isen announced that standard committees have been turned over for inclusion in the agenda next week.

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14. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens for a report on how much money is unused that can be turned back to the unallocated reserve fund and for recommendations as to the best use of that money on this year's activities before June 30th.

15. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance