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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned session at 5:30 P.M., May 31, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

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

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, the following corrections were made to the minutes of the Council meeting held May 24, 1960:

On page 3, line 7, the following material is substituted for the balance of the paragraph relating to the vote on the pingpong ball sales promotion event:

"Roll call vote on the substitute motion was as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Vico, Drale.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Motion that the request be denied, failed.

Roll call vote on the original motion, to file the communication, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

On page 5, sixth paragraph, the following paragraph is substituted for the one appearing:

"Mayor Isen said his "Yes" vote is based largely on curiosity as to what bids will come in. He thinks the contractors are entitled to know that all bids may possibly be rejected in favor of municipal collection."

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

Councilman Beasley moved that the minutes of the adjourned meeting held May 24, 1960 at 5:30 P.M., and the regularly scheduled meeting of May 24, 1960 at 8:00 P.M., with the corrections and additions noted above, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

1. FORMAL BIDS:

Bids on the following items will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 1, 1960:

- a. Cold Mix Patching Material and Liquid Asphalt
- b. SS-2 and RS-1
- c. Crusher Run Base, Crusher Run Rock Nos. 4 and 5, and Rock Dust.

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- d. Aluminum Highway Signs
- e. Petroleum products
- f. Pneumatic Tires and Inner tubes
- g. Pound services

All above items for 1960-61 fiscal year.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavits of Publication and they were ordered filed.

2. INFORMAL BIDS:

Bids on miscellaneous set of tools, mechanics' with chest, will be opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, June 2, 1960.

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

HEARINGS:

1. Hearing on Weed Abatement No. 26 (Group No. 28) Resolution of Intention No. 3976 has been scheduled for the Council meeting to be held June 8, 1960 at 5:30 P.M. at the previous direction of the Council.

2. CASE NO. 623 - Change of zone (Chas. T. Rippy)

1032 Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing on petition of Chas. T. Rippy for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-2 on property located on the east side of Arlington Avenue between 230th and 233rd Streets for a commercial development. Submitted with transmittal form from Planning Commission were location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of April 20, 1960, recommending approval.

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

Councilman Bradford moved the hearing be closed; motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

3. CASE NO. 624 - Conditional Use Permit - Lynn Chandler

1031 Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for public hearing on petition of Lynn Chandler to construct an ultra modern trailer park on a portion of Lot 2, Tract 9765 and portions of Lots 140, 141 and 142 of Tract 15, located on the south side of Pacific Coast Highway between the easterly line of Tract 18416 and the easterly boundary of the City of Torrance in Zone A-1. Submitted with transmittal form were location sketch, excerpt from April 20, 1960 Planning Commission minutes and exhibit, recommending approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard and John P. White of 2316 Nearcliff, Torrance, came forward and asked whether or not an access road as shown on one of the maps is or is not in the plan as presented to the Council. Planning Director Powell explained that the 30 foot strip is to be included as shown on the exhibit which the Councilmen have. That the homeowners prefer that the masonry wall be installed, rather than the service road which was originally planned as part of the ski chalet venture, the application for which was withdrawn. The application for this trailer park was filed within two or three weeks after the application for the ski chalet, and before the disposition of same.

Mayor Isen asked if this area could be used for homes and Director Powell answered that while there is a grade problem there

similar to the one to the west, it could be used for homes. He added that immediately above, on the top of the hill, Mr. Chandler is planning a golf course which will be partly within Rolling Hills Estates and partly within Torrance. Mr. Chandler is the owner of the property and Mr. Mertz is hopeful of building the trailer park.

Mayor Isen expressed himself as being against trailer parks in principle because they do not take their fair share of taxation.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Mr. Dick Meine of 23639 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, came forward and said he is one of the partners in the proposed venture which he described as a first class mobile home park, landscaped and walled. The owners are local people.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Mayor Isen that this is a very valuable piece of property which could be put to higher use for the purpose of bringing in more revenue to the City.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. Meine if it would be agreeable to table this item for a couple of weeks and Mr. Meine said it would.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that Case No. 624 be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute that the hearing be postponed for three weeks to allow study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Drale mentioned the growing trend toward mobile home living and the fact that present regulations cause the trailer parks to pay more than in the past. He thought the applicants should be given an opportunity to present more complete drawings showing walls and trees and that the three weeks would allow for presentation in such a manner.

Vote on the substitute motion was as follows

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

The substitute motion failed.

Mayor Isen remarked that he believed the reason there had been no objections to this plan was that, due to the speed with which this came on, the people got the impression that it was a compromise and were more in favor of it than they were of the ski chalet previously applied for.

On the original motion, to deny the application, the vote was as follows:

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

The original motion failed.

Mayor Isen moved to reconsider the motion to postpone the hearing for three weeks. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Bradford expressed disapproval of the way this application had been handled; he thought John Mascola was making progress with the people before this application was filed and when the trailer court application came in, Mascola lost his case.

Councilman Drale moved that the hearing be postponed to the 8:00 P.M., meeting, June 28, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. CASE NO. 626 - Variance (Jessie J. Lounsbury)

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Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for public hearing on petition of Jessie J. Lounsbury for a variance to operate a home for six aged guests on Lot 197, Tract 16099, situated at 3315 West 187th Place, in Land Use Zone R-1. Transmittal form submitted location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 20, 1960, recommending alternate approval.

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

Director of Planning Powell explained that it was discovered by the License Department that Mrs. Lounsbury has been operating this home about a year before making application and for that reason the Planning Commission asked that a conditional use permit be issued on a year-to-year basis only, rather than a continuing variance, so that if any complaint is received, the license can be voided.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council concur in the recommendation to grant a conditional use permit on a year-to-year basis. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Benstead mentioned fire and health regulations and was assured by License Inspector Whitacre that these regulations are prerequisite to the issuance of a State license, which applicant has.

Roll call vote showed unanimous approval of concurrence with the recommendation to grant a conditional use permit on a year-to-year basis (Councilman Blount absent).

5. CASE NO. 627 - Change of Zone (Dan Butcher)

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Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing on petition of Dan Butcher for a change of zone on the northerly 305 feet of Lot 30, Tract 3458, from A-1 to R-3 to permit this agriculturally-zoned land to be improved for apartments. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval and submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 20, 1960 and letter dated April 21, 1960 from A. V. Jenan, co-petitioner stating that he is the owner of the property and joins in the application of Dan E. Butcher.

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

Planning Director Powell stated there was one letter received regarding Case No. 627 and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the petition for change of zone. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

6. CASE NO. 628 - Variance (Robert Schultz)

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Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the formal hearing before the City Council on petition of Robert Schultz for a variance to construct a "Village for Senior Citizens" on Lot 39, Tract 2895, and all of Lot 38 except the easterly 66 feet thereof, and all of Lot 27, Tract 2895, situated on the south side of Del Amo Boulevard in Zone M-1. Submitted with transmittal form from Planning Commission were location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 20, 1960, recommending approval, and Plot Plan.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

Planning Director Powell asked that every consideration be given this application; that this case was considered for about three months prior to the filing of the actual application, by all members of the Planning Staff. This is a 20-acre piece of land at approximately Anza and Del Amo Boulevard; the applicants have made an easement and offered to dedicate to the City a north-south street connecting Del Amo with Spencer so that all traffic serving the community would be on its own street.

Mr. Powell introduced Dr. Joseph M. Applegate of 9349 Eighth Avenue, Inglewood, who stated there are no churches involved legally, but only in the same sense as a church would support a college or hospital. The specific churches named are the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, in general. In answer to Mayor Isen's question, Dr. Applegate stated there would be about \$3,000,000 invested in the total project. There is no intention that the property be exempted from real estate taxes. The financing is to be by a private institution and an application is under way for FHA approval. He stated he has been assured the funds will be available.

Councilman Drale asked Director Powell regarding the time permitted before commencement of construction and was told it is usually 180 days. The owner of the land is Robert Schultz, the petitioner.

Councilman Benstead inquired as to the type of structure and after some explanation, Dr. Applegate produced very attractive colored sketches of a typical duplex, the administration building and the shop facilities.

Councilman Bradford moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute motion, to hold this for three weeks, to the meeting of June 21, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Bradford said his reason for wishing it held is to consider the fact that the area is located in M-1 zoned property.

7. CASE NO. 630 - Variance (Wanda Richter).

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the formal hearing on petition of Wanda Richter for a variance to operate a beauty salon in an R-3 Zone, legally described as Lot 178, Tract 16099, situated at 18721 Crenshaw Boulevard. Transmitted with the Planning Commission's form were location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 20, 1960, and Plot Plan. Recommended for approval per Exhibit "A" with stipulations.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Director of Planning Powell explained that for the past four years there has been a real estate office in the particular building and the owner has sold to Mrs. Richter who would like to operate a beauty parlor.

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

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8. CASE NO. 631 - Variance (Kermit Hoard)

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for formal hearing on petition of Kermit Hoard for a variance to construct a trampoline playground at 18045 Crenshaw Boulevard, legally described as Lot 13, Tract 18911 in R-3 Zone. Submitted were recommendation for denial, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated April 20, 1960, and two individual protests.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Mr. Arthur Schwartz of 3131 180th Street came forward, but he was opposed to the development and there was no need for him to speak.

Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Benstead moved the petition for variance be denied and that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Affidavits of Publication covering the above eight items were presented by the Deputy City Clerk, and ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

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1. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22066 - Subdivider, Property Management Corporation.

Transmittal form from Supt of Building Schlens, City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting for final approval Tract Map No. 22066, presented by Property Management Corporation, consisting of 33 lots situated north of 182nd Street and east of Arlington Avenue, together with letter of Director of Public Works Peebles submitting conditions relative to approval of tract in connection with bond.

Director of Planning Powell said there was an additional 10 feet picked up between approval of the tentative and the final tract maps, so that the north-south street, Wilton Place, is a full 54 feet, which makes Lots 18, 17, 16 and 15 proper size.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote;

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

2. WAIVERS:

Recommendation of Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles for approval of requests for waivers, as follows:

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- a. W-153 Floyd Mead (Malaga Construction Co., Inc.) Waiver of exterior sideyard requirements.
 - b. W-156 Patricia and F. A. McDermott, Waiver to permit additional room to existing dwelling to set within 5 feet of rear property line.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to grant the waivers requested in a. and b. above.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Claim of Otis Allen Kington, unverified, for injuries and damages allegedly sustained in accident April 7, 1960, on Redondo Beach Boulevard, westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, submitted under date of May 18, 1960, by Attorney for plaintiff, Eugene C. Berchin, 315 West 9th Street, Los Angeles 14. 1174

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

- 2. Application No. 42262 of Dominguez Water Corporation before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California for rate increase. 1074

Councilman Benstead moved the rate increase be opposed. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 3. Mrs. Evelyn M. Smith re rubbish collection fees and recreation for youth, together with comment of Director of Finance, J. I. Scharfman. 0

Mayor Isen moved this communication be referred to the Department of Public Works, as to the rubbish collection, and to the Recreation Commission as to the Torrance Teen Age Recreation Improvement Ideas. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

- 4. Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District re. ground water replenishment program. 1266

Mayor Isen moved to refer the information contained in this communication to the Water Commission and Superintendent of Water Department and file the letter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered.

- 5. Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society of South Bay, request for permission to use kitchen facilities and hall at El Retiro Park for Fathers' Day pancake breakfast, June 19th. 1062

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request, subject to the approval of Park & Recreation Department. No objection, so ordered.

- 6. J. H. Hull, Superintendent Torrance Unified School District, requesting on behalf of the Board of Education, joint agreement for turfing of playgrounds. 1267

City Manager Stevens said this is more than just a matter of planting turf; that it is probably the beginning of a plan for closer cooperation between the school system and the City for the use of school playgrounds. Mayor Isen moved that a committee, to consist of the Director of Public Works, Director of Recreation, and one of the Councilmen, V. E. Benstead, be delegated to meet with the properly designated officials of the School administration for the purpose of negotiating an agreement which will be mutually acceptable. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objections, so ordered. Mayor Isen suggested City Manager Stevens answer Mr. Hull's letter, setting forth the Council's action and asking that the School System take note of the fact that there has been a change in the membership of the Council, Mr. George Vico having been elected in April.

7. Mr. Don Wilson re hold harmless bond for Tract 25788, first unit of Tract 25456.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request to reduce the requirement of a Hold Harmless Bond from the amount of \$500,000 to \$100,000. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

8. Lund Co., re premium refund on insurance for Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Councilman Beasley moved to file the communication and that City Manager Stevens be instructed to write a congratulatory message to Mr. Chamberlain for the fine record which resulted in this premium refund and that the letter be placed upon the bulletin board.

9. Torrance Committee for Decent Literature and Publications, by Don Cortum, Acting Chairman, re appointment of additional members to the Committee.

Councilman Beasley stated as he recalled, the resolution which established this committee provided for one member to be appointed by each Councilman. At the time, the Council was composed of five members. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remel-meyer to have on the agenda for next week an amendment to the resolution providing for seven members, one to be appointed by each Councilman.

10. Mr. John L. Minech, President, Pacific Riviera Pony League, re rubbish and weed abatement on property owned by Mr. Harry Kissel.

The Council expressed appreciation of the offer to help keep this property in clean condition and, there being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

11. Interoffice memo from D. Horlander to City Manager Stevens re Armed Forces Day, 1961.

Mayor Isen stated that in order to secure increased enrollment in the parade, it is necessary that plans be made very early in the year. Councilman Drale moved to continue the yearly Armed Forces Day parade and to answer the communication from Mr. Horlander, answering each of the three questions set forth therein "Yes". Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, ordered filed.

A recess was declared at 6:25 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 6:35.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

PERSONNEL:

That Mr. Jack Egan, Airport Manager, be authorized to attend the Conference of California Association of Airport Executives at Riverside June 21-23, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid. Mr. Egan is a director of this organization.

EXPENDITURES:

1. To Virco Manufacturing Company for 100 folding chairs at \$3.60 each for the Recreation Department, the sum of \$360 plus tax, as the low bidder (a budget item).

2. To State Educational Agency for Surplus Property for small equipment items, the sum of \$348.97.

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Councilman Benstead moved to approve the attendance of Mr. Egan, with appropriate expenses paid, and the expenditures set forth under 1. and 2. above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Bradford absent).

GENERAL PETROLEUM PIPE PROTECTION ACROSS ARLINGTON AVENUE:

At the Council meeting of September 23, 1958, the matter of pay for General Petroleum Corporation pipeline protection across Arlington Avenue was discussed. General Petroleum Corporation indicated that the cost for such work would be approximately \$28,000 and that they would pay one-half providing the City would pay the other half. The Council also discussed the cost of lowering Dominguez Water Company's 16" water main at a cost of approximately \$7,000 to the City. It was estimated that sufficient funds remained in a special allocation from the County to cover all but \$8,000 of the cost of completing the job. The Council allocated \$8,000 from the Unappropriated Reserve, so that the project could be completed. 1268

The bill from General Petroleum is for \$9,452.69, covering the City's share of the cost of protecting the pipelines. This is well below the \$14,000 estimated.

Prior to this time the County had requested return of all unexpended funds from the special allocation for Arlington Avenue. The funds were returned and we are now in process of requesting a re-allocation of said funds for other projects.

The original \$8,000 was appropriated and has been held in reserve. The recommendation is that the additional \$1,452.69 be appropriated so that General Petroleum can be paid.

Councilman Drale moved to appropriate \$1,452.69 for the purpose set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Blount absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Robert K. Dower, Assistant City Attorney, re Swim Schools. Mayor Isen stated he believes this is not the same situation as a music teacher going into a home to teach. A solicitor who goes from door to door has to be licensed and fingerprinted and, for public safety and welfare, a person who comes to the home to teach swimming and be with children should be subject to even more rigid control and regulation. 1221

Mayor Isen moved that any licenses which have been issued for Swim-at-Home entrepreneurs be suspended until the City has a proper ordinance to protect the public and that the License Department be authorized to refund their license fees. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Blount absent).

2. Stanley E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, submitting proposed agreement between the County Waterworks District No. 13 and the City of Torrance, with resolution authorizing execution, copy of agreement, and exhibits. 1075

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 of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Blount absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3976

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 13 AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Bradford returned to the meeting.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3976. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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3. City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting Ordinance prohibiting the distribution of commercial handbills, for study or first reading. Mayor Isen moved this Ordinance be held for study for three weeks, and it was so ordered.

4. City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting amendments to Drunk Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1172

1269
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO DRUNKENNESS.

Councilman Beasley stated he believed this ordinance as amended could be abused. He has full confidence in the Police Department and believes the cases of abuse, if any, would be small, but wanted to point that out.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1172 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

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1. Civil Service Board's decision in the DeArmitt hearing. City Attorney Remelmeyer said if Mr. DeArmitt's attorney, Mr. Tabak was present, he should be permitted to speak, but neither Mr. Tabak nor Mr. DeArmitt were present.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the decision of the Civil Service Board and order the proceedings filed.

There followed considerable discussion of the merits of the case and the decision. Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion to concur and file. Councilman Drale expressed himself as being in opposition to the decision and penalty. Councilman Benstead was in favor of the regulation.

The City Attorney said it is necessary to have a four-fifths vote of the Councilmen present to modify the penalty, although a majority vote can concur.

Councilman Bradford talked at some length on the subject of Civil Service rules and the importance of complying with them, or if not, abolishing them.

Councilman Vico said he believed the appropriate time would have been when the violation occurred to admonish Mr. DeArmitt to remove the stickers from his truck, but that something should be done to prevent a recurrence.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out the provision in the decision which requires a reminder to City employees sixty days prior to a municipal election.

Mayor Isen pointed out the fact that the regulation is not only in this City or in cities in general, but also applies to the United States and the various states under the Hatch Act and the Little Hatch Act, as well as City charters. This type of regulation is in the interest of the employees themselves, he said, and he believes the best course to follow is to affirm the justice of the Civil Service Board's decision and make sure it does not happen again.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, failed to carry by the following roll call vote:

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

There was some discussion as to whether Councilman Drale would be disqualified to vote because of his opinion expressed before the time of the hearing.

Councilman Drale moved to modify the recommendation contained in the findings of the Civil Service Board to suspend the one week's pay penalty. There was no second to this motion and it failed.

Councilman Bradford moved that the findings be filed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Communication from George G. Morehart, Chairman, Civil Service Board, submitting recommendation re Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc. contract.

City Manager Stevens said the contract will expire June 30th, and in answer to Councilman Bradford's question regarding so-called "sensitive areas" Chairman Morehart explained that stricter examinations are given by the other two contracting agencies mentioned and in cases of perhaps Assistant City Attorney, Police Department and Fire Department, these stricter examinations would be advantageous. The Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc., service, however, is considerably less expensive than the other two.

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Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager for study and report back to the Council. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Isen recognized Mr. Graziadio who introduced himself and spoke regarding the Airport Shopping Center Lease at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw. It developed he wanted permission to install a car wash under his lease. Mayor Isen, Councilman Beasley and Councilman Benstead expressed the opinion that he had not presented a true picture of his intentions with respect to the "hamburger stand" and had no right to put in a car wash. Councilman Beasley

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moved to deny Mr. Graziadio's request for permission to install a car wash. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Transmittal of Easement Deeds for acceptance by City Council, from Engineering Department, as follows:

- 1177 1. Easement deed dated March 10, 1960 for street and highway purposes over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 15 given by Chas. T. Rippy, Ruth A. Rippy, Earl Robinett and Lillian B. Robinett (enclosure attached)
- 1177 2. Easement deed dated April 26, 1960 for street and highway purposes over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 15 given by Chas. T. Rippy et al.
- 1177 3. Easement deed dated March 12, 1960 for street and highway purposes over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 15 given by Ollie Lee Peetz, a married woman.
4. Release of surface rights dated April 28, 1960 over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 15 given by Charles O. Rodabaugh and Elvira A. Rodabaugh.
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1184 5. Easement deed dated May 16, 1960 for sanitary sewers over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 9765 (portion of Torrance Municipal Airport) given by Airport Plaza Inc.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the easement deeds as listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

2. City Engineer Nollac, approved by W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting request for refund of permit fee and special deposit of Atlas Fence Co.

1272 Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to permit the refund under the circumstances set forth in the memorandum, in the amount of \$151.20 special deposit and inspection and permit fee of \$13.68. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

3. Traffic and Lighting Division
1271 Summary of action taken by Traffic Commission at regular meeting of May 18, 1960. Mayor Isen suggested this summary be filed and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

4. Recommendation of Traffic Commission that a stop sign be installed on Firmona Avenue at north approach to Talisman Street, with resolution.

1048 Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3977

1055 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."

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3977. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

5. Award of contract for installation of traffic signal and highway lighting systems and paving at intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Lomita Boulevard, with recommendation of City Engineer and Traffic and Lighting Engineer to award contract to C. D. Draucker, Inc. 1066

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the lowest bid (C. D. Draucker, Inc. in the amount of \$14,992.00) and reject all others. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A. E. McVicar, Superintendent Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, re final and extra payments on contract to lay 16" concrete pipe in Sepulveda Boulevard to Camco Construction Co. 1008

City Manager Stevens asked that this communication be withdrawn from this evening's agenda and held for one week. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, letter submitting reason for absence from Airport Commission meeting of May 26, 1960. Ordered filed.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT MATTERS:

1. Recommendation re acceptance of bids for scoring deck of V. E. Benstead Plunge.

Only one bid was received, from Emsco Pavement Breaking Corporation, dba Emsco Concrete Cutting Company of Los Angeles, in the lump sum of \$4,500. 1006

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Recreation in accepting this bid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

2. Recommendations re approval of playground area design and equipment specifications for Paradise Park and Los Arboles Park; acceptance of donation of playground equipment; postponement of tour of park areas, restroom design and use of La Romeria Park by Little and Pony Leagues.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Recreation Department on the above items. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present, (Councilman Blount absent).

City Manager Stevens is to see that the Recreation Department advises the Council of the time and place of leaving on the park tour.

Councilman Beasley moved that the resolution commending Mrs. Herma Tillim for donating the playground equipment, be perma-plaqued and the motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3978

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3978. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Resolution regarding presentation of films which are salacious in nature. There was doubt as to why this resolution had been presented. Councilman Beasley moved that it be filed and no action taken. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3979

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING THE MAYOR AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES; DESIGNATING WILLYS BLOUNT AS ALTERNATE MEMBER OF SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 3979. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

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4. Mayor Isen read a proclamation of the week of June 6 to 12th as PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WEEK in recognition of the many services rendered to the citizens by public employees.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen stated the budget workshop meeting of the Council which had been tentatively set for Wednesday, June 1st, will be held on Monday, June 6th at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber.

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2. Councilman Benstead asked that the rule which required the Council to be advised of any change in status of employees, both as to employment and promotion, be complied with. He called attention to the information list of personnel dated May 26th, 1960 from T. E. Donovan and the fact that no information is given thereon regarding the various employees' standing on the list. Mr. Donovan was instructed to check the minutes of past Council meetings and comply with the request contained therein on keeping the Council fully advised.

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3. Councilman Drale mentioned the fact that there are three lots at 180th and Regina owned by the City and which were acquired for temporary playground purposes. It is reported the police have been prohibiting children playing there and he moved the weeds be cut down and the lots cleared up and improved so as to be proper places for children to play. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

4. Mayor Isen mentioned the appeal on the petition for Writ of Review against the Public Utilities Commission and stated that he had read the opening brief of Newlin, Tackabury and Johnson, which he considers to be a masterful presentation and he predicts that the City will win its case in the Supreme Court.

5. City Manager Stevens requested we hold budget hearings on June 8 at 5:30 P.M. and June 14 at 8:00 P.M. This is a charter requirement.

Councilman Benstead so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

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

7. Councilman Bradford moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, June 6th at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City Hall. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

8. Mayor Isen moved that due to the election on June 7, 1960, the regular meeting of the City Council which would ordinarily be held on June 7th, be held on June 8th at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Secretary