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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned meeting at 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, June 8, 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, Officer A. L. Jackson of the Crime Prevention Detail of the Torrance Police Department led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Hugh Percy, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 31, 1960, Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead; no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen welcomed Robert B. Jahn, former Councilman, to the meeting.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for public hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3973, Weed Abatement hearing No. 26 (Group No. 28), listing parcels 23-141 through 7-8, to hear any and all property owners having objections to the proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in said resolution, with no exceptions. Affidavit of Posting was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, there being no objections, it was ordered filed. 1115

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mr. C. J. Aulick of 3318-20 West 171st Street came forward and read his letter dated June 6, 1960, as follows:

"City Council
City of Torrance
Torrance, California

Gentlemen:

Your notice of May 24, 1960, to remove and destroy weeds, etc. from my property, received.
I purchased land, about three acres, October, 1951 - zoned A-1 (Agricultural).
I have spent several hundred dollars to get a permanent grass base. This was seeded and irrigated each year. I waited until the barley and oats ripened and went to seed for better feeding. Also the grass

base went to seed for grain feeding. I have pastured down every year since 1951, without a single word of objection or complaint from anyone. Not even the City of Torrance, the Fire Department or the neighbors.

There are only three neighbors still in the vicinity who were there at the time of purchase. They are the Fadricks and the Grahams on Glenburn Ave, and the Nichols on 174th Street. All other neighbors have built and moved in since I purchased this land. These three neighbors' property all joins mine on either the East or the South.

Now one of the neighbors, who has resided in the neighborhood for only four years, has taken it upon himself, after all this time, to attempt to dictate to me, how I shall take care of my property.

At this time there isn't enough hay or grain on the entire property, to make two bales. What is now there will be eaten, by my horses, in a matter of a few days. In view of the fact that the so called "weeds" are feed for my horses, I ask that the "Notice to Destroy and Remove" be dismissed.

Now that I have spent several years and hundreds of dollars to get a good hay and grain base, that has produced and will continue to produce feed for my horses, you are asking me to destroy and remove that which has taken 9 years to cultivate.

In my opinion there never has been nor is there now a nuisance or fire hazard created by the raising of hay and grain on my property.

In view of the above stated facts, I again ask that the "Notice to destroy and remove" be dismissed.

3318-20 West 171st St.
Torrance, California"

Respectfully yours,
/s/ C. J. Aulick

Mr. Aulick did not have the exact legal description of his property which is located in La Fresa Tract 40 and he will contact the Department of Public Works late afternoon of June 9th. The contention is that this property is used for growing feed crops and if that is true and it is a properly agriculturally-zoned area, the property should not be posted for weed abatement. His request, therefore, is referred to the Department of Public Works for investigation and disposition.

Mr. Aulick left with the Council a sample of the barley and Chinese rye grass he had grown and Mayor Isen asked that it be shown to the Department of Public Works.

It appearing that no one else wished to be heard, Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Drale and Blount absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3983

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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. 3973.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3983. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount and Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3983. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for public hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3978, Weed Abatement Hearing No. 27 (Group No. 29), listing parcels 500-13, to hear any and all property owners having objections to the proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in said resolution, with no exceptions. Affidavit of Posting was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Drale absent) was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply. Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3984

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. 3978.

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Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3984. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount and Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3984. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

3. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the first public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1960-1961. There will be a second hearing on Tuesday, June 14th, at 8:00 P.M. In response to Mayor Isen's question as to whether or not anyone wished to be heard, Officer Charles Oates came forward and introduced himself as spokesman for the Council of United Employees. He presented copies of letter dated February 23, 1960 signed by Albert M. Salcido, Chairman of Torrance Council of United Employees having to do with proposed longevity at 5, 12 and 19 years of service and the estimated cost thereof. He also spoke in favor of a 10% increase in salaries for City employees, clothing allowance for certain branches, hazard pay increase, additional holiday (Washington's birthday), furnishing of coveralls and gloves for refuse crews.

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Councilman Blount joined the meeting at 5:55 P.M.

Officer Oates mentioned a written communication with reference to night differential pay for custodial workers and Mayor Isen

asked City Manager Stevens to have it duplicated and copies supplied to the members of the Council.

Mr. John Kirkpatrick of the Engineering Division also spoke, representing the City employees who work in City Hall and said the employees whom he represents are in agreement with the Police Department and Fire Department employees as expressed by Officer Oates. Mr. Kirkpatrick stressed the importance of longevity pay.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply. He stated another public hearing for all interested parties will be held at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 14th. Referring to the communication dated February 23, 1960, he said he hoped that the requested meeting to discuss the proposal could be taken care of at the public hearings, due to the great volume of work to be handled by the Council.

Mr. Don Wilson of Rolling Hills, stated his final tract map No. 25788 was acted on by the Planning Commission June 1st and he would like to ask that action on it by the Council be withheld until June 14th. Mayor Isen told him that City Manager Stevens would set it up on the June 14th agenda.

Mr. Raymond Winton, 4046 Compton Boulevard, introduced himself as being in the rubbish collection business, licensed to do business in Torrance. He stated he had received the invitation to bid on the Torrance rubbish collection contract only last Tuesday and asked for an extension of time within which to prepare a bid and come up with the necessary bonds. City Manager Stevens said he had received a letter today from Mr. George M. Green stating he would be willing to continue his present contract on a month-to-month basis, which would give more time to negotiate a new contract. Mayor Isen suggested the prospective bidders be given until 5:00 P.M., June 27th to present bids, which would be opened at 10 A.M. on June 28th and, if possible, presented to the Council at the June 28th 8:00 P.M. meeting. The bidders are to be notified of the opportunity to present alternate bids, such as take-all service furnished twice a week.

Councilman Benstead so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount; no objections, so ordered. Mr. Schlens of the Department of Building Inspections was instructed to see that notices are sent out in compliance with the above.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Isen introduced Officer A. L. Jackson of the Crime Prevention Detail of the Torrance Police Department. Officer Jackson was accompanied by the teen-age contestants representing Torrance in the Seventh Annual Youth Safety Run which will take place June 27th through June 29th from Azusa to Sacramento. Officer Jackson introduced each of the drivers and the official observers and explained the features of the Annual Youth Safety Run. The boys are to be guests of the United States Air Force at Mather Air Force Base and be given a complete tour of the facilities there, including the Strategic Air Command, as well as a tour of the Capitol building and a meeting with Governor Brown. He explained in some detail the program.

On behalf of the Council and the citizens of Torrance, Mayor Isen wished the contestants lots of luck.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the three ordinances applicable to the Planning Division (amending Official Land Use Ordinance) be removed from the agenda and that they would be re-submitted with proper explanation. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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2. Final Tract Map No. 25311 (R. A. Watt). Transmittal from City Engineer Nollac, Superintendent of Building Inspections Schlens and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting for final approval Tract Map No. 25311, submitted by R. A. Watt, consisting of 34 lots approximately 800 feet west of Western Avenue, east of Tract No. 23151, together with location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 18, 1960, recommending approval.

Councilman Benstead asked who would serve water to the tract and was told that Torrance Water Department will do so.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to approve this Final Tract Map No. 25311. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Two letters from Walter C. Virgil, President, Southwood National Little League, each dated June 1, 1960, submitting requests as follows:

(a) Permission to operate public address systems and to display advertising matter

Mr. Virgil was present and discussed the requests with the Council. Councilman Bradford moved that the requests for permission to operate public address system and display advertising matter and free licenses and permits therefor be granted to Southwood National Little League, subject to the requirements of the License Ordinance and Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

(b) Waiver of building permit fees.

Considerable discussion followed regarding the granting of this request and building permits in general. Councilman Beasley moved that the building permit be waived and City Attorney Remelmeyer asked to be permitted to explain this as it bears on the next two items of business on the agenda. He stated this waiving of permit fees might jeopardize future collections of fees unless there is a specific provision in the ordinance permitting waivers of fees. He said he thought it could be done in some matters justified by the smallness of the fee. Mr. Schlens said in the past, in cases of waiving of inspection fees, as to Little Leagues, the inspector has gone out on his own time at no cost to the City. Councilman Blount asked how much money is involved and Mr. Schlens told him about \$10.

Councilman Blount moved the request be denied and if the Little League can't pay the fee, he will do so personally. In this way no disadvantageous precedent will be set. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

2. R. G. Miller, letter dated June 1, 1960, requesting waiver of fees and bond required by the City in connection with 7 x 8 ft. addition to building located at 23820 Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Bradford moved to deny the request. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Beasley brought up the question of the intent of the ordinance, No. 1132, and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained there is a specific provision for waiver of commercial improvement ordinance upon posting of a \$500 bond. It was discussed at the time of the drafting of the ordinance and you may waive the posting of that bond in any case where it would do a great hardship on the owner and that it is not necessary in the interests of the City to have a bond.

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Mayor Isen moved for reconsideration of the previous motion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Bradford asked how far this exception matter would go. He thinks the ordinance should be reworded so that it might cover, for instance, an industrial plant which wanted to add a little lean-to for storage space and which might not cost more than \$100 to construct. In areas which have long been developed, Councilman Bradford believes the ordinance to be inadequate.

Roll call vote on reconsideration of the question carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the relief requested by waiving the fee and bond, without prejudice, and in the future waive the fee when cost of improvements exceeds 50% of the assessed valuation. There was no second to this motion.

Mayor Isen stated he thought a motion should be made to amend the ordinance to take care of these small matters. Councilman Bradford said he does not see how this ordinance, as now written, would apply to a small addition to a building in a developed area.

Mayor Isen moved that the relief be granted in this particular case, without prejudice, by waiving the \$100 storm drain fee and the \$500 bond for curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated there is now an amendment to the ordinance, No. 1132, in process of preparation and suggested the Council waive in this particular case because of the smallness of the addition concerned without jeopardizing the rest of the ordinance's effect. He said the amendment of the ordinance would set out in mathematical terms a measuring stick for future cases; that the phrase "without prejudice" would assure that collection of other fees at a later date would not be precluded.

The motion of Mayor Isen was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Mayor Isen instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer, in line with the statements of Councilmen made in this discussion, to proceed diligently to amend the affected ordinance to prevent this type of injustice from occurring.

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3. Torrance Elks Lodge, letter of June 2, 1960 regarding waiver of fees. This is a request for waiver of drainage improvement fees and building permit fees to construct the new Elks Lodge on Abalone Street.

Councilman Bradford said he thinks this is going too far and moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

4. Milo Dellmann, Mayor of South Gate regarding meeting for proposed formation of Mutual Aid organization to prevent County usurping City public services. The meeting is to be a dinner meeting at the Huntington Park Elks' Club at 6:30 P.M. on June 15th at a cost of \$3.75 each. Mayor Isen suggested any Councilmen who could do so, plan to attend; he thought it might be arranged to take a small busload. Councilman Benstead indicated he did not approve of using a bus for this purpose.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Appraisals:

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1. The following appraisal fees have been submitted by Howard Martin for appraisals at the Airport:

- a. Aviation sites at west end of Airport fronting 101, \$400
- b. Hotel site - \$450 to \$500
- c. Reappraisal of commercial frontage on 101 - \$300.

Answering Councilman Benstead's question as to whether or not the appraisal had already been done, City Manager Stevens said the west end has never been appraised. The hotel site has never been appraised and Mr. Martin has suggested this is not yet necessary. The commercial frontage on 101 was done a number of years ago and it has been requested by the Airport Commission that the appraisal be updated.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Stevens as to items a. and c. and delete b. from the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

2. It is recommended that an appraiser be employed for appraising right-of-way for Del Amo Boulevard from Maple Avenue to 500 feet east of Crenshaw Boulevard in compliance with correspondence from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works dated May 31, 1960. 1165

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent) and City Manager Stevens stated he would proceed to obtain estimates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Opinion dated June 2, 1960 re Golden Age Corporation tax exemption possibility. 1276

This communication is informational only as this item is to be considered at a later date.

2. Amendment to Transit Advertising Co. contract with cover letter dated June 2, 1960.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the execution of the amendment which incorporates the changes to the basic lease approved by the Council May 3, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent). 1063

FOR CONSIDERATION:

Mayor Isen moved that George W. Stevens, City Manager, be hereby authorized and directed to execute an instrument entitled 'Policy Release' which will release and discharge Pacific Indemnity Company from all liability to the City under the terms of its General Comprehensive Insurance Policy with the City, arising by reason of an occurrence taking place on or about the 28th day of August, 1958, at or near 5001 Cathann Street, Torrance, California, and resulting in alleged injuries to one Robert Aycock. 1117

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Memo dated June 1, 1960 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens regarding property owned by Mr. Cecil Shaver, 11 Cinchring Road, Rolling Hills, California, at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard, as it now exists. 1165

Mr. Shaver was present and read to the Council a letter setting forth his contentions, as follows:

June 8, 1960

"Torrance City Council
Torrance, California

Gentlemen:

We purchased the northeast corner of Del Amo Blvd and Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, California in the early part of 1956. Shortly after this we applied to the City of Torrance to change the zoning from an R-3 to a C-2 zone. This C-2 zone was ultimately granted.

It was our intention to improve the westerly portion of our property with a service station and to improve the easterly portion of our property with a restaurant. There was, at that time, and there still is a railroad signal that is placed out into the Crenshaw Blvd Road bed approximately 25 feet from the easterly line of Crenshaw. In order to keep the Crenshaw north bound traffic from hitting this said signal the City placed barricades in front of our property to channel this traffic away from the signal. Because of these barricades it was impossible to gain access into the property for service station useage.

I tried many times to get the city of Torrance and the Santa Fe railroad Company to move the signal back and to remove these barricades so that our property would be useable for the above-mentioned purposes. All I received was a lot of promises but no action. The signal and barricades are still in the same place today.

About a year ago was the last time I talked to the City of Torrance regarding this matter. I was informed that they were planning on constructing Del Amo Blvd through the City of Torrance and that they wanted to wait and do the signal work and the road construction work at the same time.

Naturally being interested in the development of Del Amo I would go into the Engineering department of the City of Torrance from time to time to see what progress was being made in the plans for such road construction. Early last week a member of this engineering department showed me their plan. This plan changes the alignment of Del Amo so that it now runs right through the center of our property which totally destroys it. This plan also takes out the next three or four houses to the east of our property.

We have been told by the City of Torrance that from an engineering stand point this latest plan is the best way to handle the crossing of Del Amo and Crenshaw. This may be true from an engineering standpoint; however, the County of Los Angeles plan must be satisfactory from an engineering standpoint or they wouldn't have recommended their plan of alignment and certainly there are other facts that enter into this matter. Some of these other factors are:

(1) The question of safety. I went to the County of Los Angeles Road department and to the Public Utility Commission and was informed that the safest way to construct an intersection of two major highways was to bring them together at ninety degree angles. This is to give maximum vision for all motorists. The latest plan not only brings Del Amo in at a slant to Crenshaw but is so designed that the railroad tracks are right in the middle of the intersection. Since heavy trains create lots of vibration eventually the asphalt on each side of the tracks will break down this will cause ruts which will create an unnecessary traffic hazard; also, because of the slanting street it will make it very difficult for those motorists on the inside lane travelling west to see the railroad signals. When two major highways meet it is absolutely necessary to keep the intersection as free from problems as is possible. The more problems (the slanting street, the railroad tracks, etc.) the more chance for accidents.

(2) It has been stated that using the County of Los Angeles plan of running Del Amo Avenue across Crenshaw at ninety degree angles would interrupt the Dow Chemical Company's parking area and that such area would have to be re-arranged. This is true but no

one can argue the fact that by running the street across at ninety degree angles thus creating a valuable corner which would be the northwest corner of Crenshaw and Del Amo and that furnishing Dow Chemical with over 2,500 feet of Del Amo Blvd frontage and the fact that this frontage would create easy access to all parts of their property would create considerably more value to the Dow Chemical property than the proportionately small amount of land that they would be giving up.

(3) This latest plan would destroy the two most northerly corners of the intersection of Crenshaw and Del Amo. The corners of this intersection are potentially some of the most valuable property in the City of Torrance. If you doubt this just consider the fact that Del Amo is to be the only main street in Torrance that will ultimately run from the ocean to the Orange County line. For this reason it will carry more traffic than any other east and west bound street in the city of Torrance. Crenshaw already carries a great number of cars.

If the city of Torrance had destroyed the two north corners of Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd twenty years ago certainly it would have been a great loss to the city and certainly Crenshaw and Del Amo will be a busier intersection than Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. Should the Torrance city council approve the latest plan these two corners are gone from the tax rolls forever.

(4) The latest plan is a very expensive plan. I know that my commercially zoned corner is very valuable as is any commercially zoned Crenshaw Blvd corner in the City of Torrance of over 18,000 square feet of great value. This plus the destruction of the three or four houses to the east of us is going to be a very expensive acquisition project for the City of Torrance; also, should the city council approve the latest plan there would never be any way of recapturing the money spent; however, should the city council decide to use the plan originally set up by the Los Angeles County road department the taxes produced from the two north corners of this said intersection eventually will pay for whatever the land acquisition and construction costs might be for the Del Amo and Crenshaw intersection.

Please reject this latest plan as being contrary to good planning and retain the plan that you accepted dedication to in 1948.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Cecil J. Shaver"

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Shaver that no action will be taken at this time. The two proposed rights-of-way will be considered later and Mr. Shaver will be notified as to which is chosen.

Mr. Shaver also presented a protest signed by the owners of Lots 6, 7 and 8, Raoph Griego, Mrs. Hazel Sladek, Melvin J. Sladek, George Lucien and Genevieve Lucian, expressing the same arguments as set forth in his letter.

Mr. Nollac, City Engineer, was instructed by Mayor Isen to be sure that Mr. Shaver and the other interested parties are given notice of the time when this matter is to be considered.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:

Cover letters dated June 2, 1960 from Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending acceptance of bids on the following items:

- a. Bid of Socony Mobil Oil for furnishing SS-2 and RS-1 for fiscal year 1960-61 be accepted.

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Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the Director of Public Works by accepting the lowest bid, that of Socony Mobil Oil and rejecting all others. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drafe absent).

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b. Bid of Consolidated Rock Products Co. for furnishing Crusher Run Base, Crusher Run Rock #4 and #5 and Rock Dust for fiscal year 1960-61.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works by accepting the lowest bid, that of Consolidated Rock Products Co., as shown on the Bid Summary, and rejecting all others. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

3. Letter dated June 2, 1960 from Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending that bids for furnishing Diesel Fuel Nos. 1 and 2, and motor oil be readvertised, since only two suppliers responded to the invitation to bid.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objections, so ordered.

4. Director of Public Works Peebles letter dated June 2, 1960 submitting resolution declaring that weeds growing upon and in front of, and rubbish, refuse and dirt to be a public nuisance, together with memo from Public Works Supervisor Atkinson explaining the items. This is the land along the Santa Fe Railway right-of-way.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3985

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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 OF TORRANCE ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3985. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3985. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Traffic and Lighting Division:

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5. Reflective Sheeting Aluminum Highway Signs. Award of contract. Letter dated June 2, 1960 from Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending acceptance of bid of Zumar Industries, Inc., with bid summary attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works in accepting the lowest bid and rejecting all others. The low bid was from Zumar Industrect, Inc. in the amount of \$3,298.87. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. Harry B. Van Bellehem, dated May 26, 1960, submitting analysis and recommendations on playground equipment bids.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem as to acceptance of bids as listed in his memorandum, and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent.

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AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Resolution authorizing City to submit request to Federal Aviation Agency for removal of deed restrictions as far as El Rancho Rolling Hills lease is concerned.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3986

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FROM THE QUITCLAIM DEED DATED MARCH 5, 1948, BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONVEYED THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, INSOFAR AS SAID RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS RELATE TO AND BIND AIRPORT PROPERTY LEASED TO EL RANCHO ROLLING HLLLS, INC.

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Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3986. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

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 (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3986. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3987

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO DENY APPLICATION NO. 42262 OF DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER SERVICE RATES.

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3987. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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ORDINANCES:

1. Second reading Ordinance No. 1172 relating to drunkenness. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its second and final reading

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ORDINANCE NO. 1172

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 Benstead moved to pass Ordinance No. 1172 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

2. First reading Ordinance repealing Lomita-Crenshaw Annexation Ordinance No. 1159, with cover letter from Robert K. Dower, Assistant City Attorney.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that Judge Fay has adjudged the ordinance to be invalid.

Councilman Beasley moved the proposed ordinance be filed. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

3. "For Study Only" Ordinance regulating Trampoline centers with cover letter from Robert K. Dower, Assistant City Attorney.

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There was considerable discussion on trampoline centers and how they should be handled. City Attorney Remelmeyer thought the simplest thing would be to amend our licensing ordinance to provide that applicants go before a License Review Board for approval. Councilman Beasley asked if there is any way to ban trampoline centers entirely and City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is not legal to ban a person from conducting a lawful business within a proper zone. The City Attorney's office is to bring this back on the agenda in two weeks.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- 0 1. City Manager Stevens called the Council's attention to the short time remaining on the budget. He said it must be "signed sealed and delivered" by June 21st.

0 2. City Manager Stevens mentioned the Library Board's request for tax rate.

0 3. City Manager Stevens said there is an important matter to discuss with the Airport Committee regarding retaining architects and engineers for preparation of a Master Plan and Tower. Four qualified firms have been interviewed and he would like to have a meeting so as to make a recommendation to the Council next week. Councilmen Blount, Beasley and Drale are the members of the Airport Committee and it is planned to hold a meeting at 11:00 A.M. on Friday of this week, June 10. Mr. Stevens will remind the affected Councilmen.

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4. City Engineer Nollac said he has received a bill from Eric L. Peterson for 90% progress payment on the Arlington Avenue work. City Manager Stevens recommended it be paid.

Councilman Beasley moved the 90% progress payment to Eric L. Peterson be included with the other warrants. Motion, seconded

by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

5. Councilman Beasley asked the Traffic Engineer to make a study of the present entrance to Torrance Airport. There is, he said, an extremely hazardous condition. Two people have been killed at the intersection. The entrance is not well defined and many small accidents occur there. Although we can't put a signal there, with a little study, certainly the condition could be considerably improved. Councilman Beasley moved to refer this matter to the Traffic Commission and Traffic Engineer. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, there being no objection, it was so ordered. 1009

6. Councilman Blount advised the Council that the Flying Farmers are to visit Torrance June 16th, a Thursday. It is a lunch stop for about 60 aircraft. There will be a no-host lunch and the details will be supplied to the Councilmen later.

7. Councilman Blount remarked that he was absent at the time of the consideration of the DeArmitt case. He moved that the recommendation of the Civil Service Board regarding DeArmitt be reconsidered; that he does not consider filing the proper way to handle it. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried by the following roll call vote: 1019

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

Councilman Blount then moved that the Council concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board on this matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

8. Councilman Blount asked how the Lomita-Crenshaw signal is progressing and Traffic Engineer Whitmer told him the contract was sent to Draucker Company on June 6th and they have fifteen days to return it. It is expected it will be returned before that time and work will commence shortly thereafter.

9. Councilman Beasley announced there is to be a State conference on housing at the Statler Hotel June 13, 14 and 15. There will be excellent speakers on many subjections. Mayor Isen asked Councilman Beasley to attend "with the Council's blessing".

10. Mr. E. F. Schoonover of 3546 Senefeld Drive came forward and stated his problem has to do with some property down on Madison Street. He said this was brought to Planning Commission September 17, 1958 and they approved widening of the continuation of Madison Street from Santa Fe to the Scout hut. Councilman Beasley said he is familiar with the territory and with Mr. Schoonover's problem. Councilman Bradford moved to refer this matter to the Engineering Division and have it back on the agenda for next week's meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent). 1277

11. Mr. Schoonover also brought up a matter regarding sewer and water service which Mayor Isen stated should be taken up with the Planning Division. 7

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12. Mayor Isen moved that the perma-plaqued resolutions which have been authorized in recognition of the improvements at Los Arboles Park be turned over to the Park and Recreation Department for presentation. There was no objection, and it was ordered.

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

The meeting 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

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