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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., June 21, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John M Simmons led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Hugh Percy, Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with an invocation and Mayor Isen congratulated Father Percy on having completed twenty-five years of service to the Church.

Councilman Benstead and City Attorney Remelmeyer joined the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following bids will be opened at the times specified:

1. INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND HIGHWAY SAFETY LIGHTING SYSTEM ON 190th STREET AT ENTRANCE TO MOBILE OIL COMPANY. Bids will be publicly opened at 10 A.M., Thursday, June 23, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.
2. Diesel Fuel No. 1 and No. 2, and Motor Oil for 1960-61 fiscal year. (PW #3). Bids will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 10 A.M., Wednesday, June 22, 1960.
3. Chemicals and spray materials(PW #3) Bids will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Wednesday, June 22, 1960.

Affidavits of Publication on each of the three above items were presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and ordered filed.

4. Informal Bids
 - a. Rotary Popup Sprinklers and Sprinkler Heads;
 - b. Plastic Pipe and Couplings for Sprinkling system. Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber Wednesday, June 22, 1960, at 10 A.M.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. CASE NO. 628 - Variance. Petitioner: Robert Schultz "Village for Senior Citizens".

At the May 31st meeting of the Council, Case No. 628 was ordered held for three weeks, until June 21, 1960. At that time a motion was on the floor, made by Councilman Beasley, to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the variance per exhibits, which motion had been seconded by Councilman Drale.

The case was held over to consider the fact that the area is located in M-1-zoned property.

Presented at Council meeting was a copy of letter dated June 13, 1960 from Carl C. M. Gregory, Consultant to the Golden Age Corporation, together with a resolution of the corporation setting forth the objectives and the intent not to claim exemption from taxation, nor waiver of license fee to operate or offer for rental, the total or part of the Senior Citizens Village and suggesting that the resolution be made a part of and the covenants thereof incorporated into the granting of a Special Land Use Variance as requested in Case No. 628.

Councilman Drale questioned Mr. Gregory as to what other cities he had established this particular type of program and Mr. Gregory's answer indicated that none have actually been completed, but are in the process of establishment. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the resolution's provisions are as far as the corporation can go in promising not to claim exemption, but he doubted if the corporation can waive the provision or be deprived of it by action of the City. Mr. Remelmeyer said their exemption has nothing to do with whether or not they are connected with a church; they are a charitable organization expressly incorporated for charitable purposes. There are several cases of this type of organization whose exemption provisions are now on appeal to the Supreme Court. In about a dozen of these cases, the Courts have declared them tax free. In case of a change in ownership of the corporation or a change from charitable to an ordinary business corporation, there would be nothing to prevent the new business entity from claiming and receiving tax exemption. The variance goes with the land and it is not possible to make a valid condition that the owner of the land be a profit organization. The Golden Age Corporation is a charitable corporation, as distinguished from a non-profit corporation.

Councilman Drale moved to table this case for sixty days pending receipt of more information. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute that the Council go on record as being in favor of this type of project, providing, during the sixty days of the tabling, or less, that the organizers can come to the City with a plan whereby there can be no exemption from real estate taxation on their part.

Councilman Drale and his second, Councilman Beasley, accepted the substitute motion.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Vico.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Milton Breivogel, Director of Planning, Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission, re development of Torrance Beach, dated June 13, 1960.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the original of this letter would be filed and a copy sent to the Park & Recreation Department. No objection, so ordered.

2. J. H. Hull, Secretary to the Board of Education, Torrance Unified School District, letter dated June 8, 1960, re zoning of manufacturing land to residential.

Councilman Beasley said he is not pleased with the fact that this letter was given to the newspapers before it came to the Council's consideration, and moved that the letter be filed. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion and expressed disapproval of the remarks contained in the letter as to political pressure. There was no objection and the communication was ordered filed.

3. J. S. Enterprises, Inc., by S. H. Burns, letter dated June 16, 1960 regarding seven feet of land along Santa Clara Street, together with letter of same date to the City Manager asking him to place the matter on the agenda.

Mayor Isen asked Director of Public Works Peebles to summarize the matter for the benefit of the Council and Mr. Peebles talked briefly and called attention to his memorandum dated June 2, 1960 to the City Manager in which he had set forth the problem.

Mr. Burns was present and stated his case, in essence as set forth in his letter of June 16, 1960. There was lengthy discussion. Councilman Bradford expressed his opinion that Mr. Burns is making an industrial subdivision and the burden of ingress and egress lies with him. Therefore, he moved the matter be dropped and the application for vacation be denied. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale disagreed saying that irrespective of what has been said Mr. Burns has made a big improvement in the area. Santa Clara is a dedicated street and it has been the City's policy where streets have been dedicated that the City contribute to the paving expense. He cited instances to back up his contention that Mr. Burns and his problem should be treated the same as other property owners.

Councilman Beasley believes that Mr. Burns is getting a very good bargain in a trade of 2,000 square feet of land for 22,000 square feet. Mr. Burns states it is 4,200 square feet instead of 2,000 and repeated that the City is making a mistake. Mayor Isen said the City has a paid staff to make recommendations on matters of this kind and asked for a vote on the motion that the application be denied.

Roll call vote showed:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

The motion denying the application carried.

4. Albert Levitt, President, Jefferson, Incorporated, letter dated June 15, 1960, requesting permission to continue to display Rolling Hills Plaza sign near the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw.

This is a request to move the Rolling Hills Plaza sign and erect a Newberry sign at the same setback, 960 feet east of the corner. No recommendation had been made by Building Inspector Schlens. Councilman Blount moved to refer the matter to the Department of Building Inspections. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

5. J. H. Paget, President, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, letter dated June 13, 1960, requesting designation of the week of July 4 through July 9 as AIRPORT WEEK. There being no objection, this request was granted and City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare a proclamation to that effect.

6. Joe M. Doss, Chairman, Aviation Committee, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, re 12 courtesy rides on Airport Day.

All seven of the Council members expressed a wish to accept this offer of a trip in the Goodyear airship and City Manager Stevens' office will keep track of the timing of these rides.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. Letter dated June 16, 1960, submitting classification for Senior Deputy City Clerk.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objection, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. Hickman Drive Improvement District - curb, gutter and sidewalk (1911 Act). Cover letter from A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, submitting petition requesting installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk on Hickman Drive, together with copy of petition and location sketch.

Mayor Isen stated the request is to have the City Engineer prepare a preliminary report in this matter. Councilman Blount moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by roll call vote, unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting bid summary and recommendation regarding the set of tools for the Garage Division.

City Manager Stevens expressed the opinion that in this period of austerity a close look should be taken at items such as this. It is not a budget item. There being no objection, the communication was referred to the City Manager for study.

2. Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation for payment requested by Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, for special services rendered in connection with Street Lighting Assessment Districts Nos. 1 and 2, in the amount of \$600.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the statement as recommended by the Director of Public Works. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Building Division.

Request of Robert L. Curry, Publisher, South Bay Daily Breeze, for six months' extension of permit to display sign on their property at 5215 Torrance Boulevard, with recommendation from Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspections that the requested time extension be approved. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objections, so ordered.

4. Engineering Division. Resubmission of Improvement of Madison Street South of Senefeld Drive. This is a matter on which Mr. E. F. Schoonover appeared last week. There is a two-page letter from the City Engineer dated June 14, 1960, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendations re proposed improvement of Madison Street and a location sketch is attached.

City Engineer Nollac made a verbal presentation with respect to this problem, in addition to the detailed description contained in his communication and it was discussed at length by the Councilmen, Mr. Nollac and Mr. Schoonover. Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Department, Engineering Division. Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Mr. Schoonover protested that this recommendation will work a hardship on him; that they are going according to City regulations for a 34 foot street from curb to curb which will give a 20 foot setback. Mayor Isen said this would destroy the uniformity of the street's appearance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Beasley said he had just noticed something about the improvement of Madison Street south of Senefeld Drive; that the report is asking for a 60 foot street. Under that condition, he asked that his vote be changed to "No". This does not change the result of the motion, which carried.

5. Easement deed for Alley. Grantor: Merl D. and Vera H. Shepherd. Letter of transmittal dated June 16, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, approved by City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting easement deed covering a portion of Lot 48 of the McDonald Tract, with location sketch. Councilman Bradford moved to accept the easement deed described. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, motion carried.

6. Bond Release - Tract 24819. Subdivider, Property Management Corporation.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and Director of Public Works to release the bond in compliance with the inspection report of the Tree Foreman. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Traffic and Lighting Division.

Street Lighting Report - Assessment District No. 3. Cover letter from J. O. Whitmer, Traffic and Lighting Engineer, approved by Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting the following instruments relating to Street Lighting District No. 3. The specifications are attached to tonight's agenda and the plans were spread on the table at the meeting for examination by the Councilmen:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3993

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER OF SAID CITY MADE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. 3931 ADOPTED APRIL 20, 1960, BY SAID COUNCIL.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3993. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3993. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by following roll call vote.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1960, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1964.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3994. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3994. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3995

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3994 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF SAID CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3995. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3995. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. Robert C. Herrick, Acting Chairman, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation of the Commission for concurrence with Airport Manager's recommendation of May 19, 1960, regarding Air Credit Sales' request for permission to operate a gasoline truck on their own premises for their own exclusive use.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission dated May 19, 1960, which is to deny the request for permission to operate gasoline truck. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Recommendation that Mercury Helicopter Service, Inc. be permitted to put up signs under standard terms, conditions and regulations.

3. Recommendation that Flightline Company be allowed to put up hangar signs under standard terms and regulations. (Flight Line Company is a subtenant of Aero-Care).

4. Recommendation that Airport Manager take action to collect money due from Flightline Company re aircraft storage situation on City property adjacent to leasehold.

5. Recommendation to concur with Airport Manager Egan's recommendation for termination of Engineering Corporation of America's letter agreement.

6. Recommendation that the City Council authorize \$700 from Airport Fund to be turned over to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Airport Week.

7. Letter re cancellation of May 26, 1960 meeting and Commissioners who were available for such meeting.

8. Letter re cancellation of Airport Commission meeting of June 23, 1960.

9. Letter re election of President Abrams for Airport Commission for another year.

Items 2 through 9 are not controversial and some of them are for information only. Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendations contained in items 2 through 9 where necessary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer make a report on the Babcock sublease at the Airport. He said it has been pending for nine or ten months and thought it should be either approved or denied.

Mayor Isen again suggested that on Airport matters, the Airport Commission cause the items to be so arranged as to show the routine matters and the controversial matters separately in order to expedite handling.

A recess was declared at 6:30 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 6:40.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Re. Spencer-Toluca Sewer Assessment District - 1911 Act Improvement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3996

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERS AND ORDERING POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS OR BIDS (Assessment District No. A-11-59-1) (Spencer-Toluca Sewer District)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3996. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3996. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3997

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGE AND THE GENERAL PREVAILING RATE FOR LEGAL HOLIDAY AND OVERTIME WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR CERTAIN CRAFTS OR TYPES OF WORKMEN. (Assessment District No. A-11-59-1) (Spencer-Toluca Sewer District)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3997. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3997. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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. 3998.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO DENY APPLICATION NO. 42329 OF CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN WATER SERVICE RATES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3998. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3999

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BERNICE DAVISON BLONK,
DBA SOUTH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC POUND SERVICES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3999. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale,
Vico, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

ORDINANCES:

1. Trampoline Ordinance.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time for first reading of an ordinance establishing the business license tax for trampoline centers.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1173

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD MUST BE OBTAINED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS LICENSES FOR CERTAIN NAMED BUSINESSES AND ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR TRAMPOLINE CENTERS.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1173 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale asked if this ordinance works a hardship on a prospective business and it was explained that it simply adds the trampoline centers to a list of 23 other businesses which must come before the License Review Board before receiving a license to do business in the City of Torrance.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. HANDBILL ORDINANCE.

Mayor Isen said that the purpose of the proposed handbill ordinance is to get rid of trash, litter and accumulations of junk paper from streets, alleys, lawns, curbs, sidewalks and porches. The City Attorney has said there should be a public hearing on it. It has also been pointed out there might be an interpretation of some provisions of the proposed ordinance as prohibiting the passing out of cards or handbills in favor of or against union activities. He said even an attempt to have a clean City should not infringe on the right of free speech which would include the passing out of circulars either for or against joining a union. Also, it was pointed out that an exception is made in the ordinance of religious or political material. With the consent of the Council, Mayor Isen asked that this ordinance be returned to City Attorney Remelmeyer for incorporation of a number of provisions and set for public hearing at a date four Council meetings from now.

Councilmen Bradford and Vico expressed themselves as being against the ordinance and Councilman Drale mentioned the problem on Thursday and Sunday mornings involving newspapers. Councilman Benstead agreed with Councilman Drale.

Councilman Bradford moved that the ordinance be tabled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mr. Sid Fleischman of 826 South Dearborn Drive, Los Angeles, came forward and said that his firm distributes the Sears circulars; that they are folded and encased with a rubber band and put on the porches.

Mr. Robert Moore appeared representing one of the distributing companies operating in Torrance. He says they do not handle newspapers but do handle circulars mostly from individual storekeepers in this area. They pay \$50 a day license fee. He said the record will show \$2700 paid in license fees for the privilege of distributing this type of advertising. His company, he said, pays some \$1100 license fees. An ordinance of this type would make it impossible for them to operate. He said he is very familiar with this type of regulatory ordinance and will be happy to work with the Council or City Management to arrive at a solution that would be beneficial to everyone concerned.

Mr. James H. Simmons, Harbor City, the Harbor representative of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, appeared in protest. He contended that under the wording of the ordinance, even handing out a business card could be considered illegal.

Roll call vote on the motion to table showed the following:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

The motion carried.

3. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the first reading of

ORDINANCE NO. 1174

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXEMPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 716 PROHIBITING BUILDING IN THE WALTERIA LAKE AREA.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained this ordinance and the reason for its appearing on the agenda. Don Wilson, the subdivider, has requested that he be authorized to receive building permits immediately and before the ordinance becomes effective. The ordinance will make it possible for Mr. Wilson to build in a new tract in Walteria Lake by removing restrictions. It will not be effective until after six weeks. Mr. Benstead asked if this could be effected best by an emergency ordinance and Mr. Remelmeyer said he thinks it can be more expeditiously handled by the passing of a motion which he has prepared. Councilman Drale asked how the Walteria Lake Sump project is progressing and City Manager Stevens said that the appraisals have been submitted but are so far apart they seem to relate to different parcels of property.

Councilman Blount moved that the City Manager, Director of Public Works, Superintendent of Building Inspections, are hereby authorized and directed to issue building permits for buildings to be constructed in Tract No. 25788 immediately, provided that the plans for such buildings conform to the provisions of all ordinances and laws of the City other than Ordinance No. 716 and conform to the provisions of all other applicable laws.

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

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1174 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens reported that the total reductions in the budget estimate are approximately \$115,000 and based on the same tax rate and same budget this would permit us to enter the year with an unappropriated reserve of \$298,353. He recommended that the budget estimate be adopted and the tax rate will be set the latter part of August when we know what the assessed valuations are.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

2. Councilman Vico moved that the action taken June 20, 1960 for \$20 flat increase for all City employees, be reconsidered. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Beasley moved to give a 3% increase in addition to the revised schedule which was adopted on June 20, 1960 and which in effect equalized and removed inequities in the pay schedules.

Officer Oates wished to speak from the audience but Mayor Isen told him the hearing had been closed.

Roll call vote on the motion showed the following:

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

Motion for 3% increase carried.

Councilman Drale asked to withdraw his motion to concur in the recommendations of the City Manager as set forth in Oral Communication Item 1, and with the consent of the second, the motion was withdrawn.

3. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to approve the budget, with the changes which have been presented this evening. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Drale asked that the record show that three members of the Council have voted for a \$20 a month across the board increase. He does not want anyone to feel these three did not approve a raise for all City employees. Mayor Isen and Mr. Benstead concurred.

Councilman Beasley asked the Council to remember in last night's action of a \$20 increase across the board, some employees' wages would have been decreased and Councilman Benstead answered that an even worse effect has been the result of tonight's action.

4. Mayor Isen moved that the sum of \$110,000 be earmarked and set aside for general library purposes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

City Manager Stevens said there will be approximately \$65,000 reserve funds the library fund and June 20th the Council appropriated \$45,000 for a site and if they now add \$110,000 it would come to a sizeable figure. Mayor Isen remarked that we will need it if we do anything besides contract with the County for library purposes.

Councilman Blount made a substitute motion that this matter be tabled for two or three weeks until the Council receives a report from the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

5. City Manager Stevens said that Monday, June 27th, would ordinarily be a workshop meeting and asked that a personnel meeting be scheduled for June 27, 1960 at 5:30 P.M. There will be no regular agenda.

Secondly, he asked that a meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council be held as soon as possible.

6. City Engineer Nollac mentioned an article in the last issue of LIFE magazine showing the contrast between the Brentwood Area and the homes next to the refineries in Torrance.

7. Director of Planning Powell said that an informal meeting had been held downstairs and there is now a perfect understanding among all that the curblineline of the existing Madison Street be continued. The sidewalk would then curve slightly to the west, leaving a parkway between the curb and frontyard. This extends the front yard appearance on homes to 14 feet and puts all houses that will be built on Madison in line with Mr. Schoonover's home. A sketch was presented and Mayor Isen said it would be marked "Powell Exhibit 1" and that the record show that the motion of concurrence as carried had this particular sketch in mind.

Mr. Schoonover did not agree that this was the understanding and Councilman Benstead asked how the house is going to be in line with the garage. Mayor Isen stated the other houses would stay in line with Mr. Schoonover's. City Engineer Nollac implied that he had not measured it but was going by Mr. Schoonover's representations and Councilman Benstead suggested that Mr. Nollac go out and look the site over.

8. Councilman Beasley said he would like to have Administration do two things: first, a study of funds available for library purposes, and, second, determine the cost per unit which the City is spending to collect trash under the present system; that is, the total cost divided by the total number of units, not how many electrical or water meters.

9. Councilman Blount nominated Mr. George Kurtz to the Traffic Safety Council.

10. Charles Oates, spokesman of the Council of United Employees, thanked the Council for its efforts in giving the wage increase, but reminded the Council that the employees do not feel it is adequate and asked permission to come before the Council in August when all revenues have come to the City.

11. Mr. Babcock representing the American Legion Auxiliary asked that the late application be considered for a fireworks stand in that the Auxiliary has several hundreds of dollars in merchandise. The License Inspector, Mr. Whitacre, said that under the applicable code section, one license is permitted for each 5,000 people and that 20 licenses have already been granted this year, which is the maximum permitted under the most recent census of 100,603 population. It was noted that this same incident of late filing occurred last year with respect to the American Legion Auxiliary. The location is at 165th and Crenshaw.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the permit, even though the application is late, on the condition that it be subject to the usual insurance and police regulations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

12. Councilman Drale speaking on behalf of Mr. Gordon of the Fathers' Department of Bishop Montgomery High School, asked if it would be possible for the fireworks stand for which they have a permit, be moved from the Southeast corner of 174th Street and Prairie Avenue to a location around the corner approximately 200 feet south of 174th and Prairie. Mr. Whitacre said they had called him during the day and said they could not be present at the Council meeting to present this request in person.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection thereto.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance