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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 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 26, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Frank Jakubski led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Glen Parish of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 1960 be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered. City Manager Stevens said there is a correction to be made on page 6, Item 5 under Engineering Division, Victor Precinct Trunk Sewer. Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the approval of the minutes of the July 19 meeting will be rescinded, and instructed the City Engineer's office to prepare a recommendation for correction so that approval of the minutes may be considered at next week's meeting. There was no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Stevens introduced our distinguished guest, Mirza Abdul Khaliq Beg, Government representative from Pakistan. Mr. Beg is working on a program with the University of Southern California. In Pakistan he is Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Defense. Mayor Isen welcomed Mr. Beg to Torrance and said that after a week or so, he would appreciate having Mr. Beg give the Council his impressions.

Mr. Harry L. Lechman, the newly assigned editor of the Torrance Press was introduced.

Mr. R. R. Gateley, representing American Legion Post No. 170, introduced Bill Steinwachs, Jr., who will represent Torrance South High at Boys State. Bill gave a brief but very interesting and enthusiastic description of the activities at Boys State. Mayor Isen invited Bill back for Junior Citizens' Day in October and said with his obvious flair for politics, he would probably be interested in attending that meeting in an official capacity of some kind. Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Gateley for bringing Bill to the meeting and commended the Legion for its work in good government.

At this point a brief explanatory message was given of Council procedure by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale said evidently some members of the Council have not received copies of the specifications for trash pickup. He asked that City Manager Stevens see that copies are furnished to all members of the Council, as well as all other information pertinent to making a decision.

AWARDS:

Mayor Isen commented on the way Mr. Gale Whitacre has been of assistance in attending Council meetings for the past months and at the Mayor's request, Councilman Vico read, in its entirety, a perma-plaques version of

RESOLUTION NO. 4015

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING GALE WHITACRE FOR SERVING AS DEPUTY CITY CLERK WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND GIVING UNSTINTINGLY OF HIS TIME AND EFFORTS IN THAT CAPACITY, AND FOR HIS FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS LICENSE INSPECTOR OF THE CITY.

and moved that the Resolution be adopted. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Vico then presented the perma plaque resolution to Mr. Whitacre and Mr. Whitacre thanked the Council and everyone concerned for the recognition.

BIDS:

1. Post Hole Digger - Informal bids for post hole digger for Police Department will be opened July 26, 1960 at 10 A.M., in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Beasley questioned the need of a post hole digger in the Police Department and there seemed to be no answer to his question. It was noted that the bids have been opened and that the departmental representatives present were members of the Traffic Engineering and Lighting Department. It was agreed it need not be further considered until the time comes for award of informal bid on this item.

HEARINGS:

1. Case No. 647 - Variance - J. H. Barton, Petitioner. Formal hearing before the City Council on petition of J. H. Barton for variance and conditional permit for a residential development in A-1 Zone - North of 182nd Street and East of Arlington.

1031 Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Carleson and there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen objected that there was not sufficient material attached explaining this proposed variance. City Planning Director Powell said the lots do not meet the 6,000 square foot requirement.

Councilman Bradford moved to deny the petition for variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Third and Final Hearing on proposed amendments to Appendix I of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" (Official Land Use Ordinance No. 791), with cover letter from City Attorney submitting three ordinances amending the Land Use Ordinance. Affidavit of Publication was presented and there being no objection, ordered filed.

Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number and presented for its first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1185

1034 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF APPENDIX I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO ADD NEW DISTRICTS TO SAID SECTION ENTITLED "DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED".

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be closed; 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

"Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1185 on its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote."

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2. Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number, presented for its first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1186

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 22X TO APPENDIX I OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A VARIANCE, USE PERMIT, WAIVER OR CHANGE OF ZONE OR OTHER RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE MAY NOT REAPPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER HIS PRIOR APPLICATION HAS BEEN DENIED OR WITHDRAWN.

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Councilman Bradford moved to approve Ordinance No. 1186 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number, presented for its first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1187

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4D, 5D, 6D, 7D and 8C of AppENDIX I of "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM LOT AREA, DEPTH, WIDTH AND SITE AREA IN R-1, R-2, R-3, R-5 and A-1 ZONES.

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

There was lengthy discussion of the wording of this proposed ordinance between the Councilmen, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and Planning Director Powell. It is Councilman Benstead's belief that the Planning Division has violated the ordinance. Councilman Drale moved that the Ordinance, No. 1187, be sent back to Planning to iron out the ambiguities in establishing minimum size lots, and to the City Attorney's office for rewording. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Hearing on Adoption of Ordinance Relating to Explosives, Chemicals, etc. Resolution of Intention No. 4006.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by the Deputy City Clerk and there being no objection, ordered filed.

Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number, presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1188

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE AND OTHER USE OF EXPLOSIVES, CHEMICALS AND OTHER DANGEROUS ARTICLES; REQUIRING A CHEMICAL PERMIT THEREFOR; CREATING A CHEMICAL BOARD; AND ADOPTING PART 72 OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ENTITLED, "COMMODITY LIST OF EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER DANGEROUS ARTICLES CONTAINING THE SHIPPING NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF ALL ARTICLES SUBJECT TO PARTS 71-78" AS PUBLISHED

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BY THE AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS, INC., IN THE
MOTOR CARRIERS' EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS ARTICLES
TARIFF NO. 10.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to be heard regarding the Chemical Ordinance; there was no reply. Councilman Bradford moved to approve Ordinance No. 1188 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1218 PROPOSED LIGHTING DISTRICT #3, pursuant to Resolution of Intention No. 3994 and 3995.

Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by Resolution No. 3995, when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, or to the extent of said assessment district, may appear before the City Council of said City of Torrance and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution.

Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented Affidavit of Publication of the Resolution of Intention and Affidavit of Posting of "Notice of Improvement" and, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously, they were ordered filed.

Mr. J. Laurence Thompson, assessment Engineer, was duly sworn by Mayor Isen and responding to questions by City Attorney Remelmeyer, testified that very briefly the District includes some 60 tracts of land in northern and western portions of Torrance; some are only portions of tracts involving 20 or 30 lots, but two are very large tracts: No. 22228 has 430 lots and 18657 has 337 parcels (The Wilson Tract). Altogether there are some 2,243 parcels of land. In Zone 1 which is for energy and maintenance only there are 1,343 and in Zone 2 are included those lots which will have energy, maintenance and the installation of the Edison steel standards. The assessment in Zone 1 for energy and maintenance, for a sixty-foot lot, runs about \$10.55 per year and where they have installation, maintenance and energy about \$17.26 a year. The total cost of the whole project is about \$110,000 or some \$27,500 a year, this being a four-year program. District No. 1 ran for 3 years; District 2 for two years and this District runs four years so when the whole thing starts again in 1964 we can combine them. It would be very burdensome to the property owners to have it all in one year.

Deputy City Clerk Carleson, in answer to a request by Mayor Isen to hear any written protests, read a letter of protest from Mr. and Mrs. Lionel J. King (Rosalind S. King) objecting to the positioning of the lighting standard which would result in conspicuous and obstructive overhead wires when a better location appears possible and giving as reasons therefor (1) that overhead wires cutting diagonally across a residential cul-de-sac are more noticeable than wires approximately parallel with the curb and can be detrimental to property values; (2) one reason for buying a home in a cul-de-sac is to provide a safe area for children. A popular pastime is kite flying and with the prevailing wind, kite flying would be more hazardous with diagonal wires than with wires approximately parallel with the east curb. Attached were sheets of diagram and Plan No. L-1-60 with indication of alternate locations where the protestants would like to have the standard placed.

Mr. Thompson stated that the locations for standards are set by The Edison Company. He said if the standards are set where the protestants suggest, they would involve wires over private property and he felt sure this would require easements. He considers public convenience paramount to kite flying. The diagram shows the positions suggested by The Edison Company but when actually installed through the staff and the Company, it may be possible to put it in a better position by a shift of two or three feet either way. Councilman Drae asked if this area includes subdivisions where people have already had their own collections and installations and Mr. Thompson said it is true there are certain area where lights have been installed and

Councilman Blount added those people will only pay for energy and maintenance, not installation.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles that when the time comes for actual installation this particular spot be watched for the most advisable location in the best interests of everyone. Mr. King said he, too, would keep track of it and he felt something could be worked out.

Mayor Isen asked if any person who has filed a written protest or his representative, desire to be heard in support of such protest and there were no further persons who wished to be heard.

Mayor Isen asked if any person wished to make an oral protest and Norman Smith of 2510 179th Street responded. He was quite violently in opposition to the lighting assessment, saying his taxes are already too high. He made statements which were not appropriate nor desirable and Mayor Isen severely censured him and asked that he speak no further.

Mayor Isen then asked if any person present desired to speak in favor of this proceeding or comment upon it in any other way. There was no reply.

Engineer Thompson reported that written protests filed with the City Clerk and not withdrawn, represent no percent of the area of the property to be assessed for the proposed improvement, the one written protest having been satisfactorily answered.

All persons having been heard and there being no other persons present indicating a desire to hear or be heard on the matters before the City Council, Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER DATED JUNE 21, 1960, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919", AND REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3994 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL, AND THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT, ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY, THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID DIAGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1960, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1964; OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER SAID RESOLUTION OF INTENTION; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND EMPOWERING TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS.

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Councilman Drale asked the approximate cost to each taxpayer and Mr. Thompson repeated that for energy and maintenance \$10.55 per year; or for energy, maintenance and installation \$17.46, which would be for four years only and then only for energy and maintenance.

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of this resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 4009. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS

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ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR PRACTICALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 3, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN L-1-60, AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR.

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4010. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4010. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1121 1. Tentative Tract Map No. 25586. Subdivider Dan Butcher. Transmittal form from Building, Engineering and Planning Divisions, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting for approval Tentative Tract Map No. 25586, presented by Dan Butcher, consisting of eight lots located at 228th Street and Border, with location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of July 6, 1960.

Mayor Isen asked what is meant by the provision that the City obtain the necessary easements across the Santa Fe Railroad at the northerly end of Border Avenue and the northerly side of 228th Street and provide the signalization on Border at the railroad crossing. Director of Planning said the City Engineer is the only one who can so negotiate. Councilman Blount stated this would cost the City about \$15,000. Mayor Isen said he thought this should be held for another week to straighten out the easement matter.

Councilman Benstead asked what happened to the format which was used for transmitting the planning matters, where everything was definitely spelled out. Director of Planning Powell said he would very gladly check and advise Mr. Benstead of the date when the Council ordered this particular type of letter of transmittal. Mr. Powell contends it should not be necessary to spell out provisions which are contained in the Subdivision Ordinance and are taken care of in Item 4 of this present form.

Councilman Blount asked if there is an ordinance under which we operate and which requires lights in a subdivision. Director of Planning said there is and it has been in effect for two or three years. Councilman Blount asked if anyone has the right to waive that, other than the Council and Director of Public Works answered in the negative. Councilman Blount continued that there is a new subdivision at Crenshaw and Sepulveda; people are moving in; there is no street light; was it waived?

The subdivider, Don Wilson, came forward and insisted on answering this question. He said about the middle of May or June 1st, he paid to the Southern California Edison Company approximately \$15,000 and that they have not installed the light. Director of Public Works Peebles said the Edison has such a tremendous backlog that they operate 90 to 120 days behind time. The light is ordered at the time construction begins so it appears they are farther behind than they claim. Councilman Blount's question is whether or not people have a right to move in in violation of the ordinance. City Attorney Remelmeier said the Certificate of Occupancy which is required is not a statement that the subdivider has complied with the ordinance, but rather is a statement that the place is inhabitable. The Building Inspection Superintendent ordinarily issues the Certificate of Occupancy. The ordinance, Mr. Remelmeier said, has nothing to do with the occupancy of homes. Mayor Isen said he thought the ordinance may be faulty and instructed City Attorney Remelmeier to review the ordinances dealing with requirements for subdivisions and occupancy thereof and then let the Council decide which requirements are valid and whether or not any can be waived by the Council in special cases.

Councilman Bradford said he thought it is time to get some kind of public relations established with the Edison Company. He doubts they have some of the authority they take and considers them a total monopoly in this area. He suggested getting together with the Edison people for a serious discussion and accepted the chairmanship of a committee to do so. Two other members will be selected by him to serve on the committee.

Tract No. 25586 was sent back to the Department of Public Works for the additional information required.

2. Tentative Tract Map No. 25886. Subdivider, Property Management Corporation. 1121

Mayor Isen announced the item is removed from the agenda because the variance was denied.

3. Tentative Tract Map No. 25969. Subdivider C. N. Cake. Transmittal from Building, Engineering and Planning Divisions, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting for tentative approval Tract Map No. 25969 consisting of 22 lots located on the north side of Torrance Boulevard, 330 feet east of Victor Street, with location sketch and excerpts from Planning minutes of July 6, 1960.

Councilman Drale reminded the Council that some time ago they rezoned 250 feet back from the center line of Torrance Boulevard to Commercial and there followed a lengthy discussion of zoning and what is and what is not permissible. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would check the ordinance and Councilman Bradford asked to hold the approval for a week. 1121

Subdivider Cake was not satisfied with this lack of solution and so expressed himself.

Councilman Bradford moved that this item of business be tabled for two weeks. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

4. WAIVERS

a. Recommendation of Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, to approve request for waiver to add onto existing garage exceeding rear yard requirements, of Carl B. Zich, 4002 West 177th Street, No. W-174. 1036

Councilman Beasley moved the recommendation of Planning Director be approved; motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claim against City of Torrance et al, by Albert L. Puetz and Interinsurance Exchange of Automobile Club of Southern California, subrogee, for alleged damages sustained as a result of an accident involving a City bus on May 4, 1960. 1174

Councilman Beasley moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

2. Petition signed by seven residents living near Polynesian Restaurant, complaining about noise.

Councilman Beasley said he is well acquainted with the area and knows what the petitioners are talking about. Councilman Beasley moved this be referred to the Police Chief with instructions to enforce the ordinance prohibiting unnecessary noise. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered. 1152

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Expenditures:

1. To Streeter-Amet Company for four traffic counters for the Traffic and Lighting Division, the sum of \$1,664.00, a budget item.

1042 2. To IBM for one Elite Electric Typewriter for the City Clerk's office, the sum of \$416.52, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve expenditures items 1 and 2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Appropriations:

1003 1. To W. A. Drennan Company for the extra pipe and fittings left
over from the South Torrance Water Assessment District, the sum of
\$2,073.67, plus sales tax, from Water Department funds.

1043 Councilman Beasley moved to approve appropriation item 1. Motion,
seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

1297 2. For improvement of 182nd Street westerly from Hawthorne
Boulevard, the sum of \$38,500. Based on the report of Director of
Public Works Peebles dated July 14, 1960, it is indicated that the
exchange of work with Redondo Beach is still on an equitable basis.
The recommendation of the City Manager is that the \$38,500 be allo-
cated from the Unappropriated Reserve Fund.

Councilman Drale moved to approve appropriation item 2. Motion,
seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call
vote:

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

1060 3. To John B. Knight Company for circulating petition to annex
the area bounded by the following streets: On the north by Compton
Boulevard; on the east by Prairie Avenue; on the south by Manhattan
Beach Boulevard and on the west by Van Ness Avenue, the sum of \$750.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve appropriation item 3. Motion,
seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Miscellaneous:

1053 1. To avoid difficulties in the Finance office, Mr. Scharfman
requested a standard form of motion be adopted by the Council in
appropriating funds (form attached to the agenda).

Mayor Isen said he believes a motion so worded would be an
invasion of the province of the City Council; that he does not ap-
prove. The Council members were in agreement with Mayor Isen.

2. Library Funds. The report shows approximately \$79,000 reserve
in the fund as a tax interim reserve. This report had been requested
by the Council and is informational only.

1257 City Manager Stevens reported on the month-to-month agreement
with George M. Green for collection of garbage and non-combustible
refuse to continue until a determination has been made by the Council
of the means of collecting and disposing of garbage and rubbish.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the
City Manager to establish the monthly fee payable to Mr. Green at
\$9,398.11, effective July 1, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman

Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Letter from Director of Public Works Peebles dated July 21, 1960, concerning bus shelter improvements.

City Manager Stevens said there was an error in the figures presented in this letter and he asked that it be removed from the agenda until next week. Councilman Drale mentioned a couple of defects he had noticed at the bus depot and Mr. Peebles assured him they are being cured. 1016

2. Letter dated July 20, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation that the bid for one 2,500 gallon water tank be awarded to Dearth Machinery Co., being the lowest bidder, in the amount of \$5,257.20. 1041

City Manager Stevens said there was a correction to be made, as suggested by Director of Public Works Peebles, that the bid of Dearth should be \$5,424.20 to provide for heavy bracing. This would still leave them the low bidder.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in Mr. Stevens' and Mr. Peebles' recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Letter dated July 18, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles submitting recommendation that bid of Apex Steel Corporation for furnishing materials for installation of aluminum roof and side-walls on new vehicle shelters at Police Department building in the amount of \$2,533 be accepted, being low bidder. 1078

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Recommendation dated July 20, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles that Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright be granted additional cost of \$2,150 for engineering extras in the South Torrance Water District No. 3 Job No. 59149.

Councilman Drale moved the request of the architects for the additional amount be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. 1003

Councilman Bradford asked for an explanation from Mr. Peebles who read from his letter and stated these things occur regardless of careful planning. The amount of the addition is a little over 10% of the original bid.

The vote on the motion to deny was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount (for want of information).

There being a tie vote, Mayor Isen asked that it be held for itemization and discussion with Mr. Adams or Mr. Morgan, and returned to the agenda in two weeks.

5. Director of Public Works Peebles, dated July 20, 1960, submitting recommendation that Bid of Dearth Machinery Company for a Model 2-550 Wayne Sweeper in the amount of \$11,018.59 for double gutter broom be accepted. 1041

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Engineering Division.

Progress report dated July 21, 1960, from Department of Public Works on acquisition of right of way for Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3. 1099

The report sets forth six owners, with what is known as to address and a rough description of the land involved, who have not and probably will not grant voluntary easements. The request is that the City Council authorize and direct the City Attorney to initiate condemnation suits for the necessary easements listed in the report. 1185

Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney be so instructed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1298 7. Award of Contract - Improvement of Western Avenue - Torrance Boulevard to 190th Street (Project No. 71), letter dated July 21, 1960, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles recommending contract be awarded to Vernon Paving Co., with bid summary attached.

This involves just the Torrance side of Western Avenue and was approved by the Council about a year ago.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

1237 8. Award of Contract - Spencer St. Toluca Avenue Sewer Assessment District No. A-11-59-1 (1911 Act).

Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending contract be awarded to S & S Construction Company, with bid summary attached to agenda, and resolution awarding contract for work or improvement ordered by Resolution No. 3996 of the City Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4011

1237 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WORK OR IMPROVEMENT ORDERED BY RESOLUTION NO. 3996 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL (Assessment District No. A-11-59-1) (Spencer-Toluca Sewer District).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4011. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Thomas B. Abrams, recommendations dated July 21, 1960 regarding

(a) request of Pacific Avionics Co. dated July 7, 1960, to install sign on top of their radio shop;

1010 x ref Pac Avionics (b) Redondo Beach Medical Clinic Investment Co. letter dated June 16, 1960, notifying the Commission of withdrawal of the Medical Clinic's application to lease certain property;

(c) Aero Propeller Company letter of July 6, 1960, notifying of the withdrawal of Aero Propeller's request to lease Plot 22.

1009 2. Thomas B. Abrams, recommendation re Doaks Aircraft's agreement for a fenced area.

3. Thomas B. Abrams, request for study of traffic problem at entrance to Airport.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission granting the request of Pacific Avionics Co.

1009 (b) noting the withdrawal of the application to lease certain property by Redondo Beach Medical Clinic.

(c) noting withdrawal of Aero Propeller's request to lease Plot 22,

2. terminating Doaks Aircraft's agreement for a fenced area; and

3. appointing Commissioners Wallace and Doss as a committee to work with Councilman Beasley in the study of the traffic problem at the Airport entrance.

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

STATUS OF WALTERIA LAKE SUMP

City Manager Stevens presented his report dated July 26, 1960, indicating the selection of site "B" for the Walteria Lake Sump under conditions as set forth in detail in his report. Councilman Blount moved to concur in Mr. Stevens' recommendation to officially inform the Los Angeles County Flood Control District officials so that they may give final approval to the site and receive approval of the Board of Supervisors if that is necessary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. 1005

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens said the architects and engineers are now ready to meet with the Airport Committee of the Council regarding the Tower and Master Plan. He suggested a meeting on Monday, August 1, 10 A.M., in his office and stated the members of the committee will be reminded. The committee consists of Councilmen Blount, Drale and Beasley. Mayor Isen stated if any one of the three is unable to attend, he would sit in. 0

2. City Manager Stevens referred to the report he had given of the possibility of selling parking meter heads at \$15 each and said the City of Redding has indicated by telephone that they will pay \$10,000 for 750 meters providing they are workable. Councilman Drale moved to accept the offer of the City of Redding, the price to be f.o.b. Torrance. When the money is received, the Council will take action to see that it is used toward amortization of the loans on the downtown parking lots. 1007

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen said probably this offer is a result of the ad which had been placed in Western Cities magazine and suggested their magazine be given the credit therefor.

3. City Attorney Remelmeyer mentioned the approval which was granted by the Council for a six months lease at \$200 a month to the Jordan Corporation, starting August 1st, on a month-to-month basis, subject to cancellation. He asked that the Council authorize the Mayor to execute the lease without the usual resolution, because of the extreme shortness of time. Councilman Beasley moved to grant such authority. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objection, so ordered. +299
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Jordan Corp

4. Councilman Blount spoke of the Commercial Improvement Ordinance No. 1071, which he does not consider to be a good ordinance and moved that it be suspended until City Attorney Remelmeyer has introduced one which is now is drafting to replace it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the new ordinance will be on next week's agenda. +300

Mr. Bert Lynn came forward from the audience and said this should not be done without considerable thought as it would leave the City with no governing ordinance. He also said he considers it wrong to make a man pay such a large sum in order to split a little lot, but before any ordinance is suspended the new one should be ready to enforce. 0

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council has never instructed him to amend the Single Lot Improvement Ordinance. He said the Drainage Improvement Ordinance is the one which has been discussed and it has been prepared and is now in the hands of the Public Works Department. 1300

1035 Councilman Bradford said the Council has the right to issue a waiver in case of hardship. Councilman Beasley pointed out that people who apply should be informed of the possibility of a waiver instead of being told they must have cash or furnish bond.

Councilman Blount said in view of the information that has been revealed, he would withdraw his motion with the request that the City Attorney hasten the new amendment to take care of that ordinance and that the Engineering Department make people aware of the waiver clause and their right to appeal to the Council for a waiver in case of hardship.

1088 5. Councilman Drale called attention to some lots between the old Beach Club and Torrance Beach which are owned by the County. He exhibited a map and pointed out certain lots. People in the area are asking that the County acquire the lots he designated, by condemnation to provide parking area. He thought a letter to Supervisor Burton Chace should be written expressing the Council's approval of such a proceeding, and so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

6. Councilman Drale also had a brochure on Zoning which is published by the County and he suggested a similar informative booklet by the City of Torrance would be advantageous. He moved that the Planning Commission be authorized to compile and publish such a booklet, the printing thereof to be done by City labor and using City equipment. The cost would be principally manhours necessary. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, which carried, there being no objection. It was referred to the Planning Commission for execution.

1302 7. Councilman Vico said he would like to know about an incident which occurred in putting in water lines. He asked if it is necessary to put up a deposit. Water Superintendent McVicar answered that the owner does have to pay the cost thereof or put up a bond. Councilman Vico went on to describe a situation wherein "a fellow who was on the Council" had a line put in and the money is still owing. Mr. McVicar said he thought the City would not be the loser in the case which Mr. Vico described. Councilman Vico asked who has the power to waive such a bond or deposit - he believes if there are rules they should be complied with. Mayor Isen asked for a confidential report from the City Manager in that it looks like the Water Superintendent has admitted to a violation of the regulations.

C-195 8. Councilman Drale asked about the \$1700 allegedly due from Gonzalez and Director of Finance Sharfman said he had received an agreement from Gonzalez to send in payment but that he would check and report on it immediately.

1242 9. Mr. Bert Lynn said when a sidewalk is put in at a shopping center edifice or other commercial establishment, the City's present inspection fees are on a square footage basis, i.e., 4¢ per square foot. Mr. Lynn had wanted to put in a 10' wide sidewalk the length of his commercial property which he said would have cost 40¢ per running foot for inspection. He figured the inspection time would be only about one-half hour and at that rate would add up to something like \$500 an hour. He suggested the rule be changed to something like 4¢ per square foot, but not to exceed 20 to 25¢ per running foot, if a really wide walk is put in. Such walks do cut maintenance costs and beautify the area, but Mr. Lynn said he will leave it in dirt before he will pay that much for inspection fees.

Director of Public Works said all the Public Works fees are now under study and the Council will shortly receive a report, with recommendations.

Torrance, California
July 25, 1960

MINUTES OF REGULARLY
SCHEDULED MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance at 5:30 P.M., Monday, July 25, 1960, Deputy City Clerk Carleson was present and called the meeting to order.

"The meeting had been announced as cancelled by the Council on July 19th and no members of the Council were in attendance."

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There being no quorum present, Mr. Carleson adjourned the meeting to the time of the next regularly scheduled meeting, 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 26, 1960, in the Council Chambers, City Hall.

A. H. Barthel

City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:

Albert Ison

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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10. Mr. C. N. Cake said he put in 640 feet of sidewalks, curbs and gutters on the corner of Hawthorne and Torrance, with permits from the State, at a cost of \$54. Then about six months later when the State turned it over to the City of Torrance, it was necessary to get a permit from the City. The cost was \$1,034. 1242

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
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APPROVED:



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