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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., Tuesday, August 2, 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, Drale, Vico, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remel-meyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. C. N. Cake led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen called attention to the following correction to be made in the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 1960, and moved that it be set forth, as follows: On page 6 under Engineering Division, Item 5, the following paragraph should be deleted:

"Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation that the City of Torrance proceed immediately with preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of Section I. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote."

and the following paragraph inserted in lieu thereof:

"Councilman Drale moved that the report dated July 13, 1960 and the new reimbursement changes as set forth therein be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote"

and the following insertion to be placed in the minutes of the regular meeting ~~after~~ after the first paragraph at the top of page 3:

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

Councilman Drale questioned the propriety of the type of minutes which were presented for the July 25th meeting and the City Attorney will present a recommendation before the time of the August 29th meeting. With the corrections in the July 26 and July 19th meetings minutes respectively, Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of those two meetings, and the following insertion to be made in the July 25th meeting:

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

in place of the sentence "All Councilmen were absent". Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead; no objections, the minutes of July 19, 25 and 26, 1960, were approved as written.

HEARINGS:

1272 1. Continued hearing on Resolution No. 3980, Intention to Annex Crenshaw-El Camino; also Resolution No. 3982, Intention to Annex North Crenshaw Boulevard, and disposition thereof, pursuant to communication from 1275 Assistant City Attorney.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard; there was no reply. Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said a motion should be made that the Council approves the report on protest hearing and orders it filed and that further hearings on Resolutions No. 3980 and 3982 are moot and unnecessary. Councilman Drale so moved and Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

1114 2. Hearing on Weed Abatement Report dated July 28, 1960, containing 101 pages, of property owners liable to be assessed for costs of abatement of weeds and rubbish and to consider the report of such costs.

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

Mayor Isen asked if there were present any parties who wish to be heard regarding assessment of costs and regarding this report. There was no reply.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead. City Attorney asked that in the first line of the second paragraph of the resolution the word "calendar" be changed to "fiscal" and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, Director of Public Works Peebles explained the large assessments are usually where filling of oil well sumps was involved, or cleaning up oil spillage areas.

There being no objection, the hearing was ordered closed.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 4012

1114 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SHOWING THE COST OF WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1960.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4012. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Councilman Beasley commented on the fact that it was a good clean-up this year but that he thought some skilled person should be placed in charge to determine which lots should be and which should not be cleaned. Councilman Drale suggested that distinction be made between weed cleanup and debris cleanup.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1121 1. Tentative Tract Map No. 25969 - Subdivider, C. N. Cake (resubmittal) Letter of clarification from George Powell, Planning Director, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, location sketch and tentative Tract sketch No. 25969.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve tentative Tract Map No. 25969. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mayor Isen asked about the buffer between business and residential zones. Mr. Cake said there would be ordinary buildings in there; there can't be an alley because of the church; he said he also owns the land next to this and will continue developing the whole area. It might be

multiple units, a buffer zone between Dan Butcher's zone on the north R-1, then R-3.

Roll call vote carried unanimously by those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claim against the City of Torrance by Carl Mueller, guardian ad litem for Brian Mueller, a minor, for alleged personal injuries arising out of accident occurring on May 22, 1960. Submitted by Attorney Roger Stern, 8611 Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood 4, California.

Councilman Drale moved to deny and refer to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

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2. Claim of Nellie Bazilius against Griffith Co., for injuries allegedly sustained in fall in front of her home at 16945 Arlington Avenue on June 24, 1960. Submitted by Attorney Roy S. Ferkich, 1516 South Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, California.

Councilman Drale moved to deny and refer to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

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3. George Rickard, dated July 25, 1960, re issuance of building permit. Councilman Drale moved this item be removed from the agenda until such time as the Planning Commission submits a recommendation thereon.

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

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4. Mobil Oil Company, dated July 21, 1960, re parcel of land in vicinity of Torrance City Dump.

Councilman Drale moved to file this communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

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5. Wilbur McCann, dated July 25, 1960, re special census results.

Councilman Beasley moved this communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

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6. Memo from J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, re moving dirt from Palos Verdes Boulevard.

City Manager Stevens said there is more dirt to be removed but the City has use for it. Councilman Blount thought it should be put out for bid and asked when the City will start moving it out. City Manager Stevens said it is not an immediate need but is used when necessary for parks or wherever growing is done.

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Councilman Blount moved that the City Manager be requested to immediately advertise for bids to get out enough dirt to bring down to grade so this portion of Palos Verdes Boulevard can be developed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. That Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspections, be authorized to attend the Annual Conference of Building Officials in Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 4 through 9, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

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2. That Fire Chief Benner be authorized to attend the Sixty-fifth Annual Conference of Pacific Coast InterMountain Fire Chiefs Association at Las Vegas, Nevada, September 26 through 28, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

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EXPENDITURES:

1. To the Fire Department Management Institute, University of Southern California, the sum of \$750 for tuition, books and supplies for attendance of Battalion Chief Lucas at the Training Institute in Los Angeles, a budget item.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

1104 1. That the City accept the lighting equipment shown on the attached letter from South Bay Obedience Club with the understanding that the installation work will be done by City forces. Public Works has checked and approved the plans and the project.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager as to Personnel, Expenditures, and Miscellaneous. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Drale suggested that Recreation Department write a letter to South Bay Obedience Club thanking them for the improvements to Walteria Park. City Manager Stevens said his office would write such a letter.

This brought up the question of letters to the new industries who are opening places of business in Torrance. City Manager Stevens said he would see they were written, timed to arrive before the openings.

2. Recommendation of City Manager Stevens on Police and Fire Radio Maintenance, dated July 28, 1960.

1301 Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that no change be effected in our radio maintenance contract at this time, in accordance with his detailed report. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount; no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Bid: Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles regarding Spray Chemical bid which was approved at Council meeting of July 12, 1960, with corrected recommendation of J. W. Loughridge, Park Foreman.

1041 Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation with respect to Alco Chemical Company and Los Angeles Chemical being awarded certain items as set forth in the memorandum dated July 20, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

2. Memo dated July 19, 1960 re Tracts 25788 and 25456, Anza Avenue Storm Drain.

1318 City Engineer Nollac called attention to the information set forth in the fourth paragraph of his memorandum on costs.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Bradford absent).

At 6:00 P.M., Councilman Bradford joined the meeting.

3. Letter dated July 21st from Engineering Service Corporation regarding Del Amo Boulevard.

0 It was noted this is merely an acknowledgment that the Company is satisfied with the additional amount received, as approved by the Council. Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the communication would be filed, and it was so ordered.

4. Memo from City Engineer to Director of Public Works regarding extra work on Arlington Avenue.

1064 This concerns an extra work item for Eric L. Peterson in the amount of \$3,393.99 overages in the base and asphalt paving material, \$578 for additional excavation due to change in slope and \$150 additional concrete work required on turnaround, or a total of \$4,121.99 claimed due. The Department of Public Works has recommended its payment.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Department of Public Works.

The Councilmen asked several questions about this: Was it in the bid? Did the City request the extras? etc. City Engineer Nollac explained the circumstances which had caused the additional work and

there was considerable discussion of how "extras" occur and the way they should be handled. City Engineer Nollac said in this case, even with the added amount, the estimate is higher than the price which is being paid. All of the extra material and work were necessary and were unforeseen. Councilman Bradford said something should be done to insure estimates being high enough.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, City Attorney Remelmeyer would check the legality of this before it is paid. He asked that the record show it and Finance Department be put on notice. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

5. Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles, dated July 22, 1960, regarding request for information from a contractor as to whether he needs to include Sewer Use Fee in his estimate to install plumbing in one of the new public schools to be constructed in the Victor Precinct. 1149
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City Attorney Remelmeyer said whether or not the School District pays the Sewer Use Fee is a matter of policy. Councilman Blount moved to tell the contractor to put in the amount of the Sewer Use Fee. Mayor Isen said the contractor has a right to know the City Council policy. Councilman Bradford seconded Councilman Blount's motion, and there being no objection, it carried.

5X. Resubmitted recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles that Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Write be granted additional cost of \$2,150 for engineering extras in the South Torrance Water District No. 3, Job 59149. 1003

City Manager Stevens said this item contains two things: a recommendation that the project be accepted by the City as complete, and the itemization of the costs for extras which were over and above the original contract as submitted to them.

City Manager Stevens, Director of Public Works and Water Superintendent McVicar, each orally recommended acceptance of the work as complete. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and Mayor Isen asked for roll call on acceptance of the job.

Councilman Blount asked if acceptance entails payment of either the \$2,150 or the \$256.62 requested this week. Mayor Isen asked that the motion clearly define that it does not; merely acceptance; the matter of paying the extras will be included in the next motion to be considered. There will be three separate motions: (1) acceptance of the job, (2) payment of \$256.62 and (3) payment of \$2,150.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Beasley's motion for acceptance of the job and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen moved that the balance of the contract price (\$256.62 plus the 10% retained \$28.51) be paid in accordance with recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The third motion, for extras in the amount of \$2,150 as set forth in letter from Adams, Morgan, et al, and memorandum of Director of Public Works Peebles came up at this time.

Mr. Morgan of the architect firm was present and explained in detail the firm's position. He said the bulk of this had nothing to do with the construction drawings and specifications but was the preparation of special maps on the assessment. Originally it was presumed the City Engineer's staff would do it but ultimately it was decided more logical to handle through the architects. The work was done, he said, on the authority of Public Works Director and he went ahead with the work because he did not want to delay the assessment work too long. Mr. Thompson is actually spreading the assessments on the program.

Six drawings were made up for the special purpose of spreading the assessments. It was necessary to search and verify record owners which was not originally in the scope of the firm's contract.

Councilman Vico asked if Mr. Morgan's firm was actually requested to do this work by the City and Mr. Morgan said by Mr. Peebles in particular; that it would have taken four times as long for the City Engineer's office to do it if they were adequately staffed.

Councilman Drale did not agree. Any deviation from the contract should be brought to the Council for approval. Councilman Beasley's opinion was that if it was ordered by Public Works the firm should not be made to stand a loss. Councilman Blount said there is no excuse for its not coming before the Council. "We meet every week."

Councilman Vico said from now on, even if it takes longer everything of this nature should come before the Council.

Mr. Morgan admitted that Mr. Peebles said it would have to go to Council for approval, but went ahead with the work rather than hold up the assessment. He explained the nature and necessity of each of the items included.

City Remelmeyer said if the request is granted, he would like to check its legality before payment is made and Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, that would be done. The record would show it and Finance Department would be put on notice.

Councilman Beasley moved that payment be made of the \$2,150 for extras as enumerated. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale contended that anything over \$2,000 according to the Charter must go to bid and Councilman Benstead's reason for $\frac{1}{2}$ disapproving was that Mr. Morgan did the work on his own - without Council approval.

Mayor Isen asked the Council not to overlook that this is one of our most successful projects. It was an involuntary assessment district; everyone was in favor of it. City Attorney Remelmeyer is to be complimented.

Councilman Drale said if anyone was entitled to more money it should be the man who laid the pipe and Mr. Morgan answered that man will have his bill for extras in very shortly.

Consideration was given to what, if anything, can be done to avoid this sort of occurrence and Mayor Isen remarked that in dealing with people and unknown factors, you are bound to get "extras". Mr. Morgan said the procedure, moneys and distribution are well within the legal limits and correspond with that allowed under the Act.

Roll call vote on the motion to pay was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Benstead.

The motion carried.

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

Director of Public Works Peebles asked to be permitted to make a statement on the South Torrance Water District job and asked for guidance in a hypothetical case of running into trouble on a job which would involve move-in and move-out pay.

A lengthy discussion followed which resulted in a proposed statement of policy by Mayor Isen, in effect as follows:

1003 "Bona fide extras can exist; something not contemplated by either party. In such a case where loss of money would be incurred by shutting down a job, or there are other mitigating factors which have been reviewed by the City Engineer and approved by the Director of Public Works and City Manager, work should be allowed to go ahead, with the stipulation that it will come before the Council for approval at the next Council meeting."

This statement, or a similar statement of policy, will be considered on the agenda for next week's Council meeting.

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

6. Transmittal of Easement Deeds. Letter dated July 26, 1960, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting six easement deeds needed for Sanitary sewer purposes in Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3, for acceptance by Council, as follows:

1. In Tract No. 10304, Block "B" 1185
Portion of Lot 7 - from Elsie H. Jones and Edna M. Jones dated June 3, 1960
2. In Tract No. 10304, Block "I"
Portion of Lot 15 - From Luella Mountain and Rose J. Mountain, dated July 19, 1960.
3. In Tract No. 10304, Block "I"
Portion of Lot 19 from Luella Mountain and Rose J. Mountain dated July 19, 1960
4. In Tract No. 10304, Block "I"
Portion of Lot 27 from Leo E. and Eleanore E. Tremblay dated July 20, 1960
5. In Tract No. 10304, Block "I"
Portion of Lot 44 from Maurice A. and Elizabeth A. Taylor dated June 20, 1960
6. In Tract 10304, Block "K"
Portion of Lot 15 from Domenica MacIsaac dated July 20, 1960.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the six deeds listed above for the purposes set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

TRAFFIC & LIGHTING DIVISION:

7. Street Name Signs - letter dated July 28, 1960, from Traffic & Lighting Engineer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommending color scheme for street signs. 1049
City Engineer Nollac had three different color combinations for the Council's decision. Councilman Blount moved to approve the adoption of a new colored sign for the official Torrance street name signs and to select the green and white combination displayed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote. 2 ref

8. Award of Contract - Post Hole Digger. Letter dated July 28, 1960, from Traffic & Lighting Engineer submitting recommendation that the contract be awarded for \$487.05 to HOMELITE in Alhambra, second lowest bidder, for the reason that it is located in our area and can provide quicker service at only 50¢ over the lowest bidder. 1041

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Recommendation of Council Airport Committee re various Airport matters, as follows:

1. Edison Company easement through the 100' x 100' plots, with the recommendation that an overhead easement be installed throughout; all in accord with a plan and Edison Company and Telephone Company cost estimates on file with the Airport Manager. 1184

2. Airport Commission recommendation that Aero-Care use clause be broadened to include flight instruction, with recommendation for denial. 1178

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Aero-Care

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Ruffi

3. Troy Ruffi, deceased, assignment of leasehold interest to F. E. Dalton; with recommendation of denial. However, the Committee moved to recommend that F. E. Dalton could take the property on a month-to-month basis subject to airport development.

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Foat
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4. Relocation of Harold Foat's hangar to make way for new service road to Crenshaw; with recommendation that the Airport manager negotiate a relocation proposal with Mr. Foat and submit.

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Hend

5. Airport Commission recommendation on hangar leases expiring pursuant to Resolution No. 2042; with recommendation (1) that anyone in conflict with the Master Plan be advised at the time that their lease expires that their lease will not be renewed; (2) that affected hangar owners continue on a month-to-month basis at \$15.00 per month rental.

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Babcock

6. Henry T. Babcock hangar lease; with recommendation that consideration be deferred as Mr. Babcock is absent.

Councilman Blount moved that Item 3 be considered separately but that Items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 be considered for the recommendations as set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Committee with respect to Items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

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Item 3 above was considered separately. Councilman Blount explained the circumstances under which the Airport Committee sees fit to deny the assignment of leasehold interest to F. E. Dalton. Mr. Norman Kull, 9424 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, attorney for the Estate of Troy Ruffi, deceased, appeared and talked at some length, mentioning a different proposal which he states will be presented at a later date. However, the Council was in agreement that there is no reason to grant the assignment of the lease and Councilman Beasley moved to table this item of business until such time as the new proposal comes in and is placed on the agenda for Council consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an agreement with J. B. Hanauer & Company to act as consultants re the Airport, with agreement attached.

Councilman Blount said this had been considered at a meeting with Mr. Egan, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Remelmeyer in attendance, the result of which was a recommendation that the agreement be executed.

Councilman Blount moved that the resolution authorizing execution of the agreement be considered. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

.RESOLUTION NO. 4013

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH J. B. HANAUER & COMPANY TO ACT AS CONSULTANTS WITH THE FINANCING OF IMPROVEMENTS ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4013. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried

by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 4013. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen complimented the Hanauer Company and its representative, Mr. Feldman who was present, and said he hopes that the company's study would result in a recommendation that the improvements be by Revenue Bond Issue which will cost the people nothing. Mr. Feldman said that is the hope. Mayor Isen continued that it is not the intention to increase taxes, only to determine the feasibility of the Airport paying its way and getting the much needed improvement at this time. Mr. Feldman particularly thanked Councilman Blount for his assistance.

RESOLUTION with cover letter from City Attorney, authorizing the execution of an Airport lease with William R. Ringdahl and Robert C. Pellman dba Air Credit Sales & Flite Service, with agreement attached. 1010

Councilman Blount moved this resolution and the authorization *Air Credit* requested be denied at this time, without prejudice. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DON WILSON RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUMP IN WALTERIA LAKE. 1005

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4014. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved the adoption of Resolution No. 4014. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said he understands the Board of Supervisors passed an appropriation for street improvement work in the amount of \$51,000. The Flood Control District is working on all phases to get this project under way as soon as they can.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM UPON THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF. 1099

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4016. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4016. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

Councilman Bradford 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.

1. Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1185

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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"

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1185 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1186

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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.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1186. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1188

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

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1188. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its first reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1184

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 29.5.1 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING THE PLANTING OF VEGETATION AROUND TREES UPON ANY PARKWAY IN THE CITY. 1091

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1184 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he was informed this afternoon by Assistant City Attorney Dower that Lawndale has gone ahead in spite of the protest of the Board of Supervisors and voted to annex Alondra Park. Mr. Remelmeyer said he had instructed Mr. Dower to take the appropriate action to prevent this.
2. Councilman Beasley asked if it is possible to clear up the problem on the extension of Lincoln and Eshelman over by the City dump, by quitclaiming back to the property owners or some other means. City Engineer Nollac answered that this department has prepared a petition under Improvement Act of 1913 to extend the alley on through to connect with the other street, reduce its width to 20 feet and improve it. This will put the onus on the property owners to express themselves as to what they want to do and will be the first step in clearing up the problem.
3. Councilman Drale said he had a request from the City Employees to meet with the Garbage and Trash Committee. He asked if a date might be set and the decision was made to meet on Thursday, August 4, at 5:30 P.M. in the City Manager's office.
4. Councilman Vico expressed dissatisfaction with the report which had been received about the water pipe matter. He said the report did not say who gave authorization to go ahead and bypass any procedure with regard to deposit. City Manager Stevens said it adds up to just about the same as two other things which have been considered at this meeting; a department head went ahead and had some work done which should have had Council approval. Mayor Isen said the distinction is that in this particular matter a member of the Council is involved. The others dealt with third parties, not in a capacity of trust. Councilman Benstead said a thorough investigation should be made of the whole deal and Councilman Vico doubted that this is the only instance in which such a thing has occurred.
5. Mayor Isen mentioned the completion of the Freeway to 190th St. and the fact that there are no signs to indicate Torrance is on the route. He requested the City Manager to contact the proper authorities and determine what will be done.
6. Mayor Isen brought up the question of restrooms at the parks. The Council had previously approved expenditure of money for La Romeria and McMaster Park. He said he has been advised a restroom is not in the plans for Los Arboles Park as indicated and there is some concern as to whether or not the restrooms have priority in the other parks. Mayor Isen moved that, other than LaRomeria and McMaster, the Council

refer the matter on restrooms for the other parks back to Park & Recreation Commission for study and recommendation. Councilman Drale seconded the motion, and there being no objection, it carried.

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7. Mayor Isen said, regarding the water pipe matter, that he had heard slight rumblings but nothing which he thought of any concern. Since then, however, he has become very concerned and disturbed about the whole situation. He said the confidential report which he had requested was to be for the Council first and then the people were to have had a full disclosure. There was no secrecy about it. Directing his remarks to Mr. Stevens, the City Manager, Mayor Isen said in his opinion the report is incomplete; it does not get down to particulars; there is double talk in it and that he would like to have Mr. Stevens' answer to six or seven questions. Mayor Isen then read the report in its entirety, stopping at intervals to ask questions of Mr. Stevens, and asked that his questions be answered as soon as possible in a written report. Without setting forth the contents of the report itself but indicating the spacing of the questions, the following is the gist of Mayor Isen's request for information:

At the end of the fourth paragraph:

"Did not the bankruptcy occur a year or more after this particular time rather than the impression given that it followed as an unfortunate event very quickly thereafter?"

At the end of the first sentence of the fourth paragraph on the second page:

"In that regard, Mr. Stevens, I have an opinion from Mr. Remelmeyer which I requested from which I quote:

'There is no provision in the Water Code which permits the Water Superintendent to install main extensions at the expense of the City. This can be done by the Water Superintendent only with the consent of the City Council because it would be an expenditure of public funds.'

Mayor Isen continued to read to the end of that paragraph and asked the following question:

"Now, I am asking you this question: When the City has varied and not required the builder to put up the money, was that not done by City Council vote approving the same?"

At the end of the first sentence of the next paragraph:

"Now, I don't know whether you are referring to this case or some other case."

At the end of the same paragraph:

"Which, I am asking you, was that not perfectly proper since it received City Council vote and further, am I advised properly that to this day, Mr. McVicar has never ever put in this particular line?"

At the end of the next paragraph:

"I am asking you: Is this not begging the particular question of the inquiry?"

Mayor Isen continued to read to the end of the next paragraph:

"I think we have a right to query: When was this done and when did you first, Mr. Stevens, learn of this particular incident?"

Comment by Mayor Isen at the end of page 2.

"There is no question of arrangement of trying to get back the money or perhaps when this other property is built upon, the City will have the money, but again this is begging the question. The question is: Is the City in a position to act as financier?"

Continues to the end of the letter, and makes the following remarks:

"Mr. Stevens, you are personnel officer. I think Mr. McVicar is one of my very good friends here. I don't like anything about this, but the public welfare and the rights of the public to know, come first. You are saying you don't condone his failure. I would like your recommendation as to whether disciplinary action is necessary or reprimand or what should be done regarding the incident.

"Now, then, completely obscured is the ownership of the property benefited and I think the people have a right to know without hearsay - without the things I have heard about it. I am concerned whether or not the owner would be responsible. I am particularly interested in facts of the situation here which would have to come from Mr. McVicar and I thought it would be in the confidential report: whether or not pressure was put on him to do this by Councilman or Councilmen or anyone, to do this job without the deposit. I want to know whether or not you were consulted. And, as indicated already, when the City Manager first had knowledge. These points which I have indicated are the ones I had in mind when I requested this report, rather than the generalities given here. The report is being made public and I will ask the secretary that there be copies available for anyone who wishes them and my remarks put in the record without particularly copying every word of the report.

"I think everybody is interested in this thing. There have been reflections here and innuendoes we don't want to exist here in the City of Torrance. We are entitled to know the facts and the answers to the questions, Mr. Stevens, and I would appreciate that report as soon as possible."

8. Councilman Drale stated according to the ordinance the responsibility lies with the City Manager. Mr. McVicar made a mistake and it is certainly up to the City Manager to handle it in some way. Some time ago, Councilman Drale said, the Council made a recommendation that the Water Department be brought under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works. At that time Mr. Stevens did not think it was a good idea until maybe about six months or a year from then, Councilman Drale thought that should be given consideration at this time.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance