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City Council Meeting, held August 9, 1960 8:00 P.M.

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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 session at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 9, 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, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen. ABSENT:
COUNCILMEN: Blount (due to illness in his family). City Manager Stevens and Assistant City Attorney Dower were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Commissioner Belcher of the Civil Service Board let the salute to our Flag.

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

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objections, corrections or additions.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following information regarding bids:

1. Formal bids for installation of electric traffic signals and highway safety lighting systems on Pacific Coast Highway and Tulita Ave., Vista Del Parque, will be opened August 10, 1960 at 10 A.M.
2. Formal bids for improvement of 226th Street (Ocean Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue) and Ocean Avenue (226th Street to 631 feet southerly) will be opened August 10, 1960 at 10 A.M.
3. Informal bids for burlap bags, to be used as sand bags, will be opened August 10, 1960 at 10 A.M.
4. Informal bids for hand-propelled striping machine will be opened August 10, 1960 at 10 A.M. Traffic and Lighting Engineer states this particular type of machine was chosen by actual demonstration.
5. Informal bids for carryable 3" pump and suction hose will be opened August 10, 1960 at 10 A.M.
6. Informal bids for rental of crane to be used to clean drain ditch and water sumps, will be opened August 10, 1960 at 10 A.M.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this is the time for public hearings on the following matters:

1. Council Minutes
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1031 1. Case No. 645 - Variance - P. W. Mason, M.D. (resubmittal) with letter of clarification from Planning Director Powell, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, with excerpts from July 20, 1960 Planning Commission minutes and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter and the Reverend Wm. W. Williams, 5308 Palos Verdes Blvd., came forward and read a letter of approval and asked for the Council's favorable action on Dr. Mason's request for variance. Dr. Mason also spoke briefly on his reasons for requesting the variance. Mayor Isen asked about parking spaces and it was determined there are eight off-street parking spaces.

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

In the absence of Director of Planning Powell, Mr. David Cleveland was present and stated that the submittal was made to the City Council "with no further recommendations!" Originally the Planning Commission moved to deny this request and Mayor Isen said Mr. Powell should be reminded that a covering letter should have accompanied this submittal to the Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Drale said he thought the Planning Commission should give more thought to this type of request. There was absolutely no protest. Mayor Isen agreed in part but said that under the particular circumstances of this case, he thought it proper to approve the variance.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

1031 2. Case No. 642 - Variance - Robert L. McGee, petitioner. Formal hearing on petition to permit an interior decorating studio, service and sale of furnishings and accessories. Letter of transmittal and recommendation of Planning Commission for approval, together with location sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of July 20, 1960, plot plan and building sketch.

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

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve per Exhibits A and B. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

1031 3. Case No. 648 - Variance - Jack Kettler, petitioner. Formal hearing on petition for variance and permit for a trailer park of 126 spaces in A-1 Zone. Letter of transmittal and recommendation of approval together with location sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of July 20, 1960 and plot plan.

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

Mr. Kettler was present and answered questions from the councilmen regarding location of the proposed trailer park. It is within the distance of about two blocks of Mr. Kettler's present trailer park on Western Avenue, where the sump is now. Councilman Drale asked how any drainage problem would be alleviated and Mr. Kettler answered that there is no drainage problem.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the

Planning Commission to approve this variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent). Mayor Isen remarked that his "Yes" vote is reluctant in that he does not approve of trailer parks. He feels that certain circumstances here justify this one. He said it would not be a suitable place for residences. Mr. Cleveland of the Planning Division agreed that it is a difficult area for housing.

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4. Case No. 651. - Change of Zone - Ralph McNeil, petitioner. Formal hearing before the City Council on petition for change of zone from R-3 to C-1.

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

Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of this variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Affidavit of Publication in cases Nos. 642, 648 and 651 was presented by Deputy City Clerk Carleson (Case No. 645 being a resubmittal) and there being no objection, ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. LaFLEUR ENTERPRISES. Letter from Planning Director Powell, dated August 4, 1960, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, countersigned by Fire Marshal Lucas and City Attorney Remelmeyer, recommending approval of LaFleur Enterprises' request for permission to operate an air reduction business in M-1 Zone at 169th and Gramercy and granting a business license therefor.

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This M-1 property is located 400 or 500 feet from the nearest residence and is located on the west side of Gramercy Place north of the Verburg Dairy. Battalion Chief Lucas explained the operation of air reduction and stated it does not involve excessive noise or danger. Councilman Bradford moved to hold this item for further information. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico,

Mr. Robert Thompson of Culver City, the agent for the company and for its landlord, appeared and explained the operation, but was not able to tell how many pounds of pressure would be used in the manufacture of oxygen, nitrogen and argon.

Mayor Isen expressed concern and recall a similar operation on Border Avenue which caused considerable trouble, but which apparently had received everyone's okay.

Councilman Bradford moved the item be held for further information and the opinion of experts indicating safety and freedom from noxious gases. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objection, carried.

Councilman Beasley inquired whether this would not come under the jurisdiction of the newly formed Chemical Board and Mayor Isen said this has not yet been put into full effect.

2. WAIVERS

W-179 - John H. Phelps. Letter from Planning Director Powell, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, recommending approval of a request by John H. Phelps for permit for a swimming pool to be placed partly within a front yard setback.

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Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, but Councilman Benstead objected, inquiring what arrangement was being made for fencing the pool. Mr. Cleveland of the Planning Division said it would be a five foot chain link fence, tying right into the channel. Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Attorney Dower his opinion as to whether we could ask for more protection than is afforded by the ordinance and Mr. Dower replied that he believed we would be bound by the ordinance is the waiver is granted.

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

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter dated August 3, 1960 from W. J. Hanson re location of West Torrance Library.

1170 Mayor Isen noted the reference of this communication to the Public Works Department, Planning and the Park and Recreation Commission by City Manager Stevens and said the Council will expect a report, with copy to Mr. Hanson, as soon as possible.

The old building on this property will be torn down. Mayor Isen asked if it would be possible to get more land contiguous to this because by the time the various buildings are erected, it will leave very little park area.

Councilman Drale pointed out what he considers to be an ideal arrangement at McMaster Park. He says the fire station, library, ball diamond, etc., keeps vandalism down and protects the park. City Manager Stevens will try to find a small area adjacent to the park, but stated most of the parcels of land are five acres.

2. Petition re intersection of 163rd and Ardath Avenue. This petition carried 26 signatures of residents and complained of a dangerous condition due to no drainage and the scum and stagnant water which accumulates and causes a hazard and attractive nuisance, and asked relief.

1280 Mayor Isen stated if there were no objections, it would be referred to Public Works and City Manager Stevens reported that Public Works is already working on a solution of the problem.

3. Letter from Bus Superintendent to City Manager re Downtown Retail Merchants Association "Back to School" sale and free bus rides.

1231 Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Mr. Chamberlain to furnish free rides one way within the 20¢ zone; but that such project be limited to this promotion in September and the one in February during Dollar Day Sale.

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

4. Request from Civil Service Board for authorization of attendance of Chairman Morehart, Commissioner Fred Stevens and Secretary T. E. Donovan to the International Conference of Public Personnel Association with appropriate expenses paid, New York City October 23 through 27 1960.

1039 There was considerable discussion of which one or two of these three should attend. Mr. Stevens, the City Manager, said he believes

it is a policy matter, not to be recommended by the City Manager. Councilman Beasley moved to send the two Commissioners only, but when it was suggested this was setting a precedent, he withdrew his motion and moved that one Commissioner, to be chosen by the Commission, be ^{post} sent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Personnel:

That Police Chief Percy G. Bennett be authorized to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Washington D.C., October 1 through 6, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent). ¹⁰³⁹

Expenditures:

To IBM for one Electric typewriter with 17" carriage for the Finance Department, the sum of \$444.60, a budget item.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation on expenditures. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent). ¹⁰⁴²

Agreements:

Recommendation that the agreement with Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright for improvements at the Torrance Municipal Airport as outlined, be approved. ¹⁰⁰⁹

Councilman Benstead asked if this is to be a new Master Plan for the Airport and City Manager Stevens replied that in order for us to get approval and a Federal grant on the tower, we have to have a revised master plan, as is, brought up to date. That is a requirement for the granting of funds. This is a plan for the design of the tower and the utilities. The architectural fee on the control tower will be 9% and they estimate it to be about \$11,700. The Government will pay 54% of the entire bill. It is estimated the tower will cost about \$130,000 and the Federal government will grant 54% and thereafter pay the entire maintenance cost, thus relieving the City of about \$22,000 a year expense. They also furnish equipment. ^{Tower}

Councilman Bradford moved to proceed with the agreement in concurrence with Mr. Stevens' recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Civic Center Master Plan

City Manager Stevens asked if the Council would now approve the Master Plan for the Civic Center. Mr. Adams and another man from his firm came early and made a presentation of the plan at 7:45. The plan should be approved by the Council; then there will be a colored rendering made and that will complete the project. The Plan was unanimously approved by the Civic Center Development Committee and the other Councilmen have met and Mr. Stevens said he would recommend the Council adopt the Master Plan as presented. It is a very flexible plan and there may be some changes in the future. ¹⁰⁶¹

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to approve the Master Plan for the Civic Center. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Miscellaneous

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1. Policy on Extras Occurring on City Projects: It is agreed that there can be bona fide extras on City projects. The normal procedure for handling will be that the Department concerned will submit the Change Order to the City Council for approval prior to the work being done, except in the case of a bona fide emergency where a loss of money would be incurred by shutting down the job, or mitigating factors, such as the necessity for keeping the work going. Under such emergency conditions the procedure will be as follows: Upon the review and recommendation of the Division or Department Head concerned, and approval by the Director of Public Works on Public Works matters and by the City Manager on all matters, the work should be allowed to go ahead with the stipulation that it will come before the City Council at their next meeting for approval.

All such extras will be performed on the basis of an Extra Work Order or a Change Order signed by the Contractor and City officials referred to above. The order shall indicate the work to be performed and the cost of said work.

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2. Proposed specifications for auditing services per attachment to the agenda.

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3. That the request of the Recreation Department dated July 28, 1960, for 18 parking permits for the remainder of the period of their occupancy of the Old City Hall be granted. Request approved by Police Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations for Miscellaneous Items 1, 2 and 3 set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

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Councilman Drale, referring to the recommendation under Item 3 immediately above, said five or six girls in the Water Department have requested parking space adjacent to the Old City Hall and moved their requests be granted. Mayor Isen opposed this request in that there is only a short period of time remaining and if this is permitted the downtown customers will be losing their parking spots. Councilman Bradford asked why the Water Department had not presented this to the Council as did Recreation. The motion died for want of a second.

Class Specification for Planning Associate with Recommendation of Approval from City Manager Stevens

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Councilman Bradford questioned Director of Public Works Peebles and also asked if this is on the budget for the year. Mr. Peebles explained the qualifications and City Manager Stevens said that actually it was also in last year's budget. He said the man is needed; he has been in two years' budgets but there has been a lot of difficulty in recruiting such a man. One who was hired workly only a week.

Mayor Isen remarked that we needed him during the period of growth but have done without him. City Manager Stevens answered that most advanced cities in the world keep planning; we never reach a point of making no change and by the number of items on our agenda,

it seems we have not reached the end of planning. It was established that this would be a working man, not one who would need a secretary, office equipment etc.

Councilman Bradford moved to table this item of business for a month and Mayor Isen seconded the motion. On a suggestion that the item be denied entirely, Councilman Bradford and Mayor Isen withdrew the motion and second and Councilman Vico moved to deny that position. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley stated it is a great mistake to assume planning is over.

Roll call vote carried the motion by the following:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

A recess was declared at 8:50 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 9:00.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Tentative Tract Map No. 25586 with letter from Public Works Director Peebles recommending approval and report from City Engineer Nollac.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Department of Public Works. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. Mayor Isen said there are missing all the papers pertinent to this item of business and Director of Public Works Peebles acknowledged this to be an error which occurred in his office. 1121

Councilman Drale said the signalization should not be at the expense of the subdivider. Somebody ought to be notified of this condition.

Mayor Isen said everything is proper except this one problem and asked for a vote. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

2. Engineering Division

Notice of Completion of improvement of Arlington Avenue from Del Amo Blvd., 961 feet southerly, with memo from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, dated August 3, 1960. 1064

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

3. Notice of Completion - Traffic Signal Installations at

1. Crenshaw Blvd and Lomita Blvd. 1066
2. 190th and Mobil Oil Co. entrance 1283
3. Arlington Ave., and Sepulveda Blvd., Crenshaw Blvd. & Carson Street, Torrance Blvd. and Anza Avenue. 1706

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of acceptance of these improvements and make final settlement with the contractors. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

It was mentioned that Mobil Oil paid for the signal at the entrance to their plant and Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager write a nice letter to them. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there being no objection, it carried. post 1283

Mayor Isen commented that never have signal installations been made with such dispatch and he thought a "bouquet" is in order to the Traffic Division.

1101 4. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract 21517. Walnut Enterprises, Inc. Bond No. 208474 - \$73,000. Letter dated August 4, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, copy of memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer dated July 12, 1960 and location sketch.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation that the subject bond covering improvements in the subdivision be released. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

5. Transmittal of Easement and Grant Deeds. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, submitting documents for acceptance, as follows:

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1. Easement Deed dated 5/19/60 (C & S Investment et al) for portion of Lots 21 and 22 in Tract No. 437
 2. Easement Deed dated 7/7/60 (Texaco Inc.) for portion of Lot 8, Tract 454 (
 3. Easement deed dated 7/18/60 (Pace) for portions of Lot 84, Tract 639
 4. Easement deed dated 7/25/60 (Wright) for portion of Lot 4 in Tract 3391
 5. Grant Deed dated 6/9/60 (Edwards) for portion of Lot 53, McDonald Tract
 6. Easement deed dated 7/18/60 (Barrett) for portion of Lot 71 of the McDonald Tract.

for street widening and/or future streets as shown on memorandum of the City Engineer mentioned above.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the deeds listed for the purposes set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

6. SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 - Report to City Manager from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, submitting agreement pursuant to establishment of Sewer Reimbursement District, dated August 1, 1960, with proposed resolution and agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4017

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH R. H. MEINE THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

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 Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4017. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

7. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 10. Report from City Engineer Nollac approved by Public Works Director Peebles, pursuant to establishment of Sewer Reimbursement District No. 10, with resolution and agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4018

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 10, AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES NORRIS THEREFOR
AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSE-
MENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN. 1012

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 4018. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

8. Traffic and Lighting Division

El Retiro Park Tennis Court Lighting. Letter from Lighting Engineer Whitmer dated August 3, 1960, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles recommending approval of contractor's request for additional twenty days for completion of contract, with request for extension and letter from Mullenbach Division Electric Machinery Mfg. Co. 1150

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request for extension for the reasons set forth in correspondence referred to. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection thereto.

9. Tentative Tract Map No. 25886 for approval. Letter from Public Works Director Peebles, City Engineer Nollac, Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building, and Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, recommending approval, dated July 21, 1960, and letter from Property Management Corporation dated August 3, 1960, location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of June 1, 1960. 1171

Councilman Drale said that Property Management Corporation has gone to a lot of expense to connect streets in this particular area and he considers the request for approval well in order. He moved that Tentative Tract Map No. 25886 be approved, with conditions as listed in the recommendation.

Mr. Jack Spahn, representing Property Management Corporation, was present and at the request of Mayor Isen, explained the various sizes of lots in the tract but stated they comply with the area requirements. Tentative Tract Map was originally passed as No. 22066 by the Planning Commission, including this portion. A problem came up in the escrow with a man named Dale about a ten foot strip of land and this portion was removed from the approval of 22066 and now comes up with the new tract number. The Planning Commission has approved; it makes an orderly development in the area; it is a marginal piece of ground.

Councilman Benstead remarked that not a lot here complies with the ordinance and his vote of "No" will be for that reason.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the requested approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1063 1. Letter from Del Amo Recreation Center dated August 4, 1960, requesting permission to erect an oversized sign at 22501 Hawthorne Avenue with recommendation of approval by Superintendent of Building Inspections Schlens.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Building Superintendent to approve. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Waste Disposal Scales. Letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer dated July 29, 1960, containing excerpt from Director of Public Works' statement regarding same.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and to instruct the City Attorney to communicate the views of the City Council to the Board of Supervisors. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

2. Peterson Bill for Arlington Avenue. Letter from City Attorney dated August 5, 1960, recommending payment of bill for extra work.

1064 Councilman Drale did not think the opinion from the City Attorney contained the matters that were inquired about. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the City Attorney's recommendation and that the necessary funds be appropriated. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

3. Request of City Attorney Remelmeyer to attend National Law Officers Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, September 25 through 29, with expenses not to exceed \$300. This is a budget item.

1039 Councilman Bradford did not approve. He said there are two attorneys, both members of the State Bar and he thought Assistant City Attorney should occasionally be the one to attend such a conference.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, failed, the vote being a tie, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4019

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Jefferson Inc
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AIRPORT
LEASE ENTITLED "SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 4",
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 4019. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4020

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMENDING FRANK G. BONELLI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRI-
BUTIONS AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO MUNICIPAL AND
COUNTY GOVERNMENT. 1000

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4020. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent). Mayor Isen asked that the City Clerk's office see that a copy is sent to Chairman Bonelli as well as the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE CITY PROSECUTOR AT SIX
HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH. 1013

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4021. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4021. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1184 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead. There was some discussion of the provisions of this ordinance but Mayor Isen said if it was determined not to be workable, it could be amended later.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1189

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 25.250 and 25.253 OF ARTICLE IX, CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS AND THE COMPUTATION OF PAYMENTS TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER, AND PROVIDING THAT WHENEVER ANY LOT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF IS IMPROVED, SUBDIVIDED OR DIVIDED, THE OWNER THEREOF SHALL PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE CITY FOR THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND. 1161

Councilman Beasley asked if a dedicated street or dedicated alley would be included in the frontage to be figured. Director of Public Works Peebles said it would not.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1189. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Schlens a number of questions relating to additions to buildings, etc. Mr. Schlens said an owner would not pay in case of a residence, but for commercial or industrial, the fee would be based on the amount of area covered by the building in relation to an acre and figured approximately 2¢ a square foot. Councilman Bradford cited the case of Richard Miller, as well as the development of the Santa Fe Railway. Mr. Schlens said the Santa Fe is given credit for any storm drain construction which would conduct water other than that which originates on their own property.

The motion did not carry, roll call vote being:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale moved that the drainage fee be eliminated; that the original ordinance be amended to eliminate the drainage fee. Councilman Beasley said the ordinance, according to City Attorney Remelmeyer, covers two distinct subject matters and that caution should be used against trying to change one part and leaving the other valid.

Mayor Isen moved that this item be held over for one week and Councilman Drale withdrew his motion. This ordinance will be on the agenda for next week's consideration.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Application No. 40336 of the Greyhound Corporation - Notice of Further Hearing to All Interested Parties. Mayor Isen asked that the Legal Department take notice of this for any action which might be required. 1296

REPORT FROM RUBBISH COMMITTEE:

This communication dated August 5, 1960, recommends that all bids for garbage collection and/or refuse collection which have been submitted to the City Council be rejected and all bid bonds be returned and that the City Manager be directed to readvertise for bids after preparation of new specifications embodying eight detailed provisions set forth. 1018

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with recommendation (1) to reject all bids and return bid bonds; and that the further contents of the recommendation be considered at a work session of the Council when the Committee calls for it, but prior to the preparation of the specifications. Councilman Bradford suggested a rough draft be prepared to be checked by the Councilmen at that work session and that in the meantime, the trash and garbage pickup be considered as is, on a month-to-month basis.

f Councilman Beasley accepted Councilman Bradford's remarks as a part of his motion. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley called attention to the trouble the City of Alhambra is having with its garbage pickup and asked that City Manager Stevens make a report on what the experience of the various Los Angeles County Cities has been in such a situation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens said work is being done on the weed cleaning specifications and he thought it would be well for the Refuse Committee to go over them and have the whole Council take a look before they are advertised for bids. He stated they are ready now to meet with the Refuse Committee.

2. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens what is being done on the report he asked for about water main extensions and City Manager Stevens said it would be ready Wednesday or Thursday of this week. If the Council concurs, Mayor Isen said the report would be made public after the Council's study.

3. Assistant City Attorney Dower reported on the Alondra Park annexation matter. The City of Lawndale denied receiving the certified mail which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors has given an affidavit of mailing to the Lawndale City Clerk's office. The postal authorities have reported that the delivery was made prior to the employees' arrival so a card was left. The City of Lawndale ignored the card and in effect defied the Board of Supervisors by not calling for the certified mail which would have protested out the ownership of the Park. Supervisor Chace's office has prepared a resolution directing by Board Order the County Counsel's office to take the proper legal steps to restore the park to County ownership. Because the responsibility has been passed back and forth, the net effect is that the County has done nothing to initiate legal steps to return the park. Mr. Dower said if the hue and cry is loud enough to Supervisor Hahn, he will probably initiate the resolution leading to a board order to the County Counsel to institute quo warranto proceedings to test the validity of the annexation and set it aside.

Councilman Bradford thought letters should be written to Supervisors Hahn and Chace asking for action and that other cities should do likewise. Mayor Isen stated both Hahn and Chace had expressed themselves as being in favor of the Park being a County Regional Park. He favors institution of a taxpayers' suit against Lawndale, naming the Board of Supervisors as codefendants.

Assistant City Attorney Dower said he would get a Writ and Order to Show Cause and Councilman Beasley recommended the filing of quo warranto proceedings also. Mr. Dower recommended that citizens write the Board of Supervisors asking for restoration of the Park to the County.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Dower to prepare a letter from the Council protesting to Supervisors Hahn and Chace. Mr. Dower said he would also proceed with a Writ of Mandate but he asked the Council to please understand that it is a shaky case.

4. Councilman Benstead asked for a recommendation from City Manager Stevens as to the Water Department being taken over by the Department of Public Works, to be considered next week. 1052
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5. Councilman Bradford brought up the matter of the heavy agenda dealing with Planning matters at 8:00 o'clock Council meetings. Mayor Isen said that was a result of a decision made several years ago that the citizens would be better able to present their sides of cases on planning at the 8:00 o'clock session. Councilman Bradford believes this causes undue delay in many cases and moved that Planning matters be equally distributed between the 5 and 8 o'clock meetings. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, and there being no objection, it was so ordered. 1053

6. Mayor Isen said he and some of the Chamber of Commerce people had received invitations to visit the Torrance National Guard men at Fort Ord where they are putting in their two weeks training period. o

7. Mayor Isen told about the Buddy Plan; that 13 men will be sworn into the U. S. Army tomorrow and there will be a little ceremony here at the City Hall Council Chamber for them and their families. o

8. Mr. John Mulvihill of 3765 West 171st Street appeared to complain of a violation of zoning at 171st and Prairie. He said a man who runs a service station there is using his front yard area as a wrecking yard for cars. This is in a R-1 zone and Mr. Mulvihill asked that the Council enforce the Zoning Ordinance. Mayor Isen said it would be referred to the Public Works Department for investigation and enforcement. o

9. Mr. Wm. Healy of 1601 El Prado, appeared and asked what is being done about the plan to put Carson through El Prado Park. Mayor Isen asked Director of Public Works Peebles for an oral report and he stated that a problem arose with Dominguez Water Company about the cut-through at that point. Their line is 38 years old. Mr. Peebles stated they had presented a proposed revision of the City's design which he had rejected. Figuring the ordinary life of a piece of engineering equipment at 50 years, Mr. Peebles said he felt able to recommend that the City allocate 12/50 of the cost if Dominguez would pay the remaining 38/50 of the cost of replacing the pipe with an adequate one. So far there has not been a decision by Dominguez Water Company. Mayor Isen asked for a report from Public Works within the next two weeks. 1074
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10. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary