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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 16, 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 Assistant City Attorney Dower were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Don Hitchcock led the salute to our Flag.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objections, corrections, or additions.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following information regarding bids:

1. Formal bids for furnishing materials and labor for erection of five restrooms and storage buildings will be opened August 17, 1960, at 10 A.M. Affidavit of publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Carleson and there being no objection, ordered filed.
2. Informal bids for York Rake, Model R.E. will be opened August 17, 1960, at 10 A.M.

HEARINGS:

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

1. Case No. 660. Variance - Lynn Chandler requesting permit to extend trailer park on Lots 2 and 4 of Tract 9765. Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Carleson, and there being no objection, ordered filed.

Attached to the agenda were letter of transmittal from Planning Commission and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of August 3, 1960, with recommendation for approval per Exhibits A and B. 1031

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Mr. Dennis Koziol, 25936 Richville Drive, came forward and presented his objection to the granting of the variance requested. His objection is that the view from his home as well as others will be obstructed. He states the cut as shown on the exhibits is not correct, and wanted to know how much of the knoll will be cut down.

Don Hitchcock, Attorney at Law, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, appeared on behalf of Mr. Mertz and Mr. Meine, the planners of this mobile home park. He said the engineering is not complete at this time but he assured the Council that they are not intending to cut off any view from the homes in the area. This request for variance is an extension of Case No. 624 and is presented because of the need to solve a drainage problem.

Mr. Hitchcock told the Council that the cut will be approximately 20 feet but he cannot say that as a definite fact until the engineering is completed. Mayor Isen asked when that would be and asked that Mr. Koziol be advised of the amount of the cut and how it will affect his area.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Bradford moved to grant the variance in Case No. 660 including Items 1 through 6 as set forth in the Planning Commission minutes of August 3, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

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1. Tentative Tract Map No. 25465. Subdivider, Dan Butcher. Transmittal form from Building, Engineering and Planning Divisions, approved by Public Works Director, recommending denial due to substandard lot size, location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of August 3, 1960.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard.

Mr. Butcher appeared and there was some discussion of the one foot areas at the westerly end of the unnamed streets. Director of Planning Powell explained this is to prevent landlocking and guarantee access to the streets by dedicating this areato the City. It was mentioned that Tract No. 19644 has been approved and is awaiting development due to a lessee being in there.

Mr. Rolland C. Appel, 20525 Wood Avenue, appeared and spoke as Vice President of the Victor Tract Homeowners Association and expressed opposition to having lots incorporated of an area below 6,000 square feet. He believed this might adversely affect the values of other homes in the tract. Mayor Isen thought the amount they are under the required footage is negligible. Councilman Benstead felt the ordinance should be complied with.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission for denial of the request for approval of the tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount failed by the following vote:

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

Councilman Drale moved that Tentative Tract Map No. 25465 be approved subject to the conditions set forth and with the requirement that no improvement be made of Lots 13 and 24 until access is provided.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. WAIVERS: Letter dated August 11, 1960, submitting recommendation for approval of the following requests for waivers:

- a. Wm. F. Shearer, 3139 West 181st Street, waiver of rear yard requirements to permit family room. W-186. 1036
- b. W-183 Joseph J. Kulek, 24263 Neece Avenue, waiver of rear yard requirements to permit family room to be added to the garage. 1036

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve these two waivers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter dated August 4, 1960, from Pacific Perforating Co., Inc. complaining of inadequate sewer system.

Mayor Isen suggested this item be referred to the Department of Public Works but Councilman Beasley said this has happened three times and he considers it due to insoluble hydroxide clogging the sewers. Building Inspector Schlens said Engineering is working on a design for a new sewer in that area. He said definitely the sewer is too flat and thought an answer would be available next week. As far as the insoluble materials clogging the sewers, he said the County Sanitation District has stated they would like to have that waste in the sewers because it neutralizes other material in the sewer. 1067

The Department of Public Works will make a report next week.

2. Request dated August 9, 1960, from William W. Weymouth, Committee Chairman, requesting permission to sell Halloween candy throughout the City by Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Explorer Scouts in Troop Unit #264, with fee waived. Councilman Beasley moved the fee be waived, but the necessary application be filed so as to comply with the ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. 1062

3. Letter dated August 11, 1960, from Hartfield Stores Incorporated, protesting installation of a median strip on 182nd Street extending north from Hawthorne Avenue. 1152

Mayor Isen moved this item be referred to the Department of Public Works. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objection, so ordered.

4. Memorandum dated August 11, 1960, from Jerome I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, regarding tabulating equipment service contract.

Mr. Scharfman was present and explained the feasibility of continuing the present service contract until such time as the City Council decides what its future policy with regard to refuse collection will be. Councilman Benstead inquired why it is not possible for the City to bill and collect and Mr. Scharfman explained the City does not have the type of equipment necessary under our system.

On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the recommended continuance of the service contract was approved by the following roll call vote: 1303

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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1221 5. Letter dated August 11, 1960 from LaFleur Enterprises, 8733 Sunset Boulevard, as a follow-up on an item of business which appeared in the Council meeting held August 9, 1960, for permission to construct and operate an air separation plant at 16659 South Gramercy Place.

Mayor Isen stated he had expected a report from a committee or group composed of experts in chemistry and pointed out the problems that had arisen when a similar operation was conducted on Border Street. Mr. James K. LaFleur was present and explained his operation to the satisfaction of the Council. Battalion Chief Lucas of the Fire Department said there was no objection as far as he could determine.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the permission requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Expenditures:

1068 1. To American Municipal Association, the sum of \$350 for annual membership dues for the period of October 1, 1960 to September 30, 1961. Councilman Beasley moved to approve this item. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Miscellaneous:

1042 1. Concise report indicating there will be additional revenue of nearly \$60,000 and recommendation that tax rates established in the budget estimate be maintained and the additional funds allocated for capital improvements.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale asked what the "much needed capital improvements" are and City Manager Stevens said it is a matter of going ahead with the items which were mentioned at the previous meetings and which were appropriated up to the time the money ran out; the decision will be that of the Council.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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STN. 2. Recommendation that the City retain architects for the design of the Fire Station to be located at the Airport and for the Library to be located in southwest Torrance.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection, and was referred to City Manager Stevens for execution.

3. Report on Water Department Organizational Placement:

1052 Councilman Beasley was in favor of awaiting further developments. Councilman Benstead said the Water Department properly should be under Public Works and moved that it be so established. Councilman Bradford considered this to be a personnel matter to be decided by City Manager Stevens and Councilman Vico asked Mr. Stevens for his suggestions. City Manager Stevens said in some ways the Water Department is a type of Public Works department but that certain other organizational changes now being studied should be considered at the time any change in the Water Department is made. Councilman Drale asked if there is any plan to move their location to the Civic Center. Mr. Stevens

said not under the present plans, but possibly in the next extension of the Civic Center.

Councilman Drale seconded Councilman Benstead's motion and Mayor Isen suggested it be amended to show establishment of the Water Department under Public Works at year end, meaning calendar year, not fiscal. He went on to state that he has complete confidence in the Water Department and in Mr. McVicar, the Water Superintendent. Councilman Drale said he does not understand how a department head can override and violate a City ordinance and then be commended. He called attention to a similar situation involving a working man at City Hall who had to take up his case with Civil Service Board in order to be cleared and advised a little consistency. Councilman Beasley said the one to suffer in the long run will be the City of Torrance.

Councilman Blount moved that the motion before the Council be tabled until the first Council meeting in January 1961. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

4. Annual vacation of City Manager Stevens from August 25 to September 14, inclusive.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the vacation time as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

A recess was declared at 6:40 P.M. and the meeting reconvened at 6:55 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Letter dated August 10, 1960 from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, calling attention to the fact that an error had been made by Public Works Department in recommending an allocation of \$1600 for the parking lot at Cravens and Marcelina, in that the cost of labor for the project had been inadvertently entirely omitted, and asking for an appropriation of \$3,200 instead of the \$1,600 originally allocated. 1195

Mr. Peebles was not present and Mr. Lee Schlens represented Public Works. Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Schlens to inform Engineering and Public Works that a really important part of most projects is labor and this sort of thing has occurred about four times in less than a year. City Manager Stevens recommended approval and advised the Council that the \$3,200 expenditure, if approved, should be appropriated also, as even the \$1,600 was never officially appropriated and that it is proposed the improvement be advertised for bids.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in Mr. Stevens' recommendation and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Memorandum dated August 11, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles regarding drainage condition of intersection of Ardath Avenue and 163rd Street, caused by insufficient grade and suggesting a remedy at an approximate cost of \$4,000. He asked for advice as to whether or not to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement. 1280

Councilman Bradford asked whether or not the money is set up for such a project and City Manager Stevens said it would have to come from unappropriated reserve.

Councilman Blount moved approval of the preparation of plans and specifications for the improvement and for appropriation of the \$4000 necessary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Engineering Division

3. Street Improvement of intersection of Western and Carson, with copy of agreement with City of Los Angeles, letter from City Engineer Nollac dated August 11, 1960, L. A. Engineer Pardee dated July 28, 1960, and copies of agreement and resolution thereon.

City Manager Stevens said he would recommend the execution of the agreement, adoption of the resolution and appropriation of \$5,500 from unappropriated reserve for the purposes set forth. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4022

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF WESTERN AVENUE AND
CARSON STREET.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4022. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4022. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 16 (R. A. Watt). Letter dated August 11, 1960, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, and resolution authorizing execution of agreement with R. A. Watt.

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4023

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 16, AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH R. A. WATT THEREFOR,
AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT
FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4023. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 18 (Torrance Unified School District). Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, dated August 9, 1960, and resolution creating sewer reimbursement district and authorizing execution of agreement with the Torrance Unified School District.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4024

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 18, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN. 1148

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4024. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Street Improvement - Proposed Street Opening, 173rd and Patronella Avenue under 1913 Act, with letter from City Engineer Nollac dated August 11, 1960.

The City Engineer's office reported approximately 66% of the property owners in the proposed district have signed the petition and Councilman Drale moved that the City Engineer proceed with preparation of assessment diagram, plans and specifications for the construction of said improvements, the estimated cost to be \$19,000 or approximately \$18 per assessable front foot. 1293

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

7. Traffic Division. Letter from Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer dated August 9, 1960, submitting traffic recommendations for approval, with two resolutions thereon.

Councilman Beasley moved the recommendations be approved and also mentioned a place on Lomita which is covered with 2½ feet of dirt and which should be cleared. Mayor Isen asked that he discuss this with Traffic Engineer Whitmer.

Motion of Councilman Beasley was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Councilman Blount said that time and time again, the Council has asked for estimated prices on this sort of thing. The policy of the Council is to be informed of the amount they are spending. He moved a substitute that this item be referred back to the Traffic Division for estimates. Mayor Isen remarked that the members of the Council are very familiar with the streets involved and it will not be necessary to again present the maps when the cost has been estimated. There being no objection, the item was referred to Traffic Division for estimate of cost of these various signs, being items 1, 2 and 3, as well as Item 4 (permission to rent parking space to A-1 Taxi Co.)

8. No Parking Signs. Letter from Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer dated August 9, 1960, regarding prohibiting parking on streets less than 30 feet wide, with letter from Fire Chief Benner, dated August 9, 1960, and map of Torrance streets, showing streets less than 30 feet wide. 1047

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Benstead, this item was also referred back to Traffic Engineering for estimate of costs.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4025

1140
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXACO INCORPORATED FOR THE NONEXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO SELL OIL AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAME.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 4025. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead asked if anyone knew how much oil is being removed from the Airport without any revenue being derived therefrom. It was stated there is no way to know nor to prevent this.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4026

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Retirement
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO COMMENCE CITY OF TORRANCE EMPLOYEES' MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM ON THE FIRST PAYROLL PERIOD NEXT FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF SIX MONTHS EMPLOYMENT.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 4026. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4027

1072
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE A STIPULATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR JUDGMENT WITHOUT COMPENSATION AS TO PARCELS NOS. 460, 461, 464 and 465.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution ~~No. 4027~~. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At this point Councilman Drale asked if something could be done about a left turn pocket at 174th and Western and Mayor Isen mentioned the need for a green arrow at Western's and Crenshaw's intersection with 174th Street (Artesia). This was referred to Public Works.

4. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read for the first time:

ORDINANCE NO. 1190

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1183 BY ADDING A CERTAIN POSITION WITH ITS SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN. 1004

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1190 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4028

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO COMPLETE THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY FROM 190TH STREET IN TORRANCE TO JEFFERSON BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. 1139

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4028. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Beasley said the thirteen cities of the Intercities Highway Committee plans to incorporate these resolutions into a booklet for presentation to the Highway Commission and Governor on August 30th.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4029

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BODDUM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ANZA AVENUE AT 231ST STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CITY FUNDS TO BODDUM CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE SAID IMPROVEMENT. 1190

Assistant City Attorney Dower explained the reason for the presentation of this resolution for adoption. Anything costing over \$2,000 must go to bid, but in this case where a construction company is already on the job in the Don Wilson tract, a saving could be effected of \$691 by negotiating with that company and waiving the requirement for competitive bidding. Mayor Isen said the Council had not had time to consider it as it was presented only at the time of convening this evening. City Manager Stevens said he had approved the project but sent it to the City Attorney's office for legal opinion because of the possibility of a conflict with the Charter requirements on bidding.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 4029. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor Isen said again that no one had had a chance to read this and consider it; possibly it could be restored to the agenda for next week's consideration.

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Councilman Drale favored sticking to the Charter and going to bid on items over \$2,000.

Councilman Beasley moved to submit this project to public bid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale and there being no objection, Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Stevens to see that this goes to bid as soon as possible.

1265 7. City Attorney Dower made a presentation of the progress of the Alondra Annexation. He said several people had gone in to the Registrar of Voters in Los Angeles today and checked names of registered voters. There are 3,748 registered voters in the area and 25% were necessary, or 937. We have 947 valid signatures. He stated we are now at the sixth step of the procedure under the Inhabited Act. The resolution which will be considered as the next item of business this evening will set Tuesday, September 6th, at the regular meeting of the Council for opportunity of landowners to protest. The next step will be the election 54 days later. The whole procedure can be completed in about 70 to 75 days. Mr. Dower made tender of the petitions to the Council and read from the Inhabited Annexation Act of 1913, Section 35116.

The signatures have been certified by the Registrar of Voters and the City Clerk and are not subject to attack in any way. He filed a copy of the certificate with the Council and then asked that the next item, the resolution calling special election, be considered.

Mr. Dower introduced Mr. Wm. Sterling, President of El Camino Civic Association, Mrs. Sterling and two other ladies who had been very helpful. Mr. Sterling thanked the people of Torrance for the opportunity and said if more time had been available, there would have been a great many more signers. He said he believes the vote will prove this.

Mayor Isen asked that the resolution's title be read and Deputy City Clerk Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 4030

1265 A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION IN CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DESCRIBING SAID TERRITORY AND DESIGNATING IT BY THE NAME OF "ALONDRA ADDITION" AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN CONNECTION WITH SAID PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

Councilman Drale moved to specifically dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4030. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4030. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1235 Mayor Isen announced the next item of business to be an unlabeled piece of material dealing with the award of contract for installation of traffic signals and highway lighting at Tulita Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. It is a memorandum from J. O. Whitmer, Traffic and Lighting Engineer addressed to the City Manager dated August 12, 1960, and recommends that the contract for this installation be awarded to the low bidder, Westates Electrical Construction Company whose lump sum bid was in the amount of \$13,920. This is not a mere matter of concurrence but a choice between two different procedures. Councilman Blount moved that the contract be awarded pending approval of the

tri-party agreement. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

City Manager Stevens said the City of Redondo Beach has agreed and the only one of the parties yet to agree is the State Highway Commission; that it will take a certain amount of time to consummate this agreement.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Weed Abatement Program

This summary sets forth the principal points of the proposed weed abatement program for the ensuing fiscal year. Councilman Drale said a committee meeting had thought the specifications were all right. There will be a mailing and posting of notices on the property of everyone where abatement is needed and as to the rubbish, the City will pick up 150 tons and anything over that will require an appearance before the Council to get permission to have it picked up. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of City Manager Stevens and then proceed to go to bid on weed and rubbish abatement. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen.
- NOES: NONE
- ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Excavation of Walteria Sump

Councilman Beasley remarked there seemed to be no problem involved and City Manager Stevens briefed the Council that each firm wanting fill material would contract with an earth-moving firm for their own work. The other details of the plan are set forth in Mr. Stevens' report dated August 16, 1960, which was attached to the agenda and used as the basis of the discussion.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection thereto.

Water Main Extension

Mayor Isen announced he considers this an appropriate time to take up the memorandum which the City Manager had delivered to the City Councilmen regarding water main extension for Jahn Construction Company. He stated the questions are answered, and to the point. With consent of Council, he asked that this report might be made public and wondered if anyone has any objection, indicating he means to turn over the report to the newspapers.

Councilman Bradford remarked that he hopes they will report it accurately.

Councilman Drale moved the report from Mr. Stevens to which Mayor Isen refers, be accepted, filed, and the case closed.

Councilman Beasley said if it were filed in the City Clerk's office, anyone could come in and examine the report and thus it would be a matter of record, as well as being open to the public.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute that the whole matter be turned over to the City Attorney and he determine who is liable for the outstanding amount. He states there are now two parties involved.

Mayor Isen said he is just as anxious as anyone else to close the case and asked Councilman Blount if he cared to make any statement.

Councilman Blount said he assumes Councilman Benstead is referring to him as one of the individuals who should be prosecuted and held liable. Councilman Benstead said he would like to correct Councilman Blount's impression, but Councilman Blount proceeded to speak, essentially as follows:

1302 "There has been a lot of conversation about this. I think this is a real good time for me to make a statement. First, I want to discuss the relationship in Question 7, as to obscurity of ownership. I can only tell you about my portion of that. I borrowed money to buy the land. Mr. Drale handled it, and very well. He has no responsibility. He only did his job as a realtor. I contracted with Jahn to erect four buildings. You will remember in 1959, in May, unless you got water service from the Water Department, you couldn't get building permits. That was part of the contract. I did not contract with Jahn as an individual, but with Jahn Construction Company. I borrowed money - which I still owe. I am on the tax rolls with my wife as its owner and its entire owner. I do not think the fact that Mr. Jahn built the apartments with funds advanced by the loaning agency that I negotiated with has anything to do with it. I filed notice of completion and it was in our names. Mr. Jahn is not and never has been financially interested except as President of Jahn Construction Company in the four apartments at 233rd and Arlington. I don't believe the fact that a man has business reverses and loses an election should cause me to kick a man out.

"I consider Robert B. Jahn a friend of mine. I haven't changed my mind. I think he has had a lot of hard luck. I have asked him because of the fact that he has building experience, to serve as Building Manager of the apartments and he lives on the premises. He has a right to put the property on the market for me to decide whether or not I will sell. It is my understanding that despite the fiduciary relationship between realtor and client, a listing that Mr. Jahn signed has been made public. He signed that as my agent. In order to make it completely legal I signed it. I own the apartments. I don't think Mr. Jahn should be crucified in this.

"All this could have been put in an assessment district down there and the City of Torrance will get every nickel back.

"Mac has been kicked around and I want to ask you, in all honesty to put yourself in Mac's place with the background clearly outlined, wouldn't you have done the same thing? Other people in other departments have violated many ordinances and the City has lost money it will never recover. I should like to say as my final word on the subject: "He who is among you without sin, let him then cast the first stone."

Mayor Isen said he thought the only right way is to let all the people know. It points a particular moral from now on that councilmen should not be entitled to more or less service than anyone else. He said it had to be aired and he does, hearing no objection, intend to release it to the newspapers so it can be made public.

Councilman Drale's motion was that the report be filed with the City Clerk's office and made a part of the City's public records. Mayor Isen stated he intends to turn it over to the newspapers and also stated that any Councilman can release it.

Councilman Beasley seconded Councilman Drale's motion and, there being no objection, it was so ordered. The substitute motion of Councilman Benstead died for want of a second.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Assistant City Attorney Dower said that Ryan Aeronautical has asked permission to use the City Park for a company picnic on August 28th. The Company is to be commended for its excellent way of furnishing insurance, saving the City harmless. There has been so much confusion on this but Ryan has not only drawn up indemnity papers, but gives a certificate of intent to the amount of \$1,000,000. 1062

2. Councilman Beasley spoke further on the Intercities Highway Committee meeting, to be held in Sacramento on August 30th. After the appearance before the State Highway Commission closes at 11:15 A.M. there are plans to confer with the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Robert Bradford, the State Director of Public Works, and Mr. Womack. \$37,000,000 will be required to complete the San Diego Freeway from Torrance to Jefferson and has been recommended by Assistant State Engineer Telford, Mr. Bradford and Mr. Womack, their Planning Engineer. There is danger that pressure before the Highway Commission might grab about \$10,000,000 of this money and thus delay completion of the freeway for an additional year. The value of the freeway from a commercial and industrial viewpoint cannot be questioned; it is of prime importance to the development of Torrance. We should have as large a delegation as possible at Sacramento on the 30th. Mr. Beasley moved that all members of the Council who can attend make the trip, with appropriate expenses paid, and two lay delegates also who have been active in their support of the Intercities Highway Committee. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford asked to be excused at 7:30 to keep an appointment). 1100

3. Councilman Beasley also mentioned the necessity of a signal at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes, a very dangerous corner. 1081

4. Councilman Benstead called attention to the terrible condition of the alleys in downtown Torrance. Councilman Beasley asked why not send the trash pickup crew and assess the lot owners for the cost. 0

5. Mayor Isen asked the Traffic Division to check the corner of Arlington and 182nd. There seems to be quite a mixup of cars there when work lets out. 1081

6. Mayor Isen called attention to the fact that there is a vacancy to be filled on the Library Commission, due to Mr. Mitchell's moving from Torrance, and asked for suggestions. s

7. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens about the answer which he had received to his letter about the sign on the freeway, indicating Torrance's whereabouts. City Manager Stevens said evidently Mr. Burgess had misunderstood. There should be signs showing the location of Torrance at 190th and 174th (Artesia). Mayor Isen asked City 1049

Manager Stevens to reply and tell him the necessity of having these signs placed. Councilman Blount mentioned that there is a sign showing the way to Compton which is not within ten miles and he thought City Manager Stevens should determine who should be contacted. Councilman Beasley said it would be the State Planning Engineer and Mayor Isen asked that the letter be written anyway.

1053 8. Mayor Isen also asked that when letters are requested by the Council and written by various departments, that a copy thereof be placed on the agenda with the material for information only, so it is known to have been written. As it is, he never feels sure the letters have been actually written. As a matter of policy he asked that this plan be tried so that the Councilmen may be kept informed. Right now, he said, there is a letter which should be sent to the City of Redondo Beach congratulating them on a great event, the opening of King Harbor and asked that City Manager Stevens' office write such a letter.

9. Various organizations are entering into a campaign to get everyone registered to vote before September 15th and Mayor Isen asked that a proper resolution be drafted in compliance with the letter from the Governor on this subject. He asked that Assistant City Attorney Dower prepare such a resolution for adoption at the next Council meeting.

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1161 10. Mr. Joe Weiss came forward from the audience and he and Mr. Lee Schlens of the Building Division spoke of an addition Mr. Weiss plans to make to industrial property. He said that the drainage improvement fund under the present ordinance would require quite a large fee, while the proposed amendment to the ordinance would reduce the fee to a proportionate amount to cover the actual area of the building and thus make a saving. Mayor Isen asked how much the fee would be under the amended ordinance and it was stated it would be somewhere between \$10 and \$15. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Schlens discussed this and decided the proposed addition would probably be about one-twentieth of the existing area of the building. Mayor Isen moved that Mr. Weiss be allowed to deposit an amount equal to the amount which would have been required had the amended ordinance of last week been adopted, that the additional fee requirement be waived, and if the ordinance is amended, adjustment will be made.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.


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APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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