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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 27, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Carleson were:  
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remel-  
meyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jack Rogers led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

The following correction to the minutes of the September 20th meeting was suggested by the Secretary:

Page 3, Item 1, COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: delete the second paragraph which reads:

"Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen failed to carry by the following vote:"

and substitute in lieu thereof:

"Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following vote:"

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 19, 1960, and the minutes of the meeting held September 20, 1960, with the correction noted above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no further corrections, amendments or objections thereto. 1041  
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Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and stated the following information regarding

BIDS:

1. 1961 Motorcycles. Bids for two (2) or more 1961 Police Motorcycles will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10 A.M. September 28, 1960.
2. SCHEDULE PW 60-61-17. Two (2) Vibrating type Street Rollers with carrying hangers. Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1:00 P.M., September 28, 1960.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Letter from George C. Powell, Director of Planning, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles requesting refund of waiver fee to Mr. Basler for the reasons set forth. 1272

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to refund the amount of Mr. Basler's fee in that a waiver was not required. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. WAIVERS:

1036 W-189, Clifford E. McMackin, Rear Yard waiver, Lot 26, Tract 17203 (Corner of Spencer and Vacarro Avenue) to permit a patio roof to connect with the existing garage. Does not interfere with an adequate rear yard area, but creates a windbreak along the West property line.

1036 W-190, Frank C. Sohner, 3204 Danaha Street, waiver of rear yard requirements, Lot 13, Block 2, Tract 16267 to permit playroom to connect the existing garage to existing dwelling.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to approve the two waivers listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1108 1. Del Amo Church of Christ, letter dated September 22, 1960, re proposal for purchase of land. The proposal involves the sale of certain portion of the proposed condemnation parcel and a trade for certain other portion of land, with the balance to be paid by the Church for the difference of some 13,155 square feet.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the communication to the City Manager for the purpose of negotiating with the Church and reporting back to the Council with a concrete suggestion or opinion, especially as to price.

1128 2. Letter dated September 15, 1960 from Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association in appreciation of the improvement to be made to their streets.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the communication would be ordered filed. There was no objection.

1164 3. Letter dated August 9, 1960, from Louis Quandt offering to pay \$150 for idle water pumping plant and equipment in connection therewith located at Ocean Avenue and 226th Street, with recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar to accept the offer and use the \$150 to fill and abandon the well and raze the building.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of Mr. McVicar. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

1003 4. Letter from Adams, Latham, Morgan, Kripp and Wright recommending approval of contractor's claim for work on South Torrance Water Assessment District, with comments by Director of Public Works and Director of Finance.

Councilman Drale moved to tentatively approve the claim of the contractor as recommended by the architectural firm. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

## Expenditures:

1042 1. To Pacific Stamp & Stationery for 2500 Vehicle Plates to be used for licensing of delivery trucks, etc., by the License Department, the sum of \$676.00 including tax. (A budget item)

2. To IBM for one Electric Typewriter with 17" carriage for the Council Minute Secretary, the sum of \$427.50 plus tax (A budget item).

1042 Councilman Drale moved to approve the expenditures listed under Items 1 and 2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

**Appropriations:**

1. Last March work was approved for paving parking areas, basketball and volleyball courts at El Retiro Park. The funds were included in the 1959-60 budget, but were not carried over to the 1960-61 budget.

Inasmuch as these improvements were provided for last year and the money was not spent, I recommend that \$6,500 be allocated from the Unappropriated Reserve for the work, which is to be done in accordance with the Master Plan for the Park.

City Manager Stevens explained this is merely a carry-over of money in the Unappropriated Reserve funds. 1043

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to allocate \$6,500 from the Unappropriated Reserve for the work to be done in accordance with the Master Plan for the Park. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). X-1150

**AWARD OF CONTRACT**

1. Recommendation that the bid of Coastate Builders be accepted and the contract awarded to them for the construction of Additions to the City Hall, and that all other bids be rejected.

City Manager Stevens explained the only technicality is that explained in his recommendation: that the low bidder was a few minutes late in getting in the revised bid because he had inadvertently left out the cost of the steel decking. Mr. Kunz of the low-bidding firm submitted a revised bid at 8 A.M., Wednesday, September 21st. City Attorney Remelmeyer gave as his opinion that the bid is legitimate and that in fact it is within the power of the Council to waive the benefit of the provision establishing the time for receiving bids as 5:00 P.M.

Councilman Drale moved that based on the recommendation of the City Manager and the opinion of the City Attorney, the contract be awarded to Coastate Builders in the amount of their bid, \$222,823, and all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1224  
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Mayor Isen asked Mr. Fred Adams, of Adams, Latham, Morgan, Kripp & Wright, the date of completion and Mr. Adams replied that it will take 180 working days or the equivalent of 210 calendar days until completion, from the time of signing the contract, according to the specifications. Mr. Adams also reported his findings as to the responsibility of the low bidder. He stated they were the builders of the new Elks Temple in Long Beach, a \$1,400,000 project, and that he had received excellent reports from subcontractors who had worked with Coastate Builders.

City Manager Stevens said that the bid runs above the budgeted amount and recommended that at this time the Council appropriate an additional \$25,000 from the Unappropriated Reserve to cover the difference in cost. 1224

Councilman Drale so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1224  
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Mayor Isen remarked to Mr. J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, at this point that we are now about to complete the first quarter of the fiscal year and that he assumed there would be a report forthcoming of the amount we have taken out of the Unappropriated reserve so far this fiscal year. Mr. Scharfman said he would have such a report presented. 1199

2. Councilman Drale moved the 1960-61 Weed Abatement contract be awarded to the low bidder, P. I. Hadden, Jr., in the amount of \$46,750 and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead. Councilman Blount asked if this is the maximum amount that will be paid out in this fiscal year. City Manager Stevens said that 1113

at the committee meeting it was decided to abide by these quantities set forth and the price bid and anything that would exceed that amount in quantity and/or dollars would not be done until presented to the City Council. In noting the great variance in the amounts bid by the two, Director of Public Works Peebles said there were over 40 notices sent out, about 15 telephone calls received indicating a bid would be forthcoming, but that in the final analysis there were only the two bids received. City Manager Stevens remarked that the one other bidder was a building contractor primarily and probably new in this field.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

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1. Award of contract for corrugated metal pipe with recommendation that as to items 1, 2, 5 and 6, the bid be awarded to Pacific Corrugated Company in the amount of \$1,901.90, and as to items 3, 4, 7 and 8 the contract be awarded to Armco Drainage and Metal Company in the amount of \$4,433.18; these being the lowest bids on the individual items.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Department of Public Works and accept the bids and award the contracts as set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph, and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. Award of contract for chain link fencing recommendation.

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Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation that the contract be awarded to Hutchinson Fence Company in the unit amounts as set forth in the memorandum of C. W. Clemmer, Park Superintendent dated September 19, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

3. Award of contract for rental of 8" centrifugal pump, with recommendation that the bid of JOHN W. STANG CORPORATION be accepted. Councilman Drale moved that the Council accept the bid as recommended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, as follows:

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

Councilman Blount gave as his reason for voting "No" that there are more than one 8" pump in this county that can be rented.

4. Award of contract for Concrete Cutting Machine with recommendation that the bid of Clipper Mfg. Co. be accepted.

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City Manager Stevens announced it had been requested that this item be held pending a field demonstration and Councilman Vico said he had received a telephone call from a man who works for Felker and he believes the business should be placed with local business houses. Mr. Vico's informant had stated the machine manufactured by Clipper is not adequate for the job and Councilman Vico was in favor of holding the item of business until it can be checked. Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur with the recommendation that the item be held pending a field demonstration through the City Manager's office. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. McMillan of the Clipper Mfg. Co. was present and stated he takes exception to the remark that the equipment is not good. He said the company recently furnished two saws similar to the one mentioned here to the County of Los Angeles after an extensive test. Mayor Isen said the machine would be tested thoroughly and Councilmen Drale, Vico and Bradford plan to attend the demonstration.

Councilman Drale's motion carried, there being no objection.

5. Resubmittal of improvement of Early Avenue north of Lomita Boulevard.

Councilman Blount asked Director of Public Works Peebles to demonstrate where the street will be on the street map on the wall back of the Councilmen's desks and there was considerable discussion. Mayor Isen stated if there is no objection, this item will be referred to the Department of Public Works for a proper map and further information. There was no objection. 1034

6. Resubmittal of the matter of cleaning the right of way between Carson and Crenshaw being Santa Fe Railway property. 1114

Councilman Benstead moved this project be considered Priority No. 1, to be handled through proper channels under the new weed abatement contract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

7. Resubmittal of bids for swimming pool pump room alterations and recommendation of PUBLIC Works Director that the bids be rejected. Councilman Benstead moved that the Council concur in the recommendation as set forth. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1006

8. Report on Sepulveda Boulevard and on Arlington Avenue, requested by Councilmen Bradford and Blount. 1135

Councilman Drale thought the plan as outlined would be too much of a job and recommended laying a course right down the shoulder. Councilman Blount asked when something is going to be done; it is now only a two-lane street. Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection, the report would be referred to City Manager Stevens for a report on costs and a recommendation, as soon as possible. There was no objection and the communication was ordered filed. 1103

9. Building Division - request for sign for Humble Oil Co. at 20301 Hawthorne Blvd., with comments of Building Inspector Schlens. 1063

Councilman Blount moved to concur in Mr. Schlens' recommendation to approve this sign. There being no objection, the motion carried.

10. Traffic and Lighting Division - closing of Mansel Avenue on October 31, 1960, with opposing opinions of the Traffic Engineer and the Director of Public Works, respectively. 1134

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Traffic Engineer Whitmer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. It was explained this is a dead-end street approximately one block long and its being closed for one evening, Halloween, will not interfere with traffic. There was no objection and the motion carried.

11. Engineering Division. Remodeling of Pacific Coast Highway and Newton Street. This is the location of the Jump'N Jack Restaurant. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and appropriate the money from either of two sources in the order herein set forth: 1. County Aid to Cities Fund, or 2. Unappropriated Reserve. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1228

Councilman Drale moved to call for bids on this particular job. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

12. Engineering Personnel, with chart showing allocation of personnel and letter from City Engineer Nollac, concurred in by Director of Public Works PEEBLES.

City Manager Stevens said the final decision on the number of people was made by the City Council and set at 28; however, he will study the situation and report back in two weeks. 1004

At 8:45 P.M., a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 8:55 P.M.

1041 Mayor Isen announced there is an item to be considered which came to the Council just before convening this evening, marked EMERGENCY. This item is a recommendation regarding the renting of a crane to be used for storm drain cleaning. The low bid was from Forsythe Excavating Company but they have not delivered. The Department of Public Works' recommendation is to rent from the second lowest bidder, Owl Truck Company.

Mayor Isen remarked that the \$3,999.60 is undoubtedly a typographical error, or it would not be the low bid, and he asked that the communication be corrected so as to be intelligible.

Director of Public Works Peebles said three bids were obtained but that Forsythe had refused to get the piece of equipment to the City; but not in writing. Councilman Blount suggested Forsythe be caused to refuse to perform legally, or we might wind up with two cranes. Councilman Blount moved that this item be turned over to the Legal Department for advice at our next meeting as to what our standing is. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, motion carried.

ITEM HELD OVER FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1091 1. Trees offered to City by Del Amo Estate Company. Councilman Blount asked that Director of Public Works Peebles make an oral recommendation. Mr. Peebles' recommendation was to allocate \$5,000 from the Unappropriated Reserve to remove the trees in the first area and that the removal be accomplished without using overtime on a regular day labor basis. He said he would recommend it be done without hiring extra help.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of Mr. Peebles as set out above and the motion was seconded by Councilman Blount, who remarked that the offer is to take any of the trees we want in that area; there is no requirement to take specific trees. Roll call vote carried the motion unanimously by those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

1091 Councilman Blount moved that a "nice letter be written to the Del Amo Estate Company and that a perma-plaque resolution of gratitude be prepared by the Legal Department. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and suggested there be a ceremony connected with the presentation of the plaque.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4049

1294 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STORM DRAIN PROJECTS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4049. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4049. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen asked particularly that the Deputy City Clerk see that a copy of the resolution is mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as well as a copy to each of the members of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4050

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN PETROLEUM AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO DISTRIBUTE AND SELL GASOLINE AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. 1315

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4050. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 4050. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4051

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DISTRICT MAP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SANITARY SEWERS. (Hollywood Riviera Sewer Assessment District No. 3) 1099

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4051. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 4051. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4052

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING ATTORNEYS AND FIXING COMPENSATION. (Hollywood Riviera Sewer Assessment District No. 3) 1099

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4052. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 4052. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4053

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF; DETERMINING IF BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT ASSESSMENTS 1099

TO BE LEVIED: AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF. (Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3).

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4053. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 4053. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS" ALL BUILDINGS USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, THOSE IN COMMERCIAL ZONES, APARTMENT HOUSES, MULTIPLE UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, CHURCHES, AND OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY

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City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that page 8 of the September 27, 1960 minutes be corrected as follows:

Delete the title to ORDINANCE NO. 1205 as written in the minutes and substitute in lieu thereof the following title:

ORDINANCE NO. 1205

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 25.30 ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1204) AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION 25.30 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT: "REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, AND INCLUDING WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF 'COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS' ALL BUILDINGS USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, THOSE IN COMMERCIAL ZONES, APARTMENT HOUSES, MULTIPLE UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, CHURCHES, AND OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY."

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With the correction as immediately above noted, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 27, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

~~CHURCHES AND OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AND  
DECLARED THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY AND SUBSTITUTING  
A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.~~

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1205. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1205 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1203

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING OWNER AND OPERATOR AND ADDING ARTICLE VII TO CHAPTER 19 (THE OIL CODE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL AND ABANDONMENT OF IDLE OIL WELLS, THE CLEANING OF DRILL SITES OF IDLE OR ABANDONED WELLS AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION. 1038

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1203. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1203 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 2nd through 8th as NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK. 1057

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens mentioned a matter which had been placed before the Councilmen this evening, unnumbered, from the Planning Division, dated September 27, 1960, dealing with Zoning. He stated it was submitted for study. Mayor Isen said it would be held for two weeks and then placed on the formal agenda. 1034

2. City Manager Stevens announced that Robert B. Carleson, Deputy City Clerk and Senior Administrative Assistant, is resigning effective October 10, 1960, to accept a position as City Administrator of the newly incorporated City of San Dimas. Councilman Bradford moved that there be prepared in perma-plaque format, a resolution expressing the appreciation of the Council for Mr. Carleson's services. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). The resolution will be presented October 11, 1960, at which time Mr. Carleson will be present in connection with the Junior Citizens Day meeting of the Council. 1004  
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3. Councilman Blount asked Mayor Isen if he had talked with Assemblyman Thomas about the freeway signs and Mayor Isen said he had and that Mr. Thomas had called someone in Sacramento. Mr. Stevens will get in touch with Mr. Thomas tomorrow. 1049

4. Councilman Blount called attention to the poor condition of Arlington Avenue between 160th and 190th and asked if there are any plans to improve it. City Manager Stevens said it is a project and called on the Department of Public Works Director for a report. Mr. Peebles said it is a gas tax project approved by the State and plans are under way in Engineering for submission to the state for final approval. He will try to determine the date completion is anticipated. 1135

5. Councilman Blount called attention to the letter regarding the heroism of Mr. Atkinson and asked that a copy be placed in his personnel file and a copy posted on the bulletin board at the Fire Station. 1000

Councilman Blount moved a letter of commendation and a resolution be prepared for Mr. Atkinson. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

1041 6. Councilman Bradford asked what is being done about the flashing barricades needed by the Street Department and Director of Public Works Peebles said all phases of the problem are being studied.

1088 7. Councilman Drale asked if anything has been heard from the County about the acquisition of the lots facing the beach to be used for parking. City Manager Stevens said there had been no reply. Mayor Isen said he had talked with Norman Johnson, Superintendent of Parks of Los Angeles County and he is very much interested. He was furnished with a copy of the letter written to the other department. Mr. Stevens will follow-up on this.

1160 8. Councilman Drale asked that the Traffic Commission see if there can be installed left turn lanes on some of our major intersections where the streets are wide enough, specifically Torrance and Hawthorne Boulevards and Sepulveda and Hawthorne. He stated adjoining cities have done this on their major streets. The only material necessary is a little paint.

1209 9. Councilman Vico said there is a lot of debris on Torrance Beach and wondered if it would be possible to have Mr. Chace come down and see the condition of the beach. City Manager Stevens said we could work through the County's local representative.

1076 10. Mayor Isen referred to some criticism of Mr. Remelmeyer last week and said he wished to go on record with the statement that Mr. Remelmeyer is doing a very fine job in the City Attorney office. He handles a tremendous volume of work and is entitled to a vote of confidence.

1009 11. Mayor Isen talked on the subject of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Tremendous strides have been made, he said, in the two and one-half years it has been under municipal operation. The President of Magnavox said that one of the reasons they came to Torrance was to take advantage of access by air. A great deal of the prosperity of the area is tied into the airport and in the future it will probably develop into a fine executive plane type of airport. Monday there was a meeting of the League of California Cities Airport Problems Committee in the Torrance City Hall. Mayor Isen is chairman. He mentioned the requirement for adequate public liability and property damage insurance for the aircraft based on the Torrance airport. He asked permission of the Council to refer this particular problem to the Airport Commission for analysis, study and possibly a recommendation. There was no objection.

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1009 12. Councilman Drale said he had been mistaken in his statement as to the residence of the Airport Manager.

1074 13. City Attorney Remelmeyer said last week the Council passed a letter agreement with Dominguez Water Company which was an interim agreement. Mr. Remelmeyer had understood that Dominguez would move the water lines under Del Amo at their own expense but they have informed him that they will do so only if Torrance pays them the estimated cost of moving the lines. Nothing is to be done on this matter at present, but Mr. Remelmeyer wanted to correct what may have been an incorrect impression.

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X 1111 14. City Attorney Remelmeyer also said that the Metropolitan Transit Authority has presented to the Interim Committee of the Legislature on Public Transportation, a proposed bill which would give them greatly increased powers over what they now have. The Committee is to meet Wednesday and Thursday in downtown Los Angeles. There has not been

sufficient time to study the bill, so some of the cities which will be affected, plan to ask for an extension of time to present their problems to the Committee. Marshall Chamberlain, the Bus Superintendent is on vacation and Mr. Dower, Assistant City Attorney is in Denver so probably no one will attend the meeting from Torrance. Mr. Remelmeyer's recommendation was that he write a letter to the Committee requesting an extension of time to study the bill and that this letter be considered Torrance's presentation. As a brief run-down on two points involved, Mr. Remelmeyer said: That MTA would have the right to eminent domain over public property including all streets, alleys, even apparently the Civic Center. They could run their trains over those properties without paying compensation or receiving consent of municipal authorities; (2) They could also parallel our main routes from Los Angeles and return without paying compensation for anything but the decreased revenues for that particular route. Under the bill as it now stands, they must pay a sufficient sum to compensate for the decrease in revenue to the entire system. This new bill would also permit them to put in monorails, subways and other off-surface transportation without consent of the Council. The new proposed legislation obviously proposes some threat to us.

Councilman Drale moved to authority City Attorney Remelmeyer to write the letter asking for extension of time so that a study may be made. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

  
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APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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