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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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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, October 4, 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, Drale, Vico, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Bradford. (Mr. Bradford joined the meeting at 5:40 P.M.) City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Engineer Nollac led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy of the Nativity Catholic Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

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."

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.

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

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for hearing on Case No. 664, being an application for variance and permit to construct multiple units in R-2 Zone of a portion of Lot 15, Meadow Park Tract, corner of 242nd Street and Neece Avenue, with recommendation of approval.

An affidavit of publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Carleson, and there being no objection, it was ordered filed. 1031

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard with respect to Case No. 664; there was no reply.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley and Councilman Bradford absent).

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Tentative Tract Map No. 26119, R. A. Watt, Subdivider. Transmittal form from Superintendent of Building, City Engineer and Planning Director, approved by Director of Public Works, submitting map, with recommendation of approval. This involves 44 lots located on the west side of Victor, between Spencer and Emerald Streets.

1121 Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. City Engineer Nollac called attention to one condition which he said had been inadvertently omitted. It is understood by the subdivider and agreed that all of the improvements be installed across those portions marked on the location sketch as "not a part". Councilman Drale accepted the condition as a part of his motion which was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley and Councilman Bradford absent).

1121 2. Tentative Tract Map No. 25933, Norris Construction Co., Subdivider. Transmittal form from Superintendent of Building, City Engineer and Planning Director approved by Director of Public Works, submitted the map with recommendation of approval. This involves 25 lots located on the south side of 233rd Street between Eshelman and Walnut.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Division for approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 25933, with the further condition that all of the improvements be installed across those portions marked on the location sketch as "not a part". Councilman Benstead seconded Councilman Drale's motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1208 1. Letter dated September 21, 1960, from Donald E. Schultz re lighting park steps and paths, with notation of City Manager Stevens that the matter has been referred to the Director of Public Works for investigation and report. Mayor Isen remarked that most accidents are the result of negligence and asked that the Department of Public Works make a report to the City Manager who would advise the Council. City Manager Stevens said the insurance carrier has been made aware of the contents of the communication.

1170 2. Letter dated September 29, 1960 from W. J. Hanson, Chairman of the Library Commission, with recommendation as to the West Torrance Library. Mayor Isen moved this item be referred to City Manager Stevens for discussion with the architects. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1041 1. Miscellaneous.

Recommendation that the contract for purchase of two 1961 Police motorcycles be awarded to Southwest Harley Davidson Company in the amount of their low bid, \$3,758.54, a budget item. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley and Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

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C-189 2. Supervisory Training Program.

City Manager Stevens recommended that a resolution be passed authorizing the Civil Service Commission of the County of Los Angeles to perform this service; that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Basic General Services Agreement with the County also required in this connection and that the total estimated cost of the initial

administrative course in the amount not to exceed \$700 be appropriated.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4054

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERFORM PERSONNEL SERVICES. 1004

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4054. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4054. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Blount called attention to the recommendation of City Manager Stevens that not to exceed \$700 be appropriated for the purpose set forth in his report and he so moved. City Manager Stevens remarked that the proper and only place for the money to come from is Unappropriated Reserve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1059

3. Property Exchange - Victor Precinct Park Area. This involves the proposed exchange or sale of property for library purposes with the Del Amo Church of Christ.

Mayor Isen referred to the complete report which City Manager Stevens has made on this subject and moved the Council not take any action until such time as the City is satisfied that its own needs have been fully met and then consider assistance to other parties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and Councilman Drale also expressed agreement with the viewpoint set forth by Mayor Isen and the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. 1108

The Reverend L. C. Ashford, Pastor of the Del Amo Church of Christ 2312 West Florence Avenue, Los Angeles 43, California, Pleasant 8-3450 was present and made an appeal to the Council along the lines of his communication dated September 22, 1960, and added that the escrow is to be closed on this coming Monday. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it should not be necessary to make a snap decision for that reason. The Church could still exercise its option. The Reverend Ashford talked at some length setting out the advantages to the City, but the Council said while they will be glad to work with the Church in the future, it may very well be that the City will want to use all this property for its own purposes. Mayor Isen asked that the record show that when the matter comes up before the Council again, that the Reverend Ashford should have notice thereof. The motion to follow the City Manager's recommendation carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1102

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. Memo re condition of General Fund Unappropriated Reserve as of September 28, 1960 requested by Council, showing a balance of \$208,555. Mayor Isen stated if there are no objections, the report will be made a part of the record, and filed. There were no objections. 1199

2. Memo from Director of Finance re proposed assessment against the City - South Torrance Water Assessment District No. 3.

City Manager Stevens stated this is a lot which the City owns on Walnut Avenue and recommended the City pay its just share of the assessment. Councilman Drale so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1023

1002 Mayor Isen further moved that the City Manager proceed to offer for sale this property if there is no chance of the City using it. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objection, so ordered.

1041 3. Memo from Director of Finance requesting approval of purchase of rotary calculator, a budget item. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of Director of Finance Scharfman to purchase the Monroe Calculator, Model 8N-213, for a total cost of \$915.20 including sales tax, a budget item. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1041 1. Award of bid on sewer rings and covers to E. B. Moritz Foundry of Santa Ana, California, in the amount of \$1,368.00, tax not included, a budget item.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Department of Public Works to accept the bid of E. B. Moritz Foundry in the amount of \$1,368.00, plus tax. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. Letter from Director of Public Works Peebles re Commercial Development Ordinance.

1300 Mayor Isen asked why in the industrial tracts, the sidewalks are not required and City Manager Stevens said they are rarely used.

X 1202 Councilman Drale moved to follow the recommendation made in the letter report to require industrial developments in the future to construct curb, gutter and pavement that the report as such be accepted and filed and the necessary ordinances be drafted for submission to the Council.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

3. Letter from Doug. Horlander, noted by Wade E. Peebles regarding Armed Forces Day.

1173 This is merely an informational letter setting forth that May 20 will be Armed Forces Day in 1961, but asked that some expression be made by the Councilmen of their preference as to a place for dinner which is planned for that evening.

Councilman Bradford moved that D. Horlander be authorized to make reservations for the Councilmen's dinner at some suitable restaurant within the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:05 the Council took a recess to inspect the concrete cutter demonstration in the yard of the City Hall.

Deputy City Clerk Carleson asked to be excused from the meeting and Deputy City Clerk Gale Whitacre took his place for the remainder of the meeting.

At 6:20 the Council reconvened.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1271 4. Summary of action taken by Traffic Commission at regular meeting of September 21, 1960. This is an informational item and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, it would be filed. Councilman Benstead questioned the reason for Item 5 under New Items relating to installation of No Parking signs on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard from Madrona Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue (approved from Hawthorne to the

most easterly Sears service road). He said it seems to be a good wide road and he sees no necessity for the "No Parking" restriction. Mayor Isen said this is the type of matter which should come to the Council by resolution and Councilman Drale moved to eliminate Item 5 under New Items from the recommendations submitted by the Traffic Commission until it was learned from whom and for what reason the request was made. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). The report itself was ordered filed. 1271

5. Engineering Division. Refund of Sewer Use Fee to Newton L. Cox, Plumber.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the refund of the \$25 sewer use fee to Mr. Cox in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1149

AIRPORT MATTERS:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman Blount as a member of the Airport Committee of the Council, gave his recommendation as to the matters set forth in the report of Thomas B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, as follows:

a. Emer Reel application for a maintenance, repair, sales and service site adjacent to the proposed terminal area, with recommendation of denial. 1010

b. Limiting of flight schools and that each application therefor be considered on its own merits.

These two immediately preceding items, Councilman Blount moved be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council. There were no objections and it was so ordered. 1010

c. Aero-Care, Inc., notice to vacate to Flightline Company. This is an informational item. 1010

2. Resolution with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting airport lease with Standard Oil Co., Petroleum agreement with Collins-Dietrich and letter from Collins-Dietrich dated September 9, 1960. 1010

Mayor Isen moved this item be also referred to the Airport Committee of the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried, there being no objection. 1010

COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Sign Code and report on outlawed billboards, dated September 28, 1960. This communication is informational only and there being no objection, it was ordered filed. 1063

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4055

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMENDING MR. ROBERT B. CARLESON FOR HIS SERVICES AS
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS SELECTION AS CITY
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA. 1000

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with the further reading of Resolution No. 4055. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4055. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). Attention was again directed to the policy of putting on the resolution of this type the name of the Councilman who introduced it and Councilman Benstead said he would like to add the policy that all Councilmen also sign such a resolution. City Attorney Remelmeyer will so arrange this.

2. Weed Abatement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4056

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

It was noted that Section 4 of the resolution (page 9) should be amended to show the date of hearing as being October 11, 1960, at 8:00 P.M., instead of October 4 at 5:30 P.M.

With this correction, Councilman Benstead moved the Council dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4056. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4056 listing parcels 1164-1 through 15-11. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4057

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

This relates to the formal application for \$9,200 from Aid to Cities Gasoline Tax Funds for the construction of certain street improvements at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Newton Street.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4057. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4057. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

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."

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1205 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

PROCLAMATION:

1. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 9 through 15 1960 as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. 1057

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens mentioned that in last week's approval of an appropriation of \$6,500 an error was made, in that the Park to be improved is El Nido, not El Retiro. Mayor Isen moved to rescind the motion last week to appropriate the \$6,500 for the improvement of El Retiro Park. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1043 X 1306 X 1250

Councilman Bradford moved the \$6,500 be appropriated for the pavement and improvement of El Nido Park. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. City Manager Stevens said a meeting had been held with Mr. Jack Eckert who works directly under Mr. Himelhoch as Assistant District Engineer of the State Highway Division and is in charge of the signing of the freeway. He suggested as a possible solution that a sign be placed at the 190th Street approach to read "Torrance Next Exit". It would take until about the first of 1961 to get that sign installed. The policy of the Highway Division is to make that the one and only sign concerning Torrance. City Manager Stevens is to call Mr. Eckert and tell him the Council is very displeased with the proposed solution to the sign problem on the freeway. 1049

3. City Attorney Remelmeyer spoke on the Forsythe Excavating Company bid. Sometime ago the City asked for bids for the rental of a crane and Forsythe was the lowest bidder. They have now refused to deliver the crane and Mr. Remelmeyer is to take the proper steps to declare Forsythe in default and award the contract to the Owl Construction Company, the next lowest bidder. Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Remelmeyer be authorized to take the necessary legal steps. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1041

4. Councilman Blount read from the minutes of a past Council meeting regarding the "No Parking" signs on the north side of Sepulveda which indicated the request had been made by the Police Department. 1047

5. Councilman Blount asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if he is now prepared to make a recommendation regarding the closing of barber 1254

shops on certain days of the week. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would be on the agenda for next Tuesday and he will notify the interested parties who wished to be advised of the time of hearing.

1039 6. Councilman Blount moved a resolution be drawn to the Metropolitan Water District expressing the thanks of the Council for the trip this past weekend. No objection, so ordered.

1039 7. Councilman Blount also moved a letter be addressed to the Dunes Hotel, Attention "Sam", thanking them for the kindness shown the members of the group who visited Las Vegas. Mayor Isen said there was something he wanted to investigate first. Otherwise, there was no objection.

1114 8. Councilman Drale mentioned the complete report on the street down in the Santa Fe Railroad area which had been brought to the attention of the Council some time ago. Mayor Isen said he would like the Council to have another week to study it.

1137 9. Councilman Vico asked City Engineer Nollac about the cleaning up of the ditch on Halison Street. Mr. Nollac said it was brought to the attention of the Street Department and they are to do the cleaning along with the regular seasonal cleaning. He will check on its progress.

1053 10. Mayor Isen reported that Councilman Beasley is going home this week and will soon be back with us. He moved that Councilman Beasley be granted officially a leave of absence from Council meetings starting four weeks ago when he first became ill and continuing until he is released by the doctor to engage in City Council business. Councilman Blount seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

11 11. Mayor Isen remarked there was quite a group present regarding the YWCA controversy and that he felt this matter is the concern of the YWCA, not the Council. City Attorney Remelmeyer is working on the legal problems.

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C-115 Miss Pauline Greer, provisional chairman of the Torrance YWCA was present and had distributed copies of a letter to the Council members. She explained the problems dealing with the organization and Councilman Drale moved that the Council go on record as approving the assignment if and when presented, subject to the legal status of the Torrance YWCA in relation to the National organization. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested another alternative to bridge the interim between now and the time they might legally qualify. There could be an assignment to a nonprofit corporation set up for the purpose of holding title. Mayor Isen said the City could hold title.

Mrs. Herma Tillum said not only does the local organization need 300 members, but also must have an on-going program. Without access to the building there can be no such program.

Councilman Bradford said he had a telephone call from Mr. Garcelon, the Attorney for the San Pedro YWCA saying that if the members of the Torrance committee would call the San Pedro Y they would give the permission to use the building. Councilman Drale suggested the City Attorney write a letter to the person in charge of the Y building and tell them politely that the building should be available for the local YWCA women.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he and Mr. Garcelon had reviewed the long term lease very recently. Councilman Drale repeated his opinion that a letter should be written immediately to clarify the problem.

Miss Clara Watson, 2427 Border Street, talked from the standpoint of the Y-Teen Group.

Mayor Isen said it seemed logical to turn back the assignment to the City of Torrance and asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to check out the provisions regarding the legal status of the organization.

With the consent of Councilman Drale and his second, Countilman Blount moved that the City Attorney forthwith and immediately proceeding on the assumption that the Harbor group through its attorney has informed our Mayor they will turn over the lease to Torrance, acquire the property and immediately turn it over to the people who should rightfully be operating it, and then proceed with the organizational problems from there. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). This was a substitute motion.

12. The Reverend W. D. Smith, 1324 Greenwood, Pastor of the First Pentecostal Church at 2147 West 237th Street appeared. This item involves the moving of the church located at 1217 Cravens Avenue where the State parking lot is to be constructed. There are two trees located on the premises, to which the church building is to be moved, which must be moved in order to relocate the building. The land on which they are growing is City-owned. Reverend Smith's request is for permission to move the trees at the expense of the Church and replace them with suitable trees, as recommended by the City. 1091

Mayor Isen moved the request be granted. There was no objection and themotion was ordered carried.

13. Reverend Smith's second request was about the storm drain fee of \$241. He said whatever water there would be would drain onto the same Church property and asked if there was any possibility of waiving the fee. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no way to waive the fee but perhaps time could be allowed within which to pay. Reverend Smith is to meet with Mr. Remelmeyer and come back to the Council next Tuesday at the 8:00 P.M. meeting. 1272

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance