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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., on Tuesday, October 18, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. Assistant City Manager Bone and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. C. T. Rippy led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen made a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and announced the following information regarding

BIDS:

- 1. Catch Basin and Gate. Informal bids for catch basin and 18" flat gate inlet will be opened October 19, 1960, at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chamber.

HEARINGS:

- 1. Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 5:30 o'clock P.M., having arrived, this is the time and place fixed for the hearing of protests, objections or appeals in respect of the assessment and work under and pursuant to resolution of intention, Resolution No. 3827 and the Improvement Act of 1911.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the affidavits of publication, mailing and posting notice of hearing on the assessment. Councilman Benstead moved to receive and file the said three affidavits. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen announced there have been a number of protests filed in writing and requested Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to read the names and addresses of the protesting property owners. The Mayor also stated that all or any part of a written protest would be read upon request of the protestant when his name was read. It was noted as a matter of record that all the original protests are on file in the City Clerk's office. Copies of each of the protests received by Friday, October 14th, had been furnished to the councilmen with the copy of the agenda for this meeting. The Mayor further announced that those protests which were received after October 14th will be read in full.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the names and addresses as follows:

Elizabeth S. Leeds, Tujunga, California
 Margery Mounts, 2332 W. 229th Street, Torrance, California
 Elizabeth Hinckley, P.O. Box 307, Lomita, California
 Paul W. Markling, 924 North Broadway, Santa Maria, Calif.
 M. I. Lebow, 8845 W. Olympic Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif.
 Bank of America (Trustee of Mary Bestman, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Warren M. Perham, (no address)
 W. J. Ripling, Los Angeles, California
 C. T. Rippy, 1331 Post Avenue, Torrance
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 Esther Marie DeSaunay, 17221 Boundry Rd. R 2, White Rock, B.C.
 William J. Blinn, 4258 Gardena Drive, Riverside, Calif.
 Samuel T. Martner, 1902 East 35th Pl., Tulsa, Oklahoma
 Alice L. Scott, 8709 Ramsgate Ave., Los Angeles 45, Calif.
 Thelma Russell, 2131 W. 233rd Street, Torrance, California
 Murl A. Reeves, 3938 W. 176th Street, Torrance, California
 Edgar Maxwell, 2130 W. 235th Street, Torrance, California

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read letters of protest in their entirety as follows:

Mrs. Ben R. Kendall, 23810 Eshelman Ave., Torrance, Calif.
 Ben F. & Mildred L. Kendall, 23800 Eshelman Ave., Torrance,
 Calif.

Wm. E. Pruitt, Jr., 2146 - 235th St., Torrance, Calif.
 Leo F. Martin, 1329 W. Carson St., Torrance, Calif.
 Alma J. and Leslie R. Johnson, 2454 W. 233rd St., Torrance,
 Calif.

Mrs. Ruth Scruggs, 23221 Walnut Ave., Torrance, California
 Geo. J. Peckham, Jr., 1933 W. 233rd St., Torrance, California
 Mrs. Hazel I. Day, 1929 W. 233rd St., Torrance, California
 Robert C. and Beva G. Tapley, (no address)
 California Southern Oil Company, (no address)
 Bay Finance Company, (no address)

Mayor Isen introduced Attorney Don Hodgeman of O'Melveny & Myers.

Mayor Isen asked if any person who had filed a written protest, or his representative, desired to be heard in support of or supplementing such protest and the following named persons who had filed written protests, spoke:

Wm. E. Pruitt, Jr., 2147 - 235th Street, said there seems to be a discrepancy between the amounts charged different property owners who have the same amount of property.

Mr. Edgar Maxwell, 2130 W. 235th Street, Torrance, California, came forward to support the claim of Mr. Pruitt.

Mr. L. J. Thompson, the Assessment Engineer, explained the formula used in figuring the amounts charged. He set forth as a general formula that certain parcels in the district have existing water mains and on those the assessment is 4½ mills per square foot. Parcels on water mains that were constructed in this district were assessed both 4½ mills per square foot plus \$4.27 a front foot. All

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property owners were charged at the same rate, depending on whether or not they had an existing watermain.

Mr. Charles T. Rippy spoke with respect to the protests he had filed. Mr. Thompson explained the assessments are against land and not people and that Mr. Rippy's arguments are not germane to the issue. City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Rippy's property was not assessed for any of the land that he had donated to the City. Whoever is the owner of the land pays the assessment.

Mr. Murl Reeves appeared in protest to the manner in which the assessment was made against his property. Engineer Thompson explained again the reason for the amount charged.

Mr. R. F. Armstrong, 2011 West 231st Street, appeared and asked for a separate assessment on some of the property charged to him. Mr. Thompson said this would be taken care of by the resolution modification which the Council would consider this evening. 1003

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard either on written or oral protest; there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

At the request of Mayor Isen, Engineer Thompson explained the schedule of modifications which will take care of the segregation of property and Attorney Hodgeman said it is now time to consider Resolution No. 4066.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4066

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CERTAIN
CHANGES IN ASSESSMENT NO. 59149. 1003

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4066. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

In answer to a question by Councilman Bradford, Mr. Thompson said the resolution instructs him to make the segregations, cuts and splits as requested by the property owners in accordance with the true ownership of the land. This is not a blanket authority, City Attorney Remelmeyer said - the other protests not having to do with segregation of parcels will be denied by a later resolution. Attorney Hodgeman explained again that the first resolution deals with re-arrangement of ownership, not with change in the amount assessed against property.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Thompson to see that all the letters of protest are answered so that people will be assured of equal treatment. Mr. Thompson agreed this will be done.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4066. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4067

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND CONFORMING ASSESSMENT AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 3827.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4067. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4067. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico and Isen.

NOES: Bradford. ABSENT: Beasley.

Councilman Bradford explained his vote by saying that while he is happy that the people have the new water mains, he is opposed to the manner in which they were handled and in keeping with his former voting record, is impelled to vote "No".

A recess was declared at 6:20 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

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2. CASE NO. 662 - Change of Zone. Robert P. Jessup. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommends denial and attached Excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 7, 1960, location sketch and tentative Tract map No. 26023.

This change of zone applies to the property which is also listed under H-1, Planning Matters, for approval or denial of approval on Tentative Tract Map No. 26023.

There was considerable discussion about which of these two items, tract map or zoning, should be considered first. There is also a problem regarding drainage.

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Councilman Benstead moved to refer the matter of the Tentative Tract Map 26023 back to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would be well to get the consent of the subdivider, Mr. Dan Butcher, who was present and did so consent. Mr. Blount raised the question of priority of decision and general policy of the Council regarding the sequence in which tentative tract maps and change of zone matters are handled. City Attorney Remelmeyer said that approval of a tentative tract map does not necessarily legally effect a change of zone. Councilman Drale thought the zone change hearing should come first. Councilman Benstead said if this is done to benefit the prospective builder, it may hurt the landowner. City Attorney Remelmeyer said at one time, a policy was established and approved by the Council and asked if the Council would like to have him look up that opinion. After some discussion, Councilman Drale moved to continue the change of zone hearing for two weeks - to the meeting which will be held on November 9th (November 8th being Election Day).

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Director of Planning said there was no reason why the hearing could not be held tonight and on motion duly made by Councilman Drale and seconded by Mayor Isen, it was decided to rescind the continuance and hold the hearing on change of zone at this time.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 662 recommended for denial by the Planning Commission. Mr. Fred Irvine representing Engineering Services and Dan Butcher appeared with a large colored map or diagram showing how the area could be laid out if the change of zone is granted. He said it was prepared since the time of the appearance before the Planning Commission. Mr. Irvine explained in detail, using the diagram, the various zoning of the land shown and the methods by which the drainage problem would be solved.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply but a letter had been received from the Del Amo Baptist Church, 3708 Del Amo Boulevard, according to Gale Whitacre, Deputy City Clerk, and he proceeded to read that letter in its entirety. The gist of the letter was wholehearted approval of the change of zone.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale then moved to grant the change of zone from M-2 to R-3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. 1033

Mr. Burt Lynn, Chairman of the Planning Commission, came forward and expressed himself as disapproving of the action of the Church. He said the Church had not followed the course of action which they had said they would follow. Mr. Lynn does not approve of changing from the M-2 zone classification.

Roll Call vote showed: AYES: Benstead, Bradford, Drale and Vico. NOES: Blount and Isen. The motion to approve the change of zone carried.

3. CASE NO. 665. Variance. Tsutomu Omatsu. Transmittal from Planning Commission recommended denial of petition for a variance to construct a 20 unit apartment house in A-1 zone and attached excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of September 7, 1960, location sketch and allied information furnished by petitioner.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard regarding Case No. 665; there was no reply. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Vico asked if Mr. Omatsu was present and answered Mr. Vico's questions about what objections had been made to his proposed building. Mr. Omatsu said quite a few objections had come from the housing tract and the people outside of the 300 ft. radius, although at least 85% of the people whom he contacted, have no objections. Mayor Isen asked if the necessary dedications had been made for widening the street and Director of Planning Powell said they had been. 1031

Councilman Vico moved to approve the request for variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Blount

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley

Affidavit of publication for Cases 662 and 665 was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and on motion duly made, seconded and carried, ordered filed.

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4. Case No. 667. Variance, Kenneth Christofferson. Formal hearing on petition to place two single family dwellings on an R-1 lot, with recommendation of Planning Commission for approval.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen said this is the time and place set for hearing on Case No. 667 and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre said a petition disapproving signed by 40 residents of Madrona, Avis and Emerald Streets had just been presented and read the contents of the petition in full.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

1031 Mr. Kenneth Christofferson, 3516 Emerald Street, the petitioner spoke. He said the house he is planning to put down on the R-1 lot is the one in which he is now living; that it is as nice as any in the neighborhood. It must be moved from its present location by November 1st. He said if only one house is constructed on the lot, there will be a weed problem but if he can have two, it will be a nice residential unit. The lot is big enough and would be a much better plan financially.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent) to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission.

5. Mayor Isen said this is the time and place for public hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 4065 declaring intention to abate weeds on Parcels 124.23 through 291-30, listed on pages 1 through 8 inclusive, with no exceptions. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Posting and on motion made by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, it was ordered accepted and filed.

1115 Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read a Western Union telegram received October 17, 1960 from Edward and Eva Wright, owners of Lot 11, Block A Belvidere Tract Code Area 9364 parcel 10. Their address is 4007 Santa Rosalia Drive, Los Angeles 8, California. According to their communication, the property is 90% covered by buildings and has no weeds or rubbish. Director of Public Works Peebles said he would check on this property.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. Mr. Robert Woodward came forward regarding property at 4175 West 190th Street immediately east of the CBS. He said the property is about 75% cleared and asked for ten additional days to complete it. Director of Public Works Peebles agreed to the time asked.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4068

1115 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 4065.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4068. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent)

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4068. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

A recess was declared at 7:15 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 7:25 P.M.

PLANNING MATTERS.

- 1. Tentative Tract Map No. 26023. See Item 2 under "Hearings".
- 2. Zoning. Resubmitted per Council instructions of September 27, 1960.

Director of Planning Powell, in response to Mayor Isen's question, said all that is necessary is Council concurrence that the Planning Commission hold hearings on certain property abutting the commercially zoned property on Torrance Boulevard between Cravens and Madrid as a means of acquiring the adjoining lots so that they might be used for off-street parking purposes only. 1034

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the thinking of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

- 3. Rezoning - Between Torrance Boulevard and 230th Street, along Hawthorne Avenue.

This, too, is merely a request for concurrence from the Council that the necessary hearings before the Planning Commission be scheduled through proper channels.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the thinking of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered. 1034

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Torrance Kiwanis Club letter dated October 10, 1960, asking permission to conduct a pedestrian safety campaign by use of "Walk Safely" stencils on sidewalks.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission and the motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There being no objection, it was ordered carried. Councilman Bradford said he hoped it would not be anything like the signs stenciled on the steps and near the doors of the City Hall, which he considers to be a disgrace. 1062

- 2. Letter dated October 10, 1960, from International Aviation Underwriters Inc., commending the Airport Manager and airport personnel for handling the Powder Puff Derby so well. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the communication would be filed. There was no objection. 1009
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- 3. Letter dated October 6, 1960, from Southwood National Little League regarding their lease agreement with the City, asking assurance that the lease will not be terminated due to the improvements they plan to make.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the communication to the Park & Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection. 1105

- 4. Letter dated October 3, 1960, from Torrance Municipal Employees, D. E. Tandy, Secretary, reminding the Council of a meeting which they alleges was to have been arranged between the Civil Service 1004
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Board, two members of the Council and representatives of each department of the City.

Mayor Isen moved that the letter be referred to the City Manager and Civil Service Board to arrange such a meeting. The two members of the Council will be Councilmen Benstead and Bradford.

At this time, Councilman Drale brought up a proposal that a meeting should be held with the Civil Service Board on other personnel matters not related to this. Assistant City Manager Bone said the Civil Service Board is still working on the personnel ordinance. Councilman Drale said this does not answer the purpose he has in mind and Mayor Isen said the request for meeting should come by written communication.

There was no objection to the motion to refer Mr. Tandy's letter to the City Manager and Civil Service Board and it was so ordered.

5. Resubmittal of letter from District Scout Executive of the South Bay Area asking approval of the distribution of get out the vote door knob hangers throughout the City on Saturday, October 29, 1960, as a part of a non-partisan nation-wide program.

1062 Councilman Bradford moved to grant such permission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale who asked if the boys would be under proper supervision. Mr. Lightwine, the writer of the letter, was present and assured the Council the boys would be accompanied by Cub Scout Den Mothers, Scout Masters, etc., and that it would all be daytime work.

There being no objection, the motion carried.

1018 6. Letter dated October 8, 1960, from Harold F. Eggum asking permission to dispose of the rubbish on his property at 17240 Yukon Avenue when his building project is completed, within the next month or two. Director of Public Works Peebles will take care of this request.

7. Letter dated October 9, 1960, from South Bay Post No. 777 of Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. requesting permission to offer poppies for sale on JWV POPPY DAYS.

1062 Councilman Bradford moved to refer this request to the License Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount. There being no objection, Mr. Whitacre, License Inspector, will contact the writer of the letter and see that the application is made through the proper channels.

1062 8. Letter received October 3, 1960, from Hayes Furnace Mfg. & Supply Company asking permission to place a 10x50 ft. trailer on the rear of the property at 1942 Artesia Boulevard, Torrance for use by a night watchman whose duty will be to guard property on the premises. A building permit has been taken out by the Company and the trailer is planned to be used only during the time of building. Councilman Bradford moved the request be granted, but on a 90 day basis. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried, there being no objection. Assistant Manager Bone was instructed to write the Hayes Furnace Mfg. & Supply Company and so inform them, especially asking that they keep track of the time and apply for an extension if need be for any time required over the 90 days.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1039 1. Personnel. Request that C. C. Powell, Assistant Water Superintendent be authorized to represent the City of Torrance at the American Water Works Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, October 29 to November 2, 1960, with appropriate expenses not to exceed \$400 paid by the City.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the request. Councilman Drale seconded the motion, which failed to carry by a tie vote, as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Blount, Vico. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the request. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, which failed to carry by a tie vote, as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Vico. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Expenditures:

1. For the purchase of one American LaFrance Metropolitan, 1,250 gallons per minute, fire engine, the sum of \$29,941.60 in accordance with the recommendation of Fire Chief Benner, a budget item. 1041

2. For the purchase of Motorola communications equipment, the sum of \$2,102.88, in accordance with the recommendation of Fire Chief Benner, a budget item. 1041

3. To Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, the sum of \$1,225.19 for the emergency repair of water tank. 1042

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations under Items 1, 2 and 3 of Expenditures. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Appropriations:

1. For the improvement of Early Avenue north of Lomita Boulevard, the sum of \$16,000 to be allocated from the Unappropriated Reserve, in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works as set forth in his report to the City Manager dated September 16, 1960.

Considerable discussion followed on this item of business, as to whether or not streets should be put in for the benefit of individual industrial companies. Director of Planning Powell said he recommends that at some future date a street be run from Lomita Boulevard to Sepulveda. Councilman Drale was in favor of the appropriation but Councilman Blount said it would be setting an expensive precedent. 1043

Councilman Blount moved that the Council do not concur in the allocation of \$16,000 from the unappropriated reserve for improvement of Early Avenue north of Lomita Boulevard. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Vico and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

2. Architectural Agreements.

The recommendation of the City Manager is that the Council approve the agreement with Adams, Latham, Morgan, Kripp and Wright for the preparation of plans and specifications for a fire station to be constructed at the Torrance Municipal Airport and a library to be constructed in southwest Torrance, the architectural fee to be 8% of the total construction costs of the facilities. 1170
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Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

3. Engineering Personnel.

1004 The recommendation of the City Manager is that the Engineering Department should be authorized to fill the five positions currently authorized in the budget, orient and train these new persons and then, if workload requirements justify additional positions and when added space is available, again review the personnel quota requirements.

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

4. City Clerk Department Personnel Quota.

The recommendation is to add to the staff of the City Clerk's Department the position of Steno-Secretary, for the reasons set forth in the City Manager's memorandum dated October 14, 1960.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1325 1. Letter from Director of Public Works dated October 13, 1960, regarding Ridgeland Road and Oak Bay Road, with location sketches attached.

This involves the expenditure of approximately \$3,000 to alleviate the condition which exists. Mrs. Don McCune, resident of the street, spoke as being completely in favor of the work planned.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the allocation of the \$3,000 necessary from Unappropriated Reserve. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

1047 2. Letter dated October 13, 1960, from the Director of Public Works recommending that for the reasons he mentions, the proposed rental of the flashing barricades be accepted, as required. Previously the question had arisen as to whether it might not be practicable to purchase, rather than rent the barricades.

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

1156 3. Concrete Stairway in El Retiro Park. The recommendation of the Department of Public Works is to hold this project in abeyance until money is more available for such projects.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation and that Director of Public Works Peebles write to the Hollywood-Riviera Homeowners Association explaining and indicating that the matter may be reconsidered at some time in the future.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there being no objection, carried.

1062 4. Request by Certi-Bond for permission to erect a 30x40 foot fireproof tent on their property for the purpose of selling gift wrapping and cards, the proceeds of which would go to the City of Hope Torrance Chapter.

Councilman Blount expressed disapproval of such a plan as setting a precedent and moved to deny the request. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

Mr. Julian Hirschman, President of Certi-Bond was present and explained the project.

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

5. Request from Temple City Sign and Neon Company for permission to install a neon sign on roof of building at 1882 Torrance Blvd. for Tommy's Coffee Shop, with recommendation of approval by Superintendent of Building Inspections Schlens. 1064

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

6. Letter from the City Engineer, approved by Director of Public Works recommending approval and appropriation of the necessary funds for the improvements to alleviate the drainage problem at 187th Place and Cerise Avenue, in the amount of \$4,100.00. There was no recommendation by the City Manager on this item, and Councilman Benstead moved to approve the recommendation, subject to the City Manager's approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent). 1326 x 1043

7. Traffic and Lighting Division letter approved by Director of Public Works recommending that the contract to furnish all required street name signs for the period of one year from July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961, be limited to the expenditure of \$3,000 and be awarded to the U.S. Porcelain Enamel Company.

After explanation of the circumstances of this item by Mr. Whitmer, Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent). 1049 2-109

8. Letter from Traffic and Lighting Engineer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles submitting traffic control resolution regarding no parking on one side of the streets of less than 30 feet in width in the area bounded by Carson Street, Arlington Avenue, Dominguez Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, in accordance with action taken at the last council meeting.

Mayor Isen moved that items relating to Acacia Avenue and Beech Avenue be stricken from the resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to: 1047

RESOLUTION NO. 4069

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4069. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent). This leaves the resolution pertaining to Amapola Street only.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 4069. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

The second resolution attached under this item of business relating to parking prohibition on the south side of certain other streets was not considered at this time. 1047

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. Recommendation for pedestrian traffic signal on Calle Mayor at the entrance to the Calle Mayor Elementary School.

1327 Councilman Drale moved to direct the Department of Public Works to call for bids on this installation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. Recommendation that temporary "No parking - Funeral Procession" signs be authorized for the Stone & Myers Mortuary at a cost of approximately \$40.00.

1047 Mayor Isen saw no reason for the City to pay for signs to be used by a private business and there being no objection, he asked that the Traffic Engineer hold this item of business for return to the agenda after advising the company that they should pay for their own signs. Councilman Blount moved to deny the request. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried.

3. Recommendation of denial of requests for certain parking spaces for Pacific Telephone Company and two spaces on the north side of 220th Street west of Abalone Avenue based on policy established by the Traffic Commission on May 19, 1960.

1082 Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation on Item 3. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

4. Recommendation for denial of request for a four-way stop at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Ruby Street based on reasons set forth in the report dated October 5, 1960 of the Traffic Commission.

1048 Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4070

1047 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE LV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

The purpose is to prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard beginning at a point 35 feet easterly of the east curb line of Hawthorne Avenue and extending 1320 feet easterly therefrom.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4070. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 4070. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4071

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SECTIONS 22357 AND 22358 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE. 1037

Mayor Isen moved that item 4 (b) relating to a 45 mile limit on Arlington Avenue from Del Amo Boulevard to 190th Street be stricken from the Resolution as now written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4071. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4071. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4072

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THANKING THE DEL AMO ESTATES COMPANY FOR THEIR GIFT OF TREES AND SHRUBS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE. 1091

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4072. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4072. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4073

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE BETWEEN THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE. 1299

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4073. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4073. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried unanimously by 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. 4074

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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.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4074. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Blount excused himself from the meeting at this point.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4074. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley and Blount absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1206

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.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1206. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley and Blount absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1206 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Beasley and Blount absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

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Mayor Isen made an oral proclamation that Sunday, October 23, 1960 be designated as UNITED STATES DAY and that all citizens and places of business proudly display the American Flag on that day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Bone said Mr. Beasley had asked how many of the Councilmen would be attending the dinner for Governor Brown. It not being determined at this time, Mr. Bone is to make telephone calls later.

Councilman Benstead excused himself from the meeting at this point.

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2. Mr. Bone said he had received a memo from the Department of Public Works that due to heavy construction work which is soon to be done by the Highway Department in the area of the Del Amo nursery, if the City could authorize some over-time Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, about \$1500 to \$2000 worth of trees could be taken out, on which there is a deadline.

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Councilman Bradford moved to hold this to \$500 worth of overtime and that it be authorized. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilmen Blount, Beasley and Benstead absent).

3. Mr. Bone requested on behalf of City Manager Stevens that a personnel meeting be held at 5:30 Monday, October 31st. Mr. Bone said the councilmen would be reminded.

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4. Councilman Bradford mentioned the corner of Carson, where Beech and Acacia meet, the United States postoffice has put two mailboxes one on the northeast corner of Acacia and one on the northwest corner of Beech. The boxes are placed in such a way as to obstruct the view of oncoming traffic. The traffic on Carson is so heavy that it is practically impossible to get onto Carson from either of the streets. The impaired view makes it even worse. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said he would look into the matter.

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5. Councilman Bradford also asked about Crenshaw Boulevard where the storm drain comes through between the little ranch market and the apartment houses to the south there is a drain problem. Director of Public Works Peebles said there has been an opening left in the concrete and this problem will be solved under the Flood Control plans now awaiting advertising for bid.

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6. Councilman Drale said he intends to harp on left turn pockets until we get a few. Also that next week there should be a report on the lots down on the Beach.

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7. Mayor Isen announced that next week, the 25th, would be the time of the League of California Cities meeting in Los Angeles. There will be no Council meeting next week, as has been the policy in the past. The next meeting will be November 1st, a 5:30 meeting and at the end of that meeting, adjournment will be to November 9th. Mayor Isen so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried there being no objections.

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8. Councilman Drale asked Mr. Peebles to please get the report on the Garbage Disposal of Los Angeles which he understands has now been completed.

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9. Director of Public Works Peebles said bids will be opened on November 3, 1960 for traffic signals at Hawthorne Avenue and Del Amo.

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10. Mayor Isen moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilmen Beasley, Benstead and Blount absent).

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by
Edith Shaffer

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APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance