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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, November 1, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Eve Bisou led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Paul Needels of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 1960, and the special meeting held October 24, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried there being no objections.

Mayor Isen welcomed Councilman Beasley after his illness and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following information:

1. Improvement of Ardath Avenue at 163rd Street. Formal bids will be opened November 2, 1960 at 10 A.M., in the Council Chamber.
2. Additions and alterations of Benstead Plunge. Formal bids will be opened November 9, 1960, at 10 A.M., in the Council Chamber.

HEARINGS:

Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3. Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 5:30 o'clock having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by resolution of intention No. 4053, when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, or to the extent of said assessment district, may appear before the City Council of said City of Torrance and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution.

Councilman Drale asked if before the formal hearing there might be discussed the matter of method of assessing. He considered that the assessment should have been made equally according to policy set by the Council some time ago. City Attorney Remelmeyer said this is not now before the Council but would come before the Council at the time of confirming the assessment. The matters to be heard here and now are objections to the work or the extent of the district. In that most of the objections which have been made are on the subject of the equal spreading of the assessment, City Attorney Remelmeyer said he thought it would be permissible to express as a tentative opinion of the Council that where legally possible to do so, the assessment would be spread equally on the lots involved.

Engineer J. Laurence Thompson said it had not been brought to his attention that the equal spreading of assessments was Torrance City Council policy.

Councilman Drale moved that it be considered Council feeling that the assessment should be spread equally. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Vico questioned Engineer Thompson regarding the varying amounts of assessments and Mr. Thompson explained that out of the forty cities which he represents, Torrance is the only one which has this policy of equal spreading of the assessment. There are 237 lots involved in the district.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the following affidavits to the Council:

Affidavit of publication of Resolution of Intention

Affidavit of mailing notice of hearing

Affidavit of posting of "Notice of Improvement".

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, and unanimously carried by roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent), the affidavits were ordered filed.

Engineer Thompson was duly sworn by Mayor Isen and in answer to questions by City Attorney Remelmeyer gave testimony concerning the nature of work to build and construct sanitary sewer system together with the appurtenances, and the extent of the assessment district by street boundaries.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the names and addresses of those persons who have sent in written protests and copies of which have been in the hands of the Councilmen since Friday, October 28, 1960.

H. W. Shirley, 241 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach

Edward Dittenbir, 312 Avenida Atezado, Redondo Beach

Roy A. Menashe, 704 So. Spring St., Los Angeles

Glen E. Franke, no address

Mrs. John S. Underwood, Jr., no address

Robert M. Hessler, 245 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach

R. E. Shore, 205 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach

Also received were 12 other letters:

E. L. and Mrs. Barbara J. Byrd, 529 Via la Salva, Torrance

Harley L. Brown, 308 Via El Chico, Redondo Beach

H. E. Evans, E. A. Hinz, P. A. Eschands (one letter)

Lloyd M. and Germaine K. Winthrop, New Jersey

H. G. Murdock, Harry S. McMillan, 427 Paseo de los Estrellas, Redondo Beach

Freule Vyzraler Jr., 304 Avenida Atezada, Redondo Beach

Norman B. and Emma A. Owen, 4819 Emerald St., Torrance

S. W. Peer, 244 Avenida Atezada, Redondo Beach

William M. Warner, 533 Via la Salta, Torrance

W. C. Williams, 246 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach

Mildred Mohr Smith, no address given

George Kuehnel, no address given.

each of which letters was read in full by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to the Council.

Mayor Isen asked if any person who has filed a written protest, or his representative, desires to be heard in support of such protest and Mrs. Mildred Mohr Smith came forward in support of her letter of protest regarding the placing of the sewer. Mayor Isen said there would be reports later on this phase and asked that the merits of the issue not be argued at this time. He advised Mrs. Smith to talk with Engineer Nollac.

Mr. Edward Dittinbir also addressed the Council, as did Mr. George Kuehnel on phases other than the method of spreading the assessment.

Councilman Blount moved that the hearing on Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3 be continued to next week (the meeting which will be held November 9, 1960). Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent). Mayor Isen remarked that Mr. Thompson would analyze the protests and, together with the Engineering Department of the City

give a report and recommendation prior to the Council meeting so that it may be studied. In response to a question by City Engineer Nollac, regarding the time of closing the agenda for the next meeting, Councilman Drale moved that the hearing be continued to the regular meeting of November 15, 1960, rather than November 9th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent) and the previous motion setting the continuance to November 9th was, by Council consent, rescinded. 1099

2. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING. Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 4074, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 5 inclusive, described in said resolution to be a public nuisance and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting Parcels 1-64 and 2-64. 1115

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Posting and on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, and unanimously carried by roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent), it was ordered filed. 1115

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard in regard to this Resolution of Intention and Mr. W. J. Ogle of 1984 West 174th Street, appeared and protested the action with respect to his property because of the rabbit hutches on the property and hay which he raises for the feeding of his goats. Also, he objected to weed abatement twice a year. 1115

Councilman Vico moved that permission be granted to Mr. Ogle to raise hay for his goats and maintain the rabbit hutches on the property. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, failed, by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Drale moved to refer the matter to the Department of Public Works and have it brought back for disposition two weeks from this date. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection thereto. 1115

Councilman Beasley expressed himself as being dissatisfied with the way the weed abatement program is being handled, not by the contractor, but by the City, and stated he intends to vote "No" until the situation is changed. 1115

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Ogle to contact Public Works Department the day before the Council meeting which will be held November 15th to ascertain if it is necessary for him to again appear.

Mr. K. T. Price, Production Foreman for Standard Oil Company, also appeared and protested regarding the property of Standard which was posted. He said the property is fairly clean except for the two extreme ends; also the twice-a-year program. He was advised to contact the Department of Public Works. 1115

Councilman Benstead moved to except the properties of W. J. Ogle and the Standard Oil property represented by Mr. Price, and close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection. 1115

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4075

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. 4074.

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Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4075. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4075 with the two exceptions noted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

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3. CASE NO. 666 - Variance - Donald C. Hunt, petitioner. Formal hearing before the City Council on petition for a variance to construct 47 units between 166th and 167th Streets, McDonald Tract, a portion of Lot 49, C-2 zone.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre, and on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, ordered filed.

A letter approving the variance was presented, signed by Clarence O. Locken, 2821 West 167th Street, and a letter in opposition from Wm. K. Doinoff, 2827 West 167th Street.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance, it appearing that the revised exhibit had been presented as set forth in the minutes of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

A short recess was declared and on reconvening, Mayor Isen introduced the new editor of the Torrance Press, Mr. Bill Edmonds.

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Out of regular order on the agenda, to accommodate Mr. John Hayden, representing the Los Colinas Garden Club and the Riviera Garden Club, the written communication listed on the agenda as I-6 was considered. The request was for permission to buy plants and shrubs and to, if possible, use some of the trees donated by Del Amo Estates Company. Mayor Isen instructed Director of Public Works Peebles to have the Park Superintendent, Mr. Clemmer, get in touch with the two garden clubs with the thought of cooperation in the project of beautifying this portion of the City.

PLANNING MATTERS:

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1. Mayor Isen noted that Mr. Bert Lynn, President of the Planning Commission wished to discuss Case No. 662. Prior to hearing Mr. Lynn, Councilman Beasley spoke on what he considers to be an improper use of the prerogatives of the Planning Commission members in using pressure on Council members. He said at his home and at his office he had received many telephone calls about the case under discussion and when the callers were asked on whose advice they called him, they said a member of the Planning Commission. He asked that it be thoroughly understood that Mr. Lynn is an appointee of this Council in an advisory capacity only. Councilman Beasley considers it completely out of order that Mr. Lynn should speak before the Council on a matter which has already been decided by the Council, without being expressly invited to do so by the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to proceed with the next order of business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote showed the motion carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

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Councilman Blount suggested that as long as Mr. Lynn was present and might have some additional information to impart, he should be instructed to present his views in writing and later, if the Council desired, they could interview him. It was the consensus that while the hearing had been closed, the final determination will be at the time the ordinance is voted on to change the zone. After some discussion about the propriety thereof, Councilman Vico asked to have his vote changed to "No" thus creating a tie and causing the motion to fail.

Mr. Bert Lynn came forward by unanimous request of the members of the Planning Commission to express his views on Case No. 662. It is rare, he said, that the Planning Commission asks for reconsideration of a zone change but there are some very good reasons which were not stressed at the last Council meeting. A map had been placed on the south wall of the Council Chamber and Mr. Lynn used it in explaining the area. He stated there had been a zone change three years ago and normally several years are allowed to intervene before a radical change in zoning; the decision to recommend denial was unanimous on the part of the Planning Commission; he hoped the Council would reconsider its decision to approve the change of zone. Mr. Lynn mentioned the Police and Fire problems connected with densely populated apartment areas, the chemical trucks which traverse the immediate area, the problems in connection with added school-age population, park and recreation facilities, and the additional tax burden which the recent school election has shown the people no longer feel able to take. There is now available room for five to six thousand apartment units, he said, not including North Torrance nor WALTERIA. The A-1 zoned property should first be properly taken care of, and the effect of the widening of Del Amo Boulevard. He favored looking at all the R-1 property before turning any manufacturing land into residential areas and not decreasing the industrial acreage which cannot be replaced, until the taxpayers are able to take this additional burden.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business; there was no second. Councilman Beasley suggested that the Planning Director make a study and transmit to the Council a recommendation to use as a guide to future planning and repeated his censure of what he considered to be "pressuring" the Council. The telephone calls which he received he believed were brought about by the fact that he had not been present at the deciding meeting of the Council and those who called must have felt his vote would change the decision. Councilman Benstead mentioned that he had received no calls whatever on the subject. Mayor Isen expressed some agreement with the Planning Commission in their recommendation against the change. He considered it a very important issue and one which should not involve any recriminations. Councilman Beasley said the whole area should be studied with a view to long range future planning instead of passing small areas for change each time a subdivider presents a map. Councilman Drale reminded the Council that when Victor Tract was annexed the whole area was M-1; several hundreds of acres and not one point was raised against rezoning that particular property. He said this particular property in Case No. 662 has been on the market for sale and the owner, Mr. Jessup has a right to dispose of it to his best advantage. This is problem property, too expensive to develop industrially; it has been available for anyone who wanted to so develop it. He called attention to the taxes which would be received from 25 apartment houses, the sales tax the residents would bring in, the necessity of dwelling places for people who come in when industry comes. Mr. Voges was present and said when he first purchased his property it was A-1. He gave up the A-1 because he felt it was subject to being changed to M-1 and M-2. It was no rush deal and he still feels the property is best used and developed as M-2.

Mr. Lee Wilson, 1312 Cordary Avenue, the real estate man who handled the sale to Dan Butcher presented to the Deputy City Clerk three letters from adjoining property owners in favor of the change of zone.

James Cassidy of 3325 Opal Street said there had been presented a petition signed by many property owners protesting the re-zoning. It was identified as one listed on the addenda to the agenda and Mr. Cassidy enlarged on the arguments set forth therein, especially regarding school facilities. Mr. Cassidy pleaded with the Council to slow down in its desire to rezone Torrance from M-1 or A-1 into residential units until the City can digest what it now has.

Dan Butcher of 2371 Torrance Boulevard said if this is left as M-2 it will cost the City a lot to put in Del Amo Boulevard and the sump which will be necessary.

Councilman Blount asked the purpose of this discussion; what is being debated? Mayor Isen said the debate is as to the merits of the action of the City Council in approving the change of zone on Case No. 662, and considering that the matter is now open, Councilman Vico moved to reconsider the action of the Council on Case No. 662. Motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley repeated his contention that the Planning Commission and the Planning Director should make a recommendation for whole areas, not ten-acre tracts; progress will not be held back; more schools will be necessary; people can't be kept out of Torrance; some overall plan must be made on large areas. He feels the Planning Commission has failed in its principal function of such planning. Councilman Beasley, not being one of the voters on the change of zone said he feels that he should abstain from voting on the reconsideration motion now before the Council.

The vote of the Council was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

The motion carried.

The matter was thus before the Council for reconsideration of whether or not to rezone the property under Case No. 662, the recommendation of the Planning Commission being to deny the change.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Drale doubted that this could be done without further notice to the public but City Attorney Remelmeyer said it was his opinion that the Council could reconsider without another public hearing. Mayor Isen said nothing is final until the time for consideration of the ordinance by which the actual change is effected.

The vote on the motion to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

The motion carried.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Planning Commission and Director have ready for the meeting November 15, 1960, their recommendation for the area under consideration. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Councilman Beasley asked to be excused from the balance of the meeting and a recess was declared at 7:20 after which the Council reconvened at 7:35 P.M.

Councilman Blount moved that Items 1 through 9 under AIRPORT MATTERS be postponed until the meeting of the Council which will be held November 9, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

2. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 25969 - C. N. Cake, Subdivider, submitted with recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Final Tract Map as recommended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Beasley absent).

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23157 - C. N. Cake, Subdivider. Submitted with recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Final Tract Map as recommended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead called attention to the fact that the final tract map was not submitted to the Councilmen. He asked that this be done in the future, along with the recommendation.

4. WAIVERS. Recommendation from the Planning Director, approved by the Director of Public Works to approve the following waivers:

- 1. W-192, Patricia A. Whipple, 3312 W. 189th St., request for side yard waiver
- 2. W-193, C. R. Flagg, 1620 Hickory, request for waiver of front yard requirements.
- 3. W-195, R. A. Watt, 16901 S. Western Avenue, waiver of rear yard requirements. On motion by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, all three were granted.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claim of Thomas Naylor for injuries allegedly sustained as the result of an accident on July 29, 1960, at Torrance Pistol Range and the Police Gun Club located at 25851 Crenshaw Boulevard, submitted by Attorneys Bodkin, Breslin and Luddy, 1225 Citizens National Bank Building, Los Angeles 17, California.

Councilman Blount moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

2. Claim of Robert E. Belden, a minor, by Richard Belden, Guardian, for injuries allegedly sustain in an accident with Planning Director Powell on September 9, 1960, submitted by Attorney Joseph D. Flaum, 846 South Beacon Avenue, Los Angeles 17, California.

Councilman Blount moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

3. Walteria Business Women's Club letter dated October 21, 1960, offering "Julie, the Donkey" to Walteria Park.

Councilman Benstead moved the requests contained in the communication be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objection, so ordered.

4. Walter C. Virgil, President, Southwood National Little League, Inc., requesting permission to install artificial lights at their ballpark leased from the City.

Councilman Blount asked if there is any possibility of these lights being a nuisance to anyone and Lighting Engineer Whitmer said he had looked at them and approved. Councilman Blount moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

5. Earl R. Howard, General Manager, State Compensation Insurance Fund, regarding State Compensation Insurance dividend, dated October 6, 1960.

There being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

6. Mrs. Gleason Branch, President, Las Colinas Garden Club, dated October 14, 1960.

This item of business is taken care of on page 4 of these minutes.

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7. Southwood Business Men's Association requesting the completion of Lomita Boulevard to Palos Verdes Boulevard, dated October 7, 1960.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, this matter would be referred to the Department of Public Works for a report and Councilman Drale suggested it be given some priority. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

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8. Messrs. Roland Rogers and O. A. L'Amoreaux, protesting erroneous assessment in the South Torrance Water District.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he and Engineer Thompson had discussed this and may be able to solve it within the next two weeks. A report will be made by the City Attorney at that time.

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9. The Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, regarding the elimination of the crosswalk on El Prado, together with the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer that it not be replaced.

Councilman Drale moved to file the communication. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

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10. N. S. Johnson, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation, regarding the acquisition of beach properties.

Mayor Isen said this is informational only, but suggested it be filed and a copy of the communication sent to the Park & Recreation Commission.

Mr. C. A. Warnecke of 332 Paseo de la Plaza asked for a copy of the communication also and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre referred him to the City Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

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1. Regarding improvement of Del Amo Boulevard from 500 feet east of Crenshaw Boulevard to Maple Avenue.

Mayor Isen asked Director of Public Works Peebles what is being done and Mr. Peebles said the studies are now finished and a meeting will be set up to go over them with Mr. Shaver, who was present. If there is no objection, Mayor Isen said the matter would be held for two weeks. There was no objection. Mr. Shaver will see Mr. Peebles within the next few days.

2. Miscellaneous recommendations.

Personnel:

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That a member of the legal staff and Mr. Egan, Airport Manager, be authorized to attend the Airport Property Management Short Course at Fresno December 1 through 3, 1960. They estimate that the expenditures would not exceed \$200.

Mayor Isen said he would like to have Mr. Egan attend this course but saw no reason for a member of the Legal Staff to do so.

Councilman Drale agreed and moved that Mr. Egan be authorized to attend, with appropriate expenses paid. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Beasley absent).

Expenditures:

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To Inter-City Highway Committee the sum of \$150 for membership dues October 1, 1960 to September 30, 1961.

To Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., the sum of \$2,050.38 for modern radios on motorcycles.

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Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation and approve the two items of expenditure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Baseley absent).

3. Award of contract for auditing services 1960-61 with correspondence forwarded by Mr. Scharfman.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the award of contract to Cotton & Francisco for the sum of \$4,450. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Beasley absent).

4. Council approval of site for Fire Station on Airport. City Manager Stevens said the City is working with the architects and the Federal Aviation Agency. Council approval is needed. Chief Benner displayed a map showing the location proposed. Because of the fact that the State turned the City down on the left turn at the entrance to the Airport, saying that it is private property, Chief Benner thought it would be well to contact the State before actually designating a location. City Engineer Nollac said a signal has been designed and the design sent in for approval.

Councilman Blount moved to tentatively approve the site and then look into the details. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there being no objections, the motion carried.

Councilman Benstead moved that the proper City Department pursue with the State approval of the site and of access into the Airport from the State Highway, and for the signal. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, carried.

5. Requisition #3622, Motorcycle Rental. Memo from Mr. Bone, Assistant City Manager asking for Council decision on whether or not to pay the damage caused to three motorcycles during Los Angeles City Motorcycle Officers' School, due to high dust conditions, in the amount of \$221.22. The rental had been agreed upon but the course was changed which resulted in the damage. Mayor Isen moved the demand be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

6. Personnel Budget Adjustment - Traffic & Lighting Division. This involves merely an amendment in the budget to show the deletion of one Civil Engineering Draftsman and the addition of one Junior Civil Engineer position to more accurately set forth the class specifications in the Division.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Finance to award the contract for the printing of the Finance Director's Third Annual Statement and Report of Financial Condition of the City of Torrance, to Lewellen Press for the amount of \$700.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Street Superintendent, approved by the Director of Public Works to award the contract for one Catch Basin, No. 5 A (2 gate) per LA County Flood Control District Plan No. 2D195, to Long Beach Iron Works for the amount of \$273.52 and one 18" Flat Gate Inlet per LA County Flood Control District Plan No. 2D192, to Armco Drainage and Metal Products for the amount of \$57.01.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

2. Report on Refuse Study submitted by Director of Public Works Peebles.

The question was raised as to whether or not arrangements are being made to go to combined pickup by January 1st. The Council members stated this policy had been declared sometime ago. City Manager Stevens said it would be necessary in that event to buy three pieces of equipment and arrange for some other dumping place. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, City Manager Stevens should make a report and recommendation within a couple of weeks. There was no objection.

3. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles contained in his memorandum of October 27, 1960, regarding repair of Sepulveda Boulevard. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

4. Ornamental Lighting for Major City Streets. Request of Director of Public Works for clarification of Council policy.

Councilman Blount moved to hold this for two weeks for study and recommendation by Mr. Peebles and Mr. Stevens. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen. City Manager Stevens said this is a good time to mention that in tonight's agenda there are \$210,000 worth of work mentioned - there is only \$198,000 left in Unappropriated Reserve. He said we are going to have to stop and look ahead a year, and not appropriate small amounts week by week under no general plan for expenditures for the balance of the year.

A recommendation as to the particular item under discussion will be made in two weeks, or at an appropriate time to be set by City Manager Stevens.

5. Report on Channelization at all Major Intersections in the City.

Councilman Blount complimented the Department for an excellent report and moved to approve it in principle. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered. The report is to be worked out in detail by the Traffic Division and priorities established.

6. Report on Weed Abatement Program submitted by Director of Public Works Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to file the report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, Director of Public Works Peebles said most of the abatement was against railway right of way and State highway property, not city-owned property. Councilman Drale asked that a list be presented of property which needs cleaning up, rather than blanket coverage of excess tonnage.

The motion to file the report passed, there being no objection. Mayor Isen suggested Councilman Drale's thoughts be considered as being Council policy.

7. Street Division. Cleaning and upkeep of State-acquired freeway property within the City.

This involves the lack of cooperation on the part of the State to clean and keep up the freeway property. Mayor Isen said, there being no objection from the Council, Director of Public Works Peebles should use his best discretion to bring about the desired result.

8. Park Division. Moody K-10 Automatic Controller for Anza Avenue Parkway Sprinkler System.

Councilman Benstead noted an error in the computation of the 25% discount. Director of Public Works Peebles said this is a typographical error and will be corrected. Taking into consideration such correction, Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to purchase and pay for the controller. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: Unanimous of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

9. Building Division. Request of Southwood Construction Company for permission to erect billboard to advertise homes for sale, together with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Schlens to approve, bearing in mind that all billboards are to be removed by January 1, 1961.

Councilman Blount moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

10. Engineering Division. Memorandum of agreement for expenditure of gas tax funds for the fiscal year 1960-61.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4076.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4076. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4076. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

11. Proposed Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard across Southern California Edison right of way north of 177th Street.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the proposed improvement and appropriate the \$7,880.00 necessary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

12. Traffic Signal System, intersection of Tulita Avenue, Vista del Parque and Pacific Coast Highway, notice of completion.

Traffic signal has been completed and Councilmen Blount moved to accept the work. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

13. Improvement of Anza Avenue at 231st Street, Notice of completion.

Councilman Blount moved to accept the work, so that final settlement could be made with the contractor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

14. Release of Subdivision Bond, Tract No. 24603.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and Director of Public Works to release the bond. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

15. Acceptance of easement deeds from Torrance Unified School for Street widening purposes.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the easement deeds listed as follows for the purposes as shown:

- 1. Adams Elementary - widening of 237th Street
- 2. Arlington Elementary - widening of 178th Street
- 3. Carr Elementary - widening of 170th Street
- 4. Madison Elementary - widening of Amie Street

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- 5. Madrona Elementary - widening of Madrona Avenue
- 6. Victor Elementary - widening of Spencer St. and Victor St. and 27 feet for future Garnet Street
- 7. North High and Edison Elementary - widening of 182nd St.
- 8. West High - widening of Del Amo Boulevard, Henrietta, Spencer and Victor Streets.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

16. Improvement of Palos Verdes Boulevard. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this communication would be filed as being informational only. There was no objection.

17. Bluff Street Drainage Problems submitted for study only. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection this would be held for two weeks for study by the Councilmen.

Councilman Blount moved that all the rest of the agenda be postponed until the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objections.

Mayor Isen said ORAL COMMUNICATIONS would be waived for this meeting.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have the record show his opinion regarding the signals at the railway crossing near Madrid and Torrance Boulevard. He said the curbs stick out into the street and there is danger of someone being killed there.

Mayor Isen said the Council would be polled at the next meeting for an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission.

In considering the minutes of the meeting held November 1, 1960, Mayor Isen asked that there be inserted on page 12 under his comments on polling the council to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission, the name of John K. Eardley, 2072 Santa Fe Avenue, as the proposed Planning Commission member. With this amendment, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 1, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

be invited to the next Council meeting and City Manager Stevens said that invitation had been extended and Mr. Henderson will be here.

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

Councilman Drale moved to adjourn to November 9, 1960 at 8:00 o'clock P.M.. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley and Bradford absent).

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance
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APPROVED:

Albert Isen
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

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