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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, November 15, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Ed Gregory, the new manager of Southern California Gas Company's local office, led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Glenn Parrish of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Because of the holiday on Friday, November 11, 1960, the minutes were late and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, their consideration would be held until November 22. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure and announced the following information regarding

BIDS:

1. Improvement of Newton Street at Pacific Coast Highway. Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber, November 16, 1960 at 10 A.M. Affidavit of Publication will be presented by the City Clerk. 1093

2. Improvement of Cerise Avenue at 187th Place. Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber November 16, 1960 at 10 A.M. Affidavit of Publication will be presented by the City Clerk. 1326

3. Construction of Sanitary Sewers in Madison Street from 155 feet north of Senefeld Drive to 675 feet south of Senefeld Drive. Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber, November 16, 1960 at 10 A.M. Affidavit of Publication will be presented by the City Clerk. 1335

4. Type K Copper Water Tube. Bids will be opened in the Council Chamber, November 16, 1960 at 10 A.M. Affidavit of Publication will be presented by the City Clerk. 1041

HEARINGS:

1. Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3 continued hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 4053 (1911 Act Improvement). Attached to the agenda were report dated November 7, 1960 from Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, report dated November 9, 1960 from City Engineer, approved by Director of Public Works, and Resolution overruling protests.

Mayor Isen said the hearing has not been closed and anyone who wishes may speak from the audience. 1099

Mrs. Mildred Moore Smith spoke in support of her letter of protest and the verbal protest she had made at the previous portion of the hearing. Mr. Thompson's report stated there was only a five foot easement needed at this location and it could not interfere with any building on the property since it is adjacent to the property

line and the building setback is five feet. Mrs. Smith contends the sewer should have followed a different course and was not satisfied with the explanation given to her.

No one else appearing to be heard, Councilman Blount moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen called attention to the list of property owners who have protested as set forth in the report of Laurence J. Thompson, dated November 7, 1960.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said this is not the time for an absolute order. There will be a hearing on the assessment and the Council will at that time determine the assessment. Councilman Vico asked Mr. Thompson how the various figures were determined. Mr. Thompson said there are 237 lots of which 158 are the same size, 20 are less than sixty feet, and about 70 are larger. Mathematically, it will come out about \$750 per lot, but the Council has the right to change the assessment anyway it wishes. The hearing on the assessment will be advertised in the newspapers and everyone in the district will receive a postcard notice. City Attorney Remelmeyer repeated that this hearing is merely on the work itself and the route the sewer is to follow.

Mayor Isen asked the pleasure of the Council regarding the protests and Councilman Beasley moved to deny them. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4084

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, OVERRULING PROTESTS AND  
OBJECTIONS TO THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION  
OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 4053.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4084. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4084. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

2. Weed Abatement hearing No. 5-1960-61. Resolution of Intention No. 4081, listing parcels 661A-76 through 553-121, to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in said resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 4081, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 20 inclusive, described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the parcels listed on two separate sheets of paper entitled EXCEPTIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 4081, attached to the addendum to the agenda for this meeting.

Councilman Blount said he had received a telephone call regarding weed abatement charges. The complainant had said he received a card saying the charge would be \$15 and now has a bill for \$700. Councilman Beasley had heard from the same property owner. Councilman Blount said the man had also complained of discourteous treatment at City Hall and admonished City Manager Stevens that if such were true, something would have to be done about it. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the complaint would be referred to the City Manager for investigation and report. Councilman Beasley has the legal

property description of the property owner mentioned.

Mayor Isen asked that the list of exceptions mentioned above be incorporated into the record by reference as if set forth herein verbatim.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and, on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent), they were ordered filed.

Mr. W. J. Ogle, 1984 West 174th Street, who had previously appeared, spoke again about his property, adding that since the last time he had appeared before the Council his home has been burglarized. He asked that the weed abatement contractor and his employees be kept away from his property. Director of Public Works Peebles said they have been instructed to stay off the Ogle property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4085

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. 4081.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4085. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4085. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, failed by the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford and Benstead.

In that other weed abatement resolutions have passed in this fiscal year, it was agreed this is an administration problem. Councilman Beasley does not think enough consideration has been given to whether or not a piece of property really needs the service.

Councilman Blount moved the next order of business. Motion, seconded by Councilmen Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

Mrs. Tiberio, 117 West Hardy, Inglewood, complained of the great differential between the \$15.88 charged last year and \$230.71 this year. Mayor Isen instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to investigate and Mrs. Tiberio will consult with him.

3. Case No. 668. Change of Zone. William A. Schultz, Petitioner. Third and Final hearing on petition for change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on Lot 23, Tract 3218, Emerald Street, 295 feet easterly of Victor Street. Recommendation for approval.

Mayor Isen called the attention of Director of Planning Powell to the fact the transmittal form should show that a public hearing is required before the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication and on motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Blount, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 668; there was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

4. Case No. 671. Variance, Petitioner Leo Sidebotham, et al. Formal hearing on petition to construct a second dwelling in an R-1 zone on Lot 7, Block 4, Tract 13901 between Linda Drive and Carol Drive at 23135 Doris Way. Recommendation for denial.

Six letters of protest and five petitions, each bearing numerous signatures, were received opposing the granting of the variance. One letter of approval was received.

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

Councilman Blount moved to close the hearing; there was no objection and it was so ordered.

Mr. Harlan Curwick, Planning Technician of Redondo Beach was present and thanked the Council for the notice which the City of Redondo Beach had received of the hearing. He stated the Planning Department at Redondo Beach will reciprocate on property which lies near the boundary between the two cities.

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

5. Case No. 667. Variance. Kenneth Christofferson, Petitioner. This is a resubmittal of a request first submitted to the Council on October 18, 1960, and referred back to the Planning Commission. The recommendation is that the petitioner put a new home on the front of the lot and move the present home to the rear. The new home is to be built compatible to the other homes in the area.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation and conditions set forth by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

6. Vacation Proceedings. Hearings on Resolutions of Intention No. 4059 for vacation of certain reserved easements in 244th Street; No. 4060 for vacation of alley south of 182nd Street; No. 4061 for vacation of portions of 183rd and Elgar Avenue, and No. 4062 vacation of alley parallel to and northwesterly of Palos Verdes Boulevard from Via Valencia.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Publication on each of the above listed resolutions and Councilman Beasley moved they be accepted and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the resolutions listed to vacate certain properties and the City Attorney to prepare the respective resolutions to effect the vacations, at such time as the conditions set forth in each instance have been met. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Case No. 662 - Roger Jessup. Letter from Planning Director Powell approved by Director of Public Works Peebles re extension of time.

The reason given was that the Planning Commission does not meet until November 16th. Mayor Isen said an extension would be given to November 22, if there was no objection; there was none.

2. Case No. 602, Dan E. Butcher. Letter from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, letter from Dan E. Butcher dated November 8, 1960 addressed to the Planning Commission, and letter dated November 9, 1960 to Planning Commission from Robert J. Magdlen, Attorney at Law.

Mr. Butcher has sold the property and is requesting withdrawal of consideration of a change of zone on a portion of Lot 21, Tract 2895 northeast corner of Victor Street and Spencer.

Councilman Blount moved to rescind former action on Case No. 602. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that, out of regular order on the agenda, the Council now consider the Report re Torrance Water District No. 3, Assessment Nos. 574-A and 574-B, Lot 40, Tract No. 437, because Laurence J. Thompson, the Assessment Engineer, had to leave to attend another Council meeting, in Redondo Beach.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the report and recommendation of the City Attorney and, under the conditions set forth in that report, to appropriate the sum of \$151.54 to pay the assessment on No. 574-C. The split has been made as set forth in Mr. Remelmeyer's report and this is the amount the City should pay on the parcel which was dedicated for street purposes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

3. Case No. 619. R. A. Watt, Change of Zone. Proposed ordinance reclassifying property for first reading.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1207

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 619.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1207 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

4. Proposed Alley between Hawthorne and Neece Avenue. This item of business was not considered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Verified claim dated November 15, 1960, of Le Vane and Gordon Forsythe against the City of Torrance for alleged breach of contract occurring on September 14, 1960, and claiming \$1,946.10 damages. Mayor Isen moved to deny the claim. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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2. Memo dated November 4, 1960, from License Inspector Whitacre to City Manager Stevens re sale of parking permits on City-controlled parking lots.

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Only 8 of these parking permits were sold in October and Mr. Whitacre does not believe it is feasible to continue issuing them. Councilman Blount moved to discontinue issuing parking permits, based on Mr. Whitacre's findings reported in the communication listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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3. Letter dated November 1, 1960, from Don Cortum, Acting Chairman of the Torrance City Committee for Decent Literature and Publications, asking for approval of a certain letter proposed to be mailed to all magazine retailers in the City.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is some possibility of individual liability in such action and Mayor Isen asked that this item of business be held and set up at some convenient time for a pre-Council meeting.

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4. City Manager Stevens asked that Item 4, Letter from R. A. Watt, concerning property at 3417 West 174th Street, dated November 1, 1960, be held over for one week. There being no objection, Mayor Isen said it would be so ordered.

A recess was declared at 6:20 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

5. Letter dated November 1, 1960 from Brown & Stewart, co-owners of a service station at 2326 Torrance Boulevard regarding the curbs put in at the time the Santa Fe installed the new railroad crossing signal.

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Mayor Isen remarked that they seem to be asking for the Council to condone traveling for a short distance the wrong direction on a one-way street. Councilman Drale said he thought the installation by Santa Fe was very crude and Councilman Blount agreed.

Director of Public Work Peebles explained this installation was made as the result of a PUC investigation following an accident in which a person was killed at this crossing. In order to put in this Class A safety signal, it was necessary to put in the curb. Councilman Beasley suggested another curb at the west end of the service station might prevent people from going into the one-way street. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, he thought the Council should order the communication filed and asked Traffic Engineer Whitmer to call on the owners of the service station and see if some arrangement might be made which would be mutually satisfactory. There was no objection, but Councilman Drale said he would like to see the letter saying that the PUC insisted that the installation be made as it is.

6. Communication dated October 24, 1960, enclosing copy of resolution of Transportation Committee of Los Angeles County Division League of California Cities, regarding the MTA proposal for new and additional legislation incidental to the establishment of a mass rapid transit system in the Los Angeles area.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer said he believes the Transportation Committee would like to have the Torrance City Council's concurrence in the resolution. Councilman Drale moved to so concur and to instruct City Attorney Remelmeyer to write an appropriate letter in reply. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

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7. Communication dated October 20, 1960 from Kissel Homes regarding proposed blockade of a twenty-foot alley near Vista Montana because of unsuitable use of the alley by "teenage hot-rodders".

City Manager Stevens said he had already referred this letter to both the Police and Fire Departments and they found no objection to the request under the conditions as indicated.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in Mr. Stevens' action and to permit the proposed blockade to be erected. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there being no objection, it was ordered carried.

Mayor Isen requested that all these communications come to the Council with a written notation of the City Manager's recommendation, whether approval or rejection, even though this may make the item of business appear a week later on the Council's agenda. 1053

Mr. Abe Robinson reported that the Christmas decorations downtown had been installed and apologized for not having had the Council's previous approval. He asked approval of their installation and for permission to illuminate them on the day after Thanksgiving. Permission was so granted by motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection. 1062

8. Communication from D. S. Collins asking for clarification and re-evaluation of the ordinance requiring direct visual proximity by the attendant with the Washers at the coin operated laundry business located at 23908 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, California. 1241

Mr. Collins was present and spoke along the lines of his letter. Councilman Beasley thought the ordinance should be clarified. Councilman Drale feels the ordinance is keeping out some businesses which would be helpful to Torrance people as Torrance is the only city which requires a full time attendant in strict visual proximity to the machines. Mayor Isen is not in favor of the all-night type of coin operated laundry and Councilman Blount said maybe it is a good type of business to lose.

Mayor Isen recommended that the matter be referred to the City Attorney to determine if there is anything that distinguishes this case from the Miller matter which has already been turned down. Councilman Blount moved the Council leave the intent of the ordinance as it is at the present time. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which passed by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer is to review the ordinance in accordance with Mayor Isen's suggestions above.

9. Letter from George M. Gary, District Airport Engineer, dated November 8, 1960, approving in general the plans for the Airport control tower at Torrance Airport and suggesting minor changes. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the changes, which have been discussed at the Airport Committee meetings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent). 1009  
Tower

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. Petition bearing signatures of seven property owners on Cabrillo Avenue requesting installation of curbs and sidewalks and requesting if this is in order that the City Engineer prepare a preliminary report. 1370

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request to institute proceedings under the provisions of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California designated as the "Improvement Act of 1911" for the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalk in a portion of Cabrillo Avenue, Tract No. 1952, and instruct the City Engineer to prepare a preliminary report. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. Report of study of refuse collection and disposal. Councilman Drale said this shows the results of a meeting between Director of Public Works Peebles, City Manager Stevens, Assistant City Manager Bone and Director of Finance Scharfman. One Councilman, he said, had indicated he would like to have the system remain as is until the Council decided whether or not to go to bid on the particular project. There was a tentative plan that maybe by January 1st, the City would go to combined pickup service. Mayor Isen thought it should be advertised for bids right away. Mr. Stevens said bids should be received no later than March 1st and then a decision should be made which would become effective July 1st. A full set of specifications will be out very soon and all Councilmen will receive copies. After they are approved by the Council they will go out to the bidders for return on or before March 1st. Councilman Beasley was disturbed by the loss of revenue from commercial accounts.

This report was on the agenda because it was requested, and Mayor Isen said, there being no objections, it would be ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Report on Lomita Boulevard Extension, per Council request.

Mayor Isen remarked that this is informational only and suggested the report be filed. Councilman Drale asked that it be given some priority. Councilman Beasley thought after Anza and Del Amo, this will be next. It involves the expenditure of \$501,000 which Director of Public Works Peebles explained would be in three main steps so that the three priorities would be set up to show the three phases of the project which would total \$501,000.

Mayor Isen said for the time being, it could not be considered, but there is nothing against postponing it for next year's budget. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

2. Ornamental Lighting for major City street, resubmitted.

City Manager Stevens said he would recommend getting a cost estimate for this year and for next year. Accordingly, it was referred to the City Manager and Public Works Department for estimate of cost.

3. Communication from Director of Public Works Peebles re. requisition for excavation and reconstruction 3" A.C. on 9" base at 231st and Anza.

This would involve \$366.30 and came up under a policy laid down some time back by the Council, where the work was in progress and it was impractical to stop it for obtaining Council approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to appropriate the \$366.30. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford and Councilman Benstead absent).

4. Building Division. Letter from A-1 Photo, Inc., and Tines Clothes for Men, requesting permission to erect a neon sign. Comments of Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection attached.

This proposed sign is a joint effort by the two petitioners, but the two signs joined by an arrow outlined in neon, together, make too large an installation for the frontage measurement. Both business people were present and verbally presented their request, which Councilman Blount deemed to be a request for an exception to a well established rule. Councilman Beasley moved to require the two petitioners to work with Mr. Schlens toward arriving at an attractive design which would come within the formula. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

5. Bids for improvement of existing pumping facilities at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge and award of contract. The low bidder is E. Willardson, Inc. with an offer of \$6,363.63. This item had been advertised before and sent back for re-advertising. City Manager Stevens recommended approval of the award to the low bidder. Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent). 1006

6. Improvement of Parking Lot at Cravens Avenue and Marcelina Avenue and award of contract.

Out of three proposals submitted, the lowest was from John W. Tiedemann in the amount of \$3,251.

Councilman Blount did not understand how on nine items there could be only three bidders. Business is not that good. Director of Public Works Peebles told of the telephone calls and follow-ups made, but said unfortunately contractors are not interested in small jobs. 1195

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to John W. Tidemann for the amount of \$3,251.

A recess was declared at 7:10 and the Council reconvened at 7:20 P.M.

Director of Public Works Peebles said this consideration is on City property only. The location, sign and the construction of the City lot was approved some time ago and now it has been advertised for bid. The Council agreed with the Chamber of Commerce that the only thing the City is responsible for is okaying the location of the sign. Councilman Drale questioned the ability of Home Savings to get in and out of their building. The sign is on City property. The motion of Mayor Isen was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford and Benstead.

7. Cancellation-Adjustment list on Weed Abatement Program, dated November 10, 1960, signed by Director of Public Works Peebles and the contractor, Phillip I. Haddan.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the cancellation and adjustment list as set out. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: 1114

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Vico, Isen

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford and Benstead.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER COMMISSION:

1. Letter from Mervin M. Schwab, Chairman Water Commission re Main Extension Policy. 1342

Mayor Isen asked if this item might be studied for another week so that it might be considered by the whole Council. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Letter dated November 9, 1960 of analysis of proposed amendments to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. 1338

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection. 1276

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4086

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 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO AUTHORIZE AND ATTEST AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT AND STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT IN CASE NO. 506,806 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ENTITLED "CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY ET AL VS. CITY OF COMPTON, ET AL".

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 4086. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1208

1300  
1292  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW ARTICLE III RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT: REQUIRING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND THE DEDICATION OF STREET RIGHT OF WAY AS A CONDITION OF CONSTRUCTING ANY BUILDING, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND LIMITING THE WIDTH OF DRIVEWAY OPENINGS.

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 1208 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens mentioned a letter regarding sanitary sewers in the oil field area and said he would put it on the agenda for next week.
2. Councilman Beasley asked if anything further has been done about condemning Lomita Water Company. City Attorney Remelmyer said the approval of the City of Los Angeles had been obtained and the approval of the Board of Light and Power. They instructed their attorneys to make one offer prior to condemnation. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Remelmyer have been calling them regularly since then and they evidently still plan to make that offer according to a telephone call Mr. Stevens had this week.
3. Councilman Blount said he plans to attend the meeting in New York, principally for the purpose of going on to Washington on the matter of the Airport restrictions. He is compiling a dossier of files to take with him and hopes to be able to get the restrictions lifted. Mr. Blount is to leave for the East on November 27th.

4. Councilman Drale said the parkway trees in the Torrance Gardens area are growing into the sewers. He said what he considered to be an incorrect opinion had been given by someone at City Hall to the people in that area about their right to dig up the sewers to the middle of the street. He said this should be a City responsibility and asked that a policy be established. Director of Public Works Peebles said he had given the opinion based on his understanding that the policy in Torrance as well as a great number of cities in Los Angeles County has been exactly that. He said the City has never to his knowledge cleaned private laterals except in an emergency. The City would be faced with quite a maintenance problem if it undertook the responsibility of cleaning laterals. His understanding is that the property owner must maintain the lateral out to the main line and the City maintains that. Councilman Drale did not agree with the policy as set out by Mr. Peebles.

Mayor Isen said he would like to have time to study the problem and asked City Engineer Nollac to prepare a report on how this problem is handled in other cities.

5. Mayor Isen said he is very disturbed about the number of remarks about City employees being discourteous. He asked that the City Manager send out a directive to heads of departments asking that all employees be instructed to show courtesy in dealing with the public.

6. Councilman Beasley said he has received two telephone calls in the last few weeks commenting on courteous treatment by bus drivers.

7. Councilman Vico said the Boy Scouts Troop 998 want to paint some addresses on curbs and had asked for a free license. License Inspector Whitacre suggested they come in and fill out an application. The Council has adopted a policy regarding size, color, etc. Mayor Isen moved that subject to Mr. Whitacre's approval, the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead absent).

8. Councilman Vico also said he had a telephone call asking that a letter be written to the Narcotics Division of Los Angeles asking that some age limit be set to prevent teen-agers purchasing such things as headache remedies and some kind of cough syrup. It was the general opinion of the Council that this is not within the City's jurisdiction.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

*A. H. Bartlett*  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance  
 California

APPROVED:

*Robert Isen*  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
 Minute Secretary

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