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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, December 6, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Vico, Isen. Councilman Blount joined the meeting at 5:35 P.M. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Albert Levitt led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Drale, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 29, 1960, were approved as written, there being no objections, additions or corrections thereto.

Mayor Isen asked that the matter listed on the agenda under Building Division: Request from Kinney Shoe Store to erect a sign at 20616 Hawthorne Avenue, be considered at this time to accommodate the attorney for Kinney, who had to be in Los Angeles at 6:30 P.M. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation that the request be granted subject to the stipulation that the Kinney permit not be issued until the new location of the Bay Crest Sanitarium sign can be determined by agreement of both parties and the Building Division in accordance with the recommendation of Jack McKinnon, Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and proceeded with the items set forth in the agenda, as follows:

HEARINGS:

1. Case No. 673. Change of Zone. Albert Levitt, petitioner. Third and final hearing before the City Council for a change of zone from A-1 to R-3, Tract 454, Lots 35 through 39, situated on Southeast corner of 226th and Ocean Avenue, with letter of transmittal recommending approval, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 6, 1960.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 673; there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone from A-1 to R-3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

2. Case No. 674. Change of Zone. Irving Schandling, petitioner. Third and final hearing before the City Council for change of zone from A-1 to C-3 of a portion of Lot B Rancho Los Palos Verdes situated at Lomita and Palos Verdes Boulevard, with letter of transmittal recommending approval, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 16, 1960.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 674; there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen called attention to the note relative to building of a 6' masonry wall along the east property line.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with the agreement that a 6' masonry wall be erected as agreed by the petitioner. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

3. Case No. 677. Variance. Floyd M. Williams, petitioner. Hearing on request for variance to construct an additional two-bedroom house on R-1 Lot, with letter of transmittal recommending denial, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 16, 1960, and detailed map.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 677; there was no reply.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale said a majority of the people in the area are in favor of R-2 zoning and he believes it should go back to the Planning Commission. Councilman Benstead said if everyone is in favor of a change of zone, it should come up in that way, not as a request for variance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to deny Case No. 677. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

4. Case No. 678. Variance. James A. Tanner, petitioner. Hearing on request for variance to construct an additional three-bedroom house on an R-1 lot, with letter of transmittal recommending denial, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, and detailed map.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard and Mrs. James A. Tanner came forward and presented a petition containing approximately 65 signatures for a change of zone. The hearing was closed.

This is the next lot to the lot which was considered under Case No. 677 and involves the same kind of situation.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the variance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Director of Planning Powell suggested the petition be referred to the Planning Commission as a change of zone for the entire block. The petition presented by Mrs. Tanner was accepted by the Deputy City Clerk and Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter of rezoning this area to the Planning Commission, together with the petition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

5. Case No. 679. Variance. Otto Maier, Petitioner, to construct an additional house on an R-1 lot, with letter of transmittal recommending approval, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 16, 1960, detailed map, and letter of protest from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 679; there was no reply.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance asked. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented affidavit of publication covering the five cases, Nos. 673, 674, 677, 678 and 679 and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen called attention to the letter of protest from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward. Councilman Beasley pointed out that the entire Ocean Street is R-2 and Neece Street is R-2 and the usage of fully one-half of the property on Los Codona is R-2. Director of Planning Powell agreed that over a period of years there have been other units built on some of the lots. Mayor Isen said apparently it is the same type of situation as in North Torrance and if the neighborhood is in favor of it, why not go for a change of zone, rather than spot zoning? Councilman Vico suggested it be referred back to the Planning Commission for consideration of rezoning but Councilman Drale does not think it would be fair to the people who have made this petition through regular channels. Others who want rezoning should come in under their own petition. Councilman Beasley suggested the Council pass this and then ask the Planning Commission to study the whole street.

Roll call on the motion to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission failed by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission with instructions to look into rezoning the whole block to R-2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount who suggested the motion conform with the motions made in the two previous cases heard this evening, to refer the Planning Commission for study and institution of proceedings to change the zoning of the whole block, if that is found to be advisable, and that the people involved be notified. There was no objection and the motion carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Burton W. Chace, letter dated November 28, 1960, acknowledging receipt of Resolution No. 4092 urging the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to adopt a policy establishing a more equitable distribution of highway users tax funds received by the County and the cities within the County. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the communication would be filed. There was none.

2. Assistant City Manager Leach, Redondo Beach, dated November 23, 1960, re request for crossing guard, with recommendations from Police Chief Bennett and Traffic Engineer Whitmer.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Police Chief and Traffic Engineer not to approve participation in the establishment of a crossing guard at the intersection of Emerald and Prospect Avenues. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

3. Southwood Construction Co., dated November 28, 1960, request for permission to maintain signs and billboards until January 1, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request for extension of time. City Attorney Remelmeyer said under these circumstances, a like extension should be granted to all real estate subdivision signs; that one subdivider should not be singled out for preference. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to develop a method for handling these requests for extension if and when they come in. Councilman Beasley said each should be considered on its own merits. Councilman Vico seconded Councilman Drale's motion, which carried, there being no objection.

4. Communication dated December 1, 1960, from Water Superintendent McVicar re Assessment District payments, with concurrence of the City Manager.

The communication stated the City Attorney has suggested that a deed of trust be obtained from certain property owners and recorded, and a time limit of one year be allowed for payment in full.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the solution as set forth in the communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

5. Civil Service Board report and recommendation regarding work performed by Eugene F. Moreno, Mechanic's Helper, out of classification.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation set forth by the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead questioned City Manager Stevens as to how long and for what reason this problem occurred and there followed a long discussion of the case in particular and administrative and personnel problems in general. Several members of the Civil Service Board were present and both Mr. Morehart, the Chairman, and Mr. Russell, a member of the Board, spoke. It was the general opinion that an investigation should be made of the incident and Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Stevens to prepare a documented report and present it to the Council within thirty days; also to investigate and report any incident in which it appears that a city employee is not following instructions of Administration.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Expenditures:

1. To Mack Trucks, Inc. to furnish and install parts for press gears on new shaft for Engine No. 2, Fire Department, the sum of \$502.73, a budget item.

2. To Pacific Union Metal for Marbelite Pole at Cravens and El Prado, the sum of \$376.99.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve expenditures listed as 1 and 2 above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Appropriations:

1. For removal of trees from Del Amo Nursery, the sum of \$5,000.

2. To Daly City for one ten-ton crane (surplus) with 3/8 yard clam bucket, the sum of \$560.

3. To DiSalvo Trucking Co. for freight and all charges to transport ten-ton crane from Daly City to Torrance, the sum of \$395, being the lowest bidder.

Councilman Blount moved to approve appropriations listed as 1, 2 and 3 above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Bids:

Councilman Beasley moved that the low bids for automotive equipment, as indicated on the SUMMARY OF BIDS RECEIVED, 1961 AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES by circling the items representing the low bids in each classification, be accepted and contracts awarded therefor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Insurance:

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the insurance coverage on the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines be increased as indicated in the letter from Lund Company dated

December 1, 1960, the increased cost amounting to approximately \$37.50 per month. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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 each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4096

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CANCEL AN ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS.

Councilman Blount asked if the amount, \$51,410 will be reallocated within the City and City Engineer Nollac said it would go back into our account for County Aid To Cities, to reallocate to some other project; it is accumulative. Councilman Blount, noting especially that it is accumulative, moved for adoption of the resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

A recess was declared at 6:05 and the Council reconvened at 6:15 P.M.

WEED ABATEMENT MATTERS:

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Douglas Horlander of the Public Works Department to assist in handling the list of complaints on the price and/or quality of work performed under the 1959-60 program, as follows: (continuing the numbering of the individual cases from those considered at last week's meeting)

Case No. 13 (submitted again) H. G. Milligan, 5007 Torrance Boulevard, total tax bill \$453.42.

At the first consideration of this case, Mr. Milligan was out of town and a decision was held up pending his return. Mrs. Milligan was present and protested the manner in which the program was accomplished. Mr. Horlander explained the method of keeping records on what is removed from each parcel by parcel numbers, weight tickets, etc. The recommendation of the Public Works Department was to accept Mr. Haddan's offer to waive \$41.22 of his charge in the interest of good public relations and that the City waive an equal amount, leaving the bill \$370.98. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The motion carried.

Case No. 17 (resubmitted) Harry H. Rappaport, total bill \$1,099.12.

The original complaint on this bill was from the standpoint of the lessee. The owner, Mr. Rappaport, has requested that he be allowed to resubmit his case. Mr. Rappaport spoke, saying the property belongs to his son who resides in New Haven. It was brought out this is a matter of cleaning up oil spillage; that no one was forced into the program; there was ample opportunity for each owner to clean his own land.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that the bill in the amount of \$1,099.12 stand and the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Case No. 18, Anna Clark, 412 Holmwood Drive, Newport Beach, California
 Total bill \$395.56.

There was no complaint on behalf of the owner; however, the lease holder of the Clark property, J. B. Graner, complained that the work was either not accomplished, or not accomplished in the quantities reflected in the bill. It was pointed out that the property is even now in deplorable condition and has an open oil sump in violation of the City code. Mr. Horlander presented pictures taken today at the property

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that the entire bill stand. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to interview the persons who have studied the situation and determine whether or not there has been violation of the ordinance regarding open sumps and if so, institute a criminal complaint against the violators.

Case No. 19. William J. Cox, 111 E. Philadelphia, Rm. 601, Whittier.
 Total bill \$244.64.

After the Council's consideration of the observations on this parcel, Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the entire bill stand. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Case No. 20. California Southern Oil Company, 2052 W. 233rd St., Torrance. Mr. Larry J. Lasky, Treasurer. Total bill on three parcels, \$145.86, \$224.73 and \$292.05 respectively.

Mr. Lasky was present and made an oral protest.

The recommendation was to leave the first two amounts as is, and reduce the third by \$65.50 on behalf of the contractor and by all but \$10. of administrative charge, leaving \$200 instead of \$292.05.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation.

Mr. Lasky contends that the price estimate made by Mr. Haddan and the price actually charged are not in agreement. Councilman Drale again stressed that each owner had the opportunity to clean up his own property or ask for an extension of time; there are set rules as to the charges; the Council cannot challenge the honesty of the contractor. Councilman Blount considers the biggest mistake has been in decision of what is, and what is not, considered to be rubbish. He wondered whether some personal property had not been disposed of as rubbish in the two and one-half years of the program, under four different City inspectors, with very little, if any, supervision. He believes the authority has been vested in one man, and improperly. Councilman Beasley agreed that the man who administers the program, representing the City, needs to have a great deal of judgment and capability. California Southern Oil Company, he said, has kept its property fairly clean. City Attorney Remelmeyer promised to send the City Prosecutor to the oil fields tomorrow to investigate.

Councilman Drale's motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen said as far as he knows, no complaint has been made of anything of value being removed. If people don't have enough pride in their City to see that rubbish is cleaned up, his neighbors will see that it is done through the Council. He did not think there is any problem in determining what is, and what is not, rubbish.

Case No. 22. Martha E. Riggle, 2555 El Dorado, Torrance, Total bill \$135.37.

Mrs. Riggle was not present.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the total bill stand. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Case No. 23. W. B. Cornett, 2751 E. 11th Street, Los Angeles 23. Total bill \$303.16.

Mr. Arthur Nightingale, the operator for Mr. Cornett, was present and spoke on behalf of Mr. Cornett. The property is a one-acre tract in the oil fields. The street address is 237th Street East of Pennsylvania. The recommendation is that the bill stand, with the exception of \$3.30 mathematical error in favor of Mr. Cornett; leaving a corrected bill of \$299.86.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Case No. 24. Laura Barrone, total tax bill \$145.86.

Mr. F. M. Betts, the oil operator on the property was present and disputed the claim of Mr. Horlander that there is an open oil tank on the property. Mr. Betts said he had everything cleared up and piled ready to move when the contractor came in and took it all away; that had had no notice of intended abatement of weeds or removal of rubbish. Mr. Betts said at the most the cost of removing what was removed should not be over \$25; furthermore, the contractor took some logs from the neighbor's property and charged it to this property.

Councilman Drale moved that the bill stand. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen. There was some conflict between Mr. Betts and Mr. Haddan as to what was removed and in the presence of whom.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Case No. 25. Theodore W. Smith, 2310 West 239th St., total bill \$663.63.

This, also, is in the oil field. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the bill stand. This covers two lots, a total of 55 x 100 feet. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Case No. 26, Church of Christ, P. O. Box 2041, Torrance. Total bill \$311.95.

The recommendation is that the City waive \$258.60 for rubbish removal as well as an administrative charge of \$25.86, making the total bill only \$27.49 because the inspector cannot remember the actual operation.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously (Councilman Bradford absent).

Case No. 27. Jake Zwaagstri, 22845 Hawthorne Boulevard, total bill \$1,144.88.

Mr. Zwaagstri was present and stated he could have had the work done for at the most half the price charged. This is a case where the owner had taken possession of the property only two days prior to the weed abatement operation. There was some dispute as to dates and Mayor Isen recommended that the owner and the contractor confer and report back later in this evening's meeting. (The completion of this item of business appears under Oral Communications at the end of this evening's minutes).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Storm Emergency Report.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the report would be filed. There was none.

2. Building Division. Request for refund on building permit to Sunset Pools, with comment and recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to make the refund of \$9.60 for the reasons set forth in the communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

3. Request from Kinney Shoe Store to erect sign - this matter is reported at the first of this evening's minutes.

4. Engineering Division. Drainage at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Ainsworth Avenue. Report of City Engineer Nollac dated December 1, 1960, approved by the Director of Public Works Peebles.

Mayor Isen asked how much money this involves and City Engineer Nollac said it would be in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to \$50,000 but that plans are not complete enough to make a final estimate. City Manager Stevens was asked by Mayor Isen to keep this in mind in establishing priorities and Mr. Stevens answered that first will be priorities for what is left out of the unappropriated reserve after the winter season. Councilman Drale had wanted to know whether or not the contractor who did some work there had done what he was supposed to do. City Engineer Nollac said the work was done, but while it helped, it did not solve the problem.

5. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the easement deeds transmitted by letter dated November 30, 1960 from the City Engineer and Director of Public Works, approved by the City Attorney and City Manager, as follows:

1. From C. M. Colwell, et al under date of Sept 23, 1960 portion of Lot 29, La Fresa Tract, for widening 171st St.
2. From Berle R. Conner, et al, by document dated September 15, 1960, portions of Lots 88 and 89 in Tract No. 639 for the widening of 230th St. and future 230th Place.

3. From The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles dated Sept 8, 1960, portion of Lot 1 (Susana Dominguez 1021.52 acre allotment) for storm drain and appurtenances thereto.
4. From John A. Alford and Caroline B. Thompson, by document dated July 29, 1960, portions of Lot 7 in Tract No. 437, for widening 236th St. and for future 235th Place.
5. From El Nido Church of Christ, dated Sept 26, 1960, portions of Lot 7 in Tract No. 437, for the widening of 236th St. and for future 235th Place.
6. From Charles Shebairo, et al. dated Sept 23, 1960, portion of Lot 143, Tract No. 15933 for storm drain and appurtenances thereto.
7. From C. L. Beasley, et al, dated October 31, 1960, portions of Lots 8 and 9, Tract No. 5925 for the widening of Carson St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. Mayor Isen announced that consideration of the intersection of New Arlington and Old Arlington Avenues had been removed from the agenda at the request of Mr. Whitmer because Mr. Ebbinghouse of U. S. Gypsum is out of town. It will be considered next week.
2. Recommendation of installation of a 50' passenger loading zone in front of 17515 Crenshaw Boulevard to accommodate a number of businesses. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 4097

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 Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 4097. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Bradford absent).

3. Recommendation that the request for stop signs for east and west bound traffic on Calle Mayor at Calle Miramar be denied at this time. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation as set out. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.
4. Recommendation that the Halison Street entrance to the Tordondo Little League Ball Park be closed to vehicular traffic until the League complies with the terms of its lease for this ball park, as set forth in Section 7, Safety Provisions. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

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Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

5. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of the State Division of Highways Speed Zone studies for Hawthorne Avenue, which proposes the following:

- a. 50 miles per hour, which is existing, from Pacific Coast Highway to 228th St.
- b. 45 miles per hour from 228th St. north to just south of 190th St.
- c. 40 miles per hour from just south of 190th St. to south of 174th St.
- d. No change in speed limit from south of 174th St. north. Existing speed limit is 35 miles per hour.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of the proposed channelization of the intersection of Border Avenue, 213th St., Torrance Boulevard and Cabrillo Avenue, at a cost of approximately \$300. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4098

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF CERTAIN RESERVED EASEMENTS IN 244TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4098. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4099

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE FIRST ALLEY SOUTH OF 182ND STREET FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO THE FIRST ALLEY EAST OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4099. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF 183RD STREET AND ELGAR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4100. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1210

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.76 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR UNLIMITED PARKING ON CITY-OWNED OR CITY-CONTROLLED PARKING LOTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1210 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed December 9 through 15th as BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK and urged all citizens to familiarize themselves with the ten amendments making up the Bill of Rights.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Engineer Nollac said that on August 30, 1960, the Council finally approved Tract Map 25869. Subsequently, it was found that the Standard Oil Company's rights were not clear and it was necessary to put their note of easements, etc., on the map. After the notations were made and the map redated, it is necessary that the Council approve the map as annotated in order for it to be recorded.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the map as annotated in accordance with City Engineer Nollac's request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

2. Mayor Isen said the officials of Del Amo Estates Company have asked that the presentation of plans for development of their property be postponed until the meeting to be held December 20 at 5:30 P.M. At that time they plan to make known some important news. After the Council meeting on that day they have asked that the Council members, the City Manager, the City Engineer, the Planning Director and the City Attorney be their guests for dinner at the new International House of Pancakes.

3. Mayor Isen announced that Mr. Bone is doing fine and will be back at City Hall, probably on Thursday, and that Mr. Peebles is getting along very nicely after major surgery today.

4. Mayor Isen announced with respect to Mr. Mellinger's resignation from the Traffic Safety Council that on Mr. Bradford's return he will suggest a person to take his place. It had been mistakenly reported last week that Mr. Mellinger was the appointment of Councilman Benstead.

5. Mayor Isen asked if a decision had been reached on the Zwaagstri weed abatement case. Mr. Haddan, the contractor, said he had agreed to cut the hand loading cost to \$10 per ton in the interests of public relations and because the inspector may not have been there when he should have been. Also, considering that the owner had only purchased the land two days before, the total bill was reduced to \$639.00.

On motion by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the reduction of the bill to \$639 was approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

6. Mr. Horlander said there are two other bills on which corrections should be made because of errors in billing: P. Murphy and a Mr. Mendez. He asked that the corrections be made, it being understood that there is no loss to the City, the contractor taking a loss because of errors in billing. Mayor Isen said that would be considered sufficient identification of the bills for the time being.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the corrections to be made. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

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APPROVED:

Robert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance