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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 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 13, 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, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen.  
ABSENT: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Sergeant at Arms Buck Ingram, led salute to our Flag.

The Reverend David O. Beadles of the Walteria Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 6, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

There was present in the audience Mr. Richard Saporita with members of his Citizenship Class. They were welcomed by Mayor Isen, and Mr. Saporita told of the various countries represented by members of the class. Mayor Isen invited the individual members of the class to attend Council meetings at any time.

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

BIDS:

1. Improvement of Arlington Avenue from 166th Street to the Dominguez Channel. Bids will be opened at 10 A.M. on December 14, 1960, in the Council Chamber.

HEARINGS:

1. Case No. 654. Change of Zone. Jack Purcell, petitioner. Third and final hearing before the City Council for change of zone from A-1 and R-3 to M-1 and P. Portion of Lot 18, McDonald Tract, with letter of explanation from Planning Director Powell, letter from Irvin A. James, letter of transmittal recommending approval, location sketch, and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 16, 1960.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard regarding Case No. 654 and Mr. Irvin A. James came forward, representing CBS, and said he believed the only open item was in regard to dedication on 190th Street. He called attention to letters in the file from CBS and read in its entirety another letter dated December 13, 1960 from Jack B. Purcell, Assistant Secretary of CBS, offering to dedicate as needed a strip up to 20 feet in width northerly of the southerly line of Lot 18, McDonald Tract, beginning at the easterly boundary thereof and extending westerly to the beginning of the radius, when the intersection of 190th and Hawthorne Boulevard is fully studied and a positive plan for the correction of the present poor intersection has gone into final planning stages. Mr. James said he was sure CBS would be willing to execute an agreement to that effect. The letter was received and ordered filed.

Mrs. John P. Wisler, owner of property on Ashley Avenue, also spoke, asking for clarification as to the usage to be made under the proposed M-1 zoning. Mr. David Cleveland of the Planning Division

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explained in general what type of usage would be made of M-1 land and said an attempt would be made to screen the type of manufacturing so as not to be objectionable.

City Engineer Nollac told of the advantages which will accrue under the new Commercial and Industrial Improvement Ordinance, No. 1208, in this type of situation. He also stated on the map there is a slight inaccuracy; that the east line of the property actually aligns with the center line of Amie Avenue, the street just north. He stated this particular zoning does not preclude at some future time, should the City deem it necessary and wise from engineering and traffic standpoints, that Amie be continued to 190th. The Planning Commission did not consider this now because of lack of information at this time on the uses and development.

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

Councilman Bradford said he would like to have some assurance that when Amie Avenue is finished through, it would not have an offset in it and asked particularly if it is necessary that the street go through. City Engineer Nollac said that would depend to some degree on the usage made of the land.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold this matter until the proper documents are prepared and placed on file. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

Mayor Isen asked that the matter be returned to the agenda in two weeks.

Councilman Blount congratulated CBS on its new fidelity transmitter and stated his appreciation of the use of the word TORRANCE as often as it was used at the inauguration thereof. He and Mayor Isen suggested the word be used as often as possible on this twenty-four hour station.

Engineering and Planning Divisions are to determine where the street is to be in preparation of the hearing on December 27th at the 8:00 P.M. meeting of the Council.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Final Tract Map No. 26119, R. A. Watt, Vacarro property, located on the west side of Victor between Emerald and Spencer, 10 acres containing 44 lots, recommended for approval per City Engineer's letter dated November 16, 1960, by cover letter from the Planning Director dated November 23, 1960, with note signed by George Powell and City Engineer Nollac dated December 8, 1960.

This is a resubmittal of the above tract from the Council meeting held November 29th at which time the matter was held for additional necessary papers. The minor realignment of Garnet Street within the tract limits has been made.

Mayor Isen moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission of approval of this final tract map No. 26119. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Verified claim of Mrs. Evelyn S. Leets for alleged damages to automobile gas tank caused by Municipal Water District No. 3 digging, in the amount of \$11.

Councilman Bradford moved to refer the claim to the Legal Department with instructions to inform the Council of the action taken. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

2. Verified claim of Josephine C. Harmon for alleged injuries sustained in bus accident on October 13, 1960, submitted by Caidin, Bloomgarden & Kalman, attorneys.

Councilman Blount moved to deny the claim and refer it to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

3. Verified claim of Lucille LaClair for alleged injuries to her son, Bruce, on August 28, 1960, caused by a fall from a scooter alleged to be due to a defective elevation in a sidewalk.

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

4. Verified claim of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for alleged damages to 1500 pair, 24 gauge cable on Arlington Avenue, in the amount of \$75.00.

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

5. Market Basket and Zody's Department Stores, letters dated December 6 and 9th respectively, regarding a divider in 182nd Street.

Mayor Isen asked Traffic Engineer Whitmer for his opinions on this item and Mr. Whitmer explained at some length the design for 182nd St, ending with the approval of the Council of the installation of the divider. All the paved portion of the street is in Torrance, but there remains an eight foot parkway in Redondo Beach. The divider was explained as being a portion of the street which consists of left turn pockets in and out of driveways and a portion without a pocket for so-called beautification, a concrete curb built up which will not be traversed. There was some sort of reciprocal agreement as to paving of 190th Street and 182nd between the two cities, a joint project, and explanation was made from the map. City Manager Stevens said Torrance is waiting for the plans for 182nd Street and \$38,000 was appropriated for the purpose of completing it.

In answer to a question from Councilman Vico as to whether or not the dividers are actually necessary, Traffic Engineer Whitmer said no, they are not actually needed.

Councilman Blount moved to proceed as planned, but without the dividers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Whitmer to write Market Basket as well as Zody's and tell them the action taken to eliminate the divider.

Mayor Isen stated there was a delegation present regarding the closing of the Halison Street entrance to the Tordondo Little League field, with Pat Hogue acting as their spokesman. Mr. Hogue asked how the Council voted on the motion last week and for a list of the violations which the League is presumed to have committed. Traffic Engineer Whitmer furnished the vote information to Mr. Hogue and stated he and Harry Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, had gone through the parks and ballfields and found numerous violations, although there was only one other at Tordondo: the use of advertising signs in the park. The report will come through Mr. Van Bellehem and will cover these violations also. Mr. Hogue asked that in his capacity as Torrance Youth Baseball Commissioner, he would like a copy sent to the Baseball Commission and to the presidents of the various leagues so they can get together with the Traffic Engineer and make a correction without having to come before the Council. However, he said it would not be possible to pay for a fence to go through this 26-acre field. No such request has been made, however, and Councilman Blount remarked all the Council asks is that the League comply with the terms of the lease. Mayor Isen said when it has complied, the ban will be lifted, and in any event would not be enforced with reference to maintenance work.

The item of business will appear on the agenda for next week's meeting, December 20th.

6. Home Savings and Loan re extension of lease of building at 1511 Cravens Avenue, on a month-to-month basis until May 20, 1961, at a monthly rental of \$300.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the arrangement for extension of the lease for the Recreation Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Expenditures:

1. To Lewellen Press for 18,000 payroll checks, \$379.50, for the Finance Department, being the lowest bid.
2. To Municipal Data Processing, Inc., for 1961 calendar year payroll processing by tabulating equipment, for Finance Department, \$940.00.
3. That the City enter into a contract with Municipal Data Processing Inc., for the six-month period from January 1, to June 30, 1961, for processing rubbish bills at the rate of 4.2¢ per bill.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the expenditures listed as 1, 2 and 3 above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Appropriations:

1. That the City Council authorize the Water Superintendent to proceed with the relocation of water mains and appurtenant work thereto in the construction area of the San Diego Freeway as requested by the State Division of Highways, by force account methods using City forces. The relocation work is to be at State expense.

Councilman Blount moved to approve appropriation listed as 1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Temporary fencing of Walteria Lake Sump, with appropriation of \$3500, funds to come from the fees collected on excavations from the sump.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the appropriation of \$3500 for the purpose set forth. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley did not approve; he considers the fence a temporary thing and not one which warrants such an expense. City Manager Stevens explained the danger which will be present after rainfall, and said he believed the fence should be installed, especially since the City requires other property owners to so fence a sump. Councilman Benstead thought it should not be fenced until completed.

Considering the dangers of leaving the sump open, Councilman Beasley withdrew his objection and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Miscellaneous:

1. Recommendation of the committee appointed by the Mayor to study the selection of sites for future fire stations, that they be located in the vicinity of Hawthorne Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard, and in the vicinity of Hawthorne Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard, as recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Mayor Isen asked for whatever report was available on this item and City Manager Stevens asked that Chief Benner give an oral report. Chief Benner said the recommendations of locations were made after a tour of the locations by himself and the Council Committee. He recommended that the Council approve the locations in principle so that he and the City Manager could proceed to set up certain data to bring back before the Council. Mayor Isen expressed enthusiasm for the recommended sites and there was some discussion of distances between stations, it being Councilman Drale's opinion that they are not properly spaced in consideration of population and development of various areas. Chief Benner repeated his recommendation which is based on the requirements of the Board of Underwriters and the necessity of protecting the population.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation in principle only. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A recess was declared at 8:50 and the Council reconvened at 9:00.

2. Library for Southwest Torrance.

\$45,000 was allocated for a library in Southwest Torrance. The present site under condemnation will cost approximately \$38,000. The architect has estimated a cost of approximately \$18 per square foot for the building and the County Librarian's report indicates that a library should have 4,500 to 5,000 square feet.

Councilman Beasley brought out the fact that Wm. J. Hanson of the Library Commission had said the Riviera Library cost about \$10 to \$11 per square foot, with an additional \$4.00 per square foot for the furnishings. Mayor Isen said he thought the "frills" should be eliminated for the time being and City Manager Stevens said since 1957 there has been added to the Library tax rate with the idea of accumulating a little surplus so that when we find it necessary to take over the system, it could be done. At the end of the fiscal year 1959-60 there had been accumulated the sum of \$79,000. It was carried over as a reserve to take over the system and as operational reserve from July to December. Independent of that, there was \$45,000 appropriated for the West Torrance Library so now there is \$124,000. Councilman Blount asked if the \$18 per square foot could be cut substantially, as was done at Riviera. There are 2725 square feet at Riviera, with the same heating and ventilation facilities as are planned here. Figuring 5,000 square feet at \$14, the cost would be about \$70,000. The suggestion was made by Councilman Drale that the same plans be used as for Riviera Library, but with the difference in size and the fact that the architect is already working on the West Torrance Library, that is not practicable. A joint parking arrangement could be made with the Victor Park for parking facilities. There will be a total of about six acres. Mayor Isen said that undoubtedly by the time the library is opened, we will be in next year's budget.

Councilman Bradford moved to go ahead with the plans, but that the cost of \$18 per square foot be carefully scrutinized, with the thought of dropping the cost to that of the Riviera Library, by eliminating air conditioning, etc. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Victor Precinct Trunk Sewer Section 1. Notice of completion, with recommendation that project be accepted.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the project as recommended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Walteria Lake Sump Report.

Mayor Isen said that what is needed here is to vote concurrence in the recommendations set forth in the last paragraph of City Engineer Nollac's report. Councilman Drale especially approved of the recommendation made to notify the people of the deadline for requests. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations set forth by Mr. Nollac. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Building Division. Letter from David H. Larson, Chairman of Legislative Committee, Southern California Council of Outdoor Advertising regarding Ordinance No. 1042 relative to billboards maintained in the City of Torrance, with letter from Douglas Horlander, Assistant to the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Larson was present and gave his address as 1429 Magnolia Ave., Long Beach. He said he was present in response to a letter received from Lee Schlens of the Building Department; that his association had not been aware of the provisions of Ordinance No. 1042 when it was passed in November 1958. He feels the ordinance is discriminatory and would like to ask the Council to defer or change the wording so that there would a longer time to work with the members of the Council and the Planning Commission. He pointed out that all the outdoor advertising his association has in Torrance was constructed with proper permits and approval by the Planning Commission and the Council. He recommended a committee of the Council be appointed to work out a proper ordinance for regulation of outdoor advertising.

Councilman Vico recalled that Don Wilson of Southwood Construction Co. was granted an extension of one year at last week's Council meeting and moved that the Council grant the Southern California Council of Outdoor Advertising a like extension pending possible change in the ordinance. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and asked that there be included in it the phrase "all legally constructed signboards now existing". Councilman Vico accepted the amendment to his motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. (He said the ordinance was written and adopted in good faith and two years is plenty of notice.)

Mayor Isen asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer revise or amend the ordinance to permit this extension of one year, asked Planning Commission to select a committee of two members and that the two members of the Council be Councilman Vico and himself, Mayor Isen, to work with the association. Assistant Building Inspections Director McKinnon asked what policy would be followed regarding the signs which have been erected within the past six months with the provision that they come down at the end of the year. Mayor Isen said they would receive the same extension.

#### TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. Report regarding intersection of new Arlington and old Arlington Avenues.

Councilman Vico said he believes Mr. Ebbinghouse of U. S. Gypsum asked for Proposal No. 1 (contained in the report) and still wants it; and moved that Proposal No. 1 be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen said he was afraid this would make a traffic hazard and several of the Councilmen mentioned other places in town which they considered to be as bad or worse traffic hazards. Councilman Bradford asked for an explanation of Item 4 under Disadvantages of Proposal No. 1. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said the additional right of way would be a small corner of the triangular point at the intersection of Old and New Arlington, which now belongs to Columbia Steel. It is a small amount of right of way, but the City would have to develop an entire street through there which would be rather expensive. Mayor Isen asked if we are violating an obligation to Pacific Electric and City Manager Stevens said at one time we worked out an agreement with Southern Pacific that if we closed this street, they would charge us for the right of way, \$625, instead of \$2500 and after waiting a long time, we condemned it. He did not know the present status. City Attorney Remelmeyer said they gave us the right to record the deed only when we vacated Old Arlington. Thus, they sold at a cheaper price on condition that we not have the two rights-of-way across their right-of-way. Mr. Remelmeyer said the motion should contain a condition that Mr. Ebbinghouse give us the written consent of Pacific Electric to not vacate Old Arlington along their right-of-way. Councilman Blount thought Pacific Electric is not entitled to any consideration in this respect.

Councilman Drale said he thought we have taken some of the frontage which depreciated their property and we do have an obligation to Pacific Electric. City Attorney Remelmeyer recalled that Mr. Ebbinghouse had said at one time that he could get consent of Pacific Electric but Mr. Ebbinghouse was present and stated he had offered only to use whatever help his company could give; that they could not negotiate with Pacific Electric for the City.

Roll call vote on Councilman Vico's motion to approve Proposal No. 1 was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

The motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4101

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CITY'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE INDEPENDENT CITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, RATIFYING BY-LAWS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES TO SAID ASSOCIATION.

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 Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4101. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4102

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA REJECT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4102. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its second reading, 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1210 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its first and only reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1211

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1211 as an emergency ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1212

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 33.5 OF CHAPTER 33 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "APPOINTMENT OF CHEMICAL BOARD" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1212 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens asked that a special Council meeting be called for the consideration of collection and disposal of refuse so that the specifications might go out for bid in early January. The meeting should not take over two hours, he said, and suggested December 21, Wednesday, at 5:30 o'clock in the Council Chamber as the time and place thereof. Mayor Isen asked that the members of the Council be reminded of this meeting at a suitable time next week.

2. Councilman Benstead stated the Council Committee will meet with the School Board Committee on the proposition offered for study of parks and playgrounds tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. here.

3. Councilman Blount asked if Councilman Bradford had seen the communication regarding the crossing signal at Torrance Boulevard and Madrid Avenue, read a portion of that communication dealing with the span of the signal arms, and asked Councilman Bradford if, in his capacity as an engineer, he did not think it would be possible to construct a longer cantilever arm than the 12 foot one which PUC has stated is the longest that can be used. The foundations are in the street and are as dangerous a hazard as the train itself would be.

Councilman Bradford said the same condition exists at the Santa Fe crossing of Crenshaw. Councilman Blount asked that the record show that it is possible to have longer cantilever arms than the 12 foot ones at this crossing.

4. Councilman Bradford asked for a permaplaque resolution in appreciation of Mr. James Burchett's many years of faithful duty to the City as a Reserve Police Officer and on the Civil Defense Commission, and so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously. City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare such a resolution.
5. Councilman Drale inquired of Councilman Blount his impressions of the convention in New York City and Councilman Blount said it was a splendid convention; that one learns, however, that we are not the only ones with problems. One predominant problem is how to raise money without increasing taxes. He said he was well received in Washington where he went on the question of lifting the restrictions on the Airport. The Department of Defense will now interject no objections, he said.
6. Councilman Drale said sometime ago the Planning Commission was asked to review the area to the east of Hawthorne Boulevard from Artesia to 182nd. He said he thought we could use a lot of sales tax money which might come from that area. Mayor Isen asked for a report on this request next week.
7. Mayor Isen said a letter had been received from Dr. W. J. Labit resigning from the Park & Recreation Commission, and asked City Manager Stevens to write to him and asked that the Councilmen think of someone to replace him on the Commission, preferably from the South Torrance area.
8. Mayor Isen asked if the Traffic Commission would look into the possibility of a traffic light at Sepulveda Boulevard and Madrona Avenue. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said the Traffic Division has nearly completed a study of sixty or seventy locations and will have a report in the very near future. The report should go through the Traffic Commission on December 21st, he said. Councilman Drale mentioned the corner of Carson and Arlington also, as needing further regulation.
9. Mayor Isen asked Councilman Bradford if Mr. Mellinger was his appointment on the Traffic Safety Council. Councilman Bradford said he was not, and it was decided the appointment came from former Councilman Robert B. Jahn, in which event the replacement would be the suggestion of Councilman Vico.
10. Mayor Isen moved that a permaplaque resolution be prepared commending Dick Fitzgerald who is leaving the Chamber of Commerce. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection. City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to prepare such a resolution as soon as possible.
11. John M. Simmons asked if the Council meeting called for December 21, Wednesday, at 5:30 P.M. is open to the public and was assured that it is.
12. Robert G. Himes, 5203 Lillian, Trustee and Treasurer of the Church of Christ, which has applied to the City for a permit to erect a new auditorium and classroom section on property the church owns between Emerald and what will eventually be Maricopa in the 3500 block, asked for some relief, if possible, from the contribution to the Drainage Assessment Fund, in the amount of \$1,053.50. He said this is rather a jolt considering the other expenses the church is under. Councilman Bradford moved to refer this item to Public Works Department to go through the regular channels for report next week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection. City Engineer Nollac invited Mr. Himes to attend the Staff meeting next Monday morning in the Council Conference Room, 209, of the City Hall.

13. Councilman Benstead suggested the name of Mr. Eric Borner, 26218 Delos Avenue, as a replacement for Dr. Labit on the Park and Recreation Commission. The Council will be polled next week.

14. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance