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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 3, 1961, 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.

Mayor Isen said a number of El Camino students in Government were present, and called on one, Mr. Lloyd Waller to lead the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Bradford asked that the minutes of the meeting held December 20, 1960, be amended to show that he abstained from voting on Resolution No. 4103. The paragraph immediately following the resolution title on page 5 should read as follows:

"Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4103. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford."

With the correction noted, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 1960 meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

On behalf of the Council Mayor Isen congratulated Mr. Scharfman, Director of Finance on having passed the State Certified Public Accountant examination.

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

BIDS:

1. Comprehensive Liability Insurance. Bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk not later than January 3, 1961 at 5:00 P.M. Affidavit of Publication will be presented by the City Clerk.

2. Chain Link Fencing around Walteria Lake sump. Schedule No. 584/5917. Bids will be opened in the City Council Chambers at 10 A.M., Wednesday, January 4, 1961. Affidavit of Publication will be presented by the City Clerk.

HEARINGS:

1. Decision requested on hearing closed by City Council November 29, 1960, on Planning Commission Case No. 636, R. A. Watt, petitioner, referred back to Department of Public Works and Planning for reconsideration of street design improvements and variance requested, with letter from Planning Director Powell, approved by D. Horlander,

Assistant to the Director of Public Works, location sketch and excerpt from the Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 1960.

In answer to Councilman Beasley's inquiry of whether or not there was anyone present representing Mr. Watt, a man from the audience who did not give his name presented some drawings to Councilman Beasley covering the proposed sewer easement for Mrs. Moore's property. Mrs. Mamie Moore of 3403 West 174th St., and a Mr. Powell, a property owner in the area, both spoke and there was considerable discussion of the plan and maps. The result was that Councilman Benstead moved that the matter be sent back to Public Works Department and Planning Commission to come up with something definite. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Blount asked that if and when this comes back to the Council, there be presented some sketches showing the area clearly and definitely.

Mayor Isen mentioned again that in cases of this type all the supporting data from the previous hearing should be resubmitted. There was no objection to Councilman Benstead's motion and it carried.

2. Case No. 654. Decision requested on hearing closed by City Council December 13, 1960, on Planning Commission Case No. 654, Jack Purcell, petitioner (CBS property) pending clarification of Amie Avenue by Engineering and Planning Divisions. Submitted were: letter from Planning Director Powell, countersigned by D. Horlander for Director of Public Works; two location sketches, excerpt from planning Commission minutes of December 21, 1960, excerpt from Staff minutes of December 19, 1960, and memo from D. Horlander, Assistant to Director of Public Works to City Manager Stevens on the subject of projection of Amie Avenue between 186th and 190th Streets. Attached also was letter dated December 21, 1960 to Planning Commission by W. M. Nollac, Acting Director of Public Works.

Mayor Isen complained there was no previous supporting material included and reminded Director of Planning Powell that one of the reasons for sending it back to the Commission was to obtain some sort of covenant to run with the land in case additional land is needed. Councilman Bradford asked for an answer to the question of running Amie Avenue through so there would be a way to get to Prairie Avenue. Mr. Powell said he and the Planning Commission recommend that Prairie be used to carry the industrial traffic between 190th and 182nd rather than providing a 60 foot street off 190th which would narrow down to 27 feet as it approaches 182nd Street, going through a residential zone. Prairie is already on the Master Plan of streets and highways as a major street. Councilman Bradford asked specifically if the recommendation is not to put through Amie Street and Mr. Powell answered that is his recommendation; any traffic created at CBS should use either 190th Street or Hawthorne.

Councilman Beasley said in order to get this properly before the Council he moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale, but it was pointed out this would cover two different recommendations and the motion and second were withdrawn.

Mayor Isen said his concern is with getting the easements and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the covenants had not been drafted.

Mr. Irvin A. James, 130 North Orange Drive, Los Angeles, was present and was questioned by Councilman Blount regarding objections to P-1 zoning and also dedication of footage when and if needed. Mr. James who represents the petitioner, said it has

not been decided what is to be done with that corner. He said he had expected that papers would have been drawn for him to take to CBS; that he believes it is a planning situation rather than a zoning problem. 186th Street is planned and CBS concurs in that plan; 190th and Hawthorne are not planned and cannot be until the State Division of Highways has completed their plans for the area. At that time, and when the papers are drawn by the City Attorney, Mr. James said CBS will give whatever land is needed up to 20 feet, or perhaps more, in order to take care of the corner. CBS is not attempting to project their ideas on the Council and he does not think the Council is in a position to say what is going to be done with the corner; it is up to the State Highway Division and the railroad. It is his opinion that this is not the time to dedicate the 20 feet. He mentioned the CBS 500 foot mast which is now located on the exact place where the best signal is obtained and the 886 foot radials are necessary for the signal. He stated that in order that there might be no misunderstanding, if Amie Avenue is put through CBS is finished.

Councilman Blount said 186th Street is now settled, and moved that Amie Avenue be forgotten as far as being put through is concerned. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Benstead asked for a roll call vote.

In answer to a question by Councilman Bradford, Mr. James said the copper radials are now in place in a space of 906 x 886, leaving a 20 foot piece of land on 190th Street. There will be nothing on the surface of that square except possibly the parking lot. Plans for development of the remainder of the land have not been completed by CBS.

Director of Planning Powell and Councilman Bradford discussed the P-1 zoning and the commercial zoning of the area. City Engineer Nollac explained that under this request for change of zone, the dedication of 186th and 190th are not necessary. Under the terms of the present Commercial and Industrial Improvement Ordinance, when CBS comes in for a building permit to improve the land under the terms of the ordinance the dedication must be made. The only thing to determine now, he said, is whether or not Amie Avenue is to go through.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. James on whose recommendation the setback of 150 feet for commercial instead of P-1 zoning is asked. Mr. James said it is the recommendation of CBS and proceeded to set out his theory that M-1 is a "fluid zone" open to be used to the best interests of the land.

Roll call vote on the motion that Amie Avenue should not go through was as follows:

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

The motion passed.

Councilman Drale moved that the change of zone be granted subject to the condition that CBS grant the necessary easement for the widening of 186th Street and when and if necessary or the City requires, 20 feet additional on 190th Street, that CBS grant it and that this condition be binding on its successors and assigns. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Bradford said his "No" vote is due to the P-1 zone, not against CBS.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to prepare the document for recording so that it will be binding on the successors and assigns of CBS, if possible.

3. Case No. 676. Variance. Wiley F. Mathis, petitioner. Formal hearing on request for a variance to construct 22 unit apartments on Samuel Street between 230th and Lomita Blvd. in A-1 zone, recommended for approval, with conditions. Submitted were: letter of transmittal from Planning Commission, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 1960, and exhibit.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 676; there was no reply. There being no objection, Mayor Isen declared the hearing closed.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve variance as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

4. Case No. 681. Variance, Nora Snyder, 18237 Ashley Ave., petitioner. Formal hearing on request for variance to permit a guest home on R-1 lot at above address, recommended for approval on a year-to-year basis. Submitted were letter of transmittal from Planning Commission, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 1960, and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication which was ordered filed, there being no objection.

Director of Planning Powell explained this is an existing building to be used for the purpose indicated; not the construction of a new building.

Mayor Isen said the wording is not clear and also pointed out that the notice as published is misleading. He asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard and there was no response.

There being no objection, Mayor Isen declared the hearing closed.

Director of Planning Powell explained the purpose as being the conversion of one of the houses which had been constructed under a variance, into a home for four elderly people. The building is covered by the Uniform Building Code and limited as to the number of people who may occupy it. The use of the building would be on a year-to-year basis and subject to control by the License Department of the City.

Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens left the meeting to check the records as to what facilities are on the land in question. Pending his return, the Council proceeded with the next hearing.

5. Case No. 682 - variance, Mrs. Bernard Winter, 18014 Ermanita Avenue, petitioner. Formal hearing on request for variance to permit full-time foster child care at above address, recommended for approval on year-to-year basis. Submitted were letter of transmittal from Planning Commission, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 1960.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the hearing would be closed; there were no objections.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation

of the Planning Commission for approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. Case No. 683 - variance, Lester R. Quinn (Quinn's Dairy) 4016 Del Amo Boulevard, petitioner. Formal hearing on request for variance to add two bedrooms and bath to existing home at above address, M-1 zone. Submitted were letter of transmittal from Planning Commission recommending approval, sketch, exhibit, and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 7, 1960.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the 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. 683; 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 variance as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claim dated December 21, 1960 of Margaret Hudson, 1410 Imperial Drive, Glendale 7, for alleged damages to her property located at 2600-2612 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, resulting from bus accident which occurred Oct. 13, 1960, submitted by Attorneys McBain & Morgan, 3434 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles 5.
2. Claim dated December 16, 1960, from Caroline Lovato, 8933 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, for alleged injuries and damages sustained as the result of bus accident October 13, 1960, submitted by Attorney Harold O. Longenecker, 3670 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5.
3. Claim dated December 16, 1960, of David J. Castrita, 732 West 107th Street, Los Angeles, for alleged injuries and damages sustained as the result of bus accident October 13, 1960, submitted by Solomon M. Gilens, Attorney at Law, 210 West 7th Street, Los Angeles 14.
4. Claim of Edward Elam dated December 22, 1960, 17575 Yukon Avenue, Torrance, for alleged injuries and damages resulting from accident involving City bus on October 13, 1960, submitted by Gray & Hassenplug, 14527 South Western Avenue, Gardena.
5. Claim, undated, received in office of City Clerk December 27, 1960, of Arnold F. Wittekind, 630 West 109th St., Los Angeles 44, for alleged injuries and damages sustained as result of bus accident on October 13, 1960, submitted by Eugene S. Valian, Attorney, 4055 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles 5.
6. Claim dated December 16, 1960, of Nazario C. Vilorio for alleged injuries and damages sustained as result of bus accident October 13, 1960, submitted by Don Shearer, Attorney at Law, 222 Avenida del Norte, Redondo Beach.

7. Claim dated December 16, 1960, of Charles F. O'Connor, 11669 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, for alleged injuries sustained in accident at Torrance Municipal Airport December 1, 1960, submitted by Attorney Everett F. Beesley, 1034 Chapman Building, 756 South Broadway, Los Angeles 14.

Councilman Beasley moved the claims numbered above 1 through 7, be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Building Inspector Schlens re-entered the Council meeting and Mayor Isen asked that Case No. 681 be further considered.

Mr. Schlens reported that the second dwelling was completed in 1958 under Variance Case No. 500 relating to oversized lots and was taken out as an additional dwelling. It consists of six rooms (three bedrooms) and occupies 1174 square feet. City License Inspector Whitacre remarked this sort of home has to be State licensed and inspected by State Fire Marshal through our local Fire Marshal, is subject to Health Department inspection and regulations. Councilman Drale asked that it be definitely ascertained that all these licenses and inspections are obtained.

Subject to the licensing and Health Department conditions, Councilman Drale moved to approve Case No. 681 as a variance on a year-to-year basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. There followed a discussion of the misleading wording of the published notice, but it was the consensus that the petitioner should not be penalized therefor. The motion carried, on roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Councilman Bradford explained his vote as being against the way it was handled. He considers the published notice to be a misrepresentation. Mayor Isen admonished Director of Planning Powell to see that the relief asked for agrees with the wording of a published notice and the way it comes to Council.

A recess was declared at 6:35 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 6:45.

After recess, the Council continued with the agenda, starting with Item 8 of WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS, as follows:

8. Caroline Humphreys, submitting resignation from the Library Commission.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the letter would first be appropriately acknowledged by City Manager Stevens, and then filed. There were no objections.

Councilman Beasley mentioned as a replacement, Mrs. Hannah Saville who has shown great interest in library problems. Councilman Blount also named Mrs. Saville, giving her address as 19325 Sturgis Drive.

Councilman Bradford suggested Mrs. George Heaton who lives in South Torrance right off Western Avenue.

Mayor Isen asked that the Councilmen consider the two names and indicate before next meeting their preference, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Humphreys.

9. T. E. Donovan, Secretary, Civil Service Board, re expiration of Mr. George Morehart's term on the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Benstead remarked that Mr. Morehart has done a very good job and suggested he be reappointed as Chairman of the Board. Mayor Isen said there are a number of terms all expiring at this time: Mr. Burchett, Civil Defense & Disaster Commission, Mrs. Crain, Library Board, Mrs. Craig Park & Recreation Commission; Mr. Schindler, Park & Recreation Commission, Mr. Hogue on the Water Commission. He suggested this be followed through next week.

Councilman Beasley moved that all the mentioned Commissioners be re-appointed this evening. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Blount said this would be a departure from the method of procedure which has been set up; he favored following that procedure.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, the motion of Councilman Beasley would be withdrawn, as well as the second and the vote thereon. Councilmen Beasley and his second, Councilman Drale, consented.

Councilman Blount did not approve of Mr. Donovan's expressing an opinion in the last sentence of his letter reporting the expiration of Mr. Morehart's term. He does not consider it within the province of the secretary of the Civil Service Board to pass on the service of one of the Commissioners, as being faithful, conscientious, or otherwise.

10. Neta L. Smith, Recording Secretary of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, advising of two vacancies on the Safety Council: Mr. Mellinger and Mrs. Gerald.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the communication would be filed, and asked the Councilmen involved, Vico and Drale, to be considering persons to fill the vacancies.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Recommendations re Personnel:

1. That J. O. Whitmer, Traffic and Lighting Engineer, be authorized to attend the 13th Annual Street and Highway Conference at Berkeley, California, on January 26, 27 and 28, 1961, with appropriate expenses paid in accordance with his communication dated December 19, 1960.

2. That the City Manager be authorized to attend the California City Managers' Conference in Fresno, California, February 15-17, 1961, inclusive, with appropriate expenses paid.

Roll call vote on both recommendations showed all but Councilman Blount to be in favor of Item 1, and all to be in favor of Item 2. The motion was made by Councilman Drale and seconded by Councilman Benstead. Councilman Blount asked that his vote be recorded as "No" on approval of the attendance of Mr. Whitmer at the Annual Street & Highway Conference and "Yes" on attendance of Mr. Stevens at the City Managers' Conference.

3. Request of Police Department for salary adjustments in accordance with copies of correspondence attached to the City Manager's recommendations and tabulations of figures in support thereof.

Mayor Isen thought the matter should wait until budget time.

Councilman Bradford moved to refer this request to the City Manager for study. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. City Manager Stevens said the entire salary structure should be studied, not just one department. The Councilmen recalled the action taken about July, 1960 and discussed alleged inequities in the salary structure of the Police Department. Officer Charles Oates, Chairman of the Torrance Police Officers Wage Committee expressed his views which deal with the squeezing together of wage steps involved in the increase up through Range 54.

There was no objection to the motion of Councilman Bradford and it carried.

GAS COMPANY EASEMENTS ON AIRPORT TRIANGLE:

This, according to the letter of Southern California Gas Company dated December 28, 1960, is merely a correction of right of way easement consented to by the wrong lessee.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to make the correction by executing a right of way document presented and to accept in exchange therefor the one erroneously executed, in accordance with an agreement prepared by the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

A note of congratulation from Councilwoman Eunice Patterson of Redondo Beach, on the prize winning float in the Rose Parade was delivered to Mayor Isen. He thanked Mrs. Patterson and asked that the communication be filed.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. Recommendation of return of funds to La Romeria Park Fund. This item involves a transfer of funds from Project No. 6046 (Improvements at La Romeria Park) for the McMaster Park restrooms. The recommendation is that the \$8,500 transferred be repaid to Project No. 6046 and that the cost of restrooms at McMaster Park be paid from Park & Recreation Fund 1960-61.

Councilman Beasley felt strongly that LaRomeria should have first consideration. The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of the Park & Recreation Commission was present and explained the reason for the request.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem said plans are being studied for La Romeria Park and the Homeowners Association will be represented at the meeting of the Commission on January 11th.

2. Request for conversion of old irrigation system to automatic sprinkler system by Park Commission. City Manager Stevens' recommendation is that no action be taken until all requests for Unappropriated Reserve Funds have been received and studied.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. City Manager Stevens said he has requested each department to submit its requests which will probably more than use up the \$135,000 now in the fund. This request will be considered along with others at that time. There were no objections to the motion to concur, and it carried.

3. This is a request from the Park & Recreation Commission of Torrance for permission to be granted the Hollywood Riviera Rotary Club to erect a building as per plans drawn by them, with minor changes suggested by the Park & Recreation Commission, and subject to the approval of the Hollywood Riviera Art Jury, for all possible consideration with respect to building fees.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the donation of the community building in El Retiro Park, to be operated by the Recreation Department. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Noting the experience with the Boy Scout Building, Mayor Isen moved that before the building permit be issued, the City Manager be consulted and approval be gained as to whether the building can surely be completed once it is started. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there being no objection, carried.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Civil Defense Funds for Airport.Fire Station.

Mayor Isen moved to file the communication, if there was no objection. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

EXPENDITURES:

1. To Alhambra Foundry for three A-14601 Frames and Covers for the Street Department, the sum of \$375.18 for use, two behind the Palms Restaurant and one at Pacific Perforating on Engracia Avenue, as requested by the City Engineer, per plans.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the expenditure listed as 1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Laidlaw's Harley-Davidson Sales for repairs of accumulated damages on motorcycles rented for three officers while attending motorcycle officers' training school, the sum of \$221.22.

Councilman Blount remarked that this had been rejected at one time and City Manager Stevens said a study had been made which indicates it should be paid. No profit is involved and the figure is reasonable. Also, the City will want to rent motorcycles in the future.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the expenditure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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.

ENGINEERING RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARING CONTRACT FOR WORK OR IMPROVEMENT ORDERED BY RESOLUTION NO. 4087 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL. (Hollywood Riviera Sewer Assessment District No. 3)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that Items 2,3,4 and 5 be considered in principle, but that there are minor alterations to be made in the resolutions prepared with respect thereto.

These deal with Sewer Reimbursement Districts No. 13, 14 and 17 and transmittal of easements for acceptance by the City Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the four items in principle and to bring back to the Council at next week's meeting the most urgent. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

REFUSE COLLECTION:

Submitted were a brief summary of the City's plans for the collection of combined refuse from single-family and two-family residences and a proposed letter to be sent to all commercial and industrial customers of the City of Torrance Collection Service, as well as a proposed notice to householders and a tabulation comparing monthly waste collection income with operating costs based upon averages for the three-month period from July 1 to September 30, 1960.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and approve the letter and notice proposed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

City Manager Stevens said the City will go to bid on three packers which are included in the current budget to replace old equipment. The City now owns 18 packers to cover 26,000 accounts.

Mayor Isen suggested the City Manager make a detailed report on the need for packers, their capacity; present equipment, etc.

Councilman Drale asked that the notice to householders include the notation that there would be no change in the charge of \$1.00 per house at this time. He also mentioned necessary changes in the ordinance, including a choice as to residential pickups and license requirements governing commercial pickups.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Request for change in employment status of Marjorie Cunerty, approved by City Manager Stevens.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND COLLINS-DIETRICH AIR SERVICE, INC.; AND THAT CERTAIN PETROLEUM AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount mentioned a change in the term to "five and five" years and also that there should be added a phrase to the effect that the lessee agrees it will not cancel or reduce the insurance. City Attorney Remelmeyer noted the changes to be made.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-3

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount mentioned the letter from a disgruntled ex-tenant of the Airport about vandalism to his plane. It was agreed there is no way to guarantee that such things will not occur. Councilman Blount will see that a proper letter is written to the owner of the plane.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 4099; AND ORDERING THE VACATION OF THE FIRST ALLEY SOUTH OF 182ND STREET FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO THE FIRST ALLEY EAST OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND EXCEPTING FROM SAID VACATION CERTAIN EASEMENTS.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-4. 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. 61-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NO. 4100; AND ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF 183RD STREET AND ELGAR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EXCEPTING FROM SAID VACATION AN EASEMENT.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-5. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and presented for its first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1213

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 24.4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT DURING WHICH BILLBOARDS MAY BE ERECTED, CONSTRUCTED OR MAINTAINED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1213 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote.:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens recommended the bid of Pacific Indemnity in the amount of \$31,339.60 be accepted for comprehensive liability insurance premium and all other bids rejected. He said this is lower than last year's cost by \$1,631.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the claim of Mrs. Evelyn S. Leets for \$11 damage to car caused by Municipal Water District No. 3 digging had been paid.

3. Councilman Beasley said the County Road Department has given to our Engineering Department preliminary plans for the widening of Hawthorne Boulevard from Pacific Coast Highway to Newton St. It is only .42 of a mile but the people have held two meetings to determine if they want an assessment district or pay cash for sidewalks, lighting and trees. They are hoping to have the area opened up soon and the property owners have decided they would like to go through an assessment district. The Engineering Department will have to prepare the petitions and see if they can get the necessary two-thirds signatures. It will be a full ten-foot sidewalk on both sides of the street.

4. Councilman Bradford recalled that about a year ago he asked for a survey of lighting on Torrance Boulevard like it has been done in Redondo Beach. He has received no such report and feels a long enough time has been allowed. He would also like to have Crenshaw Boulevard figured at the same time.

5. Councilman Drale exhibited some horror-comic picture postcards which he said are being sold to little children by ice cream vendors in the City. The City License Inspector and City Attorney will investigate.

6. Councilman Drale called attention to the "No Parking" signs on Sepulveda. The whole area between Hawthorne and Madrona is now posted and he moved that someone be authorized to remove the signs except those from Hawthorne Boulevard to the first driveway east thereof. Councilman Blount seconded the motion and the roll call vote was:

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

The motion failed.

Councilman Blount moved to install "No Parking" signs in a similar area on Carson Street under the same reasoning as applies

to Sepulveda. Mayor Isen moved a substitute to refer the posting of Carson Street to the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7. Mayor Isen spoke about the possible location of the Southwest District of the Superior Court in the South Bay area and preferably here in Torrance Civic Center. Palos Verdes Estates and Rolling Hills Estates have passed resolutions in favor of transferring to the Southwest District. The effect would be to bring the district further south so that the center geographically would be more southerly than originally planned by the County administrative offices. Mayor Isen read an excerpt from the Torrance City Council minutes of November 3, 1959 in which a five man committee was reactivated to work on the location of the Superior Court branch in the Torrance area. At that time a motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to donate to the County sufficient land to locate such a court. A newspaper article in a Los Angeles legal journal of December 20, 1959 was read on the subject. Mayor Isen said Inglewood is the north boundary of the district and for that and many other reasons the Superior Court branch should be moved further south than its present location in Inglewood. He feels land should be donated to the Board of Supervisors on a similar basis as was done for the Municipal Court building. Now is the proper time to let the Board of Supervisors know that the Council favors a relocation of the Superior Court more convenient to the people of the South Bay area and, in the event Torrance is decided upon, that the City would make available land for the court or courts. This should be made as a reservation in the Master Plan. Certainly the prestige and business it would bring into the area would justify the donation. Mayor Isen moved that such a resolution be prepared as soon as possible and forwarded to the members of the County Board of Supervisors. No particular amount of land need be mentioned, just that the policy would be to make available the amount required.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion. Councilman Vico is not in favor of giving the land. Mayor Isen explained the many and varied advantages to the City and that the County would pay all the maintenance, landscaping, cost, building, etc. It would involve about \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000 in improvement, he said, all paid by the County.

As a substitute, Councilman Benstead moved that it be pointed out to the Board of Supervisors that such a resolution has been passed and that Torrance is very receptive to the idea. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

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

Mayor of the City of Torrance
Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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