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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes
January 24, 1961

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 24, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Those responding to roll call were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen. ABSENT: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE

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

4. INVOCATION

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

5. PRESENTATION OF PERMA PLAQUE TO MR. BURCHETT 1000

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Gale Whitacre read a resolution, prepared in perma plaque format, expressing gratitude to James Burchett for his years of devoted service to the City.

Councilman Bradford, who had proposed the resolution, made the presentation to Mr. Burchett, recalling his many years of friendship, dating back to Boy Scout days. Mr. Burchett responded with the wish to be of service in the future in any way possible.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 17, 1961, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen explained briefly the method of conducting Council meetings, and announced the following with respect to

7. BIDS 1041
File
Aff't

Two to four trucks, equipped with 20-yard loadpackers.

Bids will be opened in the City Council Chambers at 10 A.M., Wednesday, January 25, 1961.

8. CASE NO. 684 - Variance. Petitioner, Robert J. Baldwin, 1031
2366 West 230th Street. Appr'd

Formal hearing on petition for a variance and conditional permit to construct one six-unit apartment house on each 50 x 150 foot lot, described as the west 100 feet of Lot

3, Block 10, Tract 2761, situated at 2507 West Carson Street in Zone R-2, with recommendation of denial, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 4, 1961.

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

There was presented and read by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre, a letter of approval from Mrs. Olive Bowes.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard regarding Case No. 684.

Mrs. Carmen Davis, 2612 West Carson Street, said she lives directly across the street from the proposed construction of the apartment units; that the majority of the area is occupied by single residences; and that a multiple unit construction would not be advantageous to the property owners. She is very much opposed to 12 units being located across the street from her home.

Mr. Paul Huber of 2619 West Carson presented a petition opposing the variance, signed by 14 property owners on Carson and Elm Streets and expressed opposition from the standpoint of parking and traffic disadvantages.

The petitioner, Robert J. Baldwin presented his view that Carson is no longer a residential street. Less than one-third of the lot would be occupied by the actual buildings, he said, and there would be garages for each unit as well as extra parking area by the two-story structure. He pointed out the tax advantage to the City. Many of the disadvantages on Carson will be removed by the 10 foot widening which is proposed. He pointed out that under present zoning regulations, triplexes are permitted here. Mr. Baldwin displayed an architectural rendering of the units as planned.

Councilman Beasley said it is difficult for anyone to build and get a proper return on an investment on Carson because of the high property values and the present zoning of the land. He suggested the case be returned to the Planning Commission with the possibility of working out a solution. Mr. Baldwin said it is impossible to place the units in a one-story plan and still have parking space. He stated this building is not planned as a speculation; he plans to build and keep it.

In answer to a question by Councilman Drale, Director of Planning Powell said the petitioner has presented a good set of plans which conform to the rules and regulations of the City. The Commission held an extra hearing to try to arrive at a compromise and recommended denial only after exhausting every effort. The time will come when all this land will be R-3, the street will be widened and certain commercial improvements installed either by an assessment district or by these variances for a higher use than is now permitted.

Councilman Bradford expressed the opinion that any good-looking modern building would be an improvement to this part of Carson Street, if it were properly set back and had curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Director of Planning Powell said he would prefer that when Carson goes to R-3, it be by variances where the Commission can recommend conditions and require curbs, gutters and sidewalks and keep the density down, rather than by changing of zone. The close proximity of a service station was mentioned and the Ongren Aircraft plant which was built before Torrance did any planning.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, failed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Bradford moved the variance be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

It was noted that easements are being prepared by the City Engineer's office and Director of Planning stated the City gets them automatically before a building permit is issued.

9. CASE NO. 686 - Variance. Petitioner, R. A. Watt, 16901 Western Avenue.

1031
Ref./Com.
2 wks

Formal hearing on petition of R. A. Watt for a variance and conditional permit for cut-and-cover dump located on a portion of Lot 73, McDonald Tract, between 178th and 179th Streets, with transmittal form recommending approval, with conditions, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 4, 1961.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication and there being no objection, it was ordered filed. Also read and presented for filing was a letter of protest from Thiem Industries.

There was considerable discussion of whether or not the objections set forth by Thiem Industries are valid. As a result of a suggestion by Mayor Isen, Councilman Bradford moved that the matter be continued for two weeks for the purpose of negotiating with Thiem Industries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. Tom Stewart who is considering operation of the cut-and-cover dump, said he thought the company is still thinking of the type of operation which has been used in the past; that modern methods would remove the objections.

Mayor Isen appointed City Manager Stevens as chairman of a committee to consist of Councilmen Blount and Bradford, with Councilman Drale as an alternate, to talk with Thiem. The matter will then be returned to the agenda in two weeks. There was no objection and the motion by Councilman Bradford carried.

WAIVERS:

1036
Appr'd

10. W-201, Gardena Valley Homes, Inc. Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation of approval of request for waiver of rear yard requirements.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Verified claim of Nazario C. Vilorio for alleged damages 1174 sustained as the result of bus accident October 13, 1961. Denied

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer this item of business to the City Attorney. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

12. Louis H. Burke, Presiding Judge, letter dated January 16, 1961, notifying City of public hearing February 15th in the matter of proposed boundary changes for the South-west Superior Court District. 1345 Filed

Mayor Isen said this is informational only. He has replied to the letter that the City intends to present its case and will very shortly inform the amount of time required for such presentation. There was no objection and the communication was ordered filed.

13. North Torrance Little League, by Lou Baker, President, letter dated January 14, 1961, re waiver of permits required in conjunction with construction of new Little League Ball Park known as Garrett Field, located at the corner of 190th and Arlington Avenue. 1062 Waiver of fee for permits appr'd

It was pointed out that the permits cannot be waived but Councilman Vico moved to waive the fees therefor. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. Petition signed by 33 residents presented by Howard Wood 1242 Elementary School PTA, requesting the City to construct sidewalks along the east side of Arlington Avenue south from Old Sepulveda Boulevard to the south Torrance city limits. The recommendation of City Engineer Nollac and concurrence therein of City Manager and Director of Public Works is attached, that the request be denied due to high cost and the temporary nature of plant mix sidewalks; that the sidewalks should be installed as the abutting properties develop in the future, with each property owner paying his share of the improvement cost.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Councilman Bradford called attention to the lack of a map showing the area and it was agreed the map would be presented later in this meeting. City Manager Stevens volunteered to obtain it.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

15. Report from Director of Public Works Peebles on status 1294 of flood control bond issue storm drains requested by Councilman Drale. Filed

Mayor Isen stated the report is informational and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

16. Request of Albert M. Brooks to permit relocation of sign for Bay Crest Sanitarium & Convalescent Hospital with recommendation of Supt of Building Inspections. 1063 Appr'd

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Building Inspections Superintendent. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

17. Aero-Care request to sublease Plot No. 6 to Trojan Air Service for maintenance and repair of aircraft and rental and charter flights. 1010 Appr'd

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission that the sublease be approved and the existing lease between Aero Care and the City of Torrance be amended for the term of this sublease only, to include aircraft leasing and rental and operation of aircraft charter flights. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. Exercise of option to extend term on Doak Hangar. C-2 1010 Appr'd

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission to note the extension of lease term for an additional 10 years under the same terms and conditions as contained in lease dated April 1, 1951 and to file the letter with the permanent records of the lease. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

19. Recommendation of Airport Commission and City Engineer regarding width and pavement for fire station entrance road. 1009 Fire Stn Appr'd

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation set forth in the letter of the Airport Commission President dated January 17, 1961, and attached communication from the Acting Director of Public Works. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by roll call vote unanimously.

Councilman Beasley questioned the necessity of the City granting the 10 foot easement, but Mayor Isen suggested the Council wait and see what is established by the Engineering Department as the exact location and boundaries of this site.

20. Hi-Shear request for permit to establish propellant laboratory and magazine on their leasehold. C-23 1010 Hi-Shear

Considered as a part of this item of business was a communication signed by M. L. Sagenkahn, Chairman of the Torrance Chemical Board and countersigned by City Manager Stevens, containing the recommendation of the Board on this request. 1285 X1010 Hi-Shear

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that contingent upon the approval of all other necessary agencies within the City, including safety, Fire Department, Chemical Board and nuisance and noise level, the operation

of a propellant laboratory and magazine for storage of chemicals be permitted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford. Councilman Blount asked that the conditions set forth in memorandum and summary from Battalion Chief Lucas be made a part of the permission. Councilman Beasley and Councilman Bradford, the second, consented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

21. Hi-Shear request to extend their taxiway to the runway. C-23
1010

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation that the request to extend the present taxiway 125' and for permit for taxiway parking between their premises and the main runway be granted, with the following conditions imposed: 1. That the construction be done at no expense to the City; 2. That there be no acceptance of liability on the part of the City; 3. That the taxiway conform generally to the terrain that now exists; 4. That at such time as the Airport development materializes for the taxiway, Hi-Shear be required to remove the taxi way and restore the ground to the condition it is now in, all at no expense to the City; 5. That signs be posted by Hi-Shear in the area, and 6. That Hi-Shear maintain the taxiway.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

1009
C-4
C-19
Plaza
El Ran-
cho R.H.
Adpt'd

RESOLUTION NO. 61-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE "INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE" DATED JANUARY 12, 1961, FOR THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (AIRPORT PLAZA AND EL RANCHO ROLLING HILLS LEASES)

This represents the successful result of Councilman Blount's trip east in November.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHEMICAL BOARD:

23. Recommendation of Chemical Board with reference to application of Hi-Shear Rivet Company to mix and blend explosives on their leased property at Torrance Municipal Airport.

1285
1010
Hi-Shear

Mayor Isen remarked that the above communication has been considered as a part of a previous item and if there were no objections, would be filed. There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

24. Request to send two representatives from the Commission to the 13th Annual Recreation Conference at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles from February 26th to March 1st. One full time representative to be Mrs. Rose Craig and other commissioners to attend as able, with incidental expenses paid. 1039 Appr'd

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the request set forth in Mr. Sippel's letter of January 19, 1961. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Recommendation on request of Southwood National Little League, Inc., for permission to continue use of Victor Precinct Park for 1961 season concluding September 1st and planning of improvements. The Commission approves use of this park site for the 1961 season; however, suggests no extensive improvements until 1962. 1062 1105 Appr'd

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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

1004

ORDINANCE NO. 1215

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 22 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ACCEPTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 13522 OF THE PENAL CODE RELATING TO TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1215 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

1303 Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 61-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MUNICIPAL DATA PROCESSING, INC., FOR PAYROLL PROCESSING.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-15. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whit- 1303
acre assigned a number and read title to: 1018
Adpt'd

RESOLUTION NO. 61-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK
TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY AND MUNICIPAL DATA PROCESSING
INC., FOR RUBBISH BILL PROCESSING.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-16.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous
roll call vote.

29. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whit- 1000
acre assigned a number and read title to: Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 61-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMPLIMENTING STATION KNX ON ITS HIGH
QUALITY PROGRAM MATERIAL.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-16. Motion,
seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call
vote.

30. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whit- 1001
acre assigned a number and read title to: Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 61-18

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE OBJECTING TO THE SALE OF PARCEL NO.
952 (AUCTION SALE NO. 82-A); APPROVING
AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF SAID
TAX DEEDED PARCEL; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID
AGREEMENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resdution No. 61-18.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous
roll call vote.

31. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whit- 1346
acre assigned a number and read title to: Adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 61-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE DECLARING "HOWARD INDUSTRIAL
ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE" TERRITORY
WITHDRAWN FROM THE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-19.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous
roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

32. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whit- 1342
acre presented for its second reading and read title to: Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 1214

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 30.17 (10) ENTITLED "RULES AND REGULATIONS GENERALLY" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" BY ADDING PROVISIONS FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COST OF WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS IN SPARSELY DEVELOPED AREAS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER MAIN EXTENSION REVOLVING FUND.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1214. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1214 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its first reading, and read title to: 1018 Adopted

ORDINANCE NO. 1216

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, NON-COMBUSTIBLE AND COMBUSTIBLE RUBBISH FROM SINGLE FAMILY AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENCES, AND REPEALING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 13 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1216. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1216 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. REPORTS

1174

The Office of the City Clerk reported the receipt on January 9, 1961 of complaint and summons in Superior Court case No. 761802, action of Otis Allen Kington, minor, by

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

36. Adoption of Golf Starter Class Specification. 1004
Appr'd

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt the class specification as set forth in communication dated January 16, 1961 from the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council return to its consideration of the sidewalk problem on Arlington Avenue. City Manager Stevens displayed a map of the area to be considered which covers about one-half mile of sidewalk at a cost of approximately \$5,000 for asphalt. 1242
Denied

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, City Engineer and City Manager to deny the request made by petition signed by 33 residents, due to high cost and the temporary nature of plant mix sidewalks; that the sidewalks should be installed as the abutting properties develop in the future, with each property owner paying his share of the improvement cost. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

37. Expenditures: 1042
Appr'd

1. To Independent Building Materials Company, Inc. for 300 - 10' and 200 - 12' Redwood Posts, the sum of \$1,691.99. This material is for new and replacement street signs and will probably take care of the needs for a period of nine months.

2. To Dearth Machinery Company for two rubber chains for Wayne Sweeper, the sum of \$542.26. 1042
Appr'd

3. To Clyde Sheets Rental for one D-8 cat for 28 hours from 1-11-61 to 1-16-61; the sum of \$310, used at City Dump during breakdown of regular equipment. 1042
Appr'd

Councilman Blount moved approval of Items 1, 2 and 3 listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. Public Works. Cabrillo Avenue Assessment District. Recommendation that allocation from Unappropriated Reserve be held up pending establishment of priorities and determination of amount of funds available. 1340
Held 2 wks

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford. City Manager Stevens explained that he has now received the priority lists of items deemed necessary by department heads and the total is greatly in excess of funds available. It was brought out that while the original estimate was \$8.00 per running foot, a revision by the City Engineer's office showed \$19 per running foot and the people in the area protested it as being unreasonable.

Mr. Robert Adams, 2733 Cabrillo, told the past history of this project. The additional \$11 price was caused by cost of makeup pavement, plus drainage ditch. Councilman

Beasley said someone from Engineering should be present to explain this.

Mayor Isen suggested this item be referred back to the City Manager for return to the agenda in two weeks, during which time, a report will be compiled of cost. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

39. Refund Request of Tax Assessment, with recommendation of denial. 1114
Denied

Mayor Isen recommended denial of the claim for refund of Rudger C. Busch, 23861 Ward Street. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

40. Water Department Revolving Fund Projects. Recommendation of construction authorization; that materials be bought under bid and that the installation be made by Water Department forces at: 1342
Appr'd

	From Rev. Fund	From Developer
1. Madison St. south of Senefeld Drive Schoonover & de Nevers	1,336.00	471.00
2. 230th Pl west of Pennsylvania Ave. Rogers & L'Amoreaux	874.00	744.00
3. 232nd St. west of Pennsylvania Ave. Rogers & Max	874.00	744.00
4. 229th Pl west of Arlington Ave., C. T. Rippey	1,514.00	1,341.00
5. Early Av. north of Lomita Blvd. Early Inv. Co.	5,705.00	1,753.00
	<u>\$ 10,303.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,053.00</u>

in accordance with communication dated January 19, 1961 from A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. Refuse Removal from Residential Units. 1018
Appr'd

The recommendation is that refuse collectors be authorized to remove and dispose of refuse which the City does not collect, such as water heaters, furniture, building materials, etc., from R-1 and duplex units, when requested by the owner or occupant of the unit, in accordance with communication from the City Manager dated January 20, 1961.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained this does not keep the property owner or occupant from being liable for the \$1.00 per month to the City. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. Classification for Garage Superintendent. The City Manager's recommendation is to create a new classification for the Garage Division, to be designated as Garage Superintendent and to start recruitment as soon as the Civil Service Board and Council approve the job description. 1004 Appr'd

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

43. Request for approval of free one-way bus rides from Bus Superintendent, for downtown merchants' promotion sale February 2, 3, 4 (erroneously stated as 3,4,5 in communication). 1016 Appr'd

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

44. HEART MONTH

Mayor Isen proclaimed February as HEART MONTH and urged all citizens to give generously for that purpose. 1057

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

45. Councilman Beasley asked that department heads be present at Council meetings to answer questions involving their respective departments. He referred specifically to the Engineering Department. City Manager Stevens said he would see that it is taken care of. ~~1004~~ 1053

46. Councilman Benstead moved the Traffic Engineer and Commission bring to the Council a recommendation for curing the dangerous situation at the intersection of Crenshaw and Sonoma, if possible next week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, carried. 1048 Ref. for rep. 1 wk.

47. Councilman Blount moved that Boy Scout Troop No. 315 be permitted to put on their display of overnight camping at the foot of El Prado Park. He said last year it was done in a very orderly fashion and the boys conducted themselves like gentlemen. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection. 1062 Appr.

48. Councilman Bradford moved that a perma plaque resolution be prepared for Mr. Arthur S. Moore who is retiring after many years of faithful service to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and there being no objection, carried. 1000 Appr.

49. Councilman Bradford asked if there has been any word on the Del Amo crossing of the railroad tracks. City Manager Stevens reported the progress on the crossing of Del Amo and Crenshaw. Mr. Bradford said he refers to the crossing up the field, just below Maple. Mr. Stevens said this will involve permission from the railroad and when the decision is obtain from the Grade Crossing Committee, we can go ahead with this particular crossing also. 1047 No act.

50. Councilman Vico asked the City Attorney if the charge per acre for drainage improvement assessment is legal. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it has not been decided by the Courts, but he believes it is a reasonable fee and sees no reason to change. Councilman Bradford said he is not con- 1161 Ref. to Legal & Engr for study

vinced this is the proper way to handle it; that perhaps it should come through taxes. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he plans to prepare an amendment to the Drainage Improvement ordinance for Council consideration in the coming months by which the City would be divided into drainage districts and the improvements prorated. There is quite an engineering problem involved. Councilman Vico moved the plan as now established be thrown out, forgotten. Councilman Drale moved a substitute that in that where the City has already started to collect certain sums of money a problem would arise, that City Attorney Remelmeyer come back with a recommendation to the Council as to whether to divide the City into districts, or repeal the ordinance. His motion was to refer the matter to the Engineering and Legal Departments for study. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

51. Mayor Isen mentioned the inconsistencies which exist in 1092 street names, citing Arlington and Van Ness as an example. Ref. to He moved to refer the matter to the Planning Commission to Pl.Com. determine if uniformity cannot be established with Los Angeles through the Regional Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and, there being no objection, carried.

52. Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, extended congratulations to Bert Lynn on re-election as President of the ~~1000~~ Planning Commission.

53. Mayor Isen read a letter from Judge Wm. C. Taylor of 0 Mobile, Alabama asking for certain information about Torrance and asked that Director of Planning answer it.

54. Councilman Bradford asked that the record show his vote 1161 as "NO" on the motion of Councilman Vico regarding the drainage fund. He said he is oppsed to the existing ordinance, but has no objection to the City Attorney studying it. However, the motion is ambiguous and confusing and there is no way to cast an intelligent vote.

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

56. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance
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APPROVED


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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