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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 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, March 21, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Vico, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale (he arrived at 5:40 P.M.) Also present were City Manager Stevens and Assistant City Attorney Dower.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. James H. Burchett, Chairman of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of the South Bay Church of God, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 1961, were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. AWARDS:

The award of perma plaque resolution to Radio Station KNX scheduled for this time on the agenda, was made later in the evening.

HEARINGS:

7. CASE NO. 697. PETITIONER CHARLES GOODWIN. FORMAL HEARING 1031 ON VARIANCE OF OFF STREET PARKING ORDINANCE to permit construction of store building with 12 parking spaces at 24234-36 Hawthorne Avenue, with location sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of March 1, 1961, and plot plan attached. The recommendation is for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 697; there was no response.

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

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance in Case No. 697. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

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8. CASE NO. 695. PETITIONER ELAINE ROBINSON. FORMAL HEARING ON VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT SECOND DWELLING IN R-1 ZONE. Lot 135, 1031 Tract 15933. Letter of transmittal recommending approval and attaching location sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of March 1, 1961, and plot plan.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard regarding Case No. 695; there was no response.

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

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve variance in Case No. 695 based on all the recommendations and conditions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

9. CASE NO. 694. PETITIONER LYLE TUSSING. FORMAL HEARING ON VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT OFFICES IN R-2 ZONE at 17104 Crenshaw Boulevard. Letter of transmittal recommending denial and attaching location sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of March 1, 1961. 1031

The petitioner has withdrawn his petition and the case was removed from the agenda.

Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented Affidavit of Publication on Cases No. 697 and 695 and, there being no objection, it was ordered received and filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. WAIVER W-206. KENNETH E. STULER, requesting waiver of rear yard requirements, recommended for approval. 1036

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Waiver No. W-206. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked what was intended to be built and Director of Planning Powell answered an additional bedroom and playroom extending toward the back of the property. Councilman Benstead asked that this information be included in recommendations for approval of waivers in the future.

11. FOSTER HOMES. Letter from Director of Planning Powell, countersigned by Director of Public Works Peebles. 1037  
1026  
1053

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Powell why, if this was urgent, it had not come up before and Mr. Powell replied that he was awaiting an opinion from the Legal Department, which he received March 8th. Councilman Beasley asked for an explanation of differentiation between foster homes and regular child care service. Director of Planning Powell explained the two types of homes.

The Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman of the First Methodist Church, one of the prime movers in sponsoring foster homes, told the Council there has been too much red tape involved in a family taking a foster child into their home. Reverend Zimmerman asked if it would not be possible to waive the City license fee as well as the procedure connected with obtaining a variance. He had hoped to have someone present from the

County Probation Department at this Council meeting and asked if this matter might be held over for two weeks. The big obstacle, Reverend Zimmerman felt, has been the variance procedure, and the sponsors of the project would like to discuss this with the Planning Commission and the City Attorney before the recommendation made by the Planning Commission becomes a part of Torrance City regulations. Councilman Beasley expressed himself as being in agreement with Reverend Zimmerman's opinions, although he felt the City should have some control. In order to obtain more information as to what part the County and State play in foster home procedure, it was agreed that the item would be held over until the April 11th Council meeting at 8:00 P.M. Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Blount, Beasley and himself, as a committee to work with Director of Planning Powell on the subject, and asked that Reverend Zimmerman notify them if and when it is necessary to meet.

Councilman Drale joined the meeting at 5:40 P.M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. SANITARY SEWERS. PETITION REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS on west side of Hawthorne Avenue from Spencer Street to Del Amo Boulevard, with location sketch. 1356

Councilman Benstead moved that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare a preliminary report on the proposed sewer. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

13. CLAIM OF J. A. LANDERVILLE FOR REFUND OF SEWER CLEANING BILL dated March 14, 1961, in the amount of \$42. 1343

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, he would instruct City Manager Stevens to refer this item to the Department of Public Works. There was no objection.

14. PALOS VERDES BEGONIA FARM REQUEST FOR SIGN, with request from Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens for opinion from the Council. 1063

The situation of the Begonia Farm is being moved to the rear so that it will be at Newton and 242nd Streets. There was some question as to whether or not this would be considered a billboard. Councilman Bradford moved to hold this item for two weeks or until the Building Division has more information on the design. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and, there being no objection, stated the sign would be considered when the Building Division can more clearly define it.

15. AMERICAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION letter dated March 8, 1961, asking for a pledge of contribution toward support of the Inter-American Municipal Organization, with note from the City Manager that the City of Torrance dues would be \$100 per year. 1068

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

16. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS dated March 9, 1961, regarding use of State Highway construction funds.

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Councilmen Beasley and Benstead were under the impression that this matter had been acted upon previously. Mayor Isen asked that Assistant City Attorney over check to see if this is true and, if not, to replace the item on the agenda with appropriate resolution. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

17. TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE dated March 9, 1961, regarding 1016 use of City's bus terminal for Greyhound Bus Lines.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the matter would be referred to Bus Superintendent Chamberlain. City Manager Stevens said Mr. Chamberlain has arranged a meeting and a report will be made of the results thereof.

18. McMASTER PARK MOTHERS CLUB dated March 9, 1961, offering certain playground equipment and asking the City to finance the sand in which it should be installed. 1249 X1104

Councilman Bradford moved to accept the equipment, send a letter of thanks and state that the City will supply the sand necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote. There was some discussion as to whether or not this is the type of equipment which would be suitable, but Reverend Sippel of the Park and Recreation Commission was present and stated he believes it is of a type that will be compatible.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

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19. Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles recommending PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO ATTEND ASPO CONVENTION by Director of Planning Powell, with appropriate expenses paid.

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

20. MEMO FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR submitting VERIFIED CLAIM NO. 13 OF CHARLES T. RIPPY, for refund of tax assessment for rubbish abatement. 1115

It developed that weigh tickets are available supporting this bill, but no pictures were shown.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the claim for refund of tax assessment represented by verified claim No. 13. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Vico.

BUILDING DIVISION:

21. Letter from Beatrice B. Fulwider requesting REFUND OF INSPECTION FEE FOR RELOCATION to 23637 Ward Street, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens to refund 80% thereof. The amount paid was \$30. 1272

22. Letter from Donald D. Desmond REQUESTING REFUND OF FEES FOR PERMITS at 3127 West 188th Street, with comments of Superintendent Schlens. The amount paid was \$6.50. 1272

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations of Mr. Schlens to refund 80% of items 21 and 22. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

23. EASEMENT DEEDS FOR ACCEPTANCE, with letter from City Engineer Nollac enclosing location sketches, as follows: St1177 SEW1185

- 1. Easement deed dated March 5, 1961 for the widening of 229th Street and the south one-half of future 228th Street over a portion of Lot 40, Tract No. 639, given by E. G. Eldridge, June Eldridge, James O. McVay and Ann McVay.
- 2. Easement deed dated March 5, 1961 for the widening of 229th Street over a portion of Lot 40, Tract No. 639, given by E. G. Eldridge and June Eldridge.
- 3. Easement deed dated March 3, 1961 for the widening of 229th Street over a portion of Lot 40, Tract No. 639, given by Joseph W. Kasko and Mary P. Kasko.
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5. Easement deed dated March 2, 1961 for the widening of 237th Street and the south one-half of 236th Place over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 847, given by the Coast Line Development Co., Inc.

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- 6. Easement deed dated May 23, 1960 for the widening of 237th Street and the south one-half of 236th Place over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 847 given by the Property Management Corp.
- 7. Sanitary Sewer Easement deed dated December 29, 1960, over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 847, given by the Property Management Corp.
- 8. Easement deed dated March 3, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street at Hawthorne Avenue given by Lyle Elmer Williams, owner.
- 9. Easement deed dated March 14, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street at Hawthorne Avenue given by Paul's Chevrolet, lessee.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the nine easement deeds listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

24. Request dated March 15, 1961 FOR RELEASE OF OIL WELL BOND NO. 7303694, Cap Drilling Co. 1227

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Councilman Beasley moved to release oil well bond No. 7303694 in the amount of \$500 under the provisions of Section 19.33. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Request that VACCARO NO. 1 WELL BE DELETED FROM OIL WELL BOND NO. 1518663, Pacific American Oil Company. 1227

Councilman Benstead moved to delete Vaccaro No. 1 Well from oil well bond 1518663 and that the bond remain in force to cover other wells owned by Pacific American Oil Company. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

26. FROM H. M. SIPPEL, CHAIRMAN OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REQUESTING \$700 TO CARRY OUT LEADERSHIP PERSONNEL PROGRAM for South and North High Schools Saturdays and Sundays for the balance of the fiscal year. The money is now available for the purpose, but should be transferred from the General Fund. 1004  
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Pers.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request of the Park and Recreation Commission to place \$700 in its fund for the purpose stated. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. ILLUMINATION OF McMASTER PARK AND STUDY TO DEDICATE. 1249  
Mayor Isen said the matter of illumination of McMaster Park has been referred to the next budget session. The fee simple title to the park property is in the City. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Assistant City Attorney Dower would be instructed to examine the deed and give an opinion regarding whether or not such procedure is feasible. Mayor Isen also asked that Mr. Dower write to John Mulvihill, President of North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, telling him the matter is under consideration. X1357  
X1229

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

28. Recommendation on APPLICATION OF HENRY BLACK, dba American Aviation Associates for leasing of Plot 13 for fixed base operations, plus option on adjacent plots, with copy of application and sketch. 1010  
Am.  
Avia  
Assoc

Leon Seltzer, 3860 Crenshaw Boulevard, attorney for Mr. Black, was present and said he would speak, if necessary.

In answer to Mayor Isen's question as to whether or not this had been studied, Councilman Blount stated he is in direct opposition to the project; that the Airport Commission would do well to accept and practice the policies set up by the Council, specifically the restriction on the number of flight schools on the Airport. Mayor Isen also opposes the addition of more flight schools for economic reasons as well as the increased hazard. Councilman Benstead said there were many things he does not agree with: the petitioner seems to be writing the provisions of the contract; he disapproved of the corrugated fence.

Councilman Blount said before the question is referred to the Airport Committee, he would like to determine whether it is actually the policy of the Council to so restrict flight schools and if so, the Commission should be advised in writing.

Councilman Benstead agreed that the policy was made in good faith and should be strictly followed.

Mr. Joe M. Doss of the Airport Commission appeared and contended that the Commission is trying to build up the Airport from 110 tie-downs as compared with 350 at a smaller airport in Compton. He does not believe the Council's policy of restricting flight schools is realistic and is against any attempt to restrict free enterprise. Councilman Blount said this is not the time and place for considering any item except the petition of Henry Black.

Attorney Seltzer said that restriction provides neither safety nor profits. He felt that business at the Airport would grow in proportion to the number of students who learn to fly. As to the safety factor he asked the Council to hear the opinion of Slim Kidwell. Mr. Kidwell briefly stated he does not concur in the policy of restriction of any activity on the Airport.

Councilman Drale spoke against the option feature. Councilman Bradford favored free enterprise and competition. Councilman Beasley said he is not happy with the way the Airport is progressing and agreed with Mr. Doss to the extent that he thought the policies should be reviewed. Mayor Isen pointed out the excellent safety record of the Airport.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the Black proposal would be referred to the Airport Committee and gave instructions that Messrs. Seltzer, Kidwell and the Councilmen who are not on the committee be advised of the time and place of meeting. There was no objection.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

#### 29. RE NEW LEGISLATION:

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This is a resubmittal of recommendations of the City Manager and City Attorney regarding legislation dealing with Sales Taxes, Civil Service, the Brown Act, Land Acquisition, and two miscellaneous matters. City Manager Stevens said the Legislative Committee of the Council met after the agenda was compiled and so did not get their recommendations on the regular agenda.

As to Sales Tax legislation, Mr. Stevens said the group agreed to oppose the bills listed. Mayor Isen thought there should be an exception of doctors' prescriptions.

Councilman Blount moved the City of Torrance oppose all the exemptions listed as Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 under Sales Tax, in the subject communication. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale stated he does not believe it is within the jurisdiction of the Council to pass on to Sacramento recommendations which the legislature would have reason to believe were the majority opinion of Torrance citizens. Councilman Bradford reminded the Council that it has opposed numerous bills which have come before the legislature. Councilman Drale believed this had been done only on an individual basis.

Mayor Isen moved an amendment to Councilman Blount's motion, that all items except AB60 be opposed, the effect of which would be to go on record as favoring a bill exempting medicines from sales tax, but telling the legislators that we oppose the other exemptions at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

The amendment to the motion failed by the following roll call vote.

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

The vote on the original motion of Councilman Blount was as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 6:25 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 6:35.

Following recess, Mayor Isen announced that Mr. Bob Sutton, 1000 the new General Manager of KNX had joined the meeting and asked Councilman Drale to make the presentation of the perma plaque resolution commending KNX on its fine editorial policy. Councilman Drale read the resolution and presented it to Mr. Sutton on behalf of the Mayor and Council. Mr. Sutton responded for Station KNX and stated it would do its best to so conduct its broadcasts that the City of Torrance could be proud of having KNX within its limits. Councilman Drale suggested that personnel from the station be invited to Chamber of Commerce breakfasts and Mayor Isen asked him to call Mr. Shawger and make the suggestion to him.

The Council then proceeded with the items listed on the agenda.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council oppose in principle 1111 AB350 and AB531, as they would be in direct conflict with our charter and the provisions thereof have had the vote of the people of Los Angeles County in the November elections. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

After some discussion of the remainder of the proposed legislation, Councilman Beasley moved to amend Councilman Blount's motion so as to oppose all but AB893 and SB385. Councilman Blount approved the amendment, but Councilman Drale felt he did not have sufficient information to cast a "Yes" vote. The motion carried, as follows:

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

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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall 1111 assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL 441 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE TO EFFECT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-48. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

31. ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ON CABRILLO AVENUE

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PRELIMINARILY DETERMINING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS ON CABRILLO AVENUE; PRELIMINARILY DETERMINING THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 2804 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, AS AMENDED, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL NOT APPLY; AND PRELIMINARILY DETERMINING THAT SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL PROCEED UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911. (Cabrillo Avenue Assessment District No. A'11-60-2)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-49. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-48. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:  
City Manager Stevens called attention to the memorandum regarding legislative bills considered by the Council Legislative Committee and recommended for opposition, dated March 21, 1961, which came in too late to be included with the other legislative recommendations. He read from the provisions of AB494 and stated by this bill the City would lose complete control of its own employees. Mr. Stevens said there would be about five thousand bills in this legislative session and possibly two hundred or three hundred that affect cities. The League of California Cities will screen those as carefully as they can and in turn advise the cities what effect they would have and how the League feels about them. They need support in order that some of these damaging bills will not be passed. He said he believes there are enough damaging bills in the legislative hopper to cost the City one million dollars a year without any benefit to the City. As representatives of the people, Mr. Stevens feels it is the duty of the Council to study and act on these and that it is his duty to report them to the Council and the legislative committee and make recommendations. It is possible for such legislation to win by default if it is not carefully watched and acted on. AB421 was heard before the committee on March 20th but it is not too late to make recommendations.

Councilman Blount said all these bills tend to withdraw local rights by the State and they should all be opposed on this theory. He so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (he stated he had not had time to carefully study the legislation.)  
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## 32. PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CABRILLO AVENUE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES OF COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS ON CABRILLO AVENUE, PURSUANT TO THE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911, DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.  
(Cabrillo Avenue Assessment District No. A'11-60-2)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-50. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

33. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second reading, and read title to:

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Sal.ORDINANCE NO. 1220

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1183 BY GRANTING A ONE SCHEDULE INCREASE TO CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS IN SALARY RANGE NO. 55 AND ABOVE.

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1220. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1220 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen said when comparisons were made with other cities, Santa Monica, Glendale, Burbank, etc., that there were found to be increases to bring into line, of up to 18% within a year. Councilman Blount thought that applied throughout the ranges, not just the top 35 positions.

Assistant City Attorney Dower was reminded by Mayor Isen that an opinion should be presented regarding the retroactivity factor in these increases. Councilman Drale asked also that the opinion include whether the ordinance takes more than a simple majority in order to pass.

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Councilman Drale moved all employees in classifications under No. 55 be granted a 2½% increase. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, failed by the following roll call vote:

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

34. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall 1033  
presented for its second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1221

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 650.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1221 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall 1033  
presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1222

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 669.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1222 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall 1033  
presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1223

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 673.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1223 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall 1033  
presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1224

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 674.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1224 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

38A. Personnel: THAT MARSHALL CHAMBERLAIN, BUS SUPERINTENDENT, 1039 BE AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, April 10, 11 and 12, with appropriate expenses paid.

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Expenditures: Public Works: for the PURCHASE OF 10' BOOM SECTION FOR CRANE AND APPURTENANCES, the sum of \$517.40. 1042

ADDITION TO CITY HALL: for the addition of telephone, clock and lighting outlets, the sum of \$463.13.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendations of the City Manager as to items listed under Personnel and Expenditures. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. 1042

MISCELLANEOUS:

CARSON STREET IN THE VICINITY OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL. 1239  
A map was shown and studied by the councilmen.

Mr. Healy, a resident of the corner, told of the frequency of accidents involving high school students at this location.

Councilman Drale asked about the approval of Remco which was granted subject to saving some trees and City Engineer Nollac reported Director of Planning Powell has attended to that. Councilman Drale moved that the Department of Public Works be instructed to proceed with the continuance of Carson Street through the park as per recommendation under Miscellaneous, Item 38D. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Blount asked about the twelve palm trees and Director of Public Works Peebles said the Park Superintendent had discovered that the trees are so old and large, they do not justify saving. Councilman Drale asked that there be added to his motion the condition that the trees be removed and saved if possible, and replaced with suitable trees. Councilman Beasley consented to the amendment and the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

PROCLAMATION:

39. Mayor Isen proclaimed April 14, 1961 as PAN AMERICAN DAY and the week of April 9 to 15, 1961, as PAN AMERICAN WEEK. 1057

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. Mayor Isen mentioned another item to be discussed: TRASH PICK-UP FOR LITTLE LEAGUE. 1018 X1105

Councilman Blount said his Little League had received notices from several of the companies that they would pick up trash; that they had signed up with one and he suggested that the inquiries be referred to the licensed pickup companies for free pickup of Little League trash. The communication on the subject was ordered filed, there being no objection.

41. City Manager Stevens reminded the Airport Committee of the Council of the meeting at 7 P.M. this Thursday, with the Airport Genl Commission regarding installation of hotel-motel on the Airport. 1010

42. City Manager Stevens asked that a work session of the Council be held next Monday on drainage, as there are some important decisions to be made on sumps and the adoption of priorities therefor. The meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. Monday, March 27th in Council Chambers. 1054

43. City Manager Stevens announced his intention to resign from his position effective June 30th, the end of the present fiscal year. 1290
44. Councilman Blount said he was shocked to learn that we are losing a capable City Manager who has done an outstanding job for the City over the past thirteen and one-half years.
45. Councilman Bradford asked what is planned to be done about the Youth Center. Mayor Isen said while Councilman Bradford was absent on account of illness, a communication came back from the Park and Recreation Commission that they could not decide anything until they know how the buildings are to be located or built on the Civic Center. Councilman Bradford asked for such information as is necessary in order to prepare a preliminary design. City Manager Stevens offered to look up the communication from the Commission and place it on the agenda for the next Council meeting. 1061  
1191  
Youth
46. Councilman Vico asked again regarding cleaning out the ditch on Halison Street. Director of Public Works Peebles will check on this. 1137
47. Mayor Isen reminded the Legal Department of the resolution which was to be prepared regarding establishment of South Bay State College on the Palos Verdes peninsula. Appended to the agenda was a letter from the City of Lawndale stating the context of their resolution. Mayor Isen asked that they be advised of our agreement and that the resolution come before the Council for formal consideration next meeting. 1230
48. Mayor Isen told the Council of a communication regarding the Torrance Adult Club facilities. The Club had been promised construction of a wall and roof between the two wings of the building. Mayor Isen moved that if it cannot be supplied immediately, that it go into the next fiscal year's budget discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection. 1191  
Adult
49. Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance  
California

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

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