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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, April 18, 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, Drale, Vico, and Isen. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Irving Lessin led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Maynard V. Midthun of Christ the King Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Councilman Bradford asked that the minutes of the meeting held April 11, 1961 be corrected to show his reference to Palos Verdes Boulevard, rather than Calle Mayor, in the third paragraph of page 3. Mayor Isen asked that the number of the Assembly Bill about which he went to Sacramento on Monday, April 17, 1961, be changed to show the correct number, AB267. This correction is noted to line 4 of Item 43, page 14 of the April 11, 1961 minutes.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 11, 1961, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Cravens Avenue, Lot 3, Block 16, Torrance Tract. Attached were letter of transmittal, sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of March 15, 1961, and plot plan.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 701; there was no response.

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

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 8. TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT letter dated April 7, 1961, regarding condition for students walking to and from Hamilton School near 182nd Street. 1242 X1050 Schl Xing

City Manager Stevens stated the matter is being handled in a satisfactory temporary manner and something will be done about working out a permanent solution. Traffic Engineer Whitmer is studying the problem and the letter mentioned will be answered by City Manager Stevens.

- 9. Letter dated April 7, 1961, from L. M. AND GEORGIA B. HENNEN REGARDING DIRT DUMPING AND DUST NUISANCE ON PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD between Highway 101 and Monte de Oro.

City Manager Stevens said the communication has been referred to the Department of Public Works and Director of Public Works Peebles said he would answer it. Councilman Benstead asked what has been done up to this point and Mr. Peebles stated this is the portion of 101 Highway and Palos Verdes to which Councilman Bradford referred last week, and it has been taken care of. On the same subject of excavation, in answer to questions by Councilmen Drale and Beasley, City Manager Stevens stated the contract for purchase of dirt has expired and there is now only enough for the City's own use. The City has been paid for the dirt sold.

- 10. Letter dated April 7, 1961, from EDWARD T. TELFORD, ASSISTANT 1050 STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER regarding signing to Torrance on the Harbor Signs Freeway. Dir X1139

Councilman Blount, by questioning, brought out the fact that this matter was taken care of in the resolution passed at the last Council meeting. Councilman Beasley stated the signs at 190th and Artesia are temporary signs; the permanent sign will be at Carson. Councilman Blount said the net result will be only one sign on the Harbor freeway, but there will be another sign on the San Diego freeway. Someone in the Highway Division office had told Councilman Beasley that probably the two signs at 174th and 190th, respectively, will never come down, but Torrance should watch and persist in order to keep them there. Mayor Isen asked that City Manager Stevens write to Mr. Telford on behalf of the Council stating the signs should be maintained at Artesia Boulevard at all times. X1314

- 11. ADAMS, MORGAN, LATHAM, KRIPP & WRIGHT, SUBMITTING COST ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LIBRARY. 1329

City Manager Stevens said this is primarily an informational communication and that we should authorize the architects to proceed with the final plans. Councilman Drale so moved. Motion,

seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

12. Communication from CIVIL SERVICE BOARD regarding classification studies of TWO POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS. 1004 Pos. Clas.

The recommendation is that on the basis of the duties and responsibilities the two positions mentioned, Police Officer, be reallocated to the Class of Police Sergeant.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead asked if there would be an examination called for Police Sergeant and City Manager Stevens replied there has been such an examination and the two positions would be by promotion from that eligible list.

13. Letter from City Manager Stevens forwarding SPECIFICATION FOR SENIOR BUILDING INSPECTOR and recommending adoption of this revised specification. 1004 Pos.C1.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

14. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the recommendation FOR CONSIDERATION OF TWENTY-FIVE APPLICATIONS FOR FIREWORKS STANDS.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

15. Regarding 190th STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE STORM DRAIN. 1318

It was noted this is a development which will cost the City nothing; the \$13000 is to be allocated from the County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING COUNTY FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WESTERN AVENUE IN 190TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PARTIALLY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-69. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. SPECIAL REPORT ON CARNIVAL AT ROLLING HILLS PLAZA CELEBRATION Requested by Councilman Bradford. 1062

Mayor Isen expressed approval of this report and said if there was no objection, it would be filed. There was no objection.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

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17. VICTOR E. BENSTEAD PLUNGE - IMPROVEMENT of existing pumping facilities. Notice of Completion and recommendation of acceptance of work.

Councilman Benstead moved that the work be accepted so that final settlement may be made with the contractor, in accordance with the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. Letter of transmittal from City Engineer approved by Easement Committee, of 10 easement deeds, as follows:

1. Easement deed dated July 21, 1960 for the extension of 236th Place and the widening of 237th Street over portions of Lot 9, Tract No. 847, given by Roland Rogers, Jimmie R. Fox and Dottie B. Fox.
2. Easement deed dated March 8, 1961, for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 32, Tract No. 3218, given by William R. Poulton et al.
3. Easement deed dated March 28, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 33, Tract No. 3218, given by W. F. Marantette and Ruth B. Marantette.
4. Easement deed dated March 10, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 28, Tract No. 2895, given by Charles O. Good.
5. Easement deed dated April 5, 1961 for providing a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Apple and Santa Fe Avenues over a portion of Lot 4, Block 6, Tract No. 3757, given by George C. Crabtree and Eunice F. Crabtree.
6. Easement deed dated March 28, 1961 for the widening of 239th Street over a portion of Lot 6, Tract No. 397, given by Charles D. Richards and Mary Lou Richarts.
7. Easement deed dated March 16, 1961 for the widening of 239th Street over a portion of Lot 22, Tract No. 397, given by Elmer N. Hermann and Hazel M. Hermann.
8. Easement deed dated March 23, 1961 for widening Redondo Beach Boulevard and providing a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Thornburgh Avenue, given over a portion of Lot 24, McDonald Tract by Harry A. Campbell and Eleanor C. Campbell.
9. Easement deed dated March 28, 1961, for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 3218, given by the Imperial Investment Company.
10. Easement deed dated March 29, 1961, given by the Altena Two Homes, Inc., for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair and use, or reconstruction on portions of Lots 159 and 160, Tract No. 25788 of an underground conduit to energize the automatic sprinklers in the center divider of Anza Avenue.

Councilman Benstead moved the deeds listed as numbers 1 (9)1177 through 10 above, be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman (1)1180 Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

19. Resubmittal of request of JEFFERSON INC FOR EXTENSION OF TERM OF BUILDING PROVISIONS IN LEASE, with comments of City Manager and notations of work session of City Council April 10, 1961, on the matter attached. 1010
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Councilman Drale made a brief resume of the history of this development as well as the request of Jefferson Inc., for the two year extension. He feels the Company should pay some extra amount for the concession they are requesting. Councilman Bradford recalled the circumstances relating to the development and favored granting the request. It is doubtful that the 13.5 acres can be developed in an orderly manner within the time left. If \$4,000,000 is not actually spent in development by January 2, 1962, the undeveloped portion of the land must revert to the City. Up to date, approximately \$2,500,000 has been expended. In order to prevent a strip type of development, the extension is asked.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Councilman Bradford, stating the Company has kept all its promises and has acted in good faith.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request of Jefferson, Inc., as set forth in their letter dated March 29, 1961, on the condition as recommended by City Manager Stevens dated April 14, 1961, that the Company furnish the City with an accurate map showing the location of all buildings and structures, also all utilities, both overhead and underground. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

20. RECOMMENDATION ON KIDWELL BUILDING PERMIT FOR DISPLAY PATIO. 1010
The letter dated April 13, 1961 from Jack R. Egan, Airport Kid.
Manager, outlines the particulars of the Airport Committee of
the Council's review of the request, with the recommendation that
a setback in this case not be required and that a building permit
be issued.

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

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

21. Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission to deny the request of NORTH TORRANCE PONY LEAGUE FOR A CONCESSION STAND 1105
AT EL NIDO PARK, and all other requests for permanent or semi- 1306
permanent concession stands on developed city-owned parks, be
denied.

Councilman Vico first moved to concur. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection. However, discussion revealed that Councilman Vico did not intend to concur in denial. For that reason, Councilman Vico moved for reconsideration of the motion, and the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. The roll call vote, on reconsideration, was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford.

Chairman Sippel explained the feeling of the Commission on the subject and Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. LETTER OF OPINION from Robert K. Dower, Assistant City Attorney, on the subject of CONSTRUCTION OF A SNACK STAND ON EL NIDO PARK, 1105 together with copy of letter from the Deputy County Counsel X1306 expressing the opinion that the use contemplated would not tend to cause a reversion as provided in the deed from the County.

This letter, being informational, was on motion of Mayor Isen, there being no objection, ordered filed.

23. Recommendation that IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADULT CENTER be made as per working plans prepared by Marion J. Varner, AIA, and 1191 accepted in 1957, the money to come from the General Fund, Adult according to letter from the Chairman of Park and Recreation Commission, dated April 13, 1961.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale thought it unwise to spend the amount necessary to accomplish this work, considering that the Adult Club will probably be moved to the Civic Center where he feels it should be located. The cost is roughly \$10,000. Councilman Blount did not feel the Civic Center is as suitable a place for this facility as is downtown Torrance and Councilman Benstead agreed. City Manager Stevens said there is a set of plans and Councilman Drale moved the matter be tabled for one week so that the Councilmen might examine the plans. Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion with the consent of his second, and the matter will be back on the agenda next week.

24. RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR RECREATION CENTER. 1191 After examination of the sketch presented, Mayor Isen commented that he would like to see a permanent stage installed rather than a collapsible type. Councilman Drale moved to approve the plan, with a limitation of \$150,000 on the building itself, exclusive of furnishings and landscaping, with the condition that the funds now on deposit from the sale of the old auditorium be used, and the balance be made up from the General Fund. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion with the understanding that the price is based on \$15 per square foot construction cost. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

25. CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

PERSONNEL:

That Sgt. H. Fischer be authorized to attend the California 1039 Check Investigators Training Institute in Santa Rosa, April 26-28, 1961, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth in the City Manager's memorandum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and City Manager Stevens stated the request was for three people to attend, but in conformance with City policy, only one was approved.

Roll call vote was unanimously in favor of the motion and it carried.

EXPENDITURES:

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| 1. To Lewellen Press for printing of Torrance Police Department Annual Report, 1960, the sum of \$510.69, a budget item. | 1042 |
| 2. To Dircks Reloading for wadcutters and round nose, the sum of \$556.40, a budget item. | 1042 |
| 3. To Keuffel & Esser Co. for tracing cloth, the sum of \$598.58 a budget item. | 1042 |
| 4. To Hiebert's Cabinet & Fixture Co. for office furnishings, the sum of \$589.06, a budget item | 1041
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Councilman Drale moved to concur in the four items listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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| 5. IMPROVEMENT OF ARLINGTON AVENUE - recommendation that the bid of Contractor's Asphalt Sales Company in the amount of \$43,488.30 be accepted as the lowest responsible bid for the project and all other bids be rejected. | 1354 |
| 6. GAS TAX BUDGET 1961-62. Proposed budget listed items, as follows, totalling \$125,000, not indicating any particular priority: | |

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| 1. Torrance Blvd. Realignment
Western Ave to Border Ave. | \$80,000 |
| 2. Palos Verdes Blvd from
Pacific Coast Highway to Catalina | 110,000 |
| 3. Traffic Signals at Crenshaw Blvd and
Sepulveda Blvd | 20,000 |
| 4. Traffic Signals at Carson St. and
Madrona Ave | 10,000 |
| 5. Traffic Signals at Torrance Blvd.
and Madrona Ave. | 10,000 |
| 6. Traffic Signals at Hickory Ave. and
Torrance Blvd. | 8,000 |
| 7. Traffic Signals at Maple Ave. and
Torrance Blvd. | 8,000 |
| 8. Street Maintenance | 125,000 |

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations as to each of the above items under PUBLIC WORKS (Item 6, including the eight individual items). Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Vico inquired whether the quality of the work would be such as would stand up and Councilman Beasley asked if there would be adequate inspection on the job. Both inquiries were answered affirmatively by City Manager Stevens.

APPROPRIATIONS:

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| 1. For the City Hall Addition, THE SUM OF \$282.12 UNDER CHANGE ORDER NO. 4, consisting of four items, with a net addition of \$282.12; there being three additions and a deletion, resulting in an amended contract price of \$224,374.45. | 1224
1043 |
| 2. For the purchase of Lots 1 through 7, Tract 5504 for a FIRE STATION SITE, the sum of \$25,000, to Mr. C. N. Cake. Included will be an easement over the west 25 feet of these lots currently indicated on a map which was attached to the agenda. Lots 1 through 9 were indicated on the agenda; however, City Manager Stevens asked that a correction be made to show Lots | 1001
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1 through 7 and the easement.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval of Items 1 and 2 under APPROPRIATIONS as set forth. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens asked for specific authorization to proceed to escrow and Councilman Drale moved such authorization be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried there being no objection. Mayor Isen commended Mr. Cake for the interest in civic betterment evidenced by his negotiations with the City for the property at this price.

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26. MEMORANDUM FROM CITY MANAGER STEVENS AND CITY ATTORNEY REMELMEYER containing analysis of six items of pending legislation, together with individual recommendations thereon. Mayor Isen remarked that the analyses were all good and moved to concur and so notify the proper parties of the City's feeling. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. No roll call vote was taken. The only objection was from Councilman Drale who announced his vote would be "no".

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Mayor Isen stated that AB267 is being completely revised.

PROCLAMATIONS:

27. Mayor Isen proclaimed April 23 to April 29, 1961, as SECRETARIES' WEEK.

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28. An additional item, verified CLAIM OF MARY SHIRLEY BISHOP FOR PERSONAL INJURIES ALLEGED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM ACCIDENT involving garbage truck or trash packer belonging to the City of Torrance.

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Councilman Drale moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At 6:20 P.M., a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Manager Stevens said that, based on approval of the Grade Crossing Committee that the Del Amo and Crenshaw intersection crossing should go as indicated in our current plans, he would recommend that the Council authorize the Department of Public Works and Legal Department to proceed with condemnation of necessary rights of way for Del Amo Boulevard and restricting that portion between Crenshaw and Maple to the southerly part of the right of way only. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the oral recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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30. City Manager Stevens called attention to two communications regarding CONSUMERS MART OF AMERICA, one from Director of Public Works Peebles marked "Emergency" and another, also from Director of Public Works Peebles, stating the contractor has taken out the permits for the street work and as of April 15, 1961, has completed all the improvements that can possibly be done at this time, including curb and gutter only. The storm drain and sidewalk will be installed as soon as the plans for the storm drain are completed. CMA plans to open for business April 20 (Thursday of this week).

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City Manager Stevens wished to have the Council aware of the situation and have their advice on how the problem should be handled.

Councilman Blount called attention to and read from the letter to John Kilroy Company from George Powell, Director of Planning, Items 1 through 5. Councilman Beasley thought a cash bond should be posted, contingent upon the completion of the improvements listed. Mayor Isen suggested a suitable indemnification agreement to comply with the requirements and City Attorney Remel-meyer said a bond would be more practicable than an indemnity agreement, considering the short time available and the necessary negotiations for an indemnification agreement. In that event, Mayor Isen said he believed it should be a surety bond, not cash.

Councilman Blount moved that CMA be permitted to open as planned on condition of posting a bond guaranteeing strict compliance with the requirements listed within a time limit of six months. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen admonished the Engineering Department to carefully scrutinize the cost features and City Engineer Nollac outlined the method by which they would be handled. He said a bid summary would be required showing three responsible bids and the City would be the sole judge of the amount to be refunded by credit of any offset. Councilman Bradford asked that an accounting be made for Council approval.

Mr. Bert Smith asked specifically about the ordinance referred to on the CMA problem.

Councilman Blount repeated his motion to grant to CMA permission to open as scheduled provided bonds are posted prior to final inspection of the building with time limitation of completion of the required improvements of six months. Councilman Bradford reiterated his second.

Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens said inspection has been made, but not final approval. A certificate of occupancy is what CMA wants now, but it will be issued only when all conditions are met.

Roll call vote on the motion was:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

The motion carried.

31. City Manager Stevens presented two letters: one from Consolidated Construction Company, 8619 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles 46, and one from Torrance Sand & Gravel Company, 25701 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, with tentative proposals for core testings of soil and if the soil should prove suitable for fill, the possibility of contract for the purchase thereof. The first named firm needs to know in three weeks. The testing could be done only with the permission of the property owners; the land does not belong to the City at this time. Mayor Isen moved the matter be referred to the City Manager for suitable action. There was no objection. 1188

32. Director of Public Works Peebles said he would like to add to Item 15, regarding storm drain at 190th and Western, the fact that Mr. Lawrence Harvey had been very helpful in achieving the end result of the resolution.

33. Councilman Beasley mentioned the bad traffic accident history of Hawthorne Boulevard and asked that a study be made of future east-west traffic which intersects with Hawthorne when that avenue is redesigned. A meeting has been set up at 10:15 next Tuesday morning with the Design Engineer from the State Highway Division and our Traffic Engineer. 1128
34. Mayor Isen mentioned with respect to next year's gas tax fund some sort of signalization at Sepulveda and Madrona. It is not listed on any priority list at this time. Traffic Engineer Whitmer will check this corner. 1050
Signals
Signs
35. Councilman Blount suggested Lomita and Hawthorne be included for study; there have been two fatalities there recently. 1050
Signals
Signs
36. Councilman Blount asked that the meeting take cognizance of the 71st birthday of George Downing, a longtime resident of Torrance who was present.
37. Councilman Bradford complained that nothing had been done toward reducing speeds on Hawthorne Avenue between 190th and Pacific Coast Highway. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said the new limits were posted yesterday. 1050
38. Councilman Bradford recalled several weeks ago asking for a survey of airconditioning of the Council Chamber and asked that some report be forthcoming soon. 1083
39. Councilman Bradford asked if it would be possible to have someone salvage material from the dump on Madrona so as to allow more room. He asked City Manager Stevens to make a study. Mr. Stevens said because the City is no longer picking up commercial rubbish, there is much less cardboard placed in the sump and salvage efforts might be more of a nuisance than a benefit. Councilman Bradford asked for a report from Street Superintendent Perkins on the subject. 1044
40. Councilman Drale moved that a row of fast-growing trees be planted to screen the dump from Madrona Avenue. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and, there being no objection, carried. 1091
41. Councilman Drale asked if anything had been done about improvement of Prairie Avenue between 182nd and 190th. Director of Public Works Peebles said the property owners have not been receptive to the right of way requirements. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn's deputy has expressed interest in getting together with Torrance and Gardena people for improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard. 1264
42. Mayor Isen said he would like to have a Narcotics Bureau established within the Police Department, similar to the Check Investigation Detail, and moved the Police and Fire Commission meet with the Chief to study the problem toward establishing some such bureau. Councilman Benstead will investigate the possibilities and report to the Council. 1143
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43. Mr. Bert Smith asked who is responsible for make-up pavement. City Manager Stevens stated the City policy in general. The question concerned Bert Lynn's make-up pavement at Henrietta and Torrance Boulevard, which he said was done by City forces and with City materials, while other property owners under the same circumstances had paid for their own. Councilman Vico questioned Mr. Smith's motives in the investigation he has been conducting. Mr. Smith also alleged that Mr. Lynn is a building 1128
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Lynn

contractor but has not paid his Torrance license fee, referring to Section 16.323 of Ordinance No. 1102 affecting owner-builders.

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Mayor Isen told Mr. Smith the proper way to make such an investigation is through Administration. Mr. Smith asked when the investigation will be completed on the matters he has introduced into the Council and was told that depends on how many more he plans to bring in. Councilman Blount agreed with Mr. Smith regarding the license fee feature of his complaint. Councilman Benstead suggested that Mr. Smith go to the Grand Jury if he feels something is wrong in Torrance and Mr. Smith said "that is something that is being taken care of". Councilman Beasley took exception to Mr. Smith's remarks and method of procedure as being out of order.

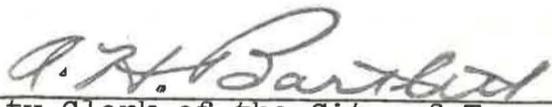
Councilman Bradford said at least Mr. Smith is showing interest in municipal government. He, too, agreed with Mr. Smith about the license feature.

Director of Public Works Peebles and Councilman Beasley set forth the policies that have been established on make-up pavement, stating that if a property owner donates 20 feet of right of way and puts in curbs and gutters, the City puts in make-up pavement; if he does not grant the right of way, he has to pay for the make-up payment. Mr. Smith questioned Director of Public Works Peebles about improvements in the vicinity of Mr. Peebles' home on 166th Street.

After some further discussion, Mr. Smith said if it would expedite investigation of matters he has questioned, he will refrain from bringing up additional irregularities at this time.

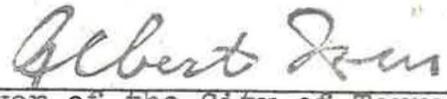
44. Mr. K. F. Jansen of 24255 Ocean Avenue told of wanting to sell one of his lots in order to pay for improvements necessary to build a house. His complaint deals with designation of his property as having been "filled". Mayor Isen said if this is a City mistake, it will be corrected by the City. A contour map is being prepared in Engineering of the land in question. Councilman Blount moved that an inspection be made to remove the stigma from Mr. Jansen's land. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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