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Council Meeting Held May 9, 1961, 8:00 P.M.

Torrance, California
May 9, 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, May 9, 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, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen congratulated Lt. Fischer on his recent promotion and at Mayor Isen's request, Lt. Fischer led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend E. D. Goodell, Associate Pastor of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 2, 1961, was held until next week because some of the Councilmen had received their copies late.

6. APPROVE DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. and Mrs. Don Reining. Mr. Reining is now the Torrance Chamber of Commerce manager.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was given for the benefit of the audience by Mayor Isen.

PLANNING MATTERS:

7. WAIVERS:

The following recommendations on waivers were considered and it was noted that there had been no written protest or approval thereof.

A. W-210. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Boulevard, requesting waiver of front yard setback to within 10 feet of front property line to construct apartment buildings in Lot 21, Tract 3218, recommended for denial. 1036

B. W-211. Dan Butcher, requesting waiver of front yard requirements to construct apartment buildings on Lot 28, Tract 3218, Northwest corner of Emerald and Anza, recommended for denial. 1036

Councilman Beasley moved that W-210 and W-211 be referred 1036
back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Director of Planning Powell explained his recommendation on the waiver requests and Mr. Butcher stated he would be willing to give an easement for alley purposes.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute that the two waivers be granted on condition that a 20 foot easement be given for an alley behind the property. Councilman Beasley and his second, Councilman Drale, withdrew the previous motion and Councilman Beasley seconded Councilman Bradford's substitute motion.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

C. W-213. Rudolph Skalak, 3816 181st Street, requesting 1036
waiver of side yard setback to permit bedroom between and attaching to the existing house and garage, recommended for approval.

E. W-215. R. A. Watt Construction Company, 16901 S. Western, requesting waiver of 15' front yard setback on Lots 13 through 16, Tract 26119, Victor Street, recommended for approval.

F. W-220. Darrell C. Lanham, 22939 Adolph Avenue, re- 1036
questing waiver of rear yard requirements to permit addition of rumpus room between house and garage, recommended for approval.

Councilman Blount moved to grant waivers numbered W-213, W-215 and W-220. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

D. W-214. Don-Ja-Ran Corporation, 9100 Sunset Boulevard, 1036
Los Angeles, requesting waiver of 15' front yard setback, Lots 149=168 inclusive, Tract 18379, recommended for approval with conditions.

Councilman Drale said he would like to check the plans. Director of Planning explained the regulations involved in this property and stated they had all been complied with.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested waiver, W-214. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

8. LOT SPLIT. Letter from Planning Division, noted by Director 1036
of Public Works regarding review and appropriate action by the City Council of request of Micanovich, Rogers and L'Amoreaux in oil field area.

Mayor Isen asked Director of Planning Powell what action is expected of the Council, in that the last page of the communication indicates there has been no compliance. Councilman Drale stated the $500 which has not yet been paid will not cover the cost of curbs, gutters and sidewalks. However, the three men mentioned have granted 23% of their property for the widening of the two streets. After some consideration of the events leading up to this item, Mayor Isen moved that the property owners be required to conform to the regular policy of the City to put in curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and the City do the make-up pavement. Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Mr. John Micanovich of 1755 Hickory and Roland Rogers, 26224 Ocean View, Lomita, stated the lot split was started in January 1960, and was granted provided they put up $500 to take care of curbs and gutters. They then granted the easements for widening of Eshelman Avenue, 237th Street and 236th Place, which amounted to 23% of the land.

Director of Public Works Peebles explained that the men had given quite a bit of property to the City and, in turn, they had asked that they not be required to put in the extensive improvements. He said he would have to estimate the difference between the $500 and the amount necessary. He felt it necessary to get Council approval because it is a deviation from the ordinance. He felt the owners are justified in their request.

Mayor Isen moved for reconsideration of this item and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously in favor of reconsideration (Councilman Vico being absent).

Councilman Blount gave a brief resume of his understanding of the problem and asked for a definite statement of what is asked and why it is not proper to grant it. Director of Public Works explained that, it being a variation from the provisions of the ordinance, it had been necessary to bring this before the Council.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of July 6, 1960, "approved upon receipt of the necessary easements and upon receipt of a check in the amount of $500 payable to the City of Torrance to be used for the purpose of street improvements," the reason being that the men have granted more than the required amount of land to the City. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. CASE NO. 670. PROPERTY OR NORMA L. MEYERS. Variance. 1031
Report from City Engineer Nollac, dated May 4, 1961, and drainage plan attached. Also attached is a communication from C. J. Aulick regarding this case.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he recalled this case had been referred to the Engineering Department because of the difficult drainage problem and attached report is their reply. Mayor Isen asked City Engineer Nollac if the drainage problem has been solved and Mr. Nollac stated it has to the extent it can be. He traced the water course across the property and stated in case of a heavy rain the water would be confined to a channel. The Councilmen discussed the physical features of the location. There is also a question about the cul de sac conforming to City standards.

Mr. Jack Spahn of Barclay-Pearson said Mrs. Meyers has tried since 1956 to develop this land into 5 lot subdivisions but could not do so because of the drainage problem. His company had suggested to her to build a duplex, live in it and manage the apartment house. At the time it was first presented to the Planning Commission the church agreed tentatively to give sufficient widening to make this a fully dedicated cul de sac. Since, they have refused to join in the dedication even though they would like access to their parking lot. Mayor Isen suggested Mr. Spahn get together with Engineering and set down some definite conditions.

Councilman Drale disagreed with Mr. Spahn, saying that it is not a settling basin for water that ponds from 174th Street. It has been a natural draw for years. He believes the City should have easements to be able to go in and protect people and property in case of heavy rains.

Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Spahn and the City Engineer study this, considering the discussion held here and bring in a definite recommendation two weeks from now. Councilman Drale said he would like to have the councilmen look over the site.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council now consider Mrs. Betty Wallace's problem. Mrs. Wallace presented a letter which Mayor Isen read. He said if there was no objection City Attorney Remelmeyer would take over the investigation of the matter, using City Manager's notes, and asked that Mrs. Wallace talk with Mr. Remelmeyer. He assured her that police logs would not be destroyed. The letter was ordered filed, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

10. A. L. Himelhoch, District Engineer, State of California, re signing on San Diego Freeway at Crenshaw Boulevard and Artesia. 1139

Councilman Benstead did not think this the proper solution. He thought one sign was not sufficient. Mayor Isen suggested we wait until the freeway is completed. There has been considerable correspondence between the Highway Division and Torrance. Councilman Benstead moved to file the communication. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and there was no further objection.

11. Letter dated May 5, 1961, from Baxter Omohundro, South Bay-Harbor Editor of Independent-Press Telegram, Long Beach, saying that his new assignment would remove him from the Torrance City Hall. 1004

Councilman Beasley called attention to the years of association with Baxter and moved a perma plaque be presented to him. Mr Omohundro declined the offer.

12. Letter from Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer, asking consideration of an increase in salary of the City Treasurer. 1004

Mayor Isen said this should be referred to theCity Manager for study with other items on the budget and added that the salary of the City Clerk should be studied in a similar manner.

COMMUNICATION FROM BUILDING DIVISION:

13. Regarding Continental Service Company's request for PERMISSION TO ERECT OVERSIZED SIGN FOR BANK OF AMERICA, 1251 Sartori Avenue, with recommendation of approval by Superintendent of Building Schlens. 1063

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

14. AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER REVIEW OF BIDS. Mr. Egan orally made his recommendation and in support thereof, Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that subject to 1009

the FAA approval, the award for the construction of the control tower at the Torrance Airport in the amount of $115,000 be made to N. A. Ayers. Mr. Egan's communication dated May 9, 1961, details the conditions under which the Federal government will reimburse 54% of the amount to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen suggested in this connection proper recognition be given the ground breaking ceremonies when they are conducted. He suggested to Councilman Blount as the Council delegate to the Airport Commission, that a luncheon be held immediately after the ground breaking to which members of the California State Aviation Commission, the head of FAA, the Press and Council members, as well as the Airport Commissioners be invited. Councilman Blount said he would gladly make such arrangements and asked authority to incur some expense.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of Mayor Isen. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent). Mayor Isen mentioned that he may be out of town for a short time starting June 3, and asked if it would be possible to have the luncheon before that date. Councilman Blount acquiesced.

15. Recommendation of Airport Commission that the City Council adopt a POLICY RELATIVE TO REPAIRS OF AIRCRAFT ON CITY PROPERTY. 1009

Councilman Blount explained the reason for this recommendation. He said the City has had a policy that has worked a hardship on some people. There are some businesses on the airport and people who have proper licenses from the Federal Government to do major repairs. The public tie-down area is not the proper place to do such repairs. Airport Manager Egan stated he believes this would free a considerable amount of initiative by private aircraft owners on the airport and that it is an equitable policy.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission as stated in communication dated April 21, 1961 signed by Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager, which contains five numbered comments relating to Tie-down Area - Repairs & Maintenance; Maintenance Area; Hangars and two general paragraphs of policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

16. Recommendation of APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF TROJAN AIR SERVICE for 4 x 8' signs on building. 1010

Councilman Blount moved to concur in approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

17. Recommendation of approval of F. EDWARD SMITH's REQUEST TO MOVE "T" HANGAR backsides out to edge of leaseline, forming a rectangular hangar. 1010

Councilman Blount explained the reason for the recommendation as being a means of giving the lessee more room. Mayor Isen moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried, there being no objection.

18. Recommendation dated May 3, 1961 that the communication of George L. Graziadio being dated March 2, 1961, requesting lease on certain property adjacent to the Vegas lease, 315 x 200 feet in area, be filed until the submittal of concrete evidence, in good faith, of the promotion of this shopping area. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the Council would concur in the recommendation to file. There was no objection. 1010

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

ADDENDA ITEM 3. REQUEST FROM TORRANCE SAND & GRAVEL for oral communication regarding the hauling of material to the freeways.

This letter was from Charles Shepard, President of Torrance Sand &nGravel and presented pertinent facts which he believes had not been brought to light, in support of a request to reconsider the issue.

Mr. Shepard was present and made an oral presentation along the lines of his letter. Under the circumstances, Mayor Isen said he would entertain a motion for reconsideration. Councilman Beasley so moved and the motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. There was no objection and the matter was opened for reconsideration.

Councilman Beasley gave a brief history of the problem and stated that the protestant last week, Mr. Don Whann, had now said that if he had known the full details last week, he would not have protested. Mr. Elvin F. Schoonover was in the audience and Mayor Isen asked how he felt about the proposed hauling on Madison Street. Mr. Schoonover said the Dicalite Company used the street for many years, while the present operation would be only about five months. He favored granting permission.

A petition signed by 62 property owners in the immediate vicinity was presented by Stewart Rose of 3326 Newton Street. It favored granting the request of Torrance Sand & Gravel.

Mr. Rose pointed out the small number of children on the southwest corner of Madison and Newton, of whom seven go to school as compared with the 500 school children who cross the route which is now being used.

Mayor Isen acknowledged there had been a misunderstanding as to the proposed route.

Mr. Shepard has promised, if necessary, to furnish a crossing guard for the children.

Mr. Ralph Brogden, representing Torrance Youth Baseball mentioned others in the audience representing Little Leagues and spoke in favor of permission from the standpoint of the facilities which will be furnished to take the place of Kissel Field.

The agreement at present is oral and the operation is to take not over six months; the Company will furnish a crossing guard and will also furnish materials for repavement when the operation is terminated. Mayor Isen asked, if the Police Department directs the speed of the trucks be cut down, if that would be done and Mr. Shepard promised 100% cooperation. The hauling is to be done by contract and Mr. Robert Mackie of Long Beach was present representing the hauler. Mr. Shepard was in complete agreement

with all the stipulations which have been mentioned and Councilman Bradford moved permission be granted Torrance Sand & Gravel to use the route proposed, subject to all the conditions, including the time element of not to exceed six months from this date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

ADDENDA ITEM No. 1. OFFER OF CONSOLIDATED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., to dig and donate a sump to the City, together with a diagram showing the location of the sump. Later the Company plans to donate a second sump in the Victor Precinct area and is most anxious to go to work because his contract ends December 30, 1961. City Manager Stevens recommended that the offer be accepted; further, that the contractor pay all excavation fees and post the necessary bonds and that at the end of the project the City reimburse the contractor in the amount he was charged for fees as payment for the sump. This is a good arrangement and the City will come out exceptionally well, Mr. Stevens said. Mayor Isen asked if there might be added to the recommendation that the parties go to escrow at once, the termination date to be at the end of the period when the terms and conditions have been complied with.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

RECREATION MATTERS:

19. Recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission for priorities to be included in the 1961-62 Capital Improvement budget. 1208

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of priorities as set forth in the communication signed by H. M. Sippel, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission dated May 4, 1961 (four items totalling $44,000). Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

20. RECOMMENDATION THAT CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF ARCHITECT TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR RECREATION BUILDING to be erected in the Civic Center. 1208

Councilman Drale moved to concur and authorize City Manager Stevens to negotiate with an architect for this particular program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mr. Thompson, representing the Torrance Area Youth Band, requested that a member of the Board of Directors of the band be appointed to the Planning Committee for the Recreation Building for the purpose of assuring that the building will be accoustically proper for the bands to practice.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Blount reminded Mr. Thompson that this is no guarantee that the recommendations of such member would be followed. Mr. Stevens suggested that such member work with the Park & Recreation commission rather than the architect and it was agreed this would be more suitable.

ADDENDA ITEM NO. 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BIDS ON COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS.

This is a recommendation to accept the bid of Flexible Company and a letter from Harry Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation saying if the feature is not important, he advises going back to bid and change our specifications accordingly to permit a competitive bid between American Locker and Flexible. City Manager Stevens said this addition to the agenda was made late. Mayor Isen stated his understanding of the matters set forth by Mr. Van Bellehem and said perhaps we could do away with an attendant by going to these changeable locks.

Councilman Blount asked that the record show the following paragraph from a letter signed by Fred B. Dinkel, Regional Manager of American Locker Company, Inc., dated May 1, 1961:

> "It is of the knowledge of the Recreation Commission that if the present bids were rejected and the locker subject is rebid the same quality products will be available to them at considerably lower prices."

Reverend Sippel said Flexible has a locker which the Commission likes and which is of the type originally specified and, on the basis of the two bids received, the Commission felt it was lower actually in the long run. There are only two manufacturers who manufacture this item; it is something very new and there are none in this area with which to compare.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the bid of Flexible in the total amount of $12,277.54. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Bradford 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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

ADDENDA ITEM NO. 4. COMMUNICATION FROM HILLSIDE COMMUNITY, by Mrs. Eric Borner and Mrs. Tony Santaella, REGARDING TRUCK TRAFFIC ON CITY STREETS.

The Councilmen noted the information contained and there being no objection, the communication was ordered filed.

ADDENDA ITEM NO. 6. CLAIM OF FLORENCE O. BRANCH for alleged injury to minor son, near Newton Street and Vista Montana.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

ADDENDA ITEM NO. 8. AGREEMENT FOR EXCAVATION OF WALTERIA LAKE SUMP.

City Engineer Nollac orally reported last March the Council approved an agreement between the City, the State of California,

and the Los Angeles Flood Control District concerning excavation at Walteria Lake Sump. The City approved the agreement, sent it to the State and it has come back with two or three changes. We objected to one of the changes which carried a time limit for the State to complete the excavation, of June 30, 1962, whereas originally it had been January 1, 1962. This was considered too short a time to get the project completed for the 1962-63 rainy season. Mr. Ransom and Mr. Manetta of the Flood Control District now is willing to guarantee this will not in any way interfere with completion of the sump prior to the rainy season. The recommendation is that the Council approve the changes as made in the agreement.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, to which there were no objections.

ADDENDA ITEM NO. 2. POLICY ON MAKE-UP PAVEMENT.

Councilman Blount said the statement as set forth in memorandum from City Manager Stevens dated May 9, 1961, is correctly set forth as being the policy of the City on make-up pavement and moved it be adopted formally. The entire text of that memorandum is as follows:

"The Council Street Committee met on Thursday, May 4, 1961, to discuss City policy on paving residential streets and installing make-up pavement on commercial and industrial streets. The following recommendations were made:

"(1) Residential Areas

Where a number of property owners dedicate right-of-way for future streets, such as is being done in the southeast portion of Torrance, the City policy will be that the City will prepare plans and profiles and construct the street, including grading, base, and paving for the full width of the street from gutterline to gutterline, subject to availability of funds. Property owners will install curbs, gutters, and sidewalks as the property is developed. This policy will not apply to major developments by one developer or to subdivisions.

"(2) Commercial and Industrial Developments.

The City policy will be to install base and make-up paving between the existing paving and gutterline when the developer donates additional right-of-way on existing streets to the City. Commercial developers will be required to install curb, gutters, and sidewalks. Industrial developers will be required to install curb, gutters, and sidewalks where sidewalks are necessary.

"(3) Commercial and Industrial Developments Where No Right-of-Way is Granted.

"The City policy will be that all improvements, including make-up pavement, must be installed by the developer.

"The policies as out lined in (2) and (3) have been followed for a number of years."

The motion was seconded By Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

21. Resubmittal of five items, as follows:

A. That stop signs be placed on Bow Avenue at both approaches to 213th Street (with resolution). 1050

B. That request for stop sign on Via Rivera and Calle Miramar be denied. 1050

C. That stop signs be installed in Via Malaga and on Via San Sebastian at their approach to Paseo de los Reyes (resolution attached). 1050

D. Approval of proposed channelization of Crenshaw Boulevard north and south of Pacific Coast Highway. 1050

E. Denial of request for stop signs on 182nd at Casimir Avenue.

Items B, D and E were considered together. Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Traffic Commission as to these three items. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

As to Item A, establishment of through street at 213th and Bow Avenue, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-72. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

As to Item B, establishment of a through street, Paseo de los Reyes at Via Malaga and Via Sebastian, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-73. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

22. PENDING LITIGATION:

This memorandum from City Attorney Remelmeyer makes recommendations as to ACA24, Property Tax Exemption, AB2848, SB1522 and AB2022; City Withdrawals from Special Districts, AB347 et al., State Employees Retirement System.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendations of the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

23. DEL AMO CENTER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FEES. 1161

Memorandum from City Manager Stevens recommending that the regular drainage fees be collected from the Del Amo Shopping Center on those buildings which were erected subsequent to the effective date of the ordinance and full credit given for the drainage improvements which were constructed on the site.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the City Manager's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Personnel:

1. That a police woman be authorized to attend the State Women's Peace Officers Convention in Sacramento May 20 through May 24 with appropriate expenses paid. 1039

2. Planning Director Specification, which have been approved by the City Council and Civil Service Board and will be used as a basis for recruiting. 1004

3. That the position of Intermediate Typist Clerk in the Public Works Administrative Office be reallocated to the class of Senior Typist Clerk based on the survey of the duties and the approval of the Civil Service Board. 1004

Councilman Benstead moved to approve personnel items 1, 2 and 3 listed above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Expenditures:

1. For the purchase of parts from Arvco Supply Company for repair of TD-18 tractor, the sum of $2,081.76, low bidder. 1041

2. That the Park Department be authorized to purchase shrubs and planting materials in the amount of $928.50 for the improvement of the City Hall Patio area. 1091

Councilman Drale moved to approve expenditures listed above as Items 1 and 2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent.)

Traffic and Lighting Division:

1. That street lighting district No. 4 be formed in accordance with report dated April 24, 1961 from the Traffic & Lighting Engineer, approved by the Director of Public Works. 1055

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

2. Recommendation that the Traffic Division be authorized to prepare plans for traffic signal at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton Street. 1050

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Engineering Division:

1. That contract for improving a portion of Crenshaw Boulevard be awarded to Warren Southwest, Inc. 1135

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to so award the contract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present. (Councilman Vico absent).

2. That the City contribute $1,700 from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of a sewer on Bluff Street. 1334

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, by the following roll call vote:

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

3. That $1,250 be appropriated from the Victor Elementary School Street Improvement project 1135 1242

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Miscellaneous:

1. Recommendation that a resolution opposing AB1593 be adopted, as indicated in that certain letter from Metropolitan Water District dated April 27, 1961. 1111

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation and that such a resolution be prepared for adoption. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

2. Recommendation to approve Change Order No. 5 on City Hall Addition in the sum of $599.61, being additional shelving in various departments.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

3. Tree removal at Telephone Building, Torrance Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.

City Manager Stevens said this matter had been discussed 1091
by the Public Works staff who had given permission to the Telephone Company to remove the four trees in question and that it is to the best interests of the community that they be removed. He presented a map to show their location and explained the plan.

Councilman Blount moved as firm policy that if there are any trees to be removed from City property in the future, regardless of any other circumstances, it be specially and separately called to the attention of the Council so that similar problems may be avoided in the future. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and, there being no objection, carried.

Next considered were the four resolutions presented in connection with Street Lighting District No. 4 under COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE :CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTIAL EXPENSES) FOR INSTALLATION AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-4-61, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION, ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE FUND, STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4."

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-74. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-74. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE FILING OF THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER OF SAID CITY FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN LIGHTING FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-75. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-75. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1961, AND ENDINGKOCTOBER 31, 1964, FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-76. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-76. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 61-76, AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF SAID CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING. (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4)

Councilman Drale moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-77. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-77. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Request dated April 28, 1961 FROM OFFICERS OF TORRANCE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, asking that $1.00 monthly payroll deductions be made at the option of individual members to cover the $12.00 annual membership dues. The request was approved by Chief Bennett, City Manager Stevens and Director of Finance Scharfman.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

ORDINANCES:

25. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1226:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second and final reading, and read title to: 1323

ORDINANCE NO. 1226

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF EASEMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND OTHER RIGHTS RESERVED AND EXCEPTED FROM THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY PARALLEL TO AND NORTHWESTERLY OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD FROM VIA VALENCIA SOUTHWESTERLY TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE BOUNDARY, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1226 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

The Council noted, as being informational, the memorandum from Park Superintendent Clemmer on the subject of removing ivy or other growth from street trees.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. City Attorney Remelmeyer said J. Laurence Thompson has proposed an amendment to the Street Lighting Act of 1919 and the Legislature is going to take it up on May 29th. It has been drafted by Walter Anderson, City Attorney of Manhattan Beach and Gardena. Mr. Remelmeyer would like the Council to appoint Mr. Anderson and Mr. Thompson, Torrance's assessment engineer to represent Torrance in Sacramento, without any expense to the City, at the hearing May 29th.

Councilman Drale moved that such authority be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

27. City Attorney Remelmeyer also spoke on the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3 problem of exempting people from compliance with the ordinance requiring payment of sewer use fee. With reference to last week's discussion, he said he would like to know if the Council desires that he amend the ordinance to apply to this type of district. Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to do so. Councilmen Bradford and Blount questioned Mr. Remelmeyer as to the proposed amendment and/or waiver of fees, and whether or not the district was considered to be in effect prior to the ordinance referring to sewer use fees becoming effective. Mr. Remelmeyer said under the ordinance as it now exists it makes no difference when the district came into existence because the fee is levied as of the time of connection. They connected after the passage of the ordinance.

Councilman Beasley noted that by his own vote last week, he ordered the City Engineering Department to violate a City ordinance, although he was not fully cognizant of the fact at that time. He said he certainly will not vote to amend or make any change in the ordinance. Even though it creates some hardship, he thinks all people must be treated alike. The City Attorney and the Councilmen discussed the present ordinances considerably, Mr. Remelmeyer explaining the sewer ordinances which require fees. Councilman Bradford refers to the sewer use fee and asked if the sewer use fee in District No. 3 is waived, whether the City would reimburse the taxpayer who has paid the sewer use fee from the time the ordinance went into effect to date. Councilman Blount said there is quite a discrepancy between Mr. Remelmeyer's request to be permitted to amend the ordinance and his statement last week that "It can't be done". City Attorney Remelmeyer said under the present

ordinance that is true, it can't be done, and what he wants to know is whether the Council wishes him to so amend the ordinance that it can be done, and legally.

Mayor Isen reduced the question to whether or not, on the basis of hardship, a certain class could be exempted and the others not affected, because the sewer assessment was started three years ago.

Councilman Beasley asked again to have his vote of last week changed because of a misunderstanding as to what fee was being considered and moved that the action taken last week on this item be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The matter is now open for reconsideration and will be on the agenda for next week. The City Manager was asked to notify the people in the area who are interested.

28. Councilman Beasley moved a perma plaque resolution be presented to Chapman L. Bone who will be leaving the City during this week, after two and one-half years in the position of Assistant City Manager. Councilman Blount seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

29. Councilman Beasley said at the Airport Committee meeting, there was discussed with Assistant City Attorney Dower the matter of transfer of ownership of Mr. Henry Black to the mother of Mr. Black's partner. He moved the Council concur in the transfer of ownership subject to approval of the City Attorney so that the escrow may be completed. Mayor Isen thought it is not up to the Council to so move. Councilman Drale stated the recommendation of the committee was to have Airport Manager Egan make a recommendation to the City Council and he has not. Mr. Egan said it would be on next week's agenda. Councilman Beasley remarked that with the shuttling back and forth of items of business between the Airport Commission, the Airport Committee of the Council, and the Airport Manager, it takes much too long to accomplish anything.

30. Councilman Blount said while he realizes there should be a full Council to vote on the motion, Mr. Stevens is leaving on the 26th of May, applications for the City Manager's job are to be cut off on the 20th. In order that the City may have an administrative head and the budget may be properly handled, Councilman Blount moved that Jerome I. Scharfman be appointed Acting City Manager until he can be replaced by a permanent City Manager. He stated that Mr. Scharfman, being now Director of Finance, is certainly capable of handling the most important item at this time, the budget, and we must have someone in the position temporarily. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen agreed that the matter should be acted upon by a full Council.

31. Councilman Blount stated that one of the councilmen, whom he did not name, was awakened by a member of the Police Force at 2 A.M., to have a Council agenda delivered to him. He asked City Manager Stevens to have the Police Chief inform his personnel if they must deliver agendas in the middle of the night, to leave them on the front porch - not awaken the household by ringing the doorbell. There were no objections.

32. Councilman Blount requested that the City Council name the new library the ISABEL HENDERSON LIBRARY. Mrs. Henderson is the mother of Mrs. Jamieson and the daughter of Jared Sidney Torrance, and the first librarian ever to serve Torrance. He so moved and the motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. Mayor Isen lauded the idea, saying that he remembered getting books from the library when it was just a small room in the Jamieson home at 218th Street and Gramercy. City Manager Stevens asked which library Councilman Blount referred to and Councilman Blount said the one to be constructed in West Torrance or, at any rate, the first one which is built. Mayor Isen added that there should be a scroll as a part of the library so indicating and an appropriate dedication ceremony at the time of opening the library giving the reason for the name.

33. Councilmen Bradford asked how the air conditioning of the Council Chamber is progressing and City Manager Stevens said he has a proposal from the Gas Company. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens has asked three firms to submit proposals and the only one who is interested is the man who is putting in the air conditioning in the new building. There may be something to report next week.

34. Councilman Drale said he understands Columbia Broadcasting System has never been officially advised of the conditions of the variance which they were granted on their property near 190th and Hawthorne. He asked for a report on the final disposition of that case.

35. Councilman Drale asked for a report next week on the investigation which was ordered regarding the man on Torrance Boulevard who was reportedly trapping cats.

36. Councilman Drale suggested the Council write a letter to President Kennedy asking for reactivation of the CCC camps or some suitable organization to give young men of 18 to 25, or whatever age is appropriate, something to occupy themselves, considering the employment lag. He so moved. The motion was seconded by CouncilmanBenstead and, there being no objection, carried. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens to write such a letter in the name of the Council.

37. Mayor Isen noted the informational letter regarding Jack R. Egan's achievement in attaining the Accredited Airport Executive status in the AAAE, and congratulated Mr. Egan.

38. Mayor Isen called attention to ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE and the 20 billboards advertising it, 10 of which are lighted. This day, with emphasis on patriotism, will probably become one of the biggest events in the Southland. At the request of the Committee in charge, Mayor Isen has sent a nightletter invitation to Commander Shepard to be the guest of the City of Torrance on Armed forces Day. A secondmmessage was sent to James E. Webb, Administrator of National Aeronautics & Space Administration in which he was requested to see that Commander and Mrs. Shepard be extended an invitation to be our special guests. He asked that Council authorization be given and there was no objection.

39. Councilman Blount moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance