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Torrance, California  
May 23, 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 23, 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, Isen. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Attorney James Hall led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Bradford, the minutes of the regular Council meeting held May 16, 1961, were approved as written, there being no objections thereto.

6. APPROVE DEMANDS:

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

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.

Officer Charles B. Oates, Chairman of Public Relations Committee of the Police Officers Association, introduced Dr. Jacob A. Stockfisch of the UCLA School of Business and Mayor Isen called attention to the invitation to the Councilmen to attend a dinner of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Police Officers Relief Association of California at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant on May 29, 1961, at which Dr. Stockfisch will be the principal speaker, his topic being "Fees and Service Charges as a Source of City Revenue".

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

Mayor Isen called attention to a resolution which has been 1155 inserted, but not actually placed on the agenda dealing with repeal of Resolution No. 3723 relating to meter rates within the Water Department's limits. Councilman Bradford moved this item of business be considered at next week's meeting which will be held Wednesday May 31, 1961, at 5:30 P.M. because of Tuesday, the 30th being Memorial Day. There were no objections.

7. HEARINGS:

CASE NO. 700 THOMAS K. FITZPATRICK, PETITIONER. VARIANCE to 1031 construct additional store building, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Tract 7955, 3651 Newton, 24467-71 Ward Street. Letter of recommendation is for approval and attached are sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of April 19, 1961, and plan.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time for public hearing on the above case and asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 700; there was no response.

Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objections, so ordered.

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

8. CASE NO. 702. JOHN C. SIMMONS, PETITIONER. CHANGE OF ZONE 1031 from R-3 to C-2. Lot 6, Block 300, Tract 1952, northeast corner of Sepulveda and Orange. Letter of transmittal recommended approval and attached were sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of April 19, 1961.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 702; there was no response. Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection; so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission of approval of Case No. 702. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 703. FILOMENA B. THOMAS, PETITIONER. VARIANCE 1031 to construct 32 unit, 2 story apartment building to allow a one-story carport above property at Hickman Drive between Bailey Drive and Prairie Avenue, in A-1 zone. Letter of transmittal recommended denial and attached were sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 19, 1961.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 703; there was no response.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the variance asked in Case No. 703. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objection, so ordered.

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10. CASE NO. 704. Albert Gianni, Petitioner, Change of zone, R-2 and A-1 to C-2, north side of 182nd Street, approximately 415 feet east of Arlington. Letter of transmittal recommended approval and attached were sketch and excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of April 19, 1961, as well as a communication from Eva E. Saln, 2044 West 182nd Street, asking the purpose of the requested change of zone, referred to on the agenda as Item 11.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Case No. 704. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Noting the letter from Mrs. Saln, Mayor Isen said undoubtedly the petitioner would plan to build store buildings.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall on the four hearings above listed and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

12. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 24183, Charles N. Cake, Subdivider, 1121  
20 lots in Tract 24183, northerly of Torrance Boulevard, westerly of Victor Street. Letter of transmittal recommended approval and attached were letter from City Engineer dated May 3, 1961, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of May 3, 1961, and Plot Plan.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Tentative Tract No. 24183 with the conditions set forth in the communication from the City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

13A. WAIVER W-218. DAVID J. BROWN, 17726 Crenshaw Boulevard, 1036  
requesting waiver of rear yard requirements.

13B. WAIVER NO. 222. L. C. LIVINGSTON, 5313 Highgrove Street, 1036  
requesting waiver of rear yard requirements for addition onto existing house to within 8' 6" of rear property line at one point.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval on Items A and B. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

13C. WAIVER W-223. H. F. HEINLEIN, 2130 180th Place, requesting 1036  
waiver of fence height.

Councilman Benstead asked for an explanation of the height of this fence and David Cleveland of the Planning Division explained that one lot sets lower and at that side the fence will be nine feet high. The people who will be looking at this fence are in favor of it.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of Waiver W-223, Item No. 3 under Waivers, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

14. CITY OF DUARTE, enclosing copy of resolution in opposition to legalized gambling in Duarte. 1144

This is an informational item and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

15. STANDARD OIL COMPANY re geophysical reconnaissance program in the City of Torrance. 1033

This is proposed program of testing for oil along the State-owned property for the new San Diego Freeway. The Standard Oil Company letter outlined the mode of procedure and indemnification. City Manager Stevens further explained there seemed to be no reason to deny the permission.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in Mr. Stevens' oral recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

16. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES relating to Aid-to-Cities money for 1961-62. City Manager Stevens said this is for information only and there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

17. MRS. R. A. GILDOW re block party at Andreo Avenue and 230th Place, May 29, 1961 at 9:00 P.M. 1062  
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Councilman Drale moved to grant permission for this block party, subject to approval of the Fire and Police Departments. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

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18. CECIL J. SHAVER, 11 Cinchring Road, Rolling Hills, California made an oral presentation along the lines of his communication dated May 15, 1961, regarding new alignment of Del Amo Boulevard at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard. He maintains that the Los Angeles County Grade Crossing Committee didn't approve the new alignment and read from the minutes of that organization an excerpt to support his contention. Director of Public Works said a letter had been received from the Grade Crossing Committee although City Manager Stevens did not remember it. Mayor Isen stated he would entertain a motion to reconsider, but none was made, and the Council proceeded with other items of business.

19. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES letter dated May 2, 1961 on the subject of the Dominguez Channel Bridge at Western Avenue stating that in accordance with County Aid to Cities Policy and Rules a claim for money, after the project is completed, must be for a project that was approved and to which the money was allocated before the project was started. For that reason, the City's request for money cannot be granted. 1175  
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City Manager Stevens gave a brief history of the project, stating that the money was advanced long ago for the widening of the bridge. In order to make the records proper, he recommended that the Council appropriate \$9,936, this being a book-keeping matter at this time.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE letter dated May 17, 1961 asking for \$24,000 to promote and advertise the City, to be paid in quarterly amounts in advance, commencing July 1st and listing the purposes for which expenditures are to be made. 1278  
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Councilman Drale moved to refer this item of business to budget study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried, there being no objection.

21. RE TORRANCE SAND & GRAVEL HAULING ROUTE. 1123  
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City Manager Stevens said the letter which he had expected and which was to have been considered at this meeting, had not arrived.

Mr. Donald E. Whann spoke again on the matter, strongly protesting the Madison Street route. He was supported by a large delegation.

Mr. Charles R. Shepard representing Torrance Sand & Gravel reported the events of the past week and the activities of the Committee of four, of which he was one. He said his company plans to build a road from Madison Street to Hawthorne Avenue. While the Committee had thought it could reach a solution, it could not satisfy the people who have protested.

City Attorney Remelmeyer told of his efforts in working with the Committee to solve the problem by using Madison Street for one week on an experimental basis, under certain conditions regarding the children's safety. The people in the area, however, have decided not to accept this compromise. For that reason, Mr. Remelmeyer said he has no recommendation to make, nor opinion to give.

Mr. Ralph A. Brogden, 4802 Green Meadows, spoke from the standpoint of South Torrance Baseball Group. He briefly summarized the points he had mentioned at a previous Council meeting, at the request of Mayor Isen. According to Mr. Brogden, the two petitions, representing opposing factions, carry many of the same names. City Attorney Remelmeyer and Mr. Brogden discussed the legal factors involved in the proposed route. There were many people present representing Youth Baseball.

Mr. Harold Perry, representing Mrs. Neta Smith who lives on the street in question, spoke against permitting the truck operation.

Mr. Stan Watts of 2401 Neece Street, spoke in favor of Mr. Shepard's proposed hauling and mentioned many things which Mr. Shepard and his company have done for the children of the area and the things they plan to do in the future.

Dr. Labit also spoke in favor of the operation and pleaded with the people to abandon selfish interests so that the children may have a baseball field.

Mrs. Powers of 26306 Delos Drive referred to a letter which some of the people had written to the Council, dated May 9, 1961 and read from the last paragraph thereof, objecting to more truck traffic on Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mrs. C. L. Vedborg of 3314 Raintree Avenue in Walteria, said while she and her husband have worked in Little League for seven years, they are against this operation.

Mr. Charles Vosper of 3232 Dalemead asked how many lanes there are on Madison and Newton and was answered "one" - while there are two on Crenshaw.

Councilman Vico said he would not vote in favor of the permission being granted and gave a short resume of the action taken to date. He is in favor of concurring in the original recommendation of the Chief of Police to deny the request.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Shepard if the reason for wishing this route is that it will result in a little more profit and Mr. Shepard answered only to the extent that the bid has to be a minimum. Comparison was made between Rolling Hills Road and Madison by Mr. Shepard in answer to questions by Councilman Vico and he told of the plan to engineer another road, which would take about three weeks.

Councilman Beasley pointed out the necessity of building freeways and the fact that some inconvenience must be endured by all the people at sometime in order to bring about the things that are necessary in a growing community such as ours. He cited the sumps which are planned as an example. He is in favor of the operation under some sort of control and stressed the importance of weighing the common good against individual welfare.

Mrs. Lyle Johnson of 24731 Winlock Drive spoke from the standpoint of the children, as well as the menace of the dust.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the permission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford, provided there be added to the motion that an alternate route is worked out within the next three weeks at which time the matter will be back on the agenda with a report of progress - and, he said, not on Crenshaw. Councilman Beasley accepted the amendment, but the motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

A recess was declared at 9 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 9:15.

22. STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS letter dated April 5, 1961 regarding Billboard ordinances and quoting a directive of the Public Works Department of California regarding allocation of funds, under which no funds would be expended for landscaping of any freeway in a metropolitan area other than erosion control and bank protection unless or until the local governing body has adopted proper ordinances prohibiting the location of advertising displays within view of such freeway. 1053

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in granting the request of the District Engineer to adopt such regulation as would meet the minimum requirements of the Director's order of June 21, 1951. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there were no objections. Mayor Isen stated the City Attorney would prepare appropriate ordinance for next week's meeting.

Councilman Bradford said we now have a billboard ordinance and the City Attorney said he would study it and if it is in

conflict that will be determined. Councilman Bradford specifically asked for a comparison of our billboard ordinance with the provisions set forth in the letter referred to and the attached model ordinance.

23. MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE BUDGETING AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS 1175 ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO CITIES.

In answer to Mayor Isen's query about a recommendation, City Manager Stevens said he has none. This is purely a matter of form. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the agreement of the City Engineer set forth in his memorandum dated May 17, 1961. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico being out of the Council Chamber at the time).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MASTER AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO CITIES.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-82. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-82. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll

COMMUNICATION FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION:

24. 1911 ACT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - 229th Street from Arlington Avenue to Cypress Street. Communication from City Engineer, dated May 18, 1961, with location sketch attached.

The recommendation is that the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the preparation of maps, plans and specifications for the construction of said curb, gutter, sidewalk and cross-gutter.

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

25. MEMORANDUM OF CITY ENGINEER AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS approved by City Attorney and City Manager, submitting for acceptance the following easement deeds:

1. Dated April 21, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 36, Tract No. 2895, given by Bernice D. Blonk.
2. Dated April 19, 1961 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 3, Tract No. 10185 given by Reynolds Metals Company.
3. Dated April 5, 1961 for widening Eshelman Avenue and 231st Street and providing a radius at the corner of Eshelman Avenue and 231st Street over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 845, given by Marion A. Duncan.

4. Dated April 25, 1961 for widening Anza Avenue, extending Garnet Street and providing a radius at the corner of Anza Avenue at Garnet Street over a portion of Lot 45, Tract No. 3218, given by J. Francis A. McIntyre, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles.
5. Quitclaim deed dated February 28, 1961 concerning certain portions of Lots 26 and 27, Tract No. 3218 executed by the Dominguez Water Corporation, to aid in clearing title to the Victor Precinct Park and Library Site.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the five deeds listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

#### BUILDING DIVISION:

26. Communication dated May 18, 1961 from K. O. Dean, Kaag Trophy Manufacturing Co., requesting permission to erect ground sign at 2040 Artesia Boulevard, with comments of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, recommending approval. 1083

Councilman Bradford moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

#### TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

27. Report requested by Council on additional street lighting on Hawthorne Avenue between Highway 101 and Newton Street. Councilman Beasley remarked that this is to come up at Council on June 6th. Mayor Isen asked if there were any objections to holding a hearing on this matter June 6th and Councilman Drale moved to do so. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection. 1059

#### COMMUNICATION FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

28. REQUEST OF NORTH STAR MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY for release of oil well bond No. 226976. 1227

The wells have been abandoned and the property cleared and the License Inspector recommends release. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### RECREATION AND PARKS:

29. Recommendation that City adopt plans for FACILITIES AT PARADISE PARK, submitted by memorandum dated May 15, 1961, from the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, to include a shelter for picnic tables at a cost of \$1,500 and the plan is recommended as a basic design of shelters for each of the parks. 1129 1208

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

30. SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION on April 12 and April 26, 1961 meetings. 1025

This being informational, Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, it would be filed. There were no objections.

## AIRPORT MATTERS:

31. Airport Commission recommendation of approval of CHESTER AND TREFETHEN'S REQUEST TO SUBLEASE PLOT A-2 to BENBOW MANUFACTURING CORPORATION. 1010

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation, including the deletion of certain words and phrases which are set forth in the memorandum dated May 17th from the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mr. V. E. Noble, 16714 Kornblum Avenue, who operates an advertising company on the Airport, spoke about a problem involving water supply, but it did not seem applicable to the item being considered and he was asked to take it up with the Commission.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

32. Airport Commission recommendation of APPROVAL OF JACK N. SAKAUYE'S request to lease approximately 2 acres in the Nike Safety Zone for agricultural purposes. 1010

Councilman Blount moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. 1010

33. Recommendation of the Airport Commission to approve the REQUEST OF LOMAN CARTER TO HOLD EVANGELISTIC SERVICES on the Airport Plaza leasehold from July 9 to July 23, 1961. 1010

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, subject to the usual conditions regarding Fire, Police and Building Departments.

Councilman Beasley asked that some provision be made whereby the traffic leaving the services would not go by way of the Airport. Councilman Bradford added the requirement for a bond to insure proper clean-up. The Department of Public Works is to set the bond.

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

34. Recommendation of the Airport Commission to approve the ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES proposed to be levied on aircraft owners whose payments are overdue, as set forth in memorandum dated May 4, 1961 from Airport Manager Egan. 1009

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

34A (from the addendum) H. F. BLACK'S REQUEST TO SELL HIS HALF- INTEREST IN THE AERO-CARE LEASEHOLD TO MRS. CADY. 1010

James Hall, Attorney, who resides at 624 Miramar, Torrance, stated that in the lease it states if there is any transfer of shares, Council approval is required. In this instance, the shares were never actually issued but the interest exists as if they had been.

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

34B (from the Addendum) Resubmittal of NEW LEASE WITH ELRANCHO ROLLING HILLS transmitted by the City Attorney, with resolution authorizing execution.

City Attorney Remelmeyer distributed two papers to each of the Councilmen bearing on this item and at the suggestion of Councilman Blount, the item is to be considered at next week's Council meeting, Wednesday, May 31st at 5:30 P.M.

41B (On the Addendum) RESOLUTION REGARDING PAYMENT OF SEWER USE FEES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-83

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DETERMINING THAT ORDINANCE NO. 1131 DOES NOT REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF SEWER USE FEES BY PROPERTY OWNERS IN 1911 ACT SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS WHERE SAID ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS WERE FORMED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-83. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. Suggestion dated May 16, 1961, from TORRANCE WATER COMMISSION AS TO VACANCY ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT which will be effected by resignation of George W. Stevens.

Mayor Isen expressed the opinion that this directorship should be held by an elected official and moved to nominate Councilman Bradford. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

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

Councilman Beasley mentioned the importance of regular attendance and Councilman Bradford assured the Council that when he takes a job, he does it.

36. Communication dated April 27, 1961 from Robert K. Dower, Assistant City Attorney, regarding grant deeds for McMaster Park, resubmitted by request of Council.

The item having been noted, Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, it would be filed. There was no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

37. Communication from City Attorney Remelmeyer with attached resolution appointing John A. Bramhall Acting City Manager of the City after May 26th and until the new City Manager takes office. A recommendation was made by City Manager Stevens that the salary which was left blank in the resolution be inserted at \$19,000 per year for the time Mr. Bramhall holds this office.

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Mayor Isen felt that \$17,500 would be very adequate and moved to insert that figure instead of the one suggested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and failed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Drale moved to hold the item for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote. This leaves the position unfilled between May 25th and June 1st.

38. ACCEPTING GRANT OFFER FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the CONSTRUCTION OF CONTROL TOWER AT THE AIRPORT. 1009

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-84

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT OFFER DATED MAY 12, 1961 FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COVERING PROJECT NO. 9-04-123-6101 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONTROL TOWER AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY COVERING SAID PROJECT.

Councilman Blount moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-84. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-84. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. Acceptance of QUITCLAIM DEED FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONVEYING MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RIGHTS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-85

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF QUITCLAIM DEED DATED MAY 5, 1961 FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA QUITCLAIMING TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE THE MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESERVATIONS ON ALL OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-85. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-85. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1593.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-86

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1593 RELATING TO REORGANIZATION OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-86. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

41. GRANTING EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY ON ROLLING HILLS PLAZA LEASEHOLD. 1178

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-87

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

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-87. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41A. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to: 1000

RESOLUTION NO. 61-80

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MRS. DOROTHY JAMIESON FOR HER YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF TORRANCE AS LIBRARIAN AT THE TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-80. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41B. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to: 1000

RESOLUTION NO. 61-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO GEORGE W. STEVENS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS CITY MANAGER AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-81. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

42. SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1227 repealing Ordinance No. 338, with cover letter from City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 1227

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 338 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1227 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

A recess was declared at 9:50 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 10:00.

## 43. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

## Personnel:

1. That Casper Clemmer, Park Superintendent, be authorized 1039 to attend the Western Chapter Shade Tree Conference in Vancouver, B.C., June 21-23, 1961, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Drale moved to approve and concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount. In answer to questions by Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen, Mr. Stevens said this is the one trip for Mr. Clemmer which is authorized annually and the cost will be approximately \$250. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

## Expenditures:

1. For the purchase of 348 lockers at the Victor E. 1041  
Benstead Plunge, the sum of \$12,277.54, the payment  
to be made in four installments through four  
fiscal years.
2. To Two Macks Electric, the sum of \$322.68 for re- 1041  
winding 50 hp motor for Water Department.
3. For purchase of 100,000 continuous form postcard 1041  
rubbish bills from Moore Business Forms, Inc.,  
the sum of \$454.48.
4. To General Pump Service, Inc., for the sand pumping 1041  
of #2 well and repair of pump for Water Department  
the sum of \$3,299.39 of which \$1,000 has been  
previously appropriated.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Expenditures listed as items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## Public Works:

1. City Manager Stevens concurs with the recommendation of the Department of Public Works regarding the proposed development at Pacific Coast Highway at Ward Street that the 15 foot property line radius and 25 foot curblineline radius as requested by the property owner be approved and the requirements as stated in the Code be waived.

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

2. City Manager concurs in the recommendation of the Department of Public Works to remove the five trees mentioned at 2058 238th Street, in compliance with the report of the Tree Foreman, dated May 16, 1961. 1091

Councilman Benstead moved not to concur in that recommendation and to deny the request to remove the trees.

Councilman Beasley said he would follow the recommendation of the Park Superintendent and moved to concur therein. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Benstead asked that it be carefully checked to be sure that proper replacements are made, as promised.

3. FENCING ALONG CREST ROAD: 1359

Submitted was a memorandum from the Director of Public Works concluding in the suggestion that the project be continued by filling in only that which can be done economically from the street level and then construct the fence. This is due to the unsuccessful attempts to dump soil into the crevasses which exist, without building a very expensive road along the top of the bank so that soil can be end dumped into the crevasses.

Mrs. Tony Santaella, 25934 Matfield Drive, stated the appreciation of the homeowners for the fence; however, it does not accomplish the stabilization of the hillside which is of great importance.

After some discussion and review of the history of this problem Councilman Drale mentioned the fact that the property owners had planned to beautify the hillside and asked if it would be possible to get an estimate of the cost of filling in the crevasses so that they may do so. Director of Public Works promised an estimate for next week's Council meeting.

4. That the STREET DIVISION EXPEND APPROXIMATELY \$420 ON 229th PLACE. 1019

This is a report of survey by Street Superintendent Perkins regarding the dust problem and vehicular street usage of 229th Place, which was ordered by the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in Mr. Stevens' recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

5. Recommendation that THE IMPROVEMENT OF LANDSCAPING CAROL DRIVE "LOOP" PARKWAY BE MADE AS INDICATED in memorandum of Director of Public Works Peebles dated May 17, 1961, based on report by the park Superintendent dated May 16, 1961, the total cost to be approximately \$550. 1091

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

## Miscellaneous:

1. Pound Service Contract for 1961-62, with indication of preference by the City Manager of the Southern California Humane Society's services. 1253

Councilman Drale moved to award the contract to Mrs. Blonk of the South Bay Humane Society on a two-year basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

2. ARCHITECTS FOR RECREATION BUILDING, with submittal of two competent firms for the design thereof. 1208  
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The names submitted were Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright of Long Beach and Duffey and Dreher, also of Long Beach.

Councilman Drale said he thought Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright had done a good job on other buildings for the City and moved they be selected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Blount felt there was no reason to give all the City's business to one firm; there are other architects who can do a good job and it would be well for Torrance to give them a chance to do so.

## Appropriations:

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For Change Order No. 7 on the addition to the City Hall, the sum of \$478.61, consisting of five items resulting in net addition to the amount due Coastate Builders, contractor. In answer to Councilman Benstead's question, City Manager Stevens stated the change orders will run in the neighborhood of 1%.

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

## 43F. ENTRADERO SUMP EXCAVATION:

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens regarding this item and Mr. Stevens stated when we made our agreement with Mr. Young's firm on the acquisition of two sumps, it was also requested that they be permitted to lower the sumps if desired by the City. He recommended it. However, it is very important that the City hold fee title to the land. The second sump which has been promised is awaiting a proper legal description before escrow can be opened. 1319

Councilman Drale moved to approve, subject to the City's receiving title to the seven acres at Amie and Spencer. Councilman Beasley thought it better to wait for a week on this item.

City Manager Stevens pointed out that cranes and trucks have had to be hired in the past - and when there is a chance to get this done free, it seems like a pretty good idea to take advantage of the offer. He said people are acting in good faith and it is being held up by the City's lack of an accurate description. This would be a great gift to the City.

Councilman Blount agreed with Mr. Stevens but said caution should be used and some means employed to be sure we can get title to the property for the second sump before we grant permission to start the first one. Mr. Stevens said we won't get title to the second one for a long time and the first must be accomplished now.

Mr. Young said his company has papers ready to go to escrow now. Mayor Isen suggested a simple memorandum of agreement to be prepared by our City Attorney, with a rather indefinite description of the land, it being understood by the parties that it will be finalized and made more definite later. The City Attorney stated that is what is intended.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Drale, if he would withdraw his motion and Councilman Drale said he would not, considering the problems involved. Director of Public Works Peebles explained the matters which must be determined: sump design, soil tests, etc. If excavation permits are required, as they have been with respect to the other two sumps, and the company does not conform, the permit can be cancelled at any time.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute that Mr. Young be granted permission to excavate and remove dirt from Entradero Sump under the jurisdiction of our Engineering Department and that the permit fee for this work be issued on the condition that if the work is not satisfactory and we do not receive the deed to be put in escrow that it revert back to the City when the second sump is completed, to consist of seven acres, plus or minus, and that if this is not in escrow, then the permit for excavation be cancelled.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion and asked Mr. Young if possible, if he would level off a couple of spots to be used for baseball parks. Mr. Young said they propose to do just that; it is to be only four or five feet deep.

The understanding of the motion is that the deed goes into escrow now and when the sump is completed, title will transfer to the City. Roll call vote carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

43G. AMIE AVENUE SUMP:

Memorandum to City Manager from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, dated May 23, 1961.

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City Manager Stevens briefed the Council on this item. It has been suggested that Consolidated Construction Company pay the fees and when we take the sump that we refund them as a payment on the fee. The fees would be included in the bond, making a total of \$115,000 for the excavation, making a one-operation project. If this is legally possible, Mr. Stevens said he would concur in the recommendation of the Department of Public Works.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

43H. Communication dated May 22, 1961 from D. J. HORLANDER, CITY COORDINATOR FOR ARMED FORCES DAY, reporting on the celebration this year and asking for instructions, suggestions or criticism for now and the future, considering that long range plans and invitations must be carried on.

Mayor Isen said this year's Armed Forces Day was very successful but he thought it too early to appoint a City Coordinator for next year.

Councilman Bradford said he thought this should be a function of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; he does not think it is a proper thing for City employees to conduct parades as it tends to divert their energies from their regular jobs.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Council go on record as approving ARMED FORCES DAY May 19, 1962 and that the coordination and advertising thereof be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

43I. City Manager Stevens said some time ago we established a policy regarding emergency work on construction jobs. On the Arlington Avenue improvement between Redondo Beach and Artesia Boulevards it has been found necessary to do \$500 worth of work that could not be determined from the plans. The contract was \$43,500 and was below the estimate of \$55,000. He recommended the extra work be authorized. 1354

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

44. Councilman Vico said he would like to bring up again the Bramhall salary matter and moved for reconsideration of the action 1004 taken previously this evening. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. 1290

Councilman Vico then moved that John Bramhall's salary be set at \$19,000 per year for the time he acts as City Manager of the City of Torrance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

Under this action, the amount of \$19,000 is inserted in the resolution to effect the appointment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING JOHN A. BRAMHALL AS ACTING CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-88. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

45. City Engineer Nollac said because of a technicality in the Commercial Improvement Ordinance, we have a situation at the corner of Torrance and Anza where there is a service station being constructed. The developer has put curbs, gutters and sidewalks around the service station. The rest of the property is under development for a market. The ordinance says the improvements shall be placed around the entire perimeter and because of that we cannot issue a final okay. He would like the Council to approve the occupancy as to the service station, based on the fact that it has the improvements around it. 1300  
1242

Councilman Drale moved to so approve and Mayor Isen seconded. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Nollac asked if this might be considered as policy in the future. Mayor Isen said he would say yes; Councilman Blount said he would not; we have been criticized enough for just this sort of thing. Councilman Bradford said the time lag would be too great.

46. Councilman Benstead brought to the Council's attention the trucks which are traveling on residential streets. He asked that this be turned over for investigation to the Traffic Engineer. Councilman Blount added comments about the trucks on Crenshaw and the speed at which they travel. Councilman Benstead moved to turn this matter over to the Police Department for investigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and a written report was requested. There were no objections and the motion carried.

46. Councilman Bradford said he was happy to see Dr. Jacob A. Stockfish and told in general of his work. He was introduced and spoke briefly on his topic of FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES AS A SOURCE OF CITY REVENUE. He is speaking at a dinner meeting of the PORAC at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant on May 29, 1961, to which the Councilmen have been invited. Councilman Bradford recommended a survey along these lines in the City of Torrance.

47. Councilman Drale asked what has happened to the development of Carson Street around the high School and Director of Public Works Peebles promised a report next week. 1239

48. Mayor Isen asked Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer about the notices of assessment which are posted, and it was brought out that this is a continuation of assessment on maintenance, adding another three years to upgrade some of the lighting. 1055

49. Mayor Isen said something should be done regarding opinions by the City Attorney. He suggested as a matter of policy, whenever the City Attorney is asked for an opinion in Council or Commission meetings where a minute clerk is in attendance, that she be very, very careful in quoting this completely and in toto; at such times as the City Attorney is asked for opinions by heads of departments or the City Manager, or by any other group that there be no oral opinions; that the City Attorney furnish written opinions in connection with the query or request or that the query and opinion be recorded. Where a question is asked at Council meeting, his opinion should be precisely enrolled in the minutes. In other cases, where heads of departments ask for an opinion, it should be submitted in writing. Mayor Isen moved such a policy be adopted by the Council. Councilman Blount asked that the motion and full request of Mayor Isen be placed in writing for study by the Council before voting on it. 1276  
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On motion duly made by Councilman Beasley and seconded by Councilman Benstead, the Council meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, May 31, 1961 at 5:30 P.M.

The time of adjournment was 11:05 P.M.

*A. H. Barth*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance  
California

APPROVED:

*Albert Jones*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance