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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., June 13, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

2. The meeting was called to order by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre, who called the roll with the following result: PRESENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Vico. ABSENT: Councilmen: Benstead, Blount and Mayor Isen. Also present were Acting City Manager Bramhall and Assistant City Attorney Dower.

Councilman Vico moved that Councilman Bradford act as Mayor pro tem for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Absent: Benstead, Blount and Isen.)

3. The Council and audience joined in a salute to our Flag, led by Police Officer Oates.

4. The Reverend Monrad Bergeson, Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Drale, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 6, 1961, were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVE DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead, Blount and Isen absent).

HEARINGS:

7. FIRST FORMAL HEARING ON 1961-62 BUDGET.

Mayor pro tem Bradford announced this is the time and place for the first formal hearing on the City's budget for 1961-62, and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented Affidavit of Publication of notice thereof which was ordered filed, on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead, Blount and Isen absent).

Mayor pro tem Bradford said there are three main groups to make presentations on the matter of salaries and wages, Police, Fire and Municipal Employees. First to speak was Police Officer Wooldridge, representing the Police Wage Committee. He set forth the requests which were incorporated in the previous communication on the subject, including longevity, 11% wage increase, shooting pay, court time and an increase of 2½% to plain clothes investigators.

Captain John Maestri spoke on behalf of Police Department administration, with the full consent and permission of the Chief of police.

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Mr. John M. Simmons, representing City Employees Local No. 1117, outlined the requests of his group, as set forth in the communication previously presented.

Fireman Howard Snyder spoke for the Fire Department, as Chairman of the Wage Committee. The Firemen's request included increase in burial expense allowance, 50 year optional retirement, widows' clause, and survivors' clause within the pension plan, as well as longevity consideration.

Councilman Drale reminded the meeting there will be one more hearing, June 20th, and Mayor pro tem Bradford stated that next week there will be a six-man Council, with all members back on June 27th. He thanked the men who had spoken and stated the Council approaches this question with an open mind.

Councilman Beasley favored an increase to the Police Department over a decrease in tax rate of the proportions which would be practicable, especially considering the possibility of increase in property valuations. Realizing that any motion made this evening is subject to reversal before the budget is finally passed, Councilman Beasley moved all uniformed sworn personnel 1278 be increased equivalent to two steps, which would amount to 1004 5% in addition to the overall recommendations which were suggested at the informal work session on Monday, June 12th. In all, this would amount, he said, to about 10% increase for police personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Drale asked the permission of the other councilmen to reveal the tentative agreement reached June 12th by the Council work session on wages and salaries. The permission was granted. Mayor pro tem Bradford stated while this was all discussed, there was no ballot cast, nor poll taken, and it is entirely likely that it may not be the final decision. However, he agreed, it is a basis from which to start discussion.

Councilman Drale asked Acting City Manager Bramhall for an oral resume of the discussion and tentative agreement arrived at by the councilmen. Mr. Bramhall outlined the suggestion as being an increase of all personnel's salaries to meet the salary survey average, and an addition of 5% to that amount. Also, longevity pay based on 5, 12 and 19 years of service at 2½% per step for all employees up through Range No. 47, on our present salary scale.

Acting City Manager Bramhall has been instructed to make a study of sick leave plans of other cities and a recommendation will be forthcoming on this subject within the next week. Other fringe items were discussed, he said, but this is the area in which the Council and Administration were in agreement.

Councilman Drale added considerations which had been discussed for the benefit of the Police Department employees, including shooting pay and court time allowance. He stated further that in case of a salary which is below the average shown by the survey, there will be no reduction. He disagreed with Councilman Beasley stating he felt sure the majority of the people in Torrance would like a tax decrease, and recommended a 10¢ cut.

Councilman Beasley defended the stand he has taken as an effort to test the feeling of the Councilmen with the view of reaching a final decision next Tuesday, the final hearing on the budget.

Mayor pro tem Bradford expressed his personal feeling as being against a cut in taxes. He felt a much more important consideration would be the furnishing to the citizens of Torrance the proper equipment and facilities for operating a successful City government under the existing growth conditions of Torrance. He also objected to the wording of Councilman Beasley's motion regarding an increase of "two steps" to the Police Department.

Councilman Drale again told his position on the proposed 10¢ tax cut, outlining the amount of money which is available from the 1960-61 budget which he felt should be used toward a decrease in taxes. There has been an expenditure of approximately \$263,000 from this year's budget which will not have to be included in the 1961-62 budget. Included were numerous traffic signals as well as equipment. City Manager Stevens had prepared the budget to give the 5% increase in salaries.

Mr. Bud Walsh, a City employee in the Building Division, also spoke on the subject of taxes versus wage increases, comparing the number of personnel in this City government with that of cities which have been surveyed. He was not interested in a tax cut.

Mayor pro tem Bradford repeated his contention that the City works undermanned, but still efficiently, and before any tax cut the City should be supplied with its needs. He asked for a vote on the motion and it was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Vico.

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NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Bradford.

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The motion failed. ABSENT: Isen, Blount and Benstead.

Mayor pro tem Bradford then suggested that the Council's feeling be considered as favoring giving the Police officers a flat 10% raise. Councilman Beasley said he believed the upgrading of them by two steps in the wage range schedule would be easier to handle, and pointed out he mentioned "sworn uniformed personnel". However, it was noted that all personnel are sworn and Councilman Beasley clarified his meaning as being "just uniformed policemen".

The Council was polled on Mr. Bradford's suggestion with the following result:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: Isen, Blount and Benstead.

Councilman Drale moved all employees receive a 10% increase, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Isen, Blount and Benstead.

A recess was declared at 8:45 and the Council reconvened at 8:50 P.M.

8. CASE NO. 707. CHANGE OF ZONE, OCEAN VIEW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. A-1 to R-1, on portions of Lots 78 and 80, and all of Lot 79, Tract 639, located east of Crenshaw, west of Pennsylvania, recommended for approval. Attached were letter of transmittal, sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 17, 1961.

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Affidavit of Publication embracing the four cases listed as Nos. 707, 708, 709 and 710 was presented and there being no objection, ordered filed.

Councilman Drale questioned the type of map presented and Mr. David Cleveland of the Planning Division explained that it is the same area as on Tentative Tract Map 26576 which comes up later on this evening's agenda.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

9. CASE NO. 708 - VARIANCE - HARLAN EUGENE FEICHT, DDS. 1031
Petition for variance and conditional permit to use a residential structure for dental services at 22436 Linda Drive, legally described as Lot 15, Tract 17330, R-1 Zone, recommended for denial. Attached were letter of transmittal, sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 17, 1961.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre reported there had been received one letter in approval and one in protest. There being no objection, they were ordered filed.

Reference was made to a previous variance in this same locale about a year ago, at the corner of Palos Verdes Blvd. and Milne Drive.

Attorney for the petitioner, Don Hitchcock displayed a map and explained his client's problems therefrom, together with the location of those who were in favor and those against the granting of the variance requested. It was noted that Dr. Feicht would remove the garage and blacktop the area for parking at the rear of his lot.

Mr. Bill Seckinger, 22414 Linda Drive, was definitely opposed to the variance requested, stating if this one is permitted, others will follow and there will be no way to stop. He presented a petition from people in the area, a map showing those for and against and a letter setting out the deed restrictions. He also referred to a letter which he believed Deputy City Clerk Whitacre had received, but it was not evident that such a letter was in Mr. Whitacre's possession.

Councilman Vico moved that the variance be granted to Dr. Feicht so that he may establish his dental office, based on the fact that similar permission was granted to the doctor across the street.

Mr. Seckinger read from the deed restrictions and was told by Assistant City Attorney Dower that the Council does not pass on deed restrictions; that is a matter to be determined by a Civil Court. Mr. Seckinger presented the petition and other documents and Mayor pro tem Bradford said they would be placed on file.

Attorney Hitchcock said the house would maintain a residential appearance and, if granted, the dental office would not interfere with other residents of the neighborhood, as it will face on a street which is now practically commercial.

Assistant City Attorney Dower mentioned six factors to be used as a guide in requests for variance to permit a dental office

in an R-1 zone, no one of which can be taken as an assurance of a right to a variance:

1. The existence of several other similar non-conforming uses in the zone.
2. Changed conditions from the time of passage of the zoning ordinance;
3. Grave financial loss or other substantial injustice to the owner of the property;
4. A showing that due to unique circumstances it is probable that the applicant's property cannot yield a reasonable return if used only for a purpose permitted in the zone;
5. Where the hardship is unnecessary and the interests of the owners and occupants of the neighboring properties are protected; or
6. Where the best interest of the community will likely be advanced by granting of a variance. (This last point would seem to apply more readily to a public utility serving the entire community than to other types of property owners).

The following is a typical excerpt from an appellate court decision:

"We have clearly held that the decision of a Planning Commission upon matters within its discretion will not be set aside unless it clearly appears that the Commission acted arbitrarily or abused its discretion".

In granting a variance, a Planning Commission may impose reasonable conditions, Mr. Dower said.

Dr. Feicht also spoke, saying that the lease he now has runs out in October; that his profession is a quiet one and he believed more harm would be done to the people in the neighborhood by his moving than staying. In this respect he referred to the dental patients who are within easy walking distance of his office.

A Mr. Kramer of 5209 Sepulveda Boulevard said his family are patients of Dr. Feicht and Dr. Mason, as well, and transportation would be difficult to another area.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

Councilman Vico moved to grant the variance for a dental office to Dr. Feicht as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

8. CASE NO. 707. This case was handled at the first part of this meeting but it escaped the notice of Ralph Johnson, 8219 Cora Street, Sunland, who was present and asked for reconsideration on behalf of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Nelson. He said she has no income to pay the increase in taxes which will result from the action taken on this case. If there were any way in which she could sell the property she owns, Mr. Johnson said she would not oppose the granting of Case No. 707. Mrs. Nelson still

owns part of the property being considered. There was considerable discussion about whether or not the proper parties had made the application for change of zone. Mr. Beasley questioned the propriety of asking denial in order to protect one person's income. There was some irregularity in the way the application was presented. Councilman Drale moved to reopen this case for consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount, Isen and Benstead absent).

Councilman Beasley moved that case No. 707 be referred to the City Attorney and Planning Commission, for recommendation back to the Council. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

Mayor pro tem Bradford especially called to the attention of David Cleveland who was present representing the Planning Division, the fact that the City Attorney should be consulted to be sure that these applications are made by the proper person, the one who owns the property. Assistant City Attorney Dower explained the difference between equitable and fee title owner, and that 1033 payment into an escrow may not be sufficient ownership in fee to enable filing an application for change of zone as the "owner". Accordingly, he invited the Secretary of Ocean View Development Corporation, Inc. and a representative of the Nelson property to his office on Wednesday morning, June 14th, where a determination would be made of ownership. Only the true owner can apply for a change of zone and not the so-called "owner in escrow".

Mr. David Cleveland said when a subdivision is filed with the City, it goes through this regular procedure. One of the conditions is that a change of zone be filed for the subdivision to put into the zone for which it is to be used. This is what is being done with this property. The subdivision will be before the Council a little later on the agenda. This property was in an A-1 zone which does permit single family residences. The Planning Commission requires the subdivider to apply for this change of zone.

Mr. Robert Grimes, secretary of Ocean View Development Corporation, Inc., spoke briefly and it was agreed that the interested parties would meet with Assistant City Attorney Dower at 10 A.M. on Wednesday, June 14th in the office of the City Attorney.

10. CASE NO. 709 - VARIANCE - EVERETT POWELL, 17348 Yukon Avenue. Petition to build apartments in the same manner as in R-3 1031 zoning (C-3 Zone) recommended for approval. Attached were letter of transmittal, sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 3, 1961.

Mayor pro tem Bradford asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 709; there was no reply.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval, subject to the conditions set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

11. CASE NO. 710 - HENRY TREVELYAN - VARIANCE at 3385 Artesia 1031 Boulevard. The petition is for permission to construct two apartment buildings containing 57 units, recommended for approval, in A-1 Zone. Attached were letter of transmittal, sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 3, 1961, and plot plan.

Mayor pro tem Bradford asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 710; there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

In answer to a question by Councilman Drale, City Engineer Nollac said there had been no plans submitted on development of this property. Councilman Drale then moved to approve, subject to the plans being received and approved by the Engineering Division as to storm drain, sewers, etc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead, Blount and Isen absent).

A recess was declared at 9:30 and the Council reconvened at 9:40 P.M.

12. CASE NO. 699 - CHANGE OF ZONE - MYERS BROS, SMITH, INC. 1033 This is a hearing continued from May 2, 1961. Letter from Director of Public Works Peebles and attached were transmittal form recommending denial, location sketch, excerpt from Planning minutes of May 17, 1961.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre reported a letter of protest just received and Mayor pro tem Bradford asked that it be filed. There were no objections.

Mr. Kenneth Watts appeared in vigorous protest to the granting of this change.

Mr. Lee Wilson of 1312 Cordary Avenue appeared in favor of the rezoning. He is the man who originally sold to Dan Butcher and said he tried unsuccessfully for four years to get industry interested. He considers the proposed use a proper one.

Mrs. Hannah Saville of 19325 Sturgis Drive appeared, protesting the construction of apartments here.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead, Blount and Isen absent).

Mayor pro tem Bradford felt the City's planning has not been consistent. He said R-3 zoning might be very good planning on either side of Anza, but he would like to see it go no further. Some line must be drawn. He mentioned a study which the Planning Commission had been asked to prepare two or three years ago regarding the entire area, but which has not come to the Council.

Councilman Beasley said he thought the City has lost a lot of industry to Orange County on account of high taxes and high prices of property. He said the study referred to, but which has not come to Council, shows an apartment district facing Anza from Del Amo to Torrance Boulevard. He thought it excellent planning.

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Councilman Drale moved the change of zone be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

Mr. Watts asked by what procedure he could have this matter decided by a full Council and Assistant City Attorney Dower advised him to talk with a lawyer; that his administrative remedies have been exhausted.

PLANNING MATTERS:

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13. CASE NO. 646 - VARIANCE - WILLIAM J. MacCABE, 17715 Crenshaw Boulevard. Letter from Director of Public Works Peebles submitting recommendation of approval on the request of Mr. MacCabe for six months extension of time within which to commence construction of a medical building on the west side of Crenshaw between 177th and 178th Streets. Attached was letter dated April 22, 1961 from Mr. MacCabe.

It was explained that the architect has been ill and the plans are now being revised, hence the request for extension.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount, Benstead and Isen absent).

14. CASE NO. 688 - CHANGE OF ZONE - PLANNING COMMISSION, PETITIONER. HAWTHORNE AVENUE REZONING. 1033

Letter from Planning Division approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting ordinance reclassifying property in Case No. 688, approved by the City Council May 2, 1961.

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

At the request of Mayor pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1233

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 688 PARCELS NUMBERED 1, 3, 4 and 5.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1233 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead, Blount and Isen absent).

15. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 26576, OCEAN VIEW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Letter of transmittal from Engineering, Building and Planning Divisions, submitting tract recommended for approval, with excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 5, 1961. 1121

Councilman Beasley moved to defer action on this item until there is a report from the City Attorney and Planning Commission on Item 8 of this agenda, Case No. 707. The motion was seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford and carried, there being no objection.

16. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 25465, DAN BUTCHER. 1121

Letter from Director of Public Works submitting recommendation of approval and attaching copy of letter dated May 17, 1961, and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 17, 1961.

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

17. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 19644, DAN BUTCHER. 1121

Letter from Director of Public Works Peebles submitting recommendation of approval by the Planning Commission and attaching copy of letter dated May 17, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 17, 1961.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. TORRANCE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE request for waiver of fees to hold a community carnival behind the Del Amo Shopping Center (originally planned for the Civic Center property, but changed), July 19th through 23rd, 1961.

Councilman Drale expressed the hope that this would not conflict with RANCHERO DAYS, but it was determined that is held August 5 and 6. Mr. Bob Vroman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce said he had tried to arrange to have the two combined, but there was no way to do so. The purpose is to raise money for the Torrance Pasadena Rose Parade entry. Building Superintendent Schlens reminded the Council that fees may be waived, but that the permits must be obtained and paid for by the concessionaire.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that, subject to approval of the Building Division, Fire and Police Departments, the license fee be waived, but not the permit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

19. RESIGNATION OF JOHN W. WALLACE FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Councilman Drale moved the usual letter be written to Mr. Wallace by the City Manager's office and the communication filed. Mayor pro tem Bradford seconded the motion and there being no objection, it was so ordered. 1021

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

20. Letter submitting list of personnel and their participation in the Superior Court location project. 134*

Councilman Drale moved authorization be given to the City Attorney to write the letters referred to in his communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

21. Memorandum from Casper Clemmer, Park Superintendent and Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation on policy relating to removal of trees, for approval of Council. 1091
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Councilman Drale moved this matter be held for a full Council, which will probably be June 27th. No objections, so ordered.

22. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-1. TIRES AND TUBES FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. 1041

Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles that contract be awarded to Suddeth Tire Company, concurred in by Acting City Manager Bramhall.

Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

23. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-2 - LIQUID ASPHALT AND BITUMELS for 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. Recommendation of Street Superintendent Perkins, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, concurred in by acting City Manager Bramhall that bid of Mobil Oil Company be accepted. 1041

Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

24. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-3 FLASHING BARRICADES FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles, concurred in by Acting City Manager Bramhall that annual contract be awarded to Neo-Flasher Manufacturing Company. 1041

Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

25. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-4 READY MIXED CONCRETE FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles, approved by Acting City Manager Bramhall that contract be awarded to Azusa Rock and Sand Company. 1041

Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

26. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-6 ROCK AND SAND FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles, approved by Acting City Manager Bramhall, that contract be awarded to Chandler Palos Verdes Sand and Gravel Company. 1041

Councilman Drale moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

27. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-8. CHAIN LINK FENCE FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. Recommendation that the City re-advertise. 1041

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

28. SCHEDULE PW-61-62-9 BROOM FIBRE AND GUTTER WIRE FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. 1041

Acting City Manager Bramhall asked that a change be made in the recommendation, in that Items 1 and 2 are not to be awarded to the same contractor. Item No. 1 is to be awarded to California Brush Company and Item No. 2 to United Engineering Manufacturing Company, as listed on bid summary.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as orally set forth by City Manager Bramhall. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

29. SCHEDULE PW 61-62-12. FUELS, OILS, GREASES AND THINNER FOR 1961-62 FISCAL YEAR. Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles, concurred in by the Acting City Manager that contracts be awarded on separate items, as follows: 1041

Item 1 - Texaco, Inc.

Item 2. and 3d - Union Oil Co.

Item 3a, 3e, 3f, 3g, 3h, 3i and 3j - Shell Oil Co.

Items 3b, 3c, 3k and 3L - Tidewater Oil Company.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth at prices as listed in the bid summary. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

BUILDING DIVISION:

30. Request of Hughes Paint Company for permission to erect oversized sign at 23010 Hawthorne Avenue, with recommendation of Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection McKinnon. 1063

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Building Division that the sign be approved, with the condition that it be located no closer than 65 feet to the northerly or southerly property line so as not to obstruct the other signs along Hawthorne Avenue and that this be the only ground sign approved at this location. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

31. BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO CITIES - Memorandum of agreement for 1961-62, with resolution attached. 1175

At the request of Mayor pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-99

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING A BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO CITIES.

Councilman Bradford moved Resolution No. 61-99 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

32, BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE (Engineering Funds for Fiscal year 1961-62), with resolution. 1176

At the request of Mayor pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-100

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-100. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

33. SERVICE ROAD SOUTH SIDE OF SEPULVEDA AND PALOS VERDES BLVD'S. Proposed vacation. Request of property owners at southwest corner of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevards that the City vacate service road adjacent to their property, submitted by City Engineer Nollac.

Traffic Engineer Whitmer said the contract has been awarded on the traffic signal involved at this intersection. The purpose of eliminating the service road is to make possible signalization. At the suggestion of City Engineer Nollac, Mayor pro tem Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation set forth in the report of City Engineer Nollac dated June 6, 1961, so that proceedings may be initiated for vacation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

34 - Hold for next week.

35. LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 5 (Engineering Report). Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles submitting report and cost estimate and specifications.

At the request of Mayor pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-101

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 INCIDENTAL 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-5-61; 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. 5".

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-101. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Blount and Benstead absent).

Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer said there was one minor thing to clear up. There were a number of petitions submitted, all of which had 60% or over signatures, with one exception. One portion which is Carla Road has two invalid signatures, leaving 56.8% of the property owners signing. One is the signature of a person who does not actually own the property, it being the property of a Church. There is no question of intent of the person. All that is actually required is 50% but the Council has requested 60% in the past. Mr. Whitmer asked the Council for its decision as to this lesser percentage than what is customary. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the slightly lower than 60%. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

At the request of Mayor pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-102

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. 5.

Mayor pro tem Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-102. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

At the request of Mayor Pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-103

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 (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1961, and ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1964, FOR STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mayor pro tem Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-103. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

At the request of Mayor pro tem Bradford, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-104

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 NO. 61-103, AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF SAID CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING.

(Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5.)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-104. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Blount, Isen and Benstead absent).

36 through 47. Mayor pro tem Bradford moved that Items 36 through 47 be placed on next week's agenda. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, so ordered, there being no objections.

48. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY MANAGER:

A. Expenditures:

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| 1. To Econolite Corporation for one 2TC24F1 Standby Controller for the Traffic and Lighting Division, the sum of \$436.80. | 1042 |
| 2. To Parrish Stationers for file, table, maprack, drafting table and stool, a sum not to exceed \$600., a budget item. | 1041 |
| 3. To Flexible Company for Reserve locks, pins and rings for plunge lockers, the sum of \$496.63, a budget item. | 1042
1006 |
| 4. To Plastic Pipe and Supply Company for 330 feet of 1½" plastic pipe and 540 feet of 1" plastic pipe for Park Department, the sum of \$501.61, a budget item. | 1041 |

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Expenditures listed as 1, 2, 3 and 4 listed above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

B. Acceptance of Bids:

That the bid of Don B. Wolf for construction of fire station at Torrance Airport be accepted in the amount of \$70,904.	1009 Fire
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Councilman Drale moved to approve Item B, listed above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. Mayor pro tem Bradford said this matter has all been handled through the City Manager's office and asked that the plans and specifications be given to the Building Division for inspection and approval.

Councilman Drale added to his motion "subject to Building Inspection Superintendent's approval" and Councilman Vico accepted this amendment. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Isen, Benstead and Blount absent).

Councilman Drale asked that the City Attorney be authorized 1255 to draft the necessary ordinance to establish a Mayor pro tem of the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

No oral communications were heard.

Councilman Drale moved to adjourn the meeting to June 20, 1961 at 5:30 P.M.

A. H. Barthel
City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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