

Torrance, California
July 5, 1961

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned session at 5:30 P.M., July 5, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Councilmen responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen. ABSENT: None. Acting City Manager Bramhall and Assistant City Attorney Dower were also present.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Police Chief Bennett led the salute to our Flag.

4. The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held June 20, June 27 and June 29, 1961, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there being no objection, carried.

6. APPROVE DEMANDS:

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read 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 Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

7. CASE NO. 699 - CHANGE OF ZONE - MYERS BROS. SMITH, INC. Cover letter from Director of Public Works Peebles submitting ordinance reclassifying property described in Case No. 699, with location sketch.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1243

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. 699.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1243 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Drale asked if the City has the necessary easements for the widening of Anza and was told by David Cleveland of the Planning Division that we do not. City Engineer Nollac said this would be a condition under compliance with the Commercial Improvement ordinance. Councilman Drale amended his motion to include the condition that the necessary easements for the widening of Anza be made and Councilman Beasley agreed to the amendment.

Roll call vote carried, as follows:

AYES: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico.

NOES: Benstead, Bradford, Isen.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Claim of Dr. Charles E. Jones for flood damage to his office at 1659 Gramercy, caused by back pressure from flushing the sewer lines by the City of Torrance, June 6, 1961.

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

9. Bay Central Lumber Company, dated June 12, 1961, re water service with report of Water Superintendent McVicar attached.

Councilman Benstead moved that a copy of Water Superintendent McVicar's explanation be transmitted to Mr. Stenlake of Bay Central Lumber. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

10. Federated Fire Fighters of California request dated June 28, 1961, for meeting with Council with recommendation of Acting City Manager Bramhall regarding date of such a meeting.

This item involves the decision on the Richard DeArmitt matter. The organization wishes to discuss the problem in a personnel session. Mayor Isen suggested this be arranged through the Police and Fire Committee of the Council composed of Councilmen Beasley, Benstead and Bradford. There was no objection.

11. Agent for Kissell Homes and Stabile Bros. Signs, Inc., request for permission to keep directional sign posted for a six-months period, with bond attached.

In answer to a question by Councilman Drale, Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens stated he had not been able to locate the signs. Mayor Isen suggested the matter be held a week for a report from the Building Division. There was no objection.

12. Letter dated June 29, 1961 from Louis V. Erdle protesting the mode of traffic control on Crenshaw Boulevard between Torrance and Carson.

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

Mayor Isen asked that synchronized signals be kept in mind for sometime in the future.

13. Lt. D. C. Cook, Rodeo Chairman and Coordinator of Eighth Annual Rodeo and Parade, request dated June 26, 1961, for permission to hold parade Saturday morning August 5th, with license and permit fees waived.

Mayor Isen moved the permission be granted, with adequate insurance as obtained last year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC WORKS MATTERS:

14. Resubmittal of policy regarding removal of trees.

A succinct statement of the proposed policy is as follows:

1. Removal of mature trees that are in good condition - adhere to policy of payment for replacement.

2. Removal of dead trees - adhere to policy of property owner paying for replacement.

3. Removal and replacement of existing trees due to unsatisfactory conditions - continue this service after careful study of the situation in each area involved.

4. Removal of trees in way of proposed driveways - remove such trees only if necessary.

5. Removal of trees in the way of proposed sidewalks and curbs. Recommend property owner pay for the tree removal plus replacement cost, in addition to sidewalk and curb costs and the City make this charge in such a case of dedication and/or easement to the City.

6. Removal of trees in cases where tree roots have severely damaged walks and private property and removal of tree roots would create a greater hazard - charge for replacement if such is justified by study.

7. Removal, trimming or severe topping beyond the point of proper tree pruning, to preserve a panoramic view from several property owners' windows - review of such carefully and individually and not sacrifice our landscaping values.

8. In general, have the department adhere rigidly to the policy set forth and bring to the Council only the unusual cases.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations listed above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there being no objection, the minute secretary was instructed to record the decision as unanimous.

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

15. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 23. City Engineer Nollac's letter dated June 27, 1961, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting resolution and agreement for the formation of Sewer Reimbursement District No. 23.

Councilman Drale asked if the payments are handled on a priority list and City Engineer Nollac explained the system of paying out of a district.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-123

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 23,
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH
C. N. CAKE THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR
OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF
CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-123. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Sewer Revolving Fund Contribution (Reimbursement fee). Request for refund by Mr. Sam Levy of \$437.82 for fee collected in error on Oak Street property. The recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles is that the Director of Finance be authorized to so refund.

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

17. Sewer Connection Charge - letter from Mr. Gordon L. Mann asking some sort of relief from his assessment and sewer-tie-in charge. Submitted was a report from the Department of Public Works that the required fee must be paid unless he can be relieved by some means mentioned in the report.

Mayor Isen asked City Engineer Nollac if there was any legal way to give relief to Mr. Mann and Mr. Nollac said only by a letter from Mr. R. A. Watt who constructed the public sewer, stating that Mr. Mann did in fact participate with Mr. Watt in putting in the sewer.

Mayor Isen asked that the matter be referred back to the City Engineer so that he may contact Mr. Watt, this being an exceptional case. Councilman Drale so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

18. Howard Industrial Tract No. 23327 - Access to Crenshaw Boulevard. Letter dated June 29, 1961, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation of Planning Commission that subject tract be allowed access to Crenshaw Boulevard in the form of two driveway openings, with attached excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of June 21, 1961, and letter to Planning Commission from City Engineer, dated June 14, 1961.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and Director of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and City Engineer Nollac explained in detail the geographic situation of the proposed access and the reasons therefor. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

19. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation of approval of new contract in accordance with the recommendation of Airport Manager on John S. Hufft request for review of his revenue schedule to the City.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Manager set forth in his letter dated June 15, 1961, that the revenue schedule be set at 5%, or \$180 per year whichever is greater. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Memo from City Attorney Remelmeyer re Airport Plaza Plot Plan as requested by the Council May 31, 1961.

The Council expressed criticism of the so-called "restaurant" on this land and wondered if the department store proposed might turn out to be something undesirable. Councilman Drale said he felt the lessee has every right to build what they wish and moved to approve the plans. There was no second.

Councilman Beasley asked that detailed and accurate information be brought to the Council of what they intend to build and Councilman Vico agreed. Mayor Isen asked that a pre-council conference be set on this matter at 7:00 P.M., immediately preceding the 8:00 o'clock meeting on July 11th and that Acting City Manager Bramhall notify the interested parties to be present at that time. There was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN RESERVATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FROM THE QUITCLAIM DEED DATED MARCH 5, 1948, BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONVEYED THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-124. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-125

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO CONDUCT A DIVISION OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCLUDE SERVICES PERFORMED BY INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN FULL TIME ELECTIVE EXECUTIVE POSITIONS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-125. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM FARMHILL HOMES, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-126. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked that some consideration be given this good-sized sump for improvement as a recreational area. Mayor Isen

said the easement gives no rights of that sort but Councilman Drale asked that the Park & Recreation Commission study the possibility.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR BURTON W. CHACE FOR HIS SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING THE COURTHOUSE SITE FOR THE SOUTHWEST SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICT IN THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-129. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR ERNEST E. DEBS FOR HIS SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING THE COURTHOUSE SITE FOR THE SOUTHWEST SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICT IN THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-130. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR FRANK T. BONELLI FOR HIS SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING THE COURTHOUSE SITE FOR THE SOUTHWEST SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICT IN THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-131. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO SUPERVISOR WARREN M. DORN FOR HIS SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING THE COURTHOUSE SITE FOR THE SOUTHWEST SUPERIOR COURT DISTRICT IN THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-132. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

28. FIRST READING, ordinance amending minimum lot dimensions:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1229

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 4 D, 5 D, 6 D, 7 D and 8 C, OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM LOT AREA, DEPTH, WIDTH AND SITE AREA IN R-1, R-2, R-3, R-3 and A-1 ZONES.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1229 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

29. SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1240 - City Treasurer's salary.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1240

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CITY TREASURER TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1060 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1240 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. SECOND READING ORDINANCE NO. 1242:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1242

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND MAKING A CHANGE IN THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1183 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1242 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. FIRST READING ORDINANCE:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1244

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1067 WHICH PROHIBITED THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA SERVED BY NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY #2 AND NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY #3.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1244 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31A. Mayor Isen asked that a matter presented this evening by acting City Manager Bramhall be next considered. It deals with acceptance of "future streets" adjacent to Tracts 19644 and 25465 and was requested as an item of special business at this meeting because the developer desires to record the tracts on July 6, 1961.

Accordingly, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOTS 23, 24, and 25, TRACT NO. 23157 and LOTS 24 and 25, TRACT NO. 25969, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED LOTS "ALLEY".

City Engineer Nollac, answering questions by Councilman Drale, explained this as a technicality in recording at the County Recorder's office. The lots are dedicated to the City in fee and are being opened for street and highway purposes. This dedication makes a 20' alley where only 19' existed before.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-127. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ACTING CITY MANAGER:

A. AWARD OF BIDS

1. Concur in recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar that bid of Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company be accepted.
2. That low bids on Custodial Supplies be accepted, with exception of Items 56, 57, 59 and 60 which are to be awarded:
 - Item 56 to Easterday Supply Company
 - Items 57 and 59 to Blake, Moffitt and Towne
 - Item 60 to Ingram Paper Company.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Acting City Manager as to Items 1 and 2 above. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Assistant City Attorney Dower yielded to City Attorney Remelmeyer who entered the meeting at this point.

32. FIRST READING ORDINANCE repealing Section 16.323, entitled "License required for owner-builder" and Section 16.414 entitled "Child Care and Day Nursery" and substituting new provisions

therefor relating to the same subject matter, with cover letter from the City Attorney.

Mayor Isen asked for discussion on Section 1 of this two-fold amendment and that Section 2 thereof be considered separately. For that reason, he moved that amendment dealing with Child Care and Day Nursery be approved in principle, it being understood the ordinance would necessarily be redrafted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen made a statement regarding the "License required for owner-builder" section of the ordinance, in effect, that he vehemently opposes such a section requiring a contractor who has a state contractor's license to take out a contractor's license if he is going to build his own apartment, store or shop. He also objected to the statement that he (the Mayor) had requested such amendment.

Mayor Isen moved that the ordinance on this subject be repealed. There was no second. Mayor Isen's whole contention is that no person acting for himself should be required to take out such a license in any field of endeavor.

Acknowledging it to be a fine point of law, Councilman Bradford thought the distinction hinges on whether or not the person occupies the building himself.

Mr. Bowen, a local real estate dealer, expressed his opinion on this, but without identifying himself or giving his address.

City Attorney Remelmeyer defended his personal opinion that the amendment as he has proposed would be fair. He does not necessarily recognize the ordinance as it stands to be unconstitutional but believes the amendment would be preferable. License Inspector Whitacre said the fee involved is \$50. City Attorney Remelmeyer said as a chartered city Torrance has the right to levy on anyone doing business, this being a matter of revenue only. Mayor Isen asked for substantiation of such opinion by written opinion with cited points and authorities. Hypothetical cases were discussed with no clear resolution of the question.

Councilman Blount moved the statement made in letter dated June 30th from the City Attorney (Item 32 on the agenda) starting with the second paragraph "At the request of the Mayor," etc. be referred back to the City Attorney for possible rewording but be rejected in its present form. Mayor Isen asked for some appellate decisions in support of whatever amendment comes before the Council for consideration. Councilman Beasley did not feel the legal cases would help the councilmen decide; he felt the means by which the City Attorney reaches an opinion is his business, not that of the Councilmen. There was no second to Mayor Isen's motion and no vote was taken.

At 6:25 a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 6:35 P.M.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Isen introduced a subject closely related to the above discussion, the proposed civil action against Mr. Bert Lynn which City Attorney Remelmeyer mentioned last week. He asked Mr. Remelmeyer for the source of this situation and it was traced back through the City Manager's office and the Director of Finance. City Attorney

Remelmeyer also explained the rumor about the possibility of criminal action on this matter as being routine procedure which slipped through inadvertently.

Mr. Lynn spoke at length of the history of this controversy, concluding with a request for complete vindication at this meeting.

The heads of Engineering and Building Divisions as well as the Director of Public Works were asked their opinion and stated that no amount was due from Mr. Lynn and there had been no violation of any City ordinance or regulation.

Mr. Lynn offered the amount in question to be used to purchase books on Americanism and the American heritage for the West Torrance Library soon to be built. He mentioned the amount of \$250 and stated the books should be selected by a committee appointed by the Library Commission for that purpose.

A discussion followed as to whether or not the license fee ordinance is discriminatory. Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Attorney Dower his opinion which did not coincide with that of the City Attorney.

Councilman Drale moved that considering the statements of City Engineer Nollac, Building Inspections Superintendent Schlens and Acting City Manager Bramhall that Mr. Lynn has paid all fees required, he be completely relieved of any responsibility therefor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked the Council to go further and moved a vote of confidence in Mr. Lynn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Councilman Beasley expressed some reservation regarding the license fee, feeling that perhaps Mr. Lynn should pay it under protest. With that exception, he voted yes.

The roll call vote was:

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

ABSTAIN: Blount.

On behalf of himself and his family, Mr. Lynn thanked the Council and repeated his offer of books on the American way of life.

An unidentified woman from the audience commended Mr. Lynn.

Councilman Drale moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote failed, as follows:

AYES: Beasley, Blount, Drale.

NOES: Benstead, Bradford, Vico, Isen.

Mayor Isen said he did not consider the controversy thoroughly closed and said the Council should close the file, instruct the Legal Department to bring no action of any kind, look for another test case, and accept the offer of \$62.50 as part of the amount for books for the library.

Councilman Bradford mentioned two anonymous phone calls threatening himself and his family if he voted in favor of Mr. Lynn and for rezoning of the Marble property. He moved the matter be entirely closed. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, providing Mr. Lynn increases the amount for books to include the \$62.50 in question.

Councilman Beasley wanted it understood he was not casting any aspersion on Mr. Lynn by questioning the legality of the ordinance but he feels it should be completely clarified.

Roll call vote on the motion was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Vico nominated Wade E. Peebles to be appointed as City Manager of Torrance and the motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

AYES: Benstead, Bradford, Vico, Isen.

NOES: Beasley, Blount, Drale.

Councilman Beasley pointed out there has been no screening or interviewing of candidates for the position of City Manager and, rather than congratulations, offered sympathy to the new City Manager. Councilman Vico added that he wanted it distinctly understood that if within six months Mr. Peebles is not doing a good job, he will be the first to move to remove him.

Councilman Drale moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance