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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., July 11, 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. City Manager Peebles and Assistant City Attorney Dower were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Engineer Nollac led the salute to our Flag.

4. The Reverend O'Dell Myers of First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held July 5, 1961, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and, there being no objection, carried.

6. APPROVE DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, 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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. AWARD:

Mayor Isen asked Mr. George Powell to come forward and he was introduced as the Director of Planning who left the employ of the City early in May. Councilman Beasley read in its entirety the perma plaque resolution, No. 61-70, and presented it to Mr. Powell as being indicative of the feelings of the Council and citizens of Torrance toward Mr. Powell and the work he has done for the City. Mr. Powell responded graciously.

Mayor Isen made a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience, and asked that the Council resume consideration of Item 19, the resubmitted Airport Plaza Plot Plan which had been discussed at the pre-council workshop session at 7:00 immediately preceding this meeting.

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Mr. Graziadio and his architect and contractor were present. Briefly, all that had been accomplished at the pre-council meeting was a determination that there should be compatibility in the type of construction and appearance of the proposed new building on the Airport Plaza with that of the better buildings in the area: Foods Company, Shoppers Market, etc.

Mayor Isen thought there was no great problem and asked that Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens check over the architectural renderings and report back to the Council. Mr. Schlens said the building as delineated would have a better appearance than C.M.A.'s building, as a means of comparison. He did not feel the building as planned would detract from the appearance of the corner. The recessing of different sizes and varying colors of blocks will create a pleasing design.

Mr. E. V. Michaels, AIA and Civil Engineer of Oxnard, the architect, explained the appearance of the building as planned and said there will be a forty-foot entrance with eight double doors. The matters not easily discernible from the drawings having been outlined by Mr. Graziadio and his architect, Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Graziadio be given approval of the plot plan and authority to proceed with construction of the building as planned.

City Engineer Nollac asked that one other matter be determined: the lease covenants that there is a sewer available of adequate capacity in Crenshaw Boulevard. The lease was signed subsequent to the sewer revolving fund ordinance and the lessee must pay for all costs in connecting to the sewer. Mr. Nollac asked for a determination of whether or not the lessee would also be liable for the sewer use fee. Mayor Isen said this is a matter for determination by the Legal Department and Management. Mr. Graziadio said there is no question but that the fees which are determined to be applicable will be paid. Mayor Isen pointed out that until conditions are complied with, the building permit will not be issued and the Council is not waiving anything required by the lease.

Roll call vote on the motion to approve was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:

8. Mayor Isen announced this is the time set for the public hearing on Wood-Callahan Oil Company's request for an exception to the refusal of their request for a redrill permit on Oil Well Waddell No. 2, located on Lots 22 and 23 of Tract No. 3218.

Mr. H. M. Fish, representing the company, who gave his address as 4360 Cerritos Avenue, Long Beach, set forth the date of last production as being November 5, 1959 and notice of intention to abandon was given the State on December 6, 1960. After receiving notice from the City of Torrance to abandon this well, the company had an engineer make a report on the oil reserve.

Mayor Isen asked if once a notice of intention to abandon has been filed, the well is not conclusively deemed to be idle and Assistant City Attorney Dower said it is. He called attention to an affidavit of the City's land use inspector which was read aloud by Mr. Cleveland of the Planning Division. Mayor Isen said he considers that sufficient to establish the well as being idle and there seems to be no merit to an exception thereto. Mr. Fish asked for a thirty day extension to permit another hearing.

Councilman Drale moved to continue the hearing for thirty days. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mr. Dan Butcher who owns the land has recorded a subdivision map and this well is in the middle of a street.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the rehearing be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. William R. Kulpaca of 4300 Emerald, spoke from the audience in favor of not permitting redrilling generally.

9. CASE NO. 715 - VARIANCE - Gerald Eastham, M.D., petitioner. Request for variance of the off-street parking ordinance to construct office space from five existing parking spaces with alley entrance at 2021 Carson Street between Arlington and Gramercy, being Lot 18, Block 16, Torrance Tract in Zone C-1. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from June 5, 1961 Planning Commission minutes and copy of letter dated July 5, 1961 from Allan P. Lamont, D.D.C., and two letters from W. David Basque, M.D.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time for hearing Case No. 715 and asked if anyone present wished to be heard; there was no response.

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

Councilman Blount asked what the off street parking ordinance requires and Assistant City Attorney Dower read from the ordinance and discussed its provisions. One square foot of parking space is mandatory for each square foot of building space and the Council is entitled in its discretion to grant a variance if circumstances warrant. Councilman Bradford did not think the provisions of the ordinance anticipated using the property of other persons, such as service stations, where space might or might not be available. When the building was constructed, a variance was granted and some of the Council members did not feel circumstances warrant another.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Vico.

Councilman Benstead moved the request for variance be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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NOES: Drale, Vico.

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10. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 26598 - REDONDO LAND COMPANY AND CLAUDE HICKS, SUBDIVIDER. Letter of transmittal, submitting for approval Tentative Tract Map No. 26598, located on the north side of Pacific Coast Highway east of the southerly extension of Anza Avenue proposed. Attached were letter dated June 15, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommended conditions for approval, excerpt from June 21, 1961 Planning Commission minutes, and location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval, including the nine conditions set forth in the June 15th memorandum. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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11. REMOVAL OF PEPPER TREE AT 182ND AND ARLINGTON. Recommendation of Park Superintendent Clemmer that tree located at southeast corner of 182nd and Arlington be removed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

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of 182nd and Arlington be removed with memorandum of concurrence from Director of Public Works Peebles.

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

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

12. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF SPENCER STREET AND VICTOR STREET by Copp Paving Company, with recommendation of acceptance.

13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF 182nd STREET FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO 1900 FEET WESTERLY by Asphalt Sales Company, with recommendation of acceptance.

14. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD BETWEEN ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND 167TH STREET, Project, No. 70, by Warren Southwest, Inc., with recommendation of acceptance.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, Items 12, 13 and 14 would be voted upon together. There was no objection.

"Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of acceptance of notices of completion listed under Items 12, 13 and 14. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote."

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President for an announcement and the City Manager and whomever the Council suggests, to dinner on July 18th following the 5:30 meeting for the purpose of meeting the new Chamber officers. Mayor Isen said he hoped to be able to adjourn the Council meeting by 7:00 and the Chamber of Commerce will have a place on the agenda just prior to adjournment.

15. STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE (1958) PROJECT NO. 587, East Torrance. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting letter from Los Angeles County Flood Control District transmitting specifications for construction and necessary resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 587 AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAIN WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-128. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

In conjunction with this item, City Engineer Nollac stated this is the first of three projects which will shortly be completed. Bids will be received on this project August 4th and next week the Council will receive a similar communication on Projects numbered 586 and 585, both of which will be received on August 11th.

16. IMPROVEMENT OF CABRILLO AVENUE FROM SEPULVEDA TO LINCOLN. City Engineer Nollac submitted preliminary cost estimate together with recommendation that City request Aid-to-Cities funds, approved

by Director of Public Works Peebles.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS OF "AID-TO-CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-133. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Peebles said this places \$4,500 back into the General Fund, as that amount was originally allocated to this work. He suggested the possibility of using this amount for construction of the stairway at El Retiro Park because the people have been promised that when money is available, something will be done toward construction of such a stairway. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles to make a detailed recommendation for next week's agenda.

17. PROPOSED DRAINAGE REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1. City Engineer Nollac recommends that Drainage Reimbursement District No. 1, located in the vicinity of the West High School site and adjacent to Tract No. 24985 be established.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer set forth in his memorandum to the Acting City Manager dated June 29, 1961. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

18. Memorandum from Traffic and Lighting Engineer regarding establishment of policy concerning left-turn pockets in divider strips on State Highways.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation as to policy set forth by Traffic Engineer Whitmer in his memorandum of July 3, 1961. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection. Mayor Isen said he thought the record should show that it is not true that anyone who wants to come in and pay for a left-turn pocket will get it. Mr. Whitmer said the City's traffic commission would have to approve such a request first and if it is on a State highway, the State would also have to approve.

19. This item was taken care of at the first of the meeting and at pre-council session.

20. AIRPORT MANAGER EGAN, submitting for adoption revised Airport Master Plan, approved by FAA May 2, 1961.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt the revised Airport Master Plan as presented. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. AIRPORT COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP. Mayor Isen asked that the Council be polled on reappointment of Commissioners Herrick and Morgan and appointment of Mr. Jack Brown of 3762 Pacific Coast Highway, WALTERIA, to fill the vacancy caused by resignation of Commissioner Wallace.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to appointment of all three. Mayor Isen remarked that the commissioners hold office until appointment of new ones, so there was no urgency regarding appointment before the next meeting date of the Commission.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

22. Change in class specification format for certain Civil Service classifications submitted by T. E. Donovan and approved by John Bramhall, Acting City Manager, dated June 30, 1961.

The change is to place the words "to do related work as required" in lieu of "to do other work as required".

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the change suggested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-134

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND TRANSIT ADS INCORPORATED FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ON CITY OWNED TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-134. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1961-1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-135. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, 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. 61-136

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING WADE E. PEBBLES CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

In answer to a question by Councilman Drale, it was determined that the salary to be inserted in the resolution is \$20,425. With insertion of that amount, Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-136. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Benstead, Bradford, Vico, Isen.

NOES: Beasley, Blount, Drale.

ORDINANCES:

26. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its second and final 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-4 and A-1 ZONES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1229 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: Benstead.

27. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its second reading 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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1243 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico.

NOES: Benstead, Bradford, Isen.

28. At the request of Mayor Isen Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its second and final reading 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1244 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and presented for its first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1245

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 13 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW CHAPTER 13 ENTITLED "REFUSE", ESTABLISHING PROVISIONS REGULATING THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE IN THE CITY.

Assistant City Attorney Dower explained this as being a matter of clarifying the ordinance to comply with the March 1st, 1961, decision on rubbish collection and Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1245 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale brought up the provisions of 13.41 which mentions the delegation of authority by the Director of Public Works. He asked if there is to be such a position in the future and Councilman Beasley asked that it be held for a couple of weeks. Councilman Blount suggested the City Attorney insert a provision to take care of the eventuality of the office being abolished by which the authority would be delegated to the City Manager. Assistant Attorney Dower said he would do this and it was accepted by Councilmen Beasley and Drale as a part of their motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

30. Expenditures:

1. \$400.40 to State Office Supply for one chair, one desk and one legal-size filing cabinet for the Street Division office, a budget item.

Some discussion was held concerning the small difference between the bid of the low bidder and that of the local bidder, Parrish Stationers. Considering the revenue which would be derived from sales tax locally, Mayor Isen felt the bid should go to Parrish. Councilman Blount disagreed, stating if the City advertises for bids, it should stick to buying from the firm that submits the lowest bid, or the City may find itself not getting any bids.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in regard to Item 1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried as follows:

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

The item was thus approved as recommended by the City Manager.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in recommendations as to Items 2, 3 and 4, as follows:

2. To Parrish Stationers for three #1807 Steelcase, 4-drawer, legal size files for the Engineering Division, the sum of \$367.22, a budget item.

3. To Remington Rand for one Remington Rand Kardex Chainindex Cabinet and one metal stand for two Kardex cabinets for the City Clerk's office, the sum of \$570.08, a budget item.
4. To Industrial Wholesale for 400 amp, Main Breaker, Buss and Hardware to convert existing Square D 200 amp. for Traffic and Lighting Division, the sum of \$386.88, to be used to upgrade the Walteria Park Ball diamond lighting. The other bid was received from Superior Wholesale Electric Company in the amount of \$387.40, a budget item.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Peebles said the Junior Chamber of Commerce is to have a carnival at the Del Amo Shopping Center and has requested the use of a grader and operator to work for about two hours. This would be City equipment and personnel and has been approved in the past in like circumstances. Councilman Blount moved to grant authority to the City Manager to take care of this as suggested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. City Manager Peebles recalled a request for trees to be planted along Madrona to screen the City dump. Unfortunately, the slope of the dump is such that to plant trees and place a water line would necessitate use of Santa Fe right of way and would require the company's permission. Councilman Drale and Mayor Isen felt the permission would be granted and the City Manager was instructed to proceed toward obtaining it.

33. Assistant City Attorney Dower asked if the Council wanted to consider an ordinance dealing with control of cat trapping. Mayor Isen asked that it be put on the agenda as a "for study" item and announcement would be made for a date of public hearing later.

34. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens recalled the item on last week's agenda regarding sign for Kissel homes. He said the reason the sign could not be located is that it is not up; this is a routine request and will be handled in a routine procedure. Actually, it will be a billboard.

35. Councilman Beasley asked for a polling of the Council on the nomination of Mr. John Lowe of the Sears Store, as a lay member of the Inter-City Highway Committee. The poll was unanimously favorable.

36. Councilman Bradford brought up the "racing trucks" carrying dirt down Crenshaw and Hawthorne Boulevard. There have been some accidents and many narrow escapes. The truckers are exceeding speed limits but are very careful to signal to each other when it becomes apparent they are being watched by officers. He asked for some control, whether by adding more officers, safety checks of equipment, or impounding the violators' trucks. Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen both agreed, saying they had planned to make this the subject of an oral communication this evening. Councilman Beasley told of incidents he had observed close to Lomita and Crenshaw and Carson and Crenshaw and Mayor Isen said he and Traffic Engineer Whitmer on June 23rd made a survey in which the trucks were clocked at 58 m.p.h. A few days later when Mayor Isen and Judge Armstrong

were returning from lunch, one of the trucks turned into Crenshaw at Pacific Coast Highway, violating the rules of right of way. He said if any of these men are arrested for violations, jail sentences should be imposed, on conviction. Councilman Blount agreed, citing instances he had observed. Sometimes the flagmen hired by the Gravel Company wear the uniform of Torrance police officers and sometimes not. He asked what liability would be incurred by the City in case of an accident involving death or personal injury while the corner is being policed by an off-duty Torrance police officer. Councilman Blount said by imposing the conditions on hauling, there was no granting of the right to violate an ordinance; also, that the Police Department has been put on notice of the conditions prevailing. Councilman Benstead added a complaint about the flying dust and dirt from the trucks. Councilman Bradford suggested use of additional radar units.

Mayor Isen moved to refer the matter to the City Manager and Police Department for recommendation to increase our fleet of radar equipped automobiles. There was no objection.

37. Councilman Drale asked for a written report next week, on widening Dominguez Street between Crenshaw and Sartori as well as Del Amo Boulevard.

38. Councilman Drale asked what has been done about uniform street names, particularly of Arlington Avenue and City Manager Peebles said a study is being conducted.

39. Councilman Drale said the Government has put out a pamphlet on the subject of eliminating sumps through government funds, and asked that a copy be obtained.

40. Mayor Isen said it appears the Consolidated Construction dirt moving project is not yet ready for further discussion and is being held.

41. Mayor Isen called attention to the American Municipal Association convention in Seattle, August 26 to 30 and asked that anyone who plans to attend make reservation now. Councilman Drale moved that the councilmen who wish to attend be authorized to do so and necessary expenses be paid by the city, not to exceed \$500. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. Mayor Isen asked that it be determined whether or not some negotiation could be made with the City of Redondo Beach for a trade of land or some other means of obtaining the whole parcel of land on which the Hollywood Riviera beach club was located before it was destroyed by fire. He suggested that the City Manager make preliminary investigation toward negotiating with Redondo Beach. There was no objection.

43. Mr. John M. Simmons thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of the Union and Miscellaneous Employees for the adjustments made in City salaries, but asked that the abolishment of the City Personnel Nurse be reconsidered, as being important to the health and welfare of the City employees.

44. At 9:45 P.M., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance
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