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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 25, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Councilmen responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Joe Wilcox, Secretary of the YMCA, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend H. M. Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held July 18, 1961, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved that all properly audited bills be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

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

HEARINGS:

7. CASE NO. 714. YARNELL CORPORATION, PETITIONER.

Change of zone from A-1 to R-1, Tract 26119, bounded on the north by Spencer, east by Victor, south by Emerald, and west by Entradero, recommended for approval. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of June 21, 1961.

Councilman Benstead said he had understood that all this Victor Tract land would be held until a survey is made and a master plan adopted. Councilman Beasley said this was on the agenda two weeks ago and Mayor Isen asked if approval had been given to the tract map before the change of zone. David Cleveland of the Planning Division said the tract is under construction; the final map was approved six or eight months ago.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 714; there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked if it is the custom to change zones before approving a tract map and City Attorney Remelmeyer said it has now been done both ways, and proceeded to explain the method by which the tentative tract map comes in first; then the petition for change of zone. Normally there is time to process the zone change, then approve the final tract map. Councilman Benstead felt it is very important to change the zone first. Mayor Isen agreed. Councilman Blount said at some time in the past a motion was passed that in the future it would be handled as Mayor Isen outlined; however, here is a tract that is being built and nothing would be gained by turning down the petition for change of zone. He felt the Council should now reaffirm its policy of having zoning done first in all cases.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone from A-1 to R-1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Mayor Isen asked if the Council wished to reaffirm its policy on similar matters and Councilman Blount moved that the City Manager see that the departments directly responsible, in regard to tracts of all kinds, accomplish a change in the order which the Council thinks most logical and legal, that of having the zone change prior to tract map consideration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and there were no objections. Mayor Isen announced the policy is hereby reiterated and the motion ordered carried.

8. CASE NO. 718. ANNE RESNICK, PETITIONER.

Conditional permit to add twenty-three feet fronting on Earl Street to existing trailer park at 20550 Earl Street, between Emerald and Spencer, in Land Use Zone M-1, recommended for approval. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch and excerpt from minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of July 19, 1961.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 718; there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, carried.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of the request considered in case No. 718. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

9. CASE NO. 723 - WILLIAM A. DAVIS, PETITIONER.

Variance to construct an apartment building containing 22 units on property described as a portion of Lot 20, Tract 3458, situated at 20709-20717 Amie, between Emerald and Garnet, in Land Use Zone A-1, recommended for approval. Submitted were letter of trans-

mittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of June 21, 1961, and exhibit.

Councilman Blount questioned the purpose of this case and David Cleveland said the request is for variance to permit the apartment building to be constructed and the zone stay as is, A-1.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 723; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale; no objection, carried.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance requested in Case No. 723. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

10. CASE NO. 724 - FLAVIO RODRIGUEZ, PETITIONER. Variance for neighborhood shops and major service station on southeast corner of Prairie and Artesia, recommended for approval. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of June 21, 1961, and exhibit. Also added was letter dated July 21, 1961, from Leo Goodman of Los Angeles, approving.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 724; there was no response. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance on condition that 38 parking spaces be provided, and that the petitioner dedicate 20 feet plus corner cutoff for widening of the street. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and in answer to his question, City Engineer Nollac stated the easements have been obtained for widening of Prairie Avenue, subject to approval of this zone variance.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

Affidavit of Publication on Cases 714, 718, 723 and 724 and Affidavit of Posting on Weed Abatement Report hearing immediately following, were presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

11. WEED ABATEMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1960-61.

City Manager Peebles said approval is needed so that the report may be processed through the County. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the statute provides public hearing so if anyone wishes to be heard they should come forward and state their name and address for the record.

Mrs. Thomas Meehan of 19916 Saltee Avenue, offered a group of photographs of a condition at Halison and Saltee. She said the area, about four lots large, contains an oil well no longer in operation, a mass of weeds, gophers, dead animals, etc. She has called every department of the City and has received no cooperation in getting the place cleaned up.

Mayor Isen asked that first be considered the matter on which the hearing is held. There was no response to the call for anyone who wished to speak on the report on weed abatement. Mayor Isen announced there being no objection, the hearing would be closed. There was no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the report of P. I. Hadden, Jr., on Weed Abatement for the fiscal year 1960-61. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1961.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 61-144. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-144. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen told Mrs. Meehan her complaint is now officially registered as to the nuisance she described and the pictures she had with her were given to the City Manager.

12. CASE NO. 711 - JOHN MARBLE (DON WILSON) PETITIONER.

Change of zone from M-2 to R-1 and C-1, held by City Council on June 27, 1961, and set forward to July 25 at 8 P.M. for further consideration.

Attached were four letters: John F. Mulvihill, North Torrance Civic Improvement Association requesting balance ratio be maintained; Industrial Development Committee of Chamber of Commerce regarding community planning; Bliss L. and Raymond S. Pinkerton, protesting; and Union Oil Company protesting.

Mayor Isen explained that while the hearing was officially closed June 27, 1961, it was continued for decision to this evening.

Councilman Drale thereupon moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute that the matter be held in abeyance for one year. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, but City Attorney Remelmeyer said he did not believe the motion to be in order. He said either denial or approval is in order; in event of denial, Mr. Wilson could bring it up again in six months. Councilman Benstead and Mayor Isen withdrew the substitute motion.

Mayor Isen moved that a two-year moratorium be declared on all M zoned land that remains. Councilman Benstead said he seconded the motion, provided the two year time be set at one year. Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney whether or not the motion just made was relevant to the question before the Council. Mayor Isen and Councilman Benstead withdrew the motion for a one-year moratorium.

Mayor Isen reminded the Council the motion is preliminary to an ordinance which will be considered later.

Councilman Beasley asked for the question on the motion.

Councilman Blount set forth his views on the subject. In the twelve years he has been on the Council, he said, he has in every case voted to hold the line on industrial property as such. People have promised to clean up and develop land about which nothing has been done; industry is dragging its feet. They have not put one shed on the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw since it was rezoned. Big industry has ample opportunity to bring in something that would create jobs for the people of Torrance and they have done nothing. Our commercial standing has grown and the taxes therefrom keep this Council from being financially embarrassed. He intends to vote for the change to residential.

Mr. Robert B. Jahn from the audience questioned the motion by Mr. Drale "to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission" which was for denial of the change of zone. Mayor Isen asked for clarification of intention from Councilman Drale and Councilman Drale thanked Mr. Jahn for the correction and restated his motion as being "to change from M-2 to R-1". Councilman Beasley acknowledged that to be his meaning also in seconding the motion.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard and Councilman Beasley remarked that the hearing has been closed and it is not in line with Council policy when the hearing is closed for others than councilmen to be heard.

Councilman Drale agreed that there should be roll call at this time. Councilmen Beasley and Blount said they believed the Councilmen had all fully expressed themselves on the question at the previous Council meeting when the matter was heard.

Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Drale was:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale.
 NOES: Benstead, Isen.
 ABSTAIN: Bradford
 ABSENT: Vico.

Mayor Isen ordered the motion carried in accordance with this enumeration of votes but said when Councilman Vico arrives, he will have a right to request reconsideration. Councilman Bradford did not agree that Mr. Vico would have such a right.

Councilman Vico arrived at this point.

A recess was declared at 8:25 and the Council reconvened at 8:36 P.M.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Vico if he cared to vote on the motion made by Councilman Drale on Case No. 711. Councilman Vico said he would. Councilman Drale said the motion should be for reconsideration and Councilman Vico accordingly moved to reconsider. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount called the reconsideration a "farce" and Mayor Isen suggested that Councilman Vico merely cast his vote through a reiteration of roll call, explained and repeated the motion.

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico, Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Thus, Mayor Isen said, the motion failed. Councilman Bradford said the motion had not failed, calling attention to his abstention. Mayor Isen asked if Councilman Bradford wanted the two-year moratorium and Councilman Bradford said "No." Mayor Isen thought industry should have a chance to fill in some of the vacancies. Councilman Blount felt there is no assurance industry would do so.

Mayor Isen stated that if we had a storehouse of land, even as of five years from now, industry would locate here. Industry makes jobs, does not require service, and the only way the Council has been able to keep taxes down has been by increased assessments and participation of industry in taxes. Schools do not so participate. The School Board is making a very firm attempt at this time to not even dip into the 50¢ override and keep taxes down. The homeowners have benefited by the taxes paid through industry. Mayor Isen predicted an additional \$1 in tax rate through this one tract going residential and said the same sentiment was expressed by the president of the California Board of Realtors recently. With manufacturing land being opened to residential use, the advantageous tax situation we have will not be with us long, Mayor Isen said.

In rebuttal, Councilman Bradford told of a meeting he had with the Industrial Tax Committee yesterday which he said is guessing just as the Council is. He stated he has no personal interest in Mr. Wilson nor the property in question, but is merely trying to see what is best for the City. The property on the corner was rezoned from the same type to R-1. Yesterday, Councilman Bradford said he had not made up his mind which way to vote; further study is needed on all the property in Torrance. Our economy won't drop from under us. As mentioned by President Kennedy this evening, our military forces will be bolstered.

Councilman Bradford said he could not justify not voting for this tract. It makes good sense to square off the housing Torrance now has and establish a buffer back of the houses where Standard Oil goes and hold the line at this point, bring in all the industrial property left and make a complete survey. It will take \$50,000 to make such a survey and establish what is for the best interests of the City. The entire burden of rezoning does not lie with industry, but a great deal with the people - the taxpayers. No one knows what is the right thing to do in this situation, only that we are paying more taxes and will - so long as the Board of Supervisors gives everything to unincorporated areas. Councilman Bradford repeated that this decision is probably the most difficult he will make on this Council but he cannot say that it is right to deprive this man of his rezoning.

Without identifying himself, Attorney George Kurtz arose from the audience and asked the City Attorney if it is proper for Councilman Bradford to vote now, after abstaining. Mayor Isen

said he would rule, without the City Attorney, that Mr. Bradford does have the right to change his vote while the Council is acting upon the same subject matter. Mr. Kurtz repeated his request for a ruling from the City Attorney on the propriety of the change of vote after abstaining. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council makes its own rules and the policy since he has been in office has been to permit councilmen to change their vote during the same session of the Council.

The minute secretary asked for clarification of Councilman Bradford's vote and was told Councilman Bradford had changed his vote to "Yes" and to so record it. The motion carried.

PLANNING MATTERS:

13. CASE NO. 676 - WILEY F. MATHIS, PETITIONER.

Letter from City Manager Peebles dated July 20, 1961, recommending that the petitioner's request for extension of Variance No. 676 for the purpose of completing financing and sewer easements being granted, in concurrence with the recommendation of the Planning Commission at their meeting of July 5, 1961. The extension asked is for the period of six months.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico (temporarily).

14. WAIVERS:

The following waivers were recommended for approval by the Planning Commission at their meeting of July 5, 1961, and are now considered, as follows:

W-228, Johnny B. Gonzales, 3223 Danaha St., requesting waiver of side yard requirements, above address, per plot plan submitted.

W-229, Grant C. Jones, 1617 Maple Ave., requesting waiver of rear yard to put addition to within 5½ feet of rear property line, above address.

W-230, Albert Heffenden, 2827 164th St., requesting waiver of rear yard requirements, above address.

W-232, Miles F. Sumner, 2329 W. 235th St., requesting waiver of 2½ feet for the dwelling to extend within 7½ feet of the rear property line instead of the required 10'. There remains 1,650 square feet of usable rear yard.

No written communications have been received on the above requests for waiver and Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection, they would all be granted. There was no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

15. Letter dated July 18, 1961, from American Municipal Association addressed to Mayors of Member Cities asking for notification of designation of voting and alternate voting delegates to Annual Congress to be held in Seattle, Washington, August 26 - 30, 1961.

After some preliminary discussion of who planned to attend, Councilman Beasley moved that Mayor Isen be designated as the official delegate, with Councilman Benstead his alternate. In the event Mayor Isen does not attend, an appropriate change will be noted. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

16. Letter dated June 24, 1961, from Alexis N. Pestoff, Chairman of the Russian Section of Modern Language Association of Southern California, Inc., offering his services gratis in teaching the Russian language during daytime hours at the Torrance Adult Center if the Council approves. Mayor Isen said he understands the Adult evening classes are now teaching Russian and saw no need of additional instruction in this language. Councilman Blount remarked that Mr. Pestoff has made a very gracious and generous offer and it seemed to him rather appropriate at this time to consider learning Russian. Councilman Drale moved the letter be forwarded to the Recreation Department for cooperation with the School Board toward some mutual benefit from the offer, if it is found feasible. Councilman Blount seconded the motion and it carried, there being no objection. City Manager Peebles said he would reply to Mr. Pestoff's letter, telling him of the Council's action.

17. Letter from Torrance Fire Fighters' Association Local No. 1138 IAFF enclosing sample resolution of the organization and asking that the Council carefully consider the newly established body called "Municipal Fire Defense Institute" which is presently soliciting membership from the mayors and city managers throughout the United States, as being an attempt to lessen or undermine the National Board of Fire Underwriters' grading schedule of fire protection.

Mayor Isen moved the communication be referred to Chief Benner for consultation with City Manager Peebles.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DIVISION:

18. Letter dated July 20, 1961, from Lamb Signs requesting approval of oversized sign to be erected at 20555 South Hawthorne Avenue, with recommendation of approval if the sign is reduced to 150 square feet from the 213 square feet shown on the blueprints submitted.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the sign, conditioned on reduction of size as recommended by Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered.

19. Letter dated July 20, 1961 from Frontier Realty asking permission to install a large, 132.5 square foot sign at 1957 Carson Street, with comments recommending denial by Building Inspection Superintendent Schlens. At this meeting, Mr. Schlens orally recommended approval if the plan of the sign is so designed as to reduce it to 102 square feet of space. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the sign provided it is reduced in size as recommended above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Communication dated July 20, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac showing results of a recent preliminary study of the widening of 190th Street from Hawthorne Avenue to Western Avenue, to be completed in two phases, the first from Hawthorne to Crenshaw during the 1961-62 fiscal year, at an approximate cost of \$91,000 and the second from Crenshaw to Western at an approximate cost of \$98,000, with strong recommendation that the improvement be made.

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 Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-145

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. 61-145. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. Letter from City Engineer Nollac dated July 19, 1961, recommending payment of refund of \$2,113.13 to Glenmere Corporation for storm drain construction, Victor Precinct Improvement, to be paid from funds allotted for the improvement of Del Amo Boulevard from Anza to Henrietta.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. Councilman Benstead moved to accept sixteen street easement deeds and one grant deed listed as follows:

1. Street Easement deed dated March 15, 1961 for the widening of 233rd Street and future 234th Street over portions of Lot 19, Tract No. 588, given by Harold R. Duncan and Wanda J. Duncan and the Department of Veterans Affairs, State of California.
2. Street easement deed dated April 4, 1961 for the widening of 233rd Street and future 234th Street over portions of Lot 19, Tract No. 588, given by Harry F. Poivre and Billie J. Poivre.
3. Street easement deed dated June 29, 1961, for the widening of 233rd Street and future 234th Street over portions of Lot 18, Tract No. 588, given by Wallace S. DeVries.
4. Street easement deed dated June 15, 1961 for the widening of 238th Street over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 1046, given by William Dorman and Catherine E. Dorman.
5. Street easement deed dated June 26, 1961 for the widening of the first alley easterly of Arlington Avenue and northerly of 162nd Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Arlington Avenue and 162nd Street over portions of Lot 62 of the McDonald Tract, given by Thaddeus C. Suski.

6. Street easement deed dated March 21, 1961 for the widening of Redondo Beach Boulevard over a portion of Lot 62 of the McDonald Tract, given by Fred L. Fredericks and Sandra K. Fredericks.
7. Street easement deed dated April 12, 1961 for Early Avenue over a portion of the B. S. Weston 1898.4 acre tract of the Rancho Palos Verdes, given by H. J. Early and Daisy Lee Early.
8. Street easement deed dated May 11, 1961 for the widening of Prairie Avenue and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Prairie Avenue and 187th Street over portions of Lot 29, Hine Improvement Tract, given by Emilia Magana, et al.
9. Street easement deed dated May 19, 1961 for the widening of Wilton Place at 181st Street over a portion of Lot 67, McDonald Tract given by Albert D. Gianni.
10. Street easement deed dated June 5, 1961, for the opening of Amie Avenue over a portion of Lot 20, Resurvey of the R. O. Hickman Tract, given by the State of California, Department of Public Works.
11. Street easement deed dated June 19, 1961 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 17, Block 91, Torrance Tract, given by Kirk Gillett.
12. Street easement deed dated June 20, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 33, Tract No. 3218, given by Melvin L. Tooker and Lillian W. Tooker.
13. Street easement deed dated June 22, 1961 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of lot 47, McDonald Tract, given by Ell S. Clounch, et al.
14. Street easement deed dated June 22, 1961 for the widening of Victor Street and Emerald Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Victor Street and Emerald Street over portions of Lot 25, Tract No. 3218, given by Del Amo Church of Christ.
15. Street easement deed dated July 12, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street and future Garnet Street over portions of Lot 26, Tract No. 3218, given by Frank E. Strange.
16. Street easement deed dated June 22, 1961 for extending Mansel Avenue over a portion of Lot 39, Tract No. 3218, given by the Manzell Land Company, Inc.
17. Grant deed dated June 22, 1961 for extending Mansel Avenue over a portion of Lot 39, Tract No. 3218, given by the Manzell Land Company, Inc.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and, there being no objection, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

23. Recommendation from Chief of Police Bennett, by Assistant Chief Porter, that a Secret Service Fund of \$1500, with a balance on hand not over \$100 at any one time, be established, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. Recommendation of the Airport Commission to approve the request of Pacific Semiconductors, Inc., for permission to erect a fence along airport property, to consist of a four-foot, three-strand barbed wire installation on steel poles, deemed necessary to bring the area under control in preparation for the forthcoming construction program for the site. Involved is 54 acres of land bounded by Madison on the west, the Airport property on the south and Lomita on the north. The easterly boundary is approximately 1,718 feet east of Madison Avenue.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. A. Recommendation of approval of application from Benbow Manufacturing Corporation for the leasing of certain property in front of their hangar.

B. Recommendation of approval of a 6 x 15 foot sign to be erected by Benbow Manufacturing Corporation, as prescribed in conformance with all City ordinances and in accordance with the Airport Manager's verbal recommendation of approval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations listed under 25 A. and 25 B above set forth and the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

26. Recommendation that \$3,500 be allocated from the General Fund of the City to remodel Walteria Park building according to plans prepared by the Torrance Area Youth Band, it being understood that the said band would not have exclusive use of the Walteria Park building, but shall use it on a scheduled basis (probably Saturday mornings and Monday nights).

After ascertaining the money is available, Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

27. Recommendation of approval of classification for Senior Accountant, the specification for which was approved by the Civil Service Board at its regular meeting held June 7, 1961, and the establishment of which was approved by the City Council May 2, 1961, subject to classification action by the Civil Service Board, bearing approval signature of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in adoption of the new class specification. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen. City Manager Peebles said this was approved at budget work sessions. The motion carried, there being no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-146

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 THOMAS H. SEARS, AN INDIVIDUAL, DBA SEARS VENDING SERVICE FOR CONCESSION SERVICE IN PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-146. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-147

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM C. N. CAKE AND JUDY CAKE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-147. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford,

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Isen, Vico.

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

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 THOMAS H. SEARS, AN INDIVIDUAL, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR PRACTICALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. D-5-61 AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR. (Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5.)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-148. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 61-148. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A 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 THOMAS H. SEARS, AN INDIVIDUAL, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR PRACTICALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. D-5-61 AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR. (Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5.)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-148. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford,

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

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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 THOMAS H. SEARS, AN INDIVIDUAL, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR PRACTICALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 5, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. D-5-61 AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR. (Street Lighting Assessment District No. 5.)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1250

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.414 ENTITLED "CHILD CARE AND DAY NURSERY" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1250 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1251

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.21 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE CAPTURE OF TRESPASSING ANIMALS BY TRAPPING.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1251 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1246

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 BY SUBSTITUTING NEW CLASS TITLES FOR EXISTING CLASS TITLES IN THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

This ordinance deals with the addition of Chief Accountant and Accountant classifications.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1246 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1247

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 BY ADDING THE POSITION OF CITY PERSONNEL NURSE WITH ITS SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1247 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1248

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 22.2 ENTITLED "QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS" OF CHAPTER 22, "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Drale questioned the necessity of drafting such an amendment of the present ordinance and Mayor Isen asked that the item be held for one week.

36. This is the ordinance to provide for emergency Ordinance No. 1248 immediately preceding and Mayor Isen asked that it also be held 1 week for consideration in connection with No. 1248. No number was assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

37. Miscellaneous recommendations:

A. Expenditures:

1. To Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop for various items for the Recreation Department Summer program, the sum of \$998.45, items on bid for fiscal year 1961-62.
2. To IBM Typewriter Division for one 17" IBM Prestige Elite Electric Typewriter for the office of the City Clerk, the sum of \$444.60, a budget item.
3. To Two Macks Electric for rewinding Stator (CL-F) on F.M. Motor, 50 n.p. for the Water Department, the sum of \$355.18, a budget item.

Councilman Blount moved to approve expenditures listed as 1, 2 and 3 immediately preceding. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Traffic Signals at Carson Street and Border Avenue.

The recommendation is that Alternative No. 3 presented by the Traffic and Lighting Division be approved and \$2,000 be allocated from the savings made between the moneys allocated from the signals add the contract bid, approximately \$4,500.

Alternative No. 3 sets forth the following:

"The City can enter into an agreement with the Pacific Electric Company to cover one-half of the cost of the track circuits. If this is done, the signal installation at this location can be held until the last intersection on the contract, at which time the Pacific Electric may have their track circuit designed and ready to install."

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to accept Alternative No. 3 and allocate the moneys as set forth above. Motion,

seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. Memorandum from City Manager Peebles with recommendation for definite policy as to the use of money received from subdividers for park improvement, \$500 per acre.

The recommendation is that the moneys received from the subdividers be used for the purchase of park sites only, and that it further be kept in mind that this money be used as near the major development as possible. For instance, the money received from Don Wilson on the Walteria Lake tract should be used for the acquisition of a park site in the Walteria Lake vicinity for the use of that area.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager above set forth. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

39. Recommendation that the bid for Municipal Bus line bodily injury and property damage insurance be awarded to Transit Casualty Company, sole bidder, represented by the Lund Company, as broker.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

40. Completion of Public Works Building and Addition to City Hall.

Mayor Isen commended the contractor on "one of the best jobs that have been done for the City".

The recommendation is that Coastate Builders be paid off in full as soon as the Council gives approval. A Notice of Completion was filed with the County Recorder May 31, 1961, and the lien time has expired. All corrections required have been made.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager as set forth above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Building Superintendent Schlens said there is a one year guarantee on all installations in the new building and addition to City Hall. Roll call vote carried the motion, as follows:

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

NOES: Councilmen: Benstead.

41. Recommendation that bids for Mobile Dirt Loader be rejected and that the City re-advertise. To be taken into consideration is a safety factor and a small technicality in the City's specifications. City Manager Peebles and Street Superintendent Perkins both recommend that the bidding be redone and feel a better and safer machine at a lower price will be obtained.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to reject all bids and re-advertise. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, although Councilman Bradford expressed dissatisfaction with the handling of this purchase. Demonstrations were held and he felt the contingencies mentioned should have been anticipated.

42. Councilman Blount moved in view of what he considers to be inconsistencies and definite differences of interest, that Mr. Bert Lynn be removed from the Torrance Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford, who commented there is a decided conflict of interest between the School District and the Planning Commission position. He and Councilman Beasley cited other cases where it had been found advisable for one man to serve on only one City commission or board. Councilman Beasley stated that while Mr. Lynn has done a wonderful job on the Planning Commission, a big task confronts him on the School Board and he should relinquish his position on the Planning Commission.

Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico, Isen.

Councilman Vico moved that David Halstead be nominated to take the place of Mr. Lynn as President of the Commission but Mayor Isen reminded him that the selection of President is done by the members of the Commission. Mayor Isen said he feels the motion, carried by 5 to 2, deprecates the devoted service Mr. Lynn has given to the City. He explained why he does not feel there is a conflict of interest between membership on the two boards; there is no personal profit involved. Mr. Lynn would be a perfect liaison between the School Board and City government. Mayor Isen mentioned similar dual capacities in other Southern California cities but said the Council has the right to remove any commissioner by majority vote and this they have done.

Councilman Vico doubted the action was based on anything other than personal jealousy and defined anyone to give reasonable explanation for removing Mr. Lynn from office.

Councilman Bradford stated Mr. Lynn has been elected to accomplish a full time job with the School Board and if he does what he has promised there, he will have no time to devote to City matters.

43. Councilman Bradford moved that all industrial property within the City of Torrance be held and not considered for rezoning until the City has the proper type of study made. He stated he did not mean the type of study that has been received in the past from the Planning Division, but a complete study by an expert. If it costs money, that money should be so spent.

Councilman Drale said he agrees but wanted to be sure to get the proper legal phraseology. City Attorney Remelmeyer said a proper ordinance will be supplies if the Council passes the motion. Mayor Isen contended the damage has already been done.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion of Councilman Bradford which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

44. Director of Finance Scharfman called attention to a technicality in the processing of Ordinance No. 1247 which would make it impossible to pay the City Personnel Nurse until after about six weeks, although the Council had ordered the position re-established as of July 19, 1961. Mayor Isen said under the circumstances, the City Attorney should place it on the agenda for next week as an emergency ordinance and Mr. Remelmeyer said that would be done.

45. Director of Finance Scharfman said in the past several years poor public relations have resulted from the purchase of property by taxpayers between the time of the tax assessment rolls and the time the tax bills come out. To obviate this difficulty, he suggested copies of the resolution approving the Weed Abatement Report be sent to all title companies in the area. Councilman Drale moved this be done and Mayor Isen seconded the motion. There was no objection.

46. As an addition to the agenda, Airport Manager Egan presented a communication regarding Service Road Adjacent to the Airport Plaza quoting an excerpt from the January 26, 1960 Council minutes by which the Council concurred in the proposal to construct such a road, the cost to be shared equally between the City and Airport Plaza, Inc. The total cost of the portion thereof to adjoin their property would not exceed \$7,000.

At this time the contractor is ready to proceed with work on the service road and it is recommended that the Council appropriate in the form of a loan to the airport, \$3,500 for the Airport's share of the construction cost.

Inquiry developed that the money is available and Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Airport Manager Egan. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

47. Chamber of Commerce Manager Don Reining, in regard to the motion of Councilman Bradford for the survey, stated that approximately 2,000 acres of undeveloped land, including commercial and industrial, should go into the survey. Mayor Isen advised him that both commercial and industrial are contemplated for inclusion.

48. Councilman Drale asked about the two microphones to be placed on either side of the Council Chamber for better accommodation of the audience. Mayor Isen said he thought it best that people come to the front of the room. Councilman Drale asked that a cost estimate be obtained for the two microphones.

49. Councilman Bradford mentioned the dilapidated condition of the City Hall drapes and was told they are in process of being replaced.

On motion of Councilman Vico, seconded by Councilman Blount, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett

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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