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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 session at 8:00 P.M., August 8, 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, Vico, Isen. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced Steve Addington, a senior at South High who led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend William J. Roleder of First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 1, 1961, were approved as written.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

Councilman Bradford moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that in the future, the "usual motion" as set forth immediately preceding, be included as an item following approval of demands. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen welcomed all citizens who were attending Council meeting for the first time and explained the mode of procedure used in Council meetings.

APPOINTMENTS:

7. John P. Barry, Attorney at Law, was present to discuss the artistic portrayal on the Jefferson lease on behalf of his client, Bob Hare. Mayor Isen congratulated Mr. Hare on the success of his INSOMNIAC venture in Hermosa Beach.

Mr. Barry explained that the application is for a six months temporary permit under the sign statute for what he termed an artistic portrayal. It has been extensively publicized and photographed but does not lend itself to exact definition or description. He said his clients will comply with all City regulations and ordinances. Mr. Hare described, as definitely as possible, the sculpture and stated as it is not yet finished he finds it hard to describe what it will eventually develop into. Basically, it is construction steel rod welded together in an abstract rectangular design, using a telephone pole as its structural support. The dimensions were mentioned as being approximately 30 feet in height and its circumference possibly 8 x 8 feet. On questioning by Mayor Isen, it developed the sign or artistic portrayal will be covered by public liability insurance in adequate amount as prescribed by the City Attorney. About two weeks more will be required for completion, partly due to the stop order. Mr. Hare expressed the belief that when the "thing" is completed and covered with colored protective resin the Council will be pleased with its appearance, comparing it to the chandelier which hangs in the lobby of City Hall close to the circular stairway.

Councilman Drale complained there had been no diagram or drawing furnished to show what it will be when finished and stated he does not intend to approve until such drawings are furnished. Councilman Beasley said he would not vote to permit circumvention of any of the City's building codes. He thought a bond should be posted to insure removal at the end of the permitted term. Councilman Benstead asked if this is promotional and discussion followed along the lines of his question, Mr. Barry stating he thinks it is. The purpose of a lease, he said, is to produce revenue. The City is the lessor; Jefferson, Inc., the lessee; and his client the sublessee. If Mr. Hare's operations bring revenue and business into the area, that should be the primary concern. Mr. Hare also promised to have stress tests made by an engineering company, but contended it is not a promotional device, but a sincere artistic effort, which should offend no person's esthetic sense.

Mayor Isen asked Building Superintendent Schlens' opinion and Mr. Schlens stated if it is classed as a temporary sign and does not grow any higher than the pole used as its support, he feels there will be no problem. He will check the design and progress to be sure the pole is not overstressed for windload.

Councilman Drale moved that the project be "red tagged" until the City is furnished a design of the portrayal as it will be when complete. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion. Mayor Isen felt the motion, if passed, would hamper artistic creativity and moved a substitute that the proposed artistic portrayal be permitted as a temporary sign under our sign ordinance, provided all rules, regulations and ordinances are lived up to; that there be a preliminary plan which will indicate the size, height and width of the proposed artistic display filed and approved by the Superintendent of Building Inspection and that the same show all structural stresses and weights according to safety conditions; that adequate bond be posted as well as public liability insurance in an amount to be prescribed by the City Attorney running to the City of Torrance to protect against any public liability or property damage and that bond in amount to be approved by the City Attorney and Building Superintendent be furnished assuring removal at a time definitely set at six months; if there are any extensions they would have to come before Council for consideration. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen added to his motion that all permits, applications and inspection fees be paid as set forth in the ordinance. Mr. Beasley, the second, agreed to this addition.

Roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Vico asked if Mr. Hare had planned this sculpture before obtaining the lease and Mr. Barry explained again that Mr. Hare is a subtenant and has planned this structure primarily and sincerely as a means of attracting traffic to the area. He was not aware of the limitations set by the sign statute until he consulted with his attorney as to the legal aspects. There is no question of validity of the statute and Mr. Barry suggested his client comply in every particular. At that time a conference was held with Mr. Schlens and work was stopped on construction.

Attorney Barry asked to whom he and his client could now appeal and again offered to comply with the last letter of the law. Mr. Hare said a plan could be submitted which may vary, but would come within the regulations as to size, but he did not believe an exact schematic could be supplied at this time, considering the need for artistic freedom. Councilman Drale asked for a diagram and cost analysis and Councilman Bradford said the structural design is the business of the Building Division but agreed with Councilman Drale that a sketch should be supplied to show what it will be when finished.

Councilman Vico moved for reconsideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen amended his substitute motion, previously turned down, by adding that the permit be for six months only and that an artistic rendering be filed. His second agreed to the addition and roll call vote carried the motion, as amended:

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

A recess was declared at 8:35 and Council reconvened at 8:45.

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. CASE NO. 714 - YARNELL CORPORATION.

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 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. 714 FROM A-1 TO R-1.

Councilman Benstead moved approval of Ordinance No. 1247 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried

by the following roll call vote:

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

9. CASE NO. 720 - SOUTH NORMANDIE MANOR.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1256

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. 720 (A-1 and R-2 to R-1 and R-3).

Councilman Benstead moved approval of Ordinance No. 1256 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Vico.

10. CASE NO. 721 - Everett Powell.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1257

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. 721 (A-1 to R-1).

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1257 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Vico.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1258

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. 725 (A-1 to R-1).

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1258 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

12. Letter dated July 31, 1961, from Michael H. Moore, Director of TRIGOLF, INC., 1726 246th St., Lomita, California, requesting certain waivers in connection with development of a three-par golf

course and driving range, with recommendation of City Manager Peebles attached.

The land in question is M-1 zoned. As long as the land is not used commercially, Mayor Isen said there is no requirement for sidewalks, although curbs and gutters are required. Councilman Drale did not believe it economically feasible to put in all the improvements for a one year lease, with month to month occupancy thereafter.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council has authority under the Commercial Improvement Ordinance to waive the provisions entirely on a year to year basis in cases where a great hardship would be caused and no public interest adversely affected. Councilman Drale moved this be done. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and said as he understands the motion it deals with waiving requirement for curbs and gutters. Both Mayor Isen and Councilman Drale said this proposed waiver does not affect in any way the water main question mentioned in Mr. Moore's letter. Councilman Bradford asked if this might not be handled by a reimbursement district type operation and City Manager Peebles said that could be done although the man would have to pay the cost first. The footage would be about 600 of 4 inch line and the price mentioned covered a range of from \$1800 to \$3000.

The motion was again explained as dealing with curbs and gutters only, as stated by City Attorney Remelmeyer and roll call vote thereon was unanimously favorable.

13. Letter received August 4, 1961 from Torrance Sand and Gravel Corp., by Charles W. Shepard, President, regarding removal of earth from Entradero Sump.

City Manager Peebles said he and the Assistant City Manager, Mr. Bramhall, had talked with Mr. Shepard and his attorney briefly and had determined that his interest does not extend further than the Entradero Sump; he is not interested in the Amie sump site. Mr. Peebles was reluctant to make a recommendation on that basis. Councilman Vico stated whoever takes dirt from Entradero will have to furnish information to Dominguez Estate Company about the amount taken and the cost.

Councilman Vico moved that the City Manager and City Attorney negotiate with Mr. Shepard on the subject. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion and Councilman Beasley added that when that negotiation has been done with Mr. Shepard, there be a work session of the Council scheduled for the subject.

Councilman Bradford asked what the depth is; as originally dug it was to contain the runoff of the area. In order to maintain the sump for its established purpose, he felt Dominguez has no interest. City Manager Peebles said Dominguez' permission is necessary on account of the wording of the grant deeds by which the land was transferred.

Mrs. Winthrop L. Saville asked about the recreation area planned and called attention to the expense each of the approximately one thousand families has had and the resultant sales tax revenue to the City. She said the Council has long promised some sort of recreational facility for the children of the area. Mayor Isen told her the Council is quite aware of this and Councilman Bradford again mentioned the original design and the probability that 2 or 3 feet of silt have been added by erosion and flooding. He and Mayor Isen said the City Attorney should also sit in on the conferences for negotiation. Mrs. Saville asked if the money received for dirt could not be used for recreational purposes and Mayor Isen said there would be no money coming out of it; there would be no profit to the City.

There was no objection to Mr. Vico's motion and it carried. City Manager Peebles is to report back the results of the negotiation and set a time for a work session on the Entradero sump.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DIVISION:

14. Request of National Neon Products for permission to erect sign advertising shopping center in 5300 block on Torrance Boulevard, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Schlens of approval providing the sign is located approximately midway between the market sign and the roof sign on the service station, and has no projection over public property.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Building Inspection. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

15. Request of West America Construction Company to build a temporary structure for sales and display purposes on the east portion of their property bounded by Carson, Maple, Madrona and the extension of Monterey Street, in connection with the development of their cooperative apartment house project, with recommendation of approval by Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens.

The project eventually may have as many as 200 units, but this is in the nature of a model apartment to be used for sales purposes.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in approval, provided the building can be used only as a temporary sales and display structure, that there be no approval for permanent occupancy and that the West America Construction Company post a bond for the commercial improvements on that portion of the strong front adjacent to this temporary building. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: Benstead

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

Councilman Blount moved that an addition be made that this permit will require renewal every six months. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

NOES: Benstead

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION:

16. George C. Crabtree request for make-up paving. Letter dated August 2, 1961, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation regarding request of George C. Crabtree for make up paving at the northeast corner of Santa Fe and Apple Avenue.

Councilman Drale had inspected this site and gave a report which was very favorable to Mr. Crabtree's request, and moved that the request for the City to install make-up paving be granted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Manager Peebles said the only reason he had not so recommended was so as not to set a precedent against general policy.

17. Arlington Avenue Improvement, Artesia to Redondo Beach Blvd. Notice of Completion, with recommendation of acceptance of work of Contractors Asphalt Sales Company.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

18. Street, sewer and storm drain easements. City Engineer Nollac's letter dated August 2, 1961, submitting for acceptance eight easement deeds, approved by City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

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

1. Street easement deed dated June 26, 1961 for the widening of 231st Street and future 232nd Street over portions of Lot 106, Tract No. 639, given by Bank of America as executor of the estate of Mary Bestman, deceased.
 2. Street easement deed dated June 27, 1961 for the widening of 231st Street over a portion of Lot 7, Tract No. 845, given by Whit W. Farquhar and Edna Farquhar.
 3. Street easement deed dated July 5, 1961 for the widening of Neece Avenue over a portion of Lot 39, Block A, Tract No. 7506, given by the Purcell Insurance Corporation.
 4. Street easement deed dated May 23, 1961 to provide a corner radius at the southeasterly corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Lomita Boulevard over a portion of Lot 28, Meadow Park Tract, given by Telo Koletos and Angela J. Koletos.
 5. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated March 24, 1961 over a portion of the Guadalupe M. Dominguez 639.07 acre portion of the Rancho San Pedro, given by the Dominguez Estate Company.
 6. Street easement deed dated April 4, 1961 for the widening of Western Avenue over a portion of the Guadalupe M. Dominguez 639.07 acre portion of the Rancho San Pedro given by the Dominguez Estate Company.
 7. Street easement deed dated June 16, 1961 for the widening of Amie Avenue over a portion of Lot 20, Tract No. 3458, given by Thomas and Irene Adler.
 8. Storm drain easement deed dated June 28, 1961 over portions of Lots 12 and 13, Tract No. 25886, given by Property Management Corporation.
19. Release of one well from oil well bond. In the transmittal letter from the License Department it was inadvertently set forth that the request was for release of oil well bond. However, the request is for deletion of only one well therefrom, the well being Miller No. 1 from the bond of Miller & Miller Oil Company. This was explained by License Inspector Whitacre who said there is an emergency due to an escrow on the property, Lot 24, Tract 3458.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the oral recommendation of Mr. Whitacre. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE CHIEF:

20. Recommendation regarding the Municipal Fire Defense Institute. Mayor Isen expressed the opinion that a resolution should now be drawn to express disapproval as being not in the best interests of Torrance. Councilman Drale asked that a resume be prepared pro and con. It was agreed this will be done, but no specific department was charged with the responsibility.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

21. Recommendation of the Airport Commission of approval, in accordance with Airport Manager Egan's letter of July 21, 1961, concerning Acme Aircraft Company's letter request of July 20, 1961, relative to relocating the Denni hangar onto the Acme leasehold.

22. Recommendation of the Airport Commission of approval of FAA request of July 11, 1961 for an Air Traffic Control Tower Remote Transmitter facility.

23. Recommendation of Airport Commission of approval of request of Nagel Aircraft Sales, Inc., dated July 20, 1961, for permission to paint the name NAGEL across the surface of their hangar roof.

24. Request that Council have the Fire Chief inspect the debris at rear of Slim Kidwell's leasehold and see that it is cleaned up.

25. Recommendation of the Airport Commission as to expiration dates of office of incumbent commissioners, in accordance with Ordinance No. 1030, Section 2.81.

26. Report of Commission action relating to election of President.

Councilman Blount moved that Airport matters numbered 21 through 26 above, be approved as recommended by the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. Consideration of a joint request by Southern California Edison Company and Pacific Telephone Company for an aerial easement adjacent to the service road from Crenshaw Boulevard west to their existing easement. Airport Manager's recommendations and the schematic plan to be presented at the Council Meeting.

Mayor Isen asked this item be on the agenda for next week's consideration and there was no objection. However, it came up later in this meeting under ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING STIPULATIONS FOR JUDGMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF PARCELS 6, 8 AND 9 OF THE WALTERIA LAKE STORM DRAIN RETENTION BASIN, PROJECT #584 - 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE OWNERS OF SAID PARCELS AND TO ADVANCE SAID SUMS FROM THE CITY FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-155. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, 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. 61-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY UPON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-156. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked if it would be possible to make it a 4/5 vote, but Councilman Drale felt Mr. Findley of Remco be shown more consideration as to the request he has made for improvement of Santa Clara Street.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1249

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. 654.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1249 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1253

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 Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1253 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1255

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.

Mayor Isen moved adoption of Ordinance No. 1255 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

33. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting ordinance repealing Chapter 24 of the City Code titled "SIGNS" and substituting new provisions therefor relating to the same subject matter.

This is FOR STUDY ONLY and Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney list in writing the provisions of the Land Use Ordinance which apply in 24.22. City Attorney Remelmeyer will have this available for consideration two weeks from this meeting.

TRAFFIC MATTERS:

34. To be considered are four resolutions and an ordinance dealing with phases of traffic control; establishment of 40 mph speed zone on Western Avenue between 182nd st. and Artesia Boulevard; the feasibility of closing 228th Street at the Santa Fe Railway crossing east of Sepulveda and opening Border Avenue across the tracks crossing north of Sepulveda; removal of stop signs on Calle Mayor at Carlow Road; No Parking Anytime on both sides of Hawthorne Avenue, near 190th Street; installation of two-hour parking zone in the 1600 block on Post Avenue; installation of stop signs on Elm Avenue at Sonoma Street; installation of stop signs on various service roads and installation of stop signs near the plunge parking lot and at exit roadways from the City Hall parking lots on Maple Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations set forth by the Traffic Engineer on behalf of the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-157. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1259

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1135, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1259 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THROUGH STREETS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-158. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING PROHIBITION OF PARKING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

This resolution prohibits parking on Hawthorne on the east and west sides, commencing 100 feet south of the prolongation of the south curb line of the west leg of 190th Street and continuing northerly 950 feet.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 51-159. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING ONE AND TWO-HOUR PARKING LIMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-160. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

35. Selection of architects for fire station installations at the Airport Fire Station and the Del Amo Boulevard site just west of Hawthorne. The recommendation of the City Manager is to retain

Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright and that he be authorized to negotiate with this firm for a fee schedule so that an agreement can be submitted for approval.

Councilman Blount asked if the City owns the plans and designs after a project is completed. Chief Benner thought although the City does own the plans, it would not be permitted to use them for another building without permission of the architect; the design seems to remain the property of the architect. Councilman Blount believes that does not apply to the County and that the City if it does not have ownership, is paying out too much money for things which do not become its property. City Manager Peebles pointed out that in this case there is quite a change in design, because of deletion of one complete apparatus bay. Mayor Isen said in the future in negotiation with any firm of architects, one stipulation should be that upon payment of the fee the plans and drawings and design become the property of the City of Torrance. Councilman Blount said if we are going to use one architectural firm only, now is the time to negotiate the stipulations the City wants. The stipulation wanted now is the right to the plans, the right to duplicate them without any payment in royalties therefor. The request for authority to negotiate is for the purpose of making such arrangements. In this case, there is a change of design and City Manager Peebles said he and Chief Benner feel in combination with the Airport station, the City will have a composite design which can be used in the future. Mayor Isen asked that negotiation with the architects include the items mentioned at this meeting.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this matter to the City Manager with authorization to negotiate with the architects, keeping mindful of the matters here discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Manager Peebles will make a report to the Council.

36. Request of Torrance Area Youth Band for use of Recreation Department truck to transport instruments to the Spanish Parade on Thursday, August 10, in Santa Barbara.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he doubted if the insurance would be effective on such a trip outside the City. Councilman Drale moved that the request be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and Councilman Vico asked for roll call vote. The motion to deny carried, as follows:

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

37. Report on Oil Well Complaint from Mrs. Thomas Meehan to City Council, at the corner of Saltee and Halison Streets.

There being no objection and the Council having studied the report, it was ordered filed by Mayor Isen.

38. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

A. Personnel:

That Fire Chief Benner be authorized to attend the Annual Conference of International Association of Fire Chiefs to be held in Las Vegas September 25 - 28, 1961, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Councilman Blouht moved approval be given as recommended by the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Expenditures:

1. To Cowelco for construction and installation of hose tower for Fire Station No. 2, the sum of \$965, a budget item.

3. To Victor Adding Machine Company for one Victor Mult-O-Matic Calculator for the City Treasurer's office, the sum of \$391.50, a budget item.

4. To Schaefer Pipe and Supply Company for 2 C-8S Drinking fountains for new Public Works Building, the sum of \$399.26, a budget item.

5. To Standard Swiss Schiffli Embroidery Company for 510 arm patches at 80¢ each for the Police Department, the sum of \$424.32 including tax, a budget item.

Councilman Blount moved Items 1, 3, 4 and 5 under Expenditures be approved. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead mentioned that individual items of furniture are bought separately and felt a big saving could probably be effected by getting all such articles at one time. He moved that a policy be established for the future to so handle purchases of whatever items are needed, with bids called for as a sort of package deal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

2. To Torrance Desk for two desks and two chairs for the Engineering Department, the sum of \$451.36, a budget item.

6. To Torrance Desk for two drafting tables and two auxiliary drawer units for Engineering Department, a budget item. \$457.60.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager in approval of the two items listed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

39. A recommendation by the City Manager had been made with respect to relocation of the water heater at Maddalone's Pizza House at 316 Avenue I, which would involve encroachment on one foot of city easement. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to permit the relocation as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. An additional matter was the recommendation of the City Manager that the City accept the bid of Parker-Smith in the amount of \$150 for the completion of the Victor Precinct Trunk Sewer, Section 2, in accordance with memorandum to the City Manager from City Engineer Nollac. The prime contractor has left the project but would reduce his price by \$74.40 in case the work which it was necessary for him to leave undone is contracted to another firm. The prime contractor Johnny Lunetta left undone 16 feet of 10" vcp sewer until Dominguez Water Corporation had completed remodeling of some of their water lines. Dominguez has now completed its project and Mr. Lunetta has requested an additional \$400 to come back in and complete the project or the City has his permission to contract with another firm

and to reduce his contract by \$74.40 which is the amount arrived at for 16 feet at \$4.65 per foot. Mr. Don Freeberg, the owner of the convalescent home involved has contacted Parker-Smith who has quoted the \$150 price, only \$75.60 more than what the original contract would have been.

The item was considered at some length, it being the feeling that the original contractor should take care of the expense of finishing the job. Only 90% of his contract price has been paid and the remaining 10% represents about \$2500 which is still due him. Councilman Bradford felt Lunetta should pay the \$150 or have it deducted from the amount still due him.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer, approved by the City Manager, and that the Legal Department and Engineering Division work out the problem of negotiation with the prime contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. A report dated August 8, 1961, on FALLOUT SHELTERS by Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection was included in the agenda for information only. It was noted that the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission is also working on this problem.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. City Manager Peebles called attention back to Item 27, in which he said Airport Manager Egan had a problem concerning a September 1st deadline. This item had been set forward one week. Councilman Blount asked how high the poles would be and was told by City Manager Peebles they will be generally 50 feet except at Vegas, where it is necessary to have extra clearance, it will be 60 feet. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to grant an aerial easement adjacent to the service road from Crenshaw Boulevard west to the easements of Southern California Edison Company and Pacific Telephone Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried as follows:

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

NOES: Blount, Vico.

41. Councilman Benstead again complained of the trucks rolling down residential streets. He particularly mentioned those which cut off Carson and go down Date Avenue and asked that the Police Department check it carefully.

42. Councilman Bradford said the condition is aggravated by the "No Parking" on the west side of such streets as Beech, and also mentioned the great inconvenience to housewives who can find no place to park close to their homes or stores, even to bring home groceries. He mentioned particularly the corner of Arlington and Torrance, by the Blue Chip Stamp Redemption Store.

43. Councilman Drale nominated Mr. John Mulvihill for the vacancy existing on the Planning Commission.

44. Mr. George Crabtree thanked the Council for their favorable consideration of his problem.

45. Councilman Drale mentioned there will be no Council meeting on August 29th.

46. At 9:50 P.M., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn.

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Council Minutes
August 8, 1961

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California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance