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Torrance, California  
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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., September 12, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Councilmen responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. George Heaton led the salute to our Flag.

**4. INVOCATION:**

The Reverend David O. Beadles of Walteria Community Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minute Secretary noted a correction in the minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 1961, as follows:

On page 3, PLANNING MATTERS, Item 12, Waivers, the first sentence of the second paragraph following listing of the three waivers should be changed to read:

"Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Waivers W-234 and W-236, and to deny W-238."

With this correction, Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 1961. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection thereto.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

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

**7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:**

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 Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7A. Mayor Isen announced consideration of a special resolution, and, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH ON THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-178. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. Case No. 722, Ernest Papadakis. Lots 14 and 15 of Tract 397, except the westerly 80 feet thereof condemned for street purposes, situated on Crenshaw Boulevard between 238th and 239th from A-1 (Light Agriculture) to C-1 (Retail Commercial). Submitted were cover letter from Planning Commission and proposed ordinance re-classifying.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1263

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. 722 (A-1 to C-1).

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1263 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote.

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

9. CASE NO. 602 - Change of Zone. Dan E. Butcher, submitting request to reactivate Case No. 602 in connection with development of subdivision to be known as Tract 21811.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked if, under this permission, the matter would go back to the Planning Commission with revision of the tentative tract map and David Cleveland answered this is a change of zone only. The hearings have all been had and it remains only to prepare the ordinance. It will be on the agenda for next week's meeting.

10. Request dated September 6, 1961, of Decorail Aluminum Products, Inc., by Park Dana, General Manager, for waiver of permanent improvements in connection with erection of temporary Nuclear Bomb Fallout Shelter display at 18174 Hawthorne Boulevard. Attached were exhibit and Planning Commission recommendation of approval, with stipulations.

Councilman Drale moved to grant this request subject to conditions involving Fire and Police Departments, it being a thirty day display only. The waivers requested and granted are those ordinarily required of permanent structures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford, and there being no objection, carried.

11. Request dated August 29, 1961, for over-area sign installation for five stores located in Southwood Shopping Center, submitted by Hughes Paint Company, together with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objections.

12. Request dated August 29, 1961, of Hughes Paint Company for permission to install an additional panel to be incorporated into their existing sign at 23010 Hawthorne Boulevard, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Building Superintendent Schlens of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

13. Request dated August 18, 1961, of Modernway Company to erect sign at 20352 Hawthorne Boulevard, with recommendation of approval by Building Inspection Superintendent Schlens.

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

#### ENGINEERING DIVISION:

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT - IMPROVEMENT OF EMERALD STREET from Anza Avenue to Victor Street. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that bid of D & W Paving Contractor in the amount of \$9,186.07 be accepted.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract to the low bidder, D & W Paving Contractor, for its low bid, \$9,186.07, and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 25602 - Salmac Corporation, Subdivider, request for extension of time. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that request of Barclay-Pearson, Inc., engineering firm for Salmac Corporation, subdivider, for an additional extension of time be approved. Letter dated September 6, 1961 from Barclay-Pearson and location sketch attached.

There was a six months' extension on this tentative tract map which will expire September 15th. Councilman Benstead moved to return the matter to the Planning Commission for further consideration and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Bradford questioned the propriety of granting the extension and City Engineer Nollac stated the delay is due to difficulty in financing a reasonable solution to the drainage problem, and recommended the extension be granted. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Drale moved an extension of ninety days be granted for accomplishment of the desired result. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

16. NOTICE OF COMPLETION, Victor Precinct Trunk Sewer - Section 2. Request for \$150 extra for additional work required.

Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles that contractor, Johnny Lunetta, be awarded \$150 for extra work encountered in connection with installation of Victor Precinct Trunk Sewer, Section 2, copy of letter dated August 29, 1961, from Lunetta, attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer, approved by the City Manager, above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. PROPOSED REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 22. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 22 be established, covering installation in Crenshaw Boulevard and 234th Street.

18. PROPOSED BEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 24. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 24 be established, to reimburse George O. Shecter for off-site sewer constructed on north side of Torrance Boulevard, westerly of Amie Avenue, with proposed agreement and resolution.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and City Engineer to establish sewer reimbursements districts Nos. 22 and 24. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On Item 18, District No. 24, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-179

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 24, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE O. SHECTER THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWER THEREIN.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-179. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. EASEMENT, PERMIT AND QUITCLAIM DEEDS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (1958 Storm Drain Bond issue - Projects 585 and 586). Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, transmitting certain instruments granting rights to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, with four proposed resolutions, as follows:

Councilman Blount asked if part of this easement granted will be used for storage yard and City Engineer Nollac said no, it will be for storm drain structure and access thereto. There was discussion

as to whether this is temporary or permanent and Councilman Blount determined that it is a permanent easement for the actual concrete box structure which the Los Angeles Flood Control District must have.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN EASEMENT DEED CONVEYING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AN EASEMENT FOR FLOOD CONTROL PURPOSES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-180. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, 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. 61-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A PERMIT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF A CERTAIN AREA FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-181. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, 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. 61-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR STORM DRAIN PURPOSES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-182. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, 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. 61-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ALL OF ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO A CERTAIN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-183. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Letter of transmittal from City Engineer Nollac dated September 5, 1961, approved by City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles submitting for Council acceptance ten easement deeds for street purposes.

Councilman Benstead moved the following ten easement deeds for street purposes be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

1. Dated August 14, 1961 for the widening of Walnut Street over a portion of Lot F, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by Ashewood Development Co. and Kettler Trust.

2. Dated August 17, 1961 for the widening of Walnut Street over a portion of Lot F, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by J. E. Kettler.

3. Dated July 25, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over portions of Lots 33 and 40, Tract No. 3218, given by Sidney Resnick, Anne Resnick, and Sarah Nitowsky.

4. Dated August 12, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 11, Tract No. 3458, given by Church of Christ, Inc.

5. Dated August 1, 1961 to provide a corner radius at the Southeasterly corner of Carson Street and Gramercy Avenue over a portion of Lot 1, Block 20, Torrance Tract, given by Flavio F. and Carrie T. Bisignano.

6. Dated August 10, 1961 to provide a corner radius at the southerly corner of Border Avenue and Cravens Avenue over a portion of Lot 1, Block 72, Torrance Tract, given by Dr. E. H. and Mary E. Wessell.

7. Dated June 23, 1961 for the widening of 238th Street, 239th Street, and Crenshaw Boulevard and to provide corner radii at the southeasterly corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 238th Street and at the northeasterly corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 239th Street over portions of Lots 14 and 15, Tract No. 397, given by Ernest N., George N., Steven, and Kay Papadakis, Helen Pinkston, Beatrice Moore, and Joan Ivon.

8. Dated August 21, 1961 for the widening of 230th Street and to provide a corner radius at the southeasterly corner of Hawthorne Avenue and 230th Street over a portion of Lot 24, Subdivision of a part of Lot 27, Meadow Park Tract, given by Hughes Leasing Co.

9. Dated July 14, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 28, Tract No. 2895 given by Industrial Centers Corp.

10. Dated July 7, 1961 for the widening of Earl Street over a portion of Lot 28, Tract No. 2895 given by Charles O. and Beverly June Good.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

21. Application of Cheviot Hills Pipeline Company for a franchise for 40 years for a pipeline for transmission of hydrocarbon substances on Prairie Avenue from the City boundary line at Redondo Beach Boulevard to the south boundary line of 190th Street, with letter and proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-184

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO AWARD FRANCHISE TO CHEVIOT HILLS PIPELINE COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THEREON.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-184. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

22. Letter dated September 6, 1961, on the subject of the Brown Act.

Mayor Isen commented that he and this Council had scrupulously observed the conditions of the Brown Act as it existed and now as amended, although it is difficult to know just what the legislators wanted to achieve. If there are no objections, Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney's opinion thereon be filed. There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONNEL ASSISTANT:

23. Report of Medical Examinations relating to crossing guards, etc.

Councilman Benstead moved the report be filed, but Mayor Isen said he believes it needs more consideration than mere filing. Councilman Beasley said he understood the requirement for examinations is a part of the charter and, on questioning by Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer said he has not researched the question. Mayor Isen's complaint was that the Foremen's Safety Committee had taken it upon themselves to establish a policy without consideration by the Council. The hiring or firing of employees, is an Administration problem, however. Councilman Vico reported a conversation he had with the doctor who makes the examinations in which certain liability of the City was mentioned. Mayor Isen expressed the opinion that the legal aspects should not be passed upon by a medical officer. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the outcome would be questionable in a case where a guard was employed although the City knew he did not pass a proper physical examination. The trend of court's decisions would not be favorable to the City. Mayor Isen contended the decision would depend on negligence, not physical competence. Again, he stated this is a policy matter which should be decided by the Council, not some internal committee. Councilman Blount reminded the other councilmen this is a personnel matter to be handled by Administration.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the matter to the City Manager and City Attorney for proper disposition. City Manager Peebles' opinion was asked and he said there seems to be merit on both sides and, in the interim, he plans to put all the crossing guards to work tomorrow, on the start of school. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion and further suggested that the City Manager and City Attorney confer with the Foremen's Safety Committee and find out under what authority they operate and exactly what is their goal; if documentation is needed, that it be prepared and submitted to the Council. There was no further objection and the motion carried, without roll call vote.

23A.

Mayor Isen called attention to an unnumbered addition to the agenda regarding proposed dwellings on Paseo de la Playa. The communication is dated September 12, 1961 from Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens and an additional paragraph is added, signed by City Manager Peebles, setting forth his recommendation on the subject.

This is the same property which was discussed last meeting regarding keeping the beach public. Councilman Blount, who led the discussion at the meeting last week, moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles that the variance in height be granted, provided specifically the builders grant to Torrance the right to keep the beach open for public use at all times. Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Councilman Beasley questioned City Attorney Remelmeyer as to the most certain way to effect such an agreement and Mr. Remelmeyer said a letter containing such a covenant should be recorded as a covenant to run with the land.

City Manager Peebles mentioned a matter which had been considered in Staff meeting: the poling requirements cannot be met. The Staff would suggest that the lines go underground so as not to affect the view from the homes across the street. Mayor Isen suggested the item be tabled until the agreement has been negotiated and consummated.

Councilman Blount withdrew his motion with the consent of his second and moved to table the item to see if the City Manager can work out a satisfactory arrangement with the builders. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and, there being no objection, carried.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1261

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.323 ENTITLED "LICENSE REQUIRED FOR OWNER-BUILDER" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1261 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1262

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. 711, PARCELS NUMBERED 1 AND 2.

This is the ordinance which would reclassify the so-called Marble Tract on petition of John Marble - Don Wilson.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1262 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute, that Ordinance No. 1262 be submitted to the electorate of the City of Torrance at the next regular municipal election in April of 1962. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and the following discussion ensued:

Mr. George Kurtz of 23004 Evalyn Avenue outlined the history of the case from its inception. He spoke against the rezoning on the basis of changing the economic complexion of this community from a thriving community to one which he said may find itself seriously in debt. He made comparisons with certain cities in Orange County which have followed a course of action involving inadequate planning of industrial land. The analogy he presented was that of trial court, district court of appeals and supreme Court, with respect to the Planning Commission, the Council, and finally, the referendum of the ordinance to the people at the April election. His plea was for reconsideration by the Council, but lacking this, said there would certainly be a referendum, petitions for which are ready and waiting this evening's decision.

Mr. Jim Rea, the western divisional manager of Eastern Industries, which plans a large complex just south of Vickers on Lomita Boulevard, also opposed the change of zone, saying his company bought the property 3½ years ago because Torrance was attracting industry. He displayed an artistic rendering of the plant which he said his company plans to break ground for on October 1st and to which it will move its western plant from near Monterey. In that his company's commitments are already made, his concern in its behalf was grave.

Mr. Blayne L. Asher, 4608 Pacific Coast Highway, said he had been a resident of Torrance for eight years and was concerned because of the general statements that taxes would be increased. He called attention to local newspaper articles and quoted from the Wall Street Journal regarding economic problems and trends. He asked for reconsideration in order to maintain a proper balance between residential and industrially zoned property.

Mr. Don Wilson, the petitioner, showed to the Council a report which he had just received prior to its formal presentation: The Southwest Area Planning Report, and quoted from it generally. Also, specifically, he quoted it as saying there are approximately 7,000 acres of industrially zoned land in excess of the needs of the area population as projected for 1980. Mayor Isen asked if he intends to contribute toward a new grammar school in the Marble Tract if the rezoning is granted. Mr. Wilson did not indicate this was his intention although he stated he would give a proportionate amount of land if that is determined by ordinance to be a requirement of all subdividers. Mayor Isen said he is being singled out only because he is the one who is creating the problem, by asking that industrial property be zoned residential.

Mr. Wilson again referred to the change on the "Getty property" and stated because of it being residential, the contiguous property should also be residential.

Councilman Drale complained that while Mayor Isen had permitted opponents of the rezoning to talk at length, undisturbed, he would not extend that courtesy to Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson thought the appraisals on large industry, such as General Petroleum, in Torrance should be increased. He also pointed out the type of homes he is building require sufficient income to make large monthly payments as well as taxes and other expenses. The Council has asked him repeatedly, he said, to bring in an income group higher than those which responded to the homes he built in the early 1950's. As far as schools are concerned, he felt the State should supply an adequate system to collect moneys for the education of children.

Mr. Frank Sebek of 22523 Greenwood Avenue, spoke in favor of the residential zoning, based on the welfare of his three children, and those of the other 300 people who bought houses in this area.

Mr. John Barton spoke in favor of making the 150 acres involved into a large recreational facility which has been promised by the Council to the people of Torrance for a long time. Mr. Barton and Mr. Vico disputed as to whether or not Mr. Vico had made such a promise.

Councilman Bradford said this is probably the biggest problem which has come to the Council since he has been on it. He told of various economic studies, one of which is "Financing the 1980 Budget" the gist of which is that no one gets anything free. The give-away program is now over. He believes there is enough and more industrial property in Torrance to finance a city of 330,000 population. This is an economic problem and he will continue to vote for Mr. Wilson's tract. If the people want the referendum badly enough to go out and get the petitions signed, they should do so. He does not feel it would be necessary if the City Government would authorize the competent survey which he has favored and often spoken for. By taking this to referendum, however, the power of the Council is being diluted and the effect will be seen in the forthcoming campaign.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Councilman Bradford regarding the planning study for the City. No interest has been shown by the Council in general. He stated the 5¢ cut was not due to industry, but rather to the revenue from sales tax.

Mr. Kurtz spoke again, directing his comments to Councilman Bradford and agreeing to some extent. He stated his understanding of the motion before the Council to be that the matter be placed on the April ballot for referendum and let the people decide. Councilman Bradford agreed that is the motion and told Mr. Kurtz if he has the petitions ready, he should have the opportunity to circulate them, but he does not hope for an easy victory of Mr. Kurtz' group. Mr. Kurtz recommended the Council pass the motion above referred to.

Councilman Beasley reminded the Council that a referendum can be a two-edged sword and urged careful consideration.

Mayor Isen said he violently disagrees with Mr. Sebek and will be the first to sign a petition when it is circulated. He also disagreed with Mr. Beasley's statements regarding people being stirred up emotionally - he said they are only concerned because of their pocketbooks. He stated the Council should not reflect the individual opinions of the members, but that of the people. He favored voting for his motion, rather than forcing petitions for referendum. He said the legwork will be done; that he is close enough to the people to know that there are 100 volunteers impatiently waiting to circulate petitions. Referring to Don Wilson's statements about the Southwest Area Planning Report, he said the people who are responsible for compiling it are not concerned with the problems of Torrance. He felt it should be made easy if the Council would

voluntarily vote for the referendum and the people would also have a chance to say something about the identity of the Council. He stated, in conclusion, that he would stake his political future on this.

Councilman Bradford rebutted Mayor Isen's statements, saying that while Mayor Isen is running for re-election, he is not. He felt the group which seems large when assembled in the Council room is not large compared with Torrance's population. He disapproved of the statements made by Mr. Kurtz and wanted to wait for the real pulse of the people, not just that of a minority group such as represented here tonight. He stated that the Parks Report which was mentioned earlier, was junked. In the 3½ years he has been on the Council, the planning in Torrance has not improved and four years from now will remain the same unless the City puts out the money to have a proper survey made.

Councilman Vico doubted that some of the Councilmen really have the interest of the people at heart in their voting. He felt there was some unexplained rush to get this through; he does not intend to vote for the ordinance.

Planning Commissioner Fleetwood stated he has served on the commission seven years and has been involved throughout the case. He felt the property should be compatible with the Getty property and mentioned the large cost of the referendum. Mayor Isen stated it will be on the regular election and there will be no extra cost. Mr. Fleetwood said he believes each person should have the right to develop his property in his own way.

The vote on the substitute motion, to refer the ordinance to the general municipal election in April, failed by the following roll call vote:

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

The vote on the original motion, to adopt Ordinance No. 1262 at its second and final reading, carried, by the following roll call vote:

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

A recess was declared from 9:45 to 9:55.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1264

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 3.1 "DESIGNATION OF AIRPORT AND AIRPORT MANAGER", 3.2 "GENERAL REGULATIONS" and 3.8 "DOING BUSINESS" OF CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "AIRPORT" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR; AND ADDING SECTIONS 3.12 THROUGH 3.33 TO CHAPTER 3.

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 1264 at its first reading. Motion

There was considerable discussion of the sections dealing with drunkenness and City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed to add to section 3.26 the following:

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". . . , aircraft parking or storage area, landing area, or ramp and apron area."

With this change, Councilman Blount reiterated his motion to approve Ordinance No. 1264. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1269

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.1 OF CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS", AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR; AND ADDING SECTION 17.35.1 TO ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 17 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR SERVICE ROADS.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1269 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

28. Recommendation re zone changes finalized prior to considering tentative tract map.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the Council consider that all zone changes must be finalized prior to consideration of a tentative tract map with one exception, that of A-1 zone to R-1 zone. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and, there being no objection, was ordered carried. Mayor Isen asked that the policy matters which are adopted from time to time be formalized so as to be available. City Manager Peebles said a policy book is being compiled.

29. Recommendation regarding internal alterations and additions to buildings in relation to drainage improvement fund.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to so amend the ordinance dealing with internal alterations and additions to buildings in relation to the Drainage Improvement Fund, that the covering up of barren ground with either buildings, asphalt or concrete should be charged to the Drainage Improvement Fee and that in certain cases listed in his memorandum on the subject, the policy be to waive fees connected therewith.

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

30. Recommendation re policy on make-up pavement.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt an additional policy on the subject of make-up pavement that where an individual property owner develops property, the City policy will be that the City prepare the preliminary plans and profiles, based on owner-builder situations, not speculative builders. This is in concurrence with the recommendation of City Manager Peebles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

31. Request for population estimate.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to request from the State Department of Finance, a re-evaluation of population estimate for the City of Torrance. The cost will be approximately \$400. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. Miscellaneous recommendations:

A. Personnel: That Battalion Chief Bill Slonecker be authorized to enroll at the University of Southern California for the Fire Administration Institute, tuition, \$192, a budget item.

B. Expenditures: \$452 to Southwest Secretary for printing of Finance Director's Annual Report, a budget item.

Councilman Drale moved to approve items listed under A and B above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

33. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

34. City Manager Peebles said with respect to Item 23, Crossing Guards Examinations, which it was stated is an administrative matter, it had been called to his attention some of the guards who were found to be color blind had been operating at signalized intersections. Mayor Isen repeated that no Foremen's Safety Committee should formulate a policy and City Manager Peebles said a recommendation on policy would be forthcoming.

35. City Manager Peebles said he had a telephone request from Lou Kanaster, that the City of Torrance host a Regional planning luncheon Friday, September 15th, to present the Southwest Area Planning Report which Mr. Wilson showed the Council tonight. Councilman Drale moved to approve Torrance's hosting this luncheon and the motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. There will be between 10 and 15 persons present. Roll call vote carried the motion, as follows:

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

36. Councilman Drale reminded the City Manager there was to have been a report on a particular department mentioned at budget sessions. City Manager Peebles said the report will be presented next week without fail.

37. Councilman Vico asked if there is ever going to be a Youth Center at the Civic Center. City Manager Peebles stated it is included in a Capital Outlay report which will be for Council consideration soon. Councilman Bradford asked that when it is planned, it be a good utility building, rather than a very elaborate and expensive one.

38. Councilman Vico mentioned the name of Mr. Webb Morrow as an appointment to the Civil Service Commission; Mayor Isen mentioned C. R. Burall for Civil Defense and Disaster Commission and Clifford J. Peterson for the Civil Service Board. The names will be further considered next week.

39. Mayor Isen mentioned four perma plaques which have arrived to be presented to members of the Board of Supervisors who assisted in getting the Superior Courthouse located in Torrance. Councilman Drale was appointed as a committee to arrange an occasion for this presentation.

40. Councilman Drale suggested an additional name, Gus Anastassiou, of the Hollywood Riviera Section, as a possibility for Commission vacancies.

41. From the audience, Mr. Mike Moore came forward and asked about the status of his request for waivers at the golf course on Sepulveda Boulevard. He had not known about the Drainage Improvement Fund at the time he made the request. This is a temporary installation and Councilman Blount said, although the minutes did not so reflect, it had been the intent of the Council so waive this fee. Mr. Moore thanked the Council and promised to take care of the sprinkling to alleviate the dust conditions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

*A. H. Bartlett*

City Clerk of the City of Torrance  
California

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance