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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 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, October 17, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: **COUNCILMEN:** Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:40 P.M. **ABSENT:** Councilman Benstead.

City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Garth Belknap led the salute to our flag.

**4. INVOCATION:**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 10, 1961, were approved as written.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

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

**7.** Councilman Drale 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 Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and asked the representatives of the El Camino "War Whoop" newspaper to introduce themselves. Mr. Tom Mead of the group stated they were present to cover this Council meeting on behalf of their newspaper.

**8. CASE NO. 739 - VARIANCE.** Jack P. Rummel, Lebec, California, petitioner. Formal hearing on request for permit to construct, maintain and operate service station on a portion of Lot 47, McDonald Tract, situated at the northwest corner of 170th and Crenshaw Boulevard, in Zone R-3. Submitted were transmittal form

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recommending denial; location sketch; and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 20, 1961.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 739.

Mr. Jim Harper, 816 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, District Engineer for Douglas Oil Company, came forward and submitted three views of the proposed service station. He called attention to the night view showing the control of light which the company has planned and stated the station would be for automotive traffic only, no heavy vehicles.

Mr. David Krause, 17003, 17005 Crenshaw Boulevard, directly across the street from the proposed service station, objected to the flashing of lights from cars in the windows of his apartments, although he realized the company had a good plan for subduing the lights at the station itself. He stated there are thirteen gasoline stations within  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles on Crenshaw and he and his neighbors do not believe another is needed.

Mr. John Worth of 16825 Crenshaw Boulevard also objected on the grounds of complicating traffic and no necessity for more gasoline stations in the area.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny this petition for variance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

Councilman Drale asked about the proposed study of the area between 174th and 166th on both sides of Crenshaw Boulevard, which was to have been initiated by the Planning Commission. Councilman Beasley asked the City Manager to direct a request for such a study to the Planning Commission, but Mayor Isen said that should not be necessary as each commissioner receives a copy of these council minutes.

9. CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT - HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (Act of 1911). Submitted were Affidavits of Publication, Posting and Mailing; also protests from Glen E. Franke dated October 4, 1961, C. Fred Sibley dated October 8, 1961, and Luella and Rose Mountain dated October 17, 1961. There was also a letter from John W. Conroy dated October 6, 1961, reporting a change of ownership. Resolution making determinations and confirming assessment and proceedings under resolution of intention No. 4053 was attached.

Mayor Isen announced the hour of 5:30 o'clock having arrived, this is the time and place fixed for the hearing of protests, objections or appeals in respect of the assessment and work under and pursuant to resolution of intention, No. 4053.

Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented the Affidavit of Publication, Affidavit of Mailing and Affidavit of Posting notices of hearing on the assessment. On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote, the affidavits were ordered filed.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked Deputy City Clerk Bramhall if he has any written protests or objections against the assessment or against the improvement as constructed, or against the proceedings. Deputy City Clerk Bramhall reported there had been, and read in full, letters from

Glen E. Franke, no address given

John W. Conroy, 220 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach, Calif.

C. Fred Sibley, 341 Avenida Atezada, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Luella and Rose Mountain, 209½ Roswell, Long Beach 3, Calif.

The letter from Mr. and Mrs. Sibley stated various items of protest and damage and that until such time as restitution is made by the City of Torrance it is impossible for them to accept any part of the conditions set forth in the assessment. Mr. Conroy's letter dealt with change in ownership and the others protested the cost of the installation.

Assessment Engineer Thompson, or City Engineer Nollac, will provide such replies as are necessary. The letter of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley will be answered by the City Attorney, stating the procedure for filing a claim.

Councilman Beasley asked for more particulars regarding the Sibley complaint and was told by City Engineer Nollac that the "square box" or manhole is properly within the easement to the City. He also explained the other questions involved and promised Councilman Beasley that he would follow up regarding the tree which was moved and is not doing well in its new location. City Engineer Nollac said if there was any responsibility as to the tree, it was that of the contractor, not the City.

Mayor Isen asked if any person who has filed a written protest, or his representative, desires to be heard in support of such protest; there was no response.

Mayor Isen asked if any person wished to make an oral protest and there was no response.

Assessment Engineer Thompson said that of the 237 parcels, there were only three or four protests; that \$715 was the amount set for one lot which is under the original estimate of \$750; that all property owners were treated equally.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Drale, the hearing was ordered closed. Roll call was unanimously favorable of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

Councilman Drale moved all protests be denied and the assessment confirmed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 61-192

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND CONFIRMING ASSESSMENT AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 4053. (Hollywood Riviera Sewer Assessment District No. 3).

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 61-192. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-192. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

14. Mayor Isen asked that next be considered the communication dated October 9, 1961, from Del Realty, Inc., signed by A. Rochlin, which concerns the same matter on which Mr. Julian Hirschman of Certi-Bond had asked an appointment last week. Mr. Hirschman was promised at that time his matter would be considered the first item on the agenda for this week's meeting.

Mayor Isen invited Mr. Hirschman to present his request orally and he did so. Certi-Bond has requested a building permit to put up some awnings and coverings over the outside area at 501 South Arlington Avenue but cannot go through with the plans because of the owner not dedicating certain property to widen Arlington and pay for curbs and gutter. Finally, the owner has agreed to dedicate the property required by the City, but does not feel he should be required to pay any improvement costs. It is important that the awnings and coverings be installed before the rainy season. Mr. Hirschman asked that whatever action is necessary be directed by the Council so the permits may be issued. The sum involved is around \$4,000.

Councilman Drale expressed the opinion that under the City policy on curbs and gutters on major streets, the City should put in the curbs and gutter in exchange for the property to be dedicated, approximately 10 x 805 feet. Councilman Drale so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

A discussion followed as to the policy on residential streets. Councilman Bradford said he could fill the Council Chambers with people who had been told they could not get a building permit unless they deeded property to the City. Councilman Beasley mentioned that the Council cannot promise beyond its present fiscal year in response to the statement in the second paragraph of Mr. Rochlin's letter as to further expenses of improvement.

Councilman Blount moved a substitute that prior to this matter being settled, Mr. Hirschman, doing business as Certi-Bond, be granted the building permit to make the improvements, provided he complies with the building code. The agreement to be reached is between the City and the property owner and Mr. Hirschman should not be penalized. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Mr. Hirschman said there is also a little addition to the reception lobby, about 10 x 10 for snack bar storage space.

As a matter of procedure, the motion first made by Councilman Drale and seconded by Councilman Vico, was withdrawn with their consent.

Roll call vote on the motion by Councilman Blount, including the addition which Mr. Hirschman made for storage space, was unanimously favorable by those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

Councilman Drale moved to accept Mr. Rochlin's dedication of land for widening, the City to install the curbs and gutter on the west side of Arlington Avenue, it being understood this motion stands on its own merit and has no reference to any provisions set forth in Mr. Rochlin's letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor Isen requested the record be very clear that the deed to the property to be dedicated be received before the City installs the curbs and gutter.

10a. Report from Legal Department re new trailer park statute.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, it would be ordered filed. There were no objections nor discussion.

10b. CASE NO. 734 - VARIANCE. C. N. Cake, petitioner (held over from meetings of September 26 and October 10, 1961. Transmittal form recommending approval of request of C. N. Cake for a variance to construct a mobile home park on a portion of Tract 3218, between Spencer and Emerald Streets in Zone M-1.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 734; there was no response.

Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, including Mr. Cake's commitment to pay both City and State fees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Vico substituted a motion to deny the request for trailer park variance and the motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Vico explained his motion on lack of information of what benefit would be derived by the City.

Councilman Blount suggested 40 feet rather than 30 for ingress and egress and Mr. Cake answered from the audience that would be satisfactory; anything the City wants in that respect. The condition was therefore added that ingress and egress be 40 feet in width in place of 30 feet as previously set forth.

Roll call vote on denial was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Mayor Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

The motion failed.

Roll call vote on the original motion, to concur with conditions, was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

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Councilman Blount moved that the City Engineer and the Planning Department procure copies of some trailer park ordinances from other communities, for study and comparison with that of Torrance. He said he believes Torrance is very lax in such requirements as general layout, etc., and did not approve of the manner in which Mr. Cake has planned to establish this trailer park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said as far as the regulation of trailer parks is concerned, nearly all the City Attorneys he has talked with believe the State law at this time usurps the field and cities are not able to pass ordinances except within a very limited range. Councilman Blount felt the Council could refuse to pass a variance for a trailer park which does not comply with what the Council believes necessary, and City Attorney Remelmeyer answered that while we do not have the jurisdiction we formerly had, it is within the power of the Council to refuse variances. Councilman Blount's objection concerned such requirements as size of lots, setback, etc. He stated we do not have a good basic ordinance and the City Attorney will study that.

Mayor Isen said the Council concurs in Mr. Blount's request. Secondly, he authorized the City Attorney, without motion, to retain jurisdiction wherever possible and by whatever means seems practicable. Councilman Vico objected and Mayor Isen explained to him the particular situation with which the City is faced, in view of the new state trailer park law which went into effect as of September 15th. Councilman Beasley concurred in the opinion expressed by Councilman Blount and stated Planning, Engineering, and Building Departments should establish some requirements for future use; some standard should be set up. Councilman Vico asked why standards should be established if the Council goes ahead and rezones all the property.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

11. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24303 - MEINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. Letter of transmittal recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 24303, consisting of ten lots located on the west side of Arlington Avenue at 234th Street, with attached location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 4, 1961, copy of letter dated June 16, 1961, from City Engineer.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval with any conditions which are included. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

12. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 26676 - GEORGE CHACKSFIELD, recommending approval, consisting of 46 lots located southeast of 182nd Street and Arlington Avenue, with location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 4, 1961, copy of letter dated July 24, 1961, from City Engineer Nollac.

City Manager Peebles asked that a correction be made to the tentative map, from 47 lots to 46 lots, one having been used to permit enlargement of the others. The correction was noted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

13. WAIVER - W-241. DONALD HAUSER, 169 Paseo de las Delicias, requesting waiver of four-foot front yard setback. The recommendation is to approve three feet only, with the condition that any additions conform exactly to present architecture.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

14. Considered previously, page 4 of these minutes.

15. Claim of Nicholas Soldano for damages resulting from injuries allegedly sustained in accident involving City bus at intersection of Adams Boulevard and Hill Street October 13, 1960.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the claim and refer it to the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

16. Request from J. J. Manson, M.D., for permission to use trailer as temporary office in the Del Amo area, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection that it not be approved.

Mayor Isen said if there were no objections, City Manager Peebles would be instructed to answer the correspondence in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Building Inspection, and return the item to the agenda, when information has been received.

17. Petition bearing signatures of six residents of 234th and 235th Streets re drainage problem at 2325 West 235th Street, with comment of City Engineer Nollac and recommendation of City Manager Peebles. None of the signing property owners was present. Councilman Beasley asked if the completion of curbs and gutters in this area would eliminate this nuisance and City Engineer Nollac explained how the construction of a major storm drain to a sump which does not exist is the only solution, due to the topography of the area. The cistern, or dry well, suggested is of doubtful value and he explained its construction. The cost would be about \$600.

Councilman Drale moved to follow this procedure as set forth by City Engineer Nollac for temporary relief, by construction of a 25 or 30 feet deep and 4 feet wide cistern, at a cost of not to exceed \$600. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

Councilman Bradford expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the kind of engineering which would permit building in an area where there is obviously a drainage problem. Councilman Beasley said these are individually built homes.

18. Mrs. William H. Sandstrom, dated October 10, 1961, dealing with construction of residences in Torrance, with inquiry by City Manager Peebles as to reply advised.

City Manager Peebles said he believes the lady who wrote the letter refers to the possibility of the City purchasing park land and Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager reply to Mrs. Sandstrom's letter. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and, there being no objection, it carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

## 19. Petitions for rezoning of Marble property referendum.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the proponents of the ordinance, have obtained restraining order from the Superior Court restraining the City Clerk from certifying as to the sufficiency of the petitions until Friday, October 20th, at which time the Judge will hear arguments as to whether or not to continue the same to October 27th which is the time scheduled for a hearing on the merits.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION:

20. Supplemental Agreement No. S-2 - Expenditure of Funds Allocated from State Highway Fund to Cities, 1961-62 Fiscal Year. (Project No. 88). Letter from City Engineer Nollac, by Wm. B. Fagan, approved by City Manager Peebles, submitting resolution approving the agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-193

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING AND SUBMITTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO CITIES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-193. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

21. REQUEST of Paul Mandel for Engineering by City. Recommendation of John E. Rempert for City Engineer Nollac, bearing concurrence of City Manager Peebles that the developer be required to furnish his own engineering, with attached letter dated October 3, 1961, from Mr. Mandel concerning proposed industrial building at 2466 Sepulveda Boulevard.

Councilman Drale thought this item should be referred to the Committee of the Council on streets, to work with the Engineering Department and City Manager to establish a policy.

Councilman Bradford said he was stunned by the thought that the City Engineer would be doing engineering for outside contractors.

Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the matter will be referred as suggested by Councilman Drale. There was no objection.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

22. Recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to sell water meters acquired in taking over the old Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3 to Pacific Water Co. of Santa Ana.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Water Superintendent. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

## AIRPORT MATTERS:

23. Report by Council Airport Committee relative to Federal Aid Airport Program for 1962.

Councilman Blount reported that the Airport Committee of the Council met with the Airport Commission last Thursday night and it was the unanimous feeling of the Commission and Committee that the City Attorney should be requested to draw a suitable resolution for requesting participating funds with the Federal Government. This should have been done last July and there is now a very tight deadline. In that the City does not have the money to put up such a large sum, a guarantee will be made in the resolution. An item of fencing the exterior of the Airport is high on the priority list. Councilman Blount suggested making the amount of the request \$19,000 which will be taken from the approximately \$26,000 on hand and moved that such a resolution be prepared. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent). Because of the very short time limit, at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and Councilman Blount supplied a title for:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF TORRANCE GUARANTEES THE PAYMENT OF SOME \$19,000 IN RETURN FOR WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD MATCH FUNDS ON AN ITEM SHOWN ON THE MASTER PLAN OF THE AIRPORT KNOWN AS FENCING EXTERIOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-194 and Councilman Blount seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Bradford being absent).

Another item, Councilman Blount said the Committee and Commission recommend to the Council there be placed on the next municipal election ballot an item of \$1,225,000 revenue bonds as per the Hanauer report and he so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Blount said the matter was discussed very thoroughly; a representative of Hanauer was there; the bonds would not be sold in one package, there would be two or three.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Bradford and Benstead being absent).

Councilman Blount said in July the City Attorney's office was furnished with the request that there be forwarded to Washington a release of all the rest of the holdings on the Airport frontage. He is informed we are still awaiting a description of the property from the Engineering Department and asked the City Manager if it is going to be forthcoming. City Manager Peebles said he had neglected to have the road tied down accurately in the Master Plan of the Airport. The Engineering Department now has this and it is being finished. Councilman Blount was assured it would be in the City Attorney's hands some time next week.

Councilman Drale said also discussed was that the Planning Commission should initiate a change of zone in the flight pattern and safety zone of the Airport and City Manager Peebles said work is being done on that also.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER COMMISSION:

24. Recommendation on community fallout shelters from James Burchett, Chairman.

Mayor Isen asked about the possibility of the Broadway delivery tunnel and Mr. Bramhall said a survey has been conducted showing that in such public places, about 13,500 population could be cared for. Mayor Isen said there are all sorts of problems connected with the item, including its practicability. Mr. Bramhall called attention that it would not be a blast shelter. Mayor Isen asked to hear from the people as to whether they would like to have a bond election on this. Mayor Isen suggested, if there was no objection, this item be held for discussion. There was no objection.

25. Recommendation on warning devices, from James Burchett, Chairman of Civil Defense and Disaster Commission.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection this would be referred to City Manager Peebles for a cost breakdown, and commended Mr. Burchett and members of the Commission on their efforts toward handling the tremendous problems now confronting the Commission.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

26. Recommendation from H. Milton Sippel, Chairman, on night lighting of all City parks.

The coin-operated lighting system has become attractive to the same people who raid telephone coin boxes, Director of Recreation Van Bellehem said, necessitating frequent repairs and maintenance costs. Under this new proposed system, the lights would be controlled to turn off at 10 P.M., and they would not be burning when not needed.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Beasley absent).

27. Recommendation of H. M. Sippel, Chairman, for improvements at Walteria Park, to consist of relocation of playground equipment and improvement of the northeast corner of the park, at a cost of \$5,000 in accordance with his report dated October 11, 1961.

Mayor Isen moved to concur. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead and Bradford absent).

28. Recommendation of H. M. Sippel, Chairman, with reference to Civic Center Recreation Building.

Attached were letter and sketch from Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp and Wright of a multi-purpose building on the Civic Center which will stay within the \$150,000 limit set.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

29. Summary of action of the Commission at October 11th meeting.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the summary would be filed. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

30. Two resubmissions were made of recommendations presented at last week's meeting:

Item 3: That Article II of resolution 61-158 be amended to authorize relocation of stop signs at intersection of 238th and Walnut Avenue.

Item 5: That the request of Donald H. Shanedling, Inc., for a left turn opening in the divider strip on Pacific Coast Highway east of Calle Mayor be denied.

Mayor Isen asked if the traffic matters might be held until the next meeting which will be October 31, at 5:30 P.M. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

Items 31 through 34, being resolutions, as follows:

31. Authorizing execution of agreement with Santa Fe for installation of crossing protection at Carson Street.

32. Directing that a request for allocation of funds be submitted to the PUC to reimburse the City for one-half its actual cost of upgrading Carson Street crossing.

33. Authorizing execution of agreement with Santa Fe for installation of crossing protection at Sepulveda Boulevard.

34. Directing a request for allocation of funds be submitted to the PUC to reimburse the City for one-half its actual cost of upgrading the Sepulveda Boulevard crossing.

were held for two weeks to the October 31st meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAJOR AND SECONDARY HIGHWAYS SERVING AS "FEEDER" AND CONNECTING ROUTES TO FREEWAYS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-195. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

ORDINANCES:

36. FOR STUDY ONLY: Proposed ordinance adding Section 18.1 1A to the City Code, prohibiting the placing on City property of any written material advocating the overthrow of the United States Government.

It was noted this is a FOR STUDY ONLY item and will be considered later.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:**

37. Report on the proposed realignment of City boundaries between the cities of Torrance and Redondo Beach.

The recommendation of City Manager Peebles is not to realign the boundaries, for reasons given in his report dated October 13, 1961. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

38. Miscellaneous recommendations:

A. Personnel. That Cecil C. Powell, Assistant Water Superintendent and A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent, be authorized to attend the California Section of the American Water Works Association Annual Conference in Sacramento October 24-27, with appropriate expenses paid.

B. Expenditures: The sum of \$1,029.60 to Pacific Stamp and Stationery for 3,000 metal vehicle plates for the License Department, to be used for 1962 license renewal.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation under Personnel and approve the Expenditure listed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

Mayor Isen read a communication received from Mr. and Mrs. Mandotti objecting to the trucking operation on Newton Street and turned it over to the City Attorney for answer, remarking that any claim probably would be a civil matter against the trucking company.

39. Claim of Marie Obermayer for damages claimed by reason of injuries sustained in fall on south side of Torrance Boulevard August 30, 1961.

Councilman Blount moved the claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

40. Sign - recommendation of approval by Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens on request for sign for Pizza Palace, at the southwest corner of Hawthorne and Sepulveda.

The owner of Pizza Palace was present and requested a sign to extend 2½ feet above the roof line. He said the split design of the building front prohibits putting the sign in any other position.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objection, so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR A POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-196. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO ADOPT WESTERN AVENUE BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY IN TORRANCE AND 25TH STREET IN SAN PEDRO AS A STATE HIGHWAY; REQUESTING THE STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO PROGRAM AND BUDGET CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WESTERN AVENUE; AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ACQUIRE AND CLEAR THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WESTERN AVENUE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-197. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead and Bradford absent).

43. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of October as SCIENCE YOUTH MONTH.

44. City Manager Peebles reminded the Council they are to meet with Supervisor Chace in Mr. Peebles' office on Friday of this week.

45. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens presented the request for permission to put up additional signs to the Bridge Tournament which was referred back for additional information.

Mayor Isen moved the request be granted in compliance with Mr. Schlens' directions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there were no objections.

46. Mr. Stronick, representing Don Shanedling, asked about the left turn off Pacific Coast Highway near Calle Mayor, which was held over for two weeks. Mayor Isen asked that he take it up with the Traffic Engineering Department. Councilman Beasley doubted the City has jurisdiction, this being a state highway. However, Mr. Stronick said it would have to be first approved by the City Council and Mayor Isen told him it is still an open item and advised that he confer with the City Traffic Engineer.

On motion regularly made, seconded and there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 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