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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 28, 1961, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Assistant City Manager Bramhall and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present. Councilman Blount asked that the minutes of that meeting show specifically that
3. FLAG SALUTE: his absence was due to illness.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Paul Sampson led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman of First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 21, 1961, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 738 - Change of Zone - Akira Kimura et al., 3605 West 230th Street. Third and final hearing on petition for a change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on a portion of the south half of Lot 26, Meadow Park Tract, on 230th Street, between Hawthorne and Madison. Submitted were transmittal form recommending approval; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 18, 1961 and location sketch for council use.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 738 and Mr. Roy Seidler of 3602 West 227th Place spoke against granting the change. His principal objection was the traffic hazard which would result from the addition of about 1,000 cars, contending that eventually this change would lead to the development of about 800 apartment units in this area. At present there is no through street to accommodate that amount of traffic although there is a proposed Samuel Street. He stated the residents would not be averse to a change of zone if they could be assured of an adequate street. As recommended, he believes the change would be poor planning.

Mr. C. M. Hefner of 520 Via Media, Palos Verdes Estates, one of the principals in developing the property, spoke in favor of the rezoning, stating the proposal is according to the Master Plan of the Planning Commission and that sufficient land has been deeded to the City to put in Samuel Street, to widen 230th Street, and to widen Madison Street. He did not think there was any basis for Mr. Seidler's anxiety as to traffic on this particular case.

The building planned is a two-story apartment building with a large central recreational area. It will be built in three phases of 60 units each. Mr. Hefner and his partner are in the process of purchasing the land, although it is not through escrow.

Mr. George Bloxom of 405 Via Chico, Palos Verdes Estates, the petitioner in the next case on the agenda spoke also.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing on Case No. 738. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved that Case No. 738 be denied. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, stating this would be an area perfectly suited to residential without encroaching on industrial area.

Councilman Drale believed the highest and best use of the land would be apartment units and, by accepting the donation of land offered, a start would be made toward the widening of streets which would have to be accomplished eventually. Councilman Beasley called attention to the lack of written protests.

Roll call vote failed the motion, as follows:

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

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission which is for approval of the change of zone. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

9. Case No. 736. Variance - George W. Bloxom, 405 Via Chico, Palos Verdes Estates. Formal hearing on petition for a variance to build multiple-family dwelling units on a portion of Lot 25, Meadow Park Tract, situated at Madison Avenue, between 227th and 230th Street, in Zone A-1. Submitted were transmittal form recommending approval, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 18, 1961 and plot plan for council use.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 736.

Mr. Seidler opposed the variance on the same grounds as he opposed the immediately preceding change of zone, saying it had the same effect.

Mr. Wm. J. Mazick who lives directly opposite the proposed development favored granting the variance as a means of clearing up the eyesore and nuisance which now exists.

Mr. Bloxom, the petitioner, outlined the history of the area saying at one time the Council approved his request for the property and the residents did not object. The plans now proposed are the same as then. He has deeded 54 feet to the westerly boundary of his property, 385 feet, as well as for widening of Madison.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the hearing would be closed; there was none.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, as follows:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

10. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, requesting a declaration of intention regarding the manner the City wishes to pay the District's taxes for the 1962-63 fiscal year.

Councilman Bradford moved the Metropolitan Water District be informed the City does not elect to pay out of its municipal funds any portion of the District's taxes levied for the fiscal year 1962-63. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

11. Torrance Citizens Bus Committee, submitting recommendation on operation of Torrance Municipal Bus System.

Mrs. Margaret Clark presented a petition to Deputy City Clerk Whitacre signed by many citizens.

A ten item recommendation had been made by the Citizens Bus Committee for improving the bus system from the standpoint of service and economics.

Councilman Bradford moved to refer the matter to the Bus Superintendent and the Bus Committee of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Mr. John Barton, representing the Citizens Committee, spoke from the audience. He wanted to correct any impression that the Committee was criticizing Bus Superintendent Chamberlain and stated the gist of the recommendations is to improve the system in some respects and also to set up a Torrance Municipal Transit Authority after making an independent study of the situation and the requirements. Mr. Barton started to quote from a study made in Long Beach and Mayor Isen asked him to refer it to the Committee of the Council, comprised of Councilmen Beasley, Vico and Blount.

Councilman Benstead specifically asked Mr. Barton who has been putting pressure on the Bus Superintendent, as implied in the letter from the Citizens Bus Committee, but Mr. Barton said that was probably just a poor choice of words. He cited Sacramento, Long Beach and Santa Monica, as examples of placing the operation of the bus system in the hands of men experienced in the business. Councilman Beasley stated Mr. Chamberlain is the expert hired in this capacity in Torrance.

Comparisons were made of mileage covered in Santa Monica, the type of equipment used and the reasons for the so-called "bus minded" population, as contrasted with low density wide spread Torrance. Councilman Bradford again asked who is presumed to have put pressure on Mr. Chamberlain and stated he felt the bus drivers spread propaganda among passengers, or have done so in the past when something pertaining to bus operation or pay increases has come before the Council. He said we have the best paid bus drivers in the State. Mr. Barton said the Committee is trying to find a new approach to what he called a "deficit affair".

Mrs. Herma Tillum spoke along the same lines as Mr. Barton and asked if this would not be considered by the Council as a whole. Mayor Isen told her it would, after it has been through the Committee of the Council. She intimated that the Chairman of the Bus Committee of the Council does not believe in bus transportation and asked if the matter is considered by the Committee that it be headed by someone who does believe in buses.

Councilman Beasley, Chairman of the Committee of the Council on Bus Transportation, told of the years of hard work the Committee has spent on the question and said that Mr. Chamberlain's suggestions are always seriously considered. Mrs. Tillum said the last week's recommendation has been pending since July, although it was submitted to the Council through the City Manager's office last week. She suggested someone check the City Manager's office at frequent intervals.

Mayor Isen asked that the matter go through regular channels. Councilman Beasley suggested that a temporary chairman of the Committee of the Council be appointed in his stead in view of the statements made at this meeting. Mr. Bradford took exception to the suggestion regarding the City Manager's pending file, or mail basket. Councilman Beasley said he believes the crux of the matter is better service within the City, rather than outside its boundaries. He felt comparison with Santa Monica is not fair and explained his reasons. To improve the system to the extent necessary he thought might require a tax override of 15¢.

Anne Whittier of 1905 Cabrillo, stated her experiences with Torrance bus system and the difficulties encountered in the downtown schedule for residents of Torrance who work in downtown Los Angeles.

Mayor Isen read Item 1 of the letter of recommendation from the Citizens Bus Committee:

"In our opinion the present Bus Superintendent is capable of operating the system efficiently if given a free hand with the minimum interference or pressure."

He was very critical of this statement (labelling it 'unadulterated tripe') and of Mr. Barton for not making a straight answer to the question regarding it. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the motion previously made herein would be considered carried; there was no objection.

A recess was declared at 9:00 P.M. and the Council reconvened at 9:14.

Mayor Isen said there was a delegation from North Torrance present on the Arlington Bridge matter and, in the interests of their time, suggested taking this item of business at this time.

Mr. David Grovunder of 16922 South Arlington Avenue came forward and said he would make the same plea and statement as last week.

Mayor Isen stated he and the City Attorney had contacted the City's insurance carrier, and asked Councilman Drale if he wished to repeat his motion. Thereupon, Councilman Drale moved the City Manager be authorized forthwith to expend up to \$4,000 on fencing the bridges, particularly Arlington Avenue bridge, Crenshaw bridge, Gramercy bridge, the Torrance side of the Redondo Beach Boulevard bridge and also the Torrance side of the Western Avenue bridge, half of which is in Torrance and half in Gardena. Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute that the City Manager investigate and give a written report with the amount of moneys to be expended at each location. Councilman Drale said six locations have been mentioned; however, the three, plus the two halves, actually total four. City Attorney Remelmeyer reminded the Council it would have to be done by competitive bidding. Councilman Bradford does not think fences will solve the problem; children will still crawl over them. Mayor Isen stated that while the matter has been stalled for three weeks, the stalling has not been intentional, but rather in the hope that a solution may be reached without admission of liability on the part of Torrance. There has been nothing but inaction from the County because of the danger of setting a precedent. If the motion carries, Mayor Isen asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer write a strong letter to the Flood Control District telling them because of their inaction the City has found it necessary to take protective measures which are not to be considered or in anyway construed as any admission of responsibility on the part of the City of Torrance, but as an attempt to satisfy the peace of mind of the residents of the particular section of the City. He considered the possibility of liability for this accident to be insignificant as compared with the other problems involved and the possibility of future liability.

City Attorney Remelmeyer corroborated Mayor Isen's statements regarding uncertainty of liability. He considers this a question of judgment and said if the liability question was a serious one, he would have been adamant in inducing the Council not to put up the fence.

Mayor Isen further clarified the intent of the motion as being stepping in because of the emergency to take protective measures which are not to be construed as conceding jurisdiction which he feels is rightfully in the County Flood Control District. He asked that the Flood Control District be billed for the protective measures, whether or not they see fit to pay the bill. Questioning by Councilman Bradford developed that the fence is planned to be six feet high with three strands of barbed wire topping and would conform to the type used at the sumps. The cost is approximately \$3.25 per foot. City Engineer Nollac said the figure is based on the presumption that City force labor will be used. If not, the figure will be higher. Approximately \$600 is the figure mentioned for the Arlington bridge alone.

The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Beasley asked that inasmuch as it will be thirty or sixty days before the work can be done, that the Police Department be instructed to put a crossing guard on the bridge at Arlington during the hours children normally pass there to school. Councilman Drale preferred having increased police patrol of the area and Councilman Bradford agreed it is not necessarily the school age children who are in danger, but the little fellows. Mayor Isen said the jobs would be handled separately and suggested the City Manager get three or four informal bids on material and labor and get the job on Arlington done as quickly as possible, by City force labor if that proves more economical.

Mayor Isen particularly announced this policy is to be used on this one project only and is not to be considered as a general policy or as establishing any sort of precedent for the future.

Councilman Bradford repeated that this objection is not as to fencing Arlington, but rather to the tendency to become hysterical and fence every bridge with the resulting high cost and quite possibly no resulting relief from the hazard.

City Attorney Remelmeyer read from the charter the pertinent material which authorizes urgency competitive public works bidding contracts by a 5 out of 7 vote of the Council. Councilman Drale said his motion was to leave it to the discretion of the City Manager and covers fencing all the bridges, there being no way to anticipate where trouble may occur.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

12. C. G. Livingston and J. F. Watler, Jr., requesting investigation of Airport tie-down policy, with the following attachments: letter to Finance Dept dated November 8, 1961; letter from J. I. Scharfman, Finance Director, to City Manager Peebles dated November 13, 1961, and letter dated November 20, 1961 from Airport Manager Egan to City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and there was no objection.

13. Airport Manager Egan, submitting recommendation re insurance against breakage on cab glass at Airport Control Tower.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Manager, approved by City Manager Peebles, that the tower cab glass be covered by Torrance General Insurance Proposal No. 2 in the premium amount of \$445.83 annually. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

14. City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting resolution authorizing execution of Airport lease with Benbow Aero, Inc., on a parcel approximately 100 x 65 feet adjacent to and in front of their subleased premises, for the purpose of parking and storing aircraft, with copy of lease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND BENBOW AERO, INC.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-211. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

15. Letter from O'Melveny & Myers to City Council dated November 9, 1961, concerning legal services in connection with issuance and sale of Airport Revenue Bonds.

Councilman Beasley moved to employ the services of O'Melveny & Myers, Attorneys at Law, in connection with the issuance and sale of approximately \$1,250,000 airport revenue bonds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

16. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain, requesting authorization to attend Municipal Bus Superintendent Association meeting in Sacramento December 8, 1961.

Councilman Bradford moved to grant the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION—Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard north-erly of 177th Street (Contractor: George Savala Paving Company). Letter dated November 22, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, recommending that work be accepted.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation so that final settlement may be made with the contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1279

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 32 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS ENTITLED "OCEAN BEACHES".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1279 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Bradford said he considers the ordinance vicious and discriminatory.

The motion carried, as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1280

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 (POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN) BY ADDING THE CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR SENIOR AIRPORT ATTENDANT; RETITLING THE CLASSIFICATION OF PERSONNEL ASSISTANT TO PERSONNEL DIRECTOR WITH APPROPRIATE SALARY RANGES; AND INCREASING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1280 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, failed by the following tie vote:

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

Mayor Isen announced the first reading of this ordinance would be repeated at next Council meeting when a full Council is in attendance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1281

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.253 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE COMPUTATION OF PAYMENTS INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AND PERMITTING WAIVER OF THE FEE.

Councilman Bradford moved to approve at first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

21. Recommendation re addition of a position of Police Matron and File Clerk in Police Department, with attached memo dated November 7, 1961 from City Attorney Remelmeyer to City Manager Peebles and recommendation of Personnel Assistant Donovan.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

22. Report re Ocean Avenue Sump. Mayor Isen stated this letter would be filed if there was no objection. It pertains to the status of the Ocean Avenue Sump with respect to Little League League activities and expresses willingness on the part of Don Wilson and the necessity of contacting the representative of the Kaufman Estate. There was no objection and the communication was ordered filed.

23. Development of Victor Park. This report was requested by the Council and was ordered filed as informational.

However, noting Item 3 of the communication, which contains a recommendation that during the construction of the Isabel Henderson Library, the sewerage for that building be extended in such a manner as to provide connection to outside restrooms for the park proper, Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

24. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures: The sum of \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling for one six inch Hersey Model D. C. Meter for the Water Department to use on South Bay Shopping Center job, a budget item.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the expenditure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Blount absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION FOR ATTAINING ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN TOTAL ASSETS, AND COMMENDING HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION AND HOWARD AHMANSON, ITS PRESIDENT, FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE CITY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-212. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, failed by a tie vote:

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

Mayor Isen asked that a proclamation be prepared to the same effect as the resolution above, and orally so proclaimed.

26. Mayor Isen proclaimed December 9 to 15, 1961, as BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK.

27. Request of Chief Police Bennett for approval of voucher in amount of \$150 to cover expenses of Assistant Chief Porter and Lt. D. C. Cook in attending annual meeting of California Narcotics Officers Association in Fresno November 30 and December 1, a budget item.

Councilman Bradford moved to grant the request. Mayor Isen moved a substitute to permit only one to attend, preferably Lt. Cook. The substitute motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead but failed, as follows:

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

Roll call vote on the motion to grant the request and approve attendance by two named, carried as follows:

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

28. Appointment of Chairman and Co-chairman for Airport Bond Issue.

The communication stated Mervin Schwab and George Powell have been appointed, respectively, as chairman and co-chairman of the Airport Bond Issue Committee by the Airport Commission, and will appoint subcommittee chairmen from five different general areas of activity.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen mentioned that Francis T. Fox, Manager of International Airport is a resident of the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance and suggested, if it is acceptable to Mr. Fox, that he be made Honorary Chairman or ex-officio member of the Committee.

Mayor Isen also asked if the issue may be called Airport Revenue Bond Issue, as it will cost nothing to the taxpayer, but is a charge against income from the Airport.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. City Engineer Nollac said last week City Manager Peebles informed him that in the next few years the City is going to improve, or plan to improve those streets north and south of Torrance Boulevard between Crenshaw and Arlington because of the extreme traffic hazard. The Flood Control District is installing a line up Crenshaw and four catch basins are to be installed in Amapola St. at a cost of \$750 to \$1,000 each. The County Flood Control District will not allow the City to put in a catch basin at a future curb location without a definite project being proposed and under way. On 22-foot wide Amapola, there is to be a 19 foot parkway which means that each curb will have to be moved back 9 feet, both north and south of Torrance Boulevard. In order to save the cost of moving the catch basins and the cost of new catch basins: \$6,000 to \$7,000 to move the four - we should ask the District to leave them out in which event the City would have to bear the total expense in the future when the curbs are moved back, or as an alternative, we can go ahead and put the curbs back now and have the District put the catch basins in the correct locations.

The Flood Control work will start in a couple of weeks.

After some discussion of possibilities, Councilman Drake moved the City Manager and City Engineer go ahead with the improvement as designated by the City Engineer in his statements here this evening. City Engineer Nollac said the only part of the work which would be practical to use City force labor would be the paving. Mayor Isen asked that the motion include that the work be done by the most economical means. City Engineer Nollac said he would talk with the contractor and bring in a report and figures, with a recommendation, next week. Roll call vote on the motion which was seconded by Mayor Isen was unanimously favorable (Councilman Blount absent).

30. Clara Sheely, 1919½ Andreo St., Torrance, an employee of the May Company at South Bay Shopping center, complained about the bus schedule on Saturdays to her place of employment. From now to Christmas the store will be open Saturday evenings as well as weekday evenings and the bus drivers often wait for the employees on their own time. She thought such drivers should be paid for that time and asked assurance that there would be service on Saturdays as on other nights.

Mayor Isen asked that she take the matter up with the Bus Superintendent for his recommendation to Council.

Mrs. Sheely also mentioned the need for some type of service to Vermont and Carson.

31. Mrs. Roy Apsey of 5306 Halison Street asked for an explanation of the reason for the removal of the little triangular park at the end of El Prado. This is in connection with the Carson Street cut-through. She protested the trend toward more cement, more speedways and fewer places of trees, grass and beauty. Mayor Isen said the Del Amo Shopping Center and increased traffic thereto has made this necessary, but the trees will be replanted throughout the park according to present plans.

32. Airport Manager Egan reported the tower will be completed on Friday of this week and the FAA has revised its estimate of operation start to January 1. It will operate from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M., seven days a week with more complete service than in the past.

33. Councilman Beasley extended congratulations to Dr. Kurt Shery, appointed to fill a vacancy on the School Board.

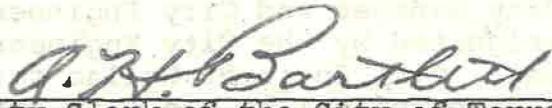
34. Councilman Beasley told of numerous (39) street lights which are not in working order and asked that whoever is responsible see that they are put back into operation. If an adjustment in the Edison bill is in order, that should be made. Councilman Benstead said that should have been reported to the City Manager.

34. Councilman Drale asked for a traffic study of Dominguez and Crenshaw to see if a left turn might be facilitated. The street is wide enough for two lanes. Also, he said the intersection of Border and Torrance Boulevard should have a four-way stop.

35. Councilman Benstead said north and south traffic at Arlington and Torrance Boulevard is inhibited. Traffic Engineer Whitmer will check this; he believes the equipment governing the timing is in need of repair.

36. Mayor Isen told of a cruise he will make on the USS Hornet starting at 8 A.M. tomorrow. There are only 17 civilian passengers and he thought it a compliment to Torrance that he was invited.

At 10:07 P.M., Councilman Drale moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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