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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, December 12, 1961, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: **COUNCILMEN:** Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Vico, Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale arrived at 8:06 P.M. **ABSENT:** None. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John McMullen led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Hans Holborn, Riviera Community Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minute secretary noted the following correction to the minutes of the meeting held December 5, 1961: Item 17, which appears on pages 5 and 6, second paragraph on page 6, is hereby corrected to read:

"Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to Councilman Blount; s motion (Councilman Bradford absent)."

With this correction, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 1961, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent at this time in the meeting and Councilman Bradford abstaining because he was not present at the December 5th meeting).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all properly audited bills be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley moved that after the clerk has given a number and read 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 Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

OLD BUSINESS:

8. Case No. 738, Change of Zone, Petitioner, Akira Kimura, 3605 West 230th Street. 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 from Planning Commission, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 18, 1961, excerpt from November 28th Council minutes and exhibit for Council use.

9. Case No. 736, variance, petitioner, George W. Bloxom, 405 Via Chico, Palos Verdes Estates. Request for a variance to build multiple family dwelling units on a portion of Lot 25, Meadow Park Tract, situated at Madison Street, between 227th and 230th Streets in Zone A-1. Submitted were transmittal form from the Planning Division, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 18, 1961, and exhibit for Council use; also excerpt from November 28, 1961.

Mayor Isen announced these two matters were held until this evening for consideration by a full council and, in anticipation of Councilman Drale's appearance, asked that they be put forward for a little while. Deputy City Clerk Bramhall stated that under Item 9, a complaint for injunction has been served on the City of Torrance and a copy of Order to Show Cause and Temporary Restraining Order in Case No. SW C 1155 of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, George Bloxom, plaintiff, vs. City of Torrance, a municipal corporation, filed December 11, 1961.

Councilman Drale joined the meeting at this point and was apprised of the situation by Mayor Isen.

City Attorney Remelmeyer at the request of Mayor Isen, explained the matter as follows: the Temporary Restraining Order enjoins the City, among other things, from "reconsidering, modifying, voiding, or altering the zoning variance as granted to the plaintiff on November 28, 1961." The time for the hearing is set for December 15, 1961, Friday, at 11 A.M., in the Inglewood branch of the Superior Court. The City is also enjoined from suspending in any manner the prompt consideration of the issuance of a building permit to plaintiff as applied for. Building Superintendent Schlens said he would in no event issue the building permit without Engineering and Planning approval. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained such an order is for the purpose of generally maintaining and preserving the status quo until the court hears the matter.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to talk regarding Case No. 736, but City Attorney Remelmeyer stated he does not believe the Court's order permits discussion of the merits of the case at this time. Councilman Bradford moved Item 9, being Case No. 736, be filed as the Council has no right to countermand the Court's order.

Parke W. Moewe, attorney for the plaintiff, 52 Malaga Cove Plaza, Suite 61, Palos Verdes Estates, called attention to the wording of the order and voiced the belief that it speaks for itself.

Mr. Roy Seidler, 3602 West 227th Place, asked the effect of the hearing on December and Mayor Isen asked for the benefit of the audience that City Attorney Remelmeyer tell them when and where the hearing is to be held: 110 East Regent Street, Inglewood, 11 A.M. Friday, December 15, 1961, Department SW A of the Superior Court.

Mr. Seidler asked the feeling of the Council and Councilman Beasley reminded him the Council has been enjoined from considering this matter for the time being. Mayor Isen advised any interested persons who wish to do so to attend the hearing for information, although an audience will have no effect on the outcome of the hearing itself. The result of that hearing will undoubtedly appear in the newspapers.

The Council then proceeded to consider Item 8 on the agenda, set forth in detail above:

Councilman Blount moved that since Case No. 738 is so closely related to Case No. 736, pending decision on Case No. 736, the Council hold consideration of Case No. 738 and that both cases be considered at the same time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. In support of his motion, Councilman Blount stated there might be proposals made in either or both cases which would substantially change the map the Council now has, specifically regarding street dedications. In consideration of the fact that the ordinance has not been before the Council and the theory set forth by Councilman Blount, Mayor Isen withdrew his objection to not hearing Case No. 738 at this time. Councilman Drale saw no relation between the two cases; he thought the people are entitled to know how the Council stands. Mayor Isen said the motion which passed previously was to reconsider Case No. 738 before a full council; there is now a full council present and Case No. 738 should now be considered.

Councilman Blount reiterated his motion.

Mayor Isen asked for discussion and Attorney George Kurtz of 1308 Sartori Street, attorney for the parties in interest, started to speak about the dedication of land, but he was reminded by Mayor Isen that the motion is whether or not Case No. 738 should be continued until Case No. 736 is determined.

Mr. Carl Seeburg of 3610 227th Street, from the audience said he would like to see the matter considered this evening.

Roll call vote on the motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Mayor Isen.

The matter was thus continued until the determination of Case No. 736.

Mayor Isen announced a recess and the Council reconvened at 8:35 P.M.

Following recess, Mayor Isen asked the Council to consider Item 41 out of order, in deference to Councilman Vico's wishes.

41. Little League Activities on Civic Center.

The request was to review the Master Plan of the Civic Center with respect to Little League using a portion of the City's property for their activities and the City Manager's report made the recommendation that the Council permit the Little League to use the entire area along the north boundary line of the Civic Center property between Maple Avenue and Madrona on a temporary basis only, with no permanent structures being built and to further provide the City with the necessary insurance coverage.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. Robert C. Pryor of 3627 West 187th Street asked that the request be considered as coming from the Torrance Youth Baseball Council rather than the smaller component part thereof, Little League.

Inquiry by Councilman Drale developed that the land recommended here is along the north boundary line adjacent to Virginia Pulp and Paper's property. Mayor Isen suggested the motion be one of policy and the actual detailed area can be outlined through the Park and Recreation Commission and come back to the Council for approval. City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would have to be done by lease which he would prepare when the site is accurately determined.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable and the City Manager was instructed to expedite the matter with the Park and Recreation Commission and to notify Mr. Pryor when it is on the Council agenda.

10. HEARING: Case No. 742, variance, petitioner: Bert E. Moore, Jr., 8301 South Western Avenue. Formal hearing continued from meeting of December 5, 1961. Petition for variance to construct a 45 unit apartment house with 50 garages on Lot 18, La Fresa Tract, situated at 3411 Artesia Boulevard, in Zone C-3. Resubmitted were transmittal form from Planning Division recommending approval per Exhibit A, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 1, 1961, and plot plan for Council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission per Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Blount asked the status of the alley and the sewer and City Engineer Nollac stated as far as sewerage the property is concerned, dedication of sewer easements through the property from west to east to Ermanita Avenue will provide the place. As to construction of the sewer, the Engineering Department will come back next week or the following week with a proposal for a joint project to construct sewers in the area with the present developers participating and the remaining cost to be recouped as the property is developed. No easements have been obtained at this time.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute that the matter be held until further information is obtained.

Mr. Bert Moore of 8301 South Western Avenue said Ray Watt was issued a variance tied into the end of the line; and Mr. Moore wants to tie into the middle of the line. City Engineer Nollac said a private easement cannot be used for sewer purposes and the sewer line isn't capable of servicing the property as it is too shallow and not on proper grade. Mayor Isen said in that event the problem has not been solved and should not be before the Council.

Councilman Beasley asked Building Superintendent Schlens to make a statement and Mr. Schlens stated if the variance is issued with the condition that they connect to the sewer as determined by City Engineer Nollac, the Building Department would not issue the permit until the problem is resolved.

Councilman Benstead asked for a vote on his substitute motion.

City Engineer Nollac explained the proposal is to construct the sewer in Ermanita from 171st Street to the end of the street out of the Sewer Revolving Fund. From there on it will be borne by the property owners. The present sewers will continue to serve the properties and a parallel line will be constructed.

Mr. Moore said the terminology of the private easement was that recommended by the Building Department, he had it recorded and now, the Engineering Department says it is not good. Because of the confused situation regarding sewerage in this area, Mayor Isen moved an amendment to the substitute motion that the matter be held pending information and for a definite solution of the sewer problem. Councilman Benstead accepted the amendment and Councilman Vico seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale protested it is not fair to hold up Mr. Moore's building permit when he is willing to put in the sewer. He feels the sewer problem is that of the City. The cost of the sewer which is to come out of the Sewer Revolving Fund, it was stated is about \$4,000. City Attorney Remelmeyer questioned if it can be taken from the revolving fund; it may have to come from the General Fund.

Councilman Bradford asked how long it will take to run the sewer line in and the answer was the work could begin within about five weeks. It will be at least six months before the sewer is needed and there will be no final on the project until the sewers are in.

Roll call on the substitute motion was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico.

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

Councilman Drale repeated his motion to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission subject to the condition that the property must be sewerred to generally conform to the Engineering plan which is laid out and which will be attached as Exhibit B.

Councilman Beasley repeated his second and the motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

League of Women Voters of California, dated December 7, 1961, requesting use of Council Chambers Monday, January 22, 1962, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., and Monday, February 26, 1962, 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

Councilman Bradford moved to grant the permission requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

12. Airport Plaza, Inc., by George L. Graziadio, Jr., requesting time on the agenda to discuss proposed additions to storage space at Big Ben Discount Store.

Mr. Arthur Guyer, vice president of Big Ben stores, gave his home address as 1235 North Laurel, Los Angeles, and said their very successful opening had strained storage capacity so that it had been necessary to hire extra security guards to protect their property. He requested permission to erect a temporary structure of about 4,000 square feet area and to make some changes in the store's floor plan. Tentative plans have been submitted to the Building Department which will show the materials to be used. Councilman Blount did not favor granting the request and asked Mr. Guyer to see that the property is cleaned up.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be denied. Councilman Drale mentioned the amount of sales tax revenue that will come to Torrance through this operation and moved a substitute that the request be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and Mayor Isen added "subject to complying with ordinance regulations and approval of the Building Department respecting the proposed corrections to the plan" and Councilman Beasley suggested a time limit of one year for use of the temporary storage quarters. The amendments to the motion were accepted by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount mentioned during the discussion that Foods Co. had been denied a similar request and Mayor Isen asked for the particulars of that request and denial. Building Superintendent Schlens said he did not believe the request was comparable. Councilman Blount said his statement was based on information given him by Mr. Schlens. Mr. Schlens replied that the request was for an addition on the west side of Foods Co. store; that it was replaced by masonry construction. Councilman Drale said three such requests had been granted on the Airport and with no time limitation. Roll call vote was favorable, as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DIVISION:

13. Request of State House Sales, Inc., by R. Katz, for refund of fees paid for inspections for relocation of house and garage to be moved to 1974 235th Street, which project was abandoned. Recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens appended.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to refund the usual 80%. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A recess was declared at 9:25 and the Council reconvened at 9:35.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION:

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT. Improvement of Carson Street through Torrance High School Park resubmittal. Letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles dated December 5, 1961, recommending award of contract to Sheets Construction Company, low bidder, in the amount of \$19,520.65, with bid summary.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Sheets Construction Co., the low bidder, for \$19,520.65 and that all other bids be rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Benstead asked if it is possible to condemn property that has been dedicated to the City as a park and City Attorney

Remelmeyer reviewed the proceedings taken so far in the condemnation suit and the possibility of appeal. The amount of payment depends on the amount of interest determined by the Court. Councilman Drale still believes in negotiation with REMCO and Mayor Isen reminded the Council the matter before them is who gets the bid and asked for roll call vote on the motion, which carried, as follows:

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

Councilman Bradford asked if there is any way to make two-way traffic on Watson Avenue and City Manager Peebles said he would investigate.

15. Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following five street easement deeds transmitted by the Engineering Department and approved by the City Attorney and the City Manager:

1. Dated November 1, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 19, Tract No. 3458, given by Stuart K. Tielens and Beverly June Tielens.
2. Dated November 1, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 20, Tract No. 3458, given by Stuart K. Tielens and Beverly June Tielens.
3. Dated November 21, 1961 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 11, Tract No. 3458, given by Thornally-Bird, Inc.
4. Dated November 2, 1961 to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Ward and Newton Streets over a portion of Lot 10, Tract No. 7955, given by Thomas K. Fitzpatrick and Sylvia F. Fitzpatrick.
5. Dated November 8, 1961 for the widening of 230th Street over a portion of Lot 63, Tract No. 639, given by Robert A. Stefanko and Audrey F. Stefanko.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried unanimously.

16. Letter dated December 5, 1961, from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, submitting agreement for the establishment of Sewer Reimbursement District No. 25 relating to construction by Shell Oil Company of an offsite sewer to serve a service station at the northeast corner of Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway, together with necessary resolution. Attached was a copy of proposed agreement with Shell Oil Company.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to establish subject reimbursement district, approve connection fees and execute the agreement. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which 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. 61-216

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 25, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SHELL OIL COMPANY 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. 61-216. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Victor Precinct Drainage problem - meeting with property owners. Report dated December 7, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting four recommendations.

Councilman Bradford did not wholly approve the recommendations and Councilman Drale said he would personally like to make a survey and moved to postpone the matter for two weeks for study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and there was no objection.

18. Letter of transmittal dated December 7, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles, recommending conveyance of easement to Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Attached were location sketch of Parcel 3, located in Arlington Avenue to 530 feet east of Arlington northerly of Del Amo Boulevard, giving legal description thereof and location sketch, with resolution.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-217

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 Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-217. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount asked how long the other side of Torrance Boulevard would be closed and City Engineer Nollac said no longer than it took for the other side. City Manager Peebles said when the City approves a project and the plans, the Flood Control District then has certain rights and the City is trying to get them to work more closely with us. Mr. Peebles will bring in a report on this street closing matter. Councilman Bradford said maybe something can also be done to straighten out the confused situation at 213th Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-218. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 26576. Resubmittal. Letter dated November 30, 1961 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles presented by Ocean View Development Corporation, Tract No. 26576, consisting of 12 lots located on the south side of 230th Street approximately 260 feet east of Crenshaw, subject to certain stipulations. Attached were letter dated November 16, 1961 from Barclay-Pearson Co., Inc., transmittal form, location sketch and exhibit for Council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, subject to the conditions set forth. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

The reason for the "No" votes of Councilmen Benstead and Blount was stated as that the lots do not conform to the ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

21. Letter dated December 1, 1961 from Traffic & Lighting Engineer Whitmer, bearing concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting report concerning thermoplastic pavement markings, contract for which was awarded to Traffic Appliance Corporation.

This was a unit price job, Traffic Engineer Whitmer said. He restated some of the explanations made in his communication and regarding sickness of crew members and breakdown of equipment. City Manager Peebles said the City did get value received. Mayor Isen moved to pay the work in full and accept the work of Traffic Appliance Corporation. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

22. Report of Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer approved by City Manager Peebles, concerning the revamping of parking stalls in the downtown area, as requested by Council, with location sketch.

Councilman Drale asked why the parking spaces which were blanked out could not be saved and Traffic Engineer Whitmer said some type of standard had to be set and then adhered to, as preventive measures. The two spaces which were painted red at the Adult Center will be replaced.

On motion made and seconded, there being no objection, the report was ordered filed.

23. Report of Traffic and Lighting Engineer, approved by City Manager Peebles, concerning Harrlee Lane Pedestrian Overcrossing with sketch attached.

Councilman Beasley said he believes parking should be eliminated on one side of the street and it should be made one-way because of the danger to children alighting from cars at school time.

Mayor Isen moved the pedestrian landing recommended be provided to cost not more than \$250, including fencing, signing, traffic painting and installation of raised traffic bars and that the other recommendations contained in the report dated December 5, 1961, be studied for further report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

24. Letter dated December 7, 1961, approved by City Manager Peebles, resubmitting Traffic Commission recommendation that the request for a green zone on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard, north of Dalemead Street, be denied, with location sketch.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

25. Opinion re. Traffic Safety Council meetings and possible violation of Brown Act.

Councilman Benstead considered this a double jointed report. Although they are not in violation of the Brown Act, they are in violation of the whole principle of the council, if only two members show up for these luncheon meetings. Councilman Benstead moved to suggest to the Traffic Safety Council that any meetings be held at City Hall and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. His intention, he said, was to eliminate the monthly luncheon meetings which many interested persons cannot afford to attend.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 1531 (Sec. 26709 and 26711 of THE VEHICLE CODE) WHICH REQUIRES THE INSTALLATION OF RIGHT OUTSIDE REAR VIEW MIRRORS AND MOVABLE EYESHADES ON BUSES AND/OR TROLLEY COACHES.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-219. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-220

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 GRANT DEED TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CONVEYING TO SAID COUNTY CERTAIN LAND LOCATED ON THE TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COURTHOUSE COMPLEX TO SERVE THE SOUTHWEST AND SOUTH BAY DISTRICTS.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 61-220. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked why the amount of land has increased from that originally mentioned. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated it was originally stated to be between 3 1/2 and 5 1/2 acres. The request for public parking space has increased the requirement. Councilman Benstead said the Council should have been kept informed of these changes. The architect, Fred Adams was present and he told the Council the court building will extend two parking stalls to the north of what is now the parking lot, somewhere in the neighborhood of 80 to 90 feet north of the present City Hall. Roll call vote on Resolution No. 61-220 adoption was unanimously favorable. Mayor Isen said nothing that has been done will mean so much to the City of Torrance as this will over the years to come.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1282

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. 707 (Ocean View Development Company, A-1 to R-1, East of Crenshaw, West of Pennsylvania, North of 230th Street).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1282 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. First Reading Ordinance deleting position of Personnel Assistant and adding position of Personnel Director to Ordinance No. 1242, with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer.

30. First Reading Ordinance establishing Senior Airport Attendant Classification, with cover letter from City Attorney.

Ordinance No. 1282 has been divided into three parts, each to cover one of the three changes: Personnel Director, Senior Airport Attendant, and Planning Director rate range increase. Councilman Blount asked why the division of this ordinance was made and did not approve.

Councilman Vico asked who will take the job over and was told it is just a change of title of the classification; the position will be filled by the present incumbent, T. E. Donovan. Councilman Blount repeated his objection to the separation of the previous

206 ordinance into three individual ordinances. Councilman Drale moved to table Items 29 and 30 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead brought up the matter of the three names on the Planning Director list and Councilman Beasley stated the Council had passed the motion to increase the pay of the Planning Director and this is merely the ordinance which will put that into effect.

Councilman Drale said the increased costs are not included in this fiscal year's budget and he is opposed to all three.

Roll call vote on tabling items 29 and 30 was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Mayor Isen.

Councilman Bradford asked for an explanation of the increase for the Personnel Assistant and City Manager Peebles stated his duties have been materially increased and the increase is definitely justifiable. Councilman Benstead said if the duties have been increased it comes within another classification and should be filled through regular Civil Service examination.

City Manager Peebles said he would be glad to bring back to the Council the report of the Civil Service Board, but the Council said the matter has been tabled.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1283

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1242 (POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN) BY INCREASING THE SALARY RANGE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF PLANNING DIRECTOR.

Councilman Drale moved this matter be tabled until after April 1st. Councilman Beasley said we need a good capable Planning Director and did not favor tabling the item of business. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion made by Councilman Drale and roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Vico, Isen.

Mayor Isen moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1283 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 1284

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO PERFORM ANY ACT OR DECISION REQUIRED OF ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY IN THE EVENT OF VACANCY IN POSITION OR ABSENCE FROM DUTY OF SUCH OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1284 as an emergency ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1285

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO PERFORM ANY ACT OR DECISION REQUIRED OF ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY IN THE EVENT OF VACANCY IN POSITION OR ABSENCE FROM DUTY OF SUCH OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.

This is the regular ordinance to cover the emergency ordinance above adopted.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1285 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1286

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING TO CHAPTER 22 "POLICE DEPARTMENT", OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", ARTICLE V ENTITLED "SECRET SERVICE ACCOUNT"; ESTABLISHING SAID ACCOUNT AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1286 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

34. George G. Morehart, Chairman, Civil Service Board, submitting recommendation concerning proposed change in the Section of Resolution No. 3913 which pertains to overtime.

City Manager Peebles asked that this item be referred back for a little more work of the City Manager and staff. There were no objections.

35. George G. Morehart, Chairman, Civil Service Board, submitting recommendation re proposed changes in the move-up rule XXIII of Resolution No. 3913.

This proposed change was submitted at the request of Mayor Isen who moved to concur in the recommendation set forth therein, as follows:

"Sec. 1. As is.

Sec. 2. As is.

Sec. 3. Approval. The department head shall obtain the approval of the City Manager before an employee may continue to perform the work of such assigned position for more than four successive working days (more than two shifts in the fire department) or for more than four working days in any thirty calendar day period. The employee appointed to the move-up position should be permitted to remain in this position until the regular employee returns. This type of appointment not to exceed six months duration.

Sec. 4. Pay. It shall be the policy of the City of Torrance to pay employees at the proper rate for the work that they perform. An employee assigned to a position as provided in Section 1 of this Rule XXIII and who continues to perform the work of such assigned position for more than four successive working days (for more than two shifts in the fire department) or for more than four working days in any thirty calendar day period shall receive thereafter the salary rate of the lowest step for such assigned position which is higher than the salary received by the employee for his regular position."

Councilman Blount seconded the motion and it carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Councilman Benstead qualified his yes vote by saying he believes the payment should be made for the first day because the City pays the job, not the man. Councilman Drale asked the record show that he is in favor of having a man paid the minute he is moved up to a higher paid job.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

36. Drainage problem at intersection of 190th Street and Western.

Councilman Benstead asked how much of the work is in the City of Los Angeles rather than Torrance and City Manager Peebles explained from the map. In case of flood, the people who might

have diverted the water would be responsible. If this recommendation is approved, the City would obtain a release from Harvey Machine Co.; they will not give a hold harmless agreement. There is no way to avoid liability under certain circumstances, but this is a step in the right direction Councilman Drale said. This project will not cost the City anything as the money has been provided by Harvey.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and City Attorney as set forth in the memorandum dated December 7, 1961, from the City Manager. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. City Attorney Remelmeyer corrected the motion to say it is not his recommendation; he is only pointing out the problems. The recommendation is that of the City Manager.

The motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

37. Report on status of Palos Verdes Drive parkway from Calle Mayor to Palos Verdes city limits.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the recommendation would be filed. However, Councilman Drale asked for a little discussion and said many people are interested when this improvement will be done. City Manager Peebles said it is in the Capital Outlay program list, but with no priority set. In the meantime, he requested a restudy which is here presented. He recommended the second phase be held for the next budget session. Landscaping and additional parking space is involved.

38. City Treasurer salary survey.

Councilman Beasley moved that a resolution be drafted increasing the City Treasurer's salary. Mayor Isen asked if the figure named includes compensation for other duties and Director of Finance Scharfman said it is the total received. Councilman Drale said increases had been taken care of at budget time. The salaries of elected officials have to be in effect before election time in order to be effective after election, although they are not on the ballot. Councilman Blount said in that event the salary of the City Clerk should also be reviewed; they are both inadequate. The City Manager was instructed to make a survey of comparable City Clerks' salaries excluding extra duties in this particular case, and report back in two weeks. Included will be the extra duties and the amounts paid therefor, as well as a brief outline of the work duties included in each.

39. Miscellaneous recommendations:

A. Expenditures;

1. \$478.40 to J. J. Lawton for four 2½" Morris Nozzles with extra tips for Fire Department.
2. \$362.70 to Albro Fire Equipment for 5 turn-out coats, body guard or Hoffman; 5 turn-out pants; 5 pair boots U.S. Rubber or equal; 5 paid wild pig gloves; and 5 MSA helmets, new model, for Fire Department.
3. \$485.68 to Coast Equipment for one Tokheim Electric Gasoline Dispenser for Fire Department.

- 4. \$358.28 including tax to Lewellen Press for 125 copies of 53 Code pages printed for Legal Department.
- 5. \$678.08 to Hersey Sparling Meter Company for one 8 inch Hersey Model D.C. Meter for Oak Street.
- 6. \$380.00 plus tax to Best Maintenance Supply for one 17-inch Clarke Floor Machine, including two brushes.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the expenditures above listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. Report on Venable Property.

Councilman Drale believes if the City can buy the property for \$190,000 with a small down payment it should be done. Mayor Isen thought some sort of informal appraisal should first be made, possibly three realtors, and a confidential report made to the councilmen. City Manager Peebles said there is a record of a previous appraisal by Howard Martin for \$150,000. Mayor Isen suggested that two public spirited real estate men might make the appraisal gratis. The City Manager was instructed to attempt to have this done and make a report on it next Council meeting.

41. Previously considered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

42. Request from Airport Manager Egan for acceptance of the FAA tower and pertinent work under the contract by Austin Ayers. It is noted that there will be some paper work which can be completed within the next three to four weeks but the tower should be accepted as of this date. City Manager's concurrence was also noted.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Airport Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk

At this point Councilman Benstead left the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

43. Mrs. W. H. Tooker of 20545 Madrona Avenue outlined the means by which something should be started toward education of the public on Civil Defense. There is a school in Alameda, California, where interested persons can become instructors if so authorized by their respective City Councils and it involves no expense to the city. Councilman Bradford moved to authorize City Attorney Remelmeyer to do what is necessary to legally authorize Mrs. Tooker to represent Torrance and take the instruction provided. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

44. City Manager Peebles called attention to the inovation with respect to listing the various bids at the end on the agenda.

45. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he has received a petition for Writ of Mandate in the case of Donald E. Whann vs. the City of Torrance, et al. There is no restraining order. The basis of the court action is that the Council authorized Torrance Sand and Gravel Company to use Madison and Newton Streets when the ordinance does not include them in the truck route. He presented an emergency ordinance to cure the situation and at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 1287

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.102 ENTITLED DESIGNATED STREETS FOR TRUCK USE OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of emergency ordinance No. 1287. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1287 as an emergency ordinance and the motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Blount Councilman, San Juan

46. Councilman Blount showed pictures taken this afternoon and asked if the City has any control whatsoever of the public streets with regard to utility poles 70 feet high going down the only remaining side of Sepulveda. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the company has a blanket franchise. The people in the area already have paid to put up a nice ornamental lighting system. He deplored the action of the various utility companies who receive every courtesy from the Council and extend none. There are four high powered lines within a block. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, he would refer the matter to the City Attorney for possible remedy; there was no objection.

47. Councilman Bradford moved that a resolution be prepared with respect to Robert Deemer who is retiring from MWD the last of this month, to be prepared in perma plaque form. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

48. Councilman Bradford asked what is being done about water storage which had been mentioned some months ago by Water Superintendent McVicar. Some further information will be coming to the Council shortly on this necessity.

49. Councilman Bradford mentioned a problem regarding street marking between Cabrillo and Pacific Electric just east of Masonic Temple. He suggested a location for the marking which would take it out of the dirt and the matter was referred to City Traffic Engineer Whitmer.

50. Councilman Bradford said there is a dirty mess at the service station at Henrietta and Torrance Boulevard. City Engineer Nollac said the company is setting up in next year's budget to install curb, gutter and sidewalk and a left turn pocket and a good arrangement will be worked out between there and the Bishop Montgomery High School for better traffic access.

51. Councilman Blount asked if a rate study might be requested from Edison Company on account of increase in population. This was requested over a year ago, he said. Mayor Isen asked the matter be referred to the City Manager for the writing of a letter to Edison Company, copies of it and their reply to be on the agenda.

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52. Mr. R. D. Keeler, 3618 Woodland, Studio City, the project manager of the FHA cooperative project for housing on Carson Street between Madrona and Maple Avenues. He had requested a permit to put up signs which are a little larger than normal, cleared with Building Superintendent Schlens. Mr. Schlens said the proposal is for ten signs spaced along Carson between the two streets. There is a question regarding zoning and the matter was referred to David Cleveland of Planning to check with the City Attorney who decided it should go through the Planning Commission. Mr. Cleveland said the Planning Commission recommended approval of not to exceed 10 signs of 20 square feet area where zoning permits six square feet. A variance would be needed. A model and an office have been constructed.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection the matter should come to the Council through regular channels; there was no objection.

52. Mrs. Huxler of 2211 Sepulveda spoke regarding property at the northwest corner of Arlington and Sepulveda. She wished a waiver of fee. City Engineer Nollac explained the situation saying at the location mentioned there is a service station going in which will cut down the width of pavement to eliminate confusion. In order that the property line follow the curb line a small sliver of land the City plans to vacate and which was offered to the property owners. Mrs. Huxler does want the land but does not want to pay the fee; she is the only person affected, and was told by the Engineering office the fee could be waived only by Council action. The piece of land is 15 feet on the immediate corner and tapers down to nothing at the Huxler property line. Mrs. Huxler has offered to donate 17 feet of land for the widening of Sepulveda 195 feet long and that is the basis for her belief that she should not have to pay the \$100 fee. She was asked by Mayor Isen to appear at the next Council meeting which will be at 5:30 p.m. so that her request may come through regular channels.

On motion duly made and seconded, there being no objection, the Council meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary