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Torrance, California
December 19, 1961

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held December 19, 1961, 5:30 o'clock p.m., 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, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John M. Simmons led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 12, 1961, as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and, there being no objection, carried.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Benstead 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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked Officer Don Hartell to introduce his guests from Indonesia. Captain Eddie Lumy and Captain John Soedgono of the Indonesia National Police Department are in our City for two weeks and Officer Hartell told of their background and the program which has brought them to Torrance. Mayor Isen welcomed the men and offered them the use of any of the City's facilities during their stay.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 743 - Variance. Petitioner, R. A. Lowe, et al, 11933 Beach Boulevard, Stanton, California. Recommended for approval. Formal hearing on petition to construct a 13 unit apartment house between Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw at Rolling Hills Road,

in R-1 Zone. Submitted were letter of transmittal, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 15, 1961, and detailed plot plan for Council use.

City Manager Peebles said a long distance call was received late this afternoon from Mr. Lowe requesting that the City Council withhold action on the case pending revision in plans which would provide for a one-story building.

Councilman Beasley moved to send the case back to the Planning Commission for complete processing under the new plans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 746 - Variance. Petitioner, Hitoshi Fujii, et al, 3621 West 168th Street, Torrance. Recommended for approval per Exhibit A. Formal hearing on petition to construct 66 unit cooperative apartment with 72 garages and 10 paved parking spaces in Land Use Zones C-2 and R-1, located between Redondo Beach Boulevard and 168th Street, west of Yukon. Submitted were letter of transmittal, plot plan, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 15, 1961, detailed plot plan for Council use, and protests of Dick N. Engélbart and Mr. and Mrs. R. Techeggen.

Mayor Isen called attention to the many protests attached to the addenda, as well as those previously received, based on the density and resultant traffic hazards, especially to children.

Mayor Isen asked if any persons present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 746.

Mr. Leonard Nasatir of 16802 Kornblum Street, presented an additional petition containing 106 signatures and spoke in definite protest. The petition was accepted for filing.

Mr. George Chacksfield, who plans to purchase the property provided the variance is granted, said a professional survey has been made and presented copies thereof to the Council. Mr. Blanchard from the research company which made the survey also presented an explanation of the survey and the method used in its accomplishment.

Mr. Fred Miller of 16714 Cranbrook, Mr. Frank Summers who lives next door to Mr. Miller, Mr. Ed Kamper of 3676 West 168th Street, Mr. Al de Priest of 16704 Cranbrook, and Mrs. Charles McCormick, all spoke in protest, principally from the standpoint of traffic hazards and, at the request of Mayor Isen, all those in opposition, so indicated by standing.

On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Beasley, there being no objection, the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Benstead moved that the variance in Case No. 746 be denied. Councilman Drale asked a point of special privilege to make the same motion; however, Mayor Isen ruled this is not a case for special privilege. Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion, yielding to Councilman Drale who stated he thought the people in the district affected would like to have the motion come from their representative. Councilman Benstead remarked that he represents all the people of Torrance but, in deference to Councilman Drale, seconded the motion, which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Vico.

The variance was thus denied.

A very short recess was declared at this time during which a jovial citizen in traditional red and white costume appeared and wished all the councilmen the greetings of the season.

10. CASE NO. 747 - Variance. Petitioners: Ralph Garland and Kenneth Battram, 14527 South Western Avenue. Recommended for approval per Exhibit A. Formal hearing on petition for variance to construct 22 unit apartment building located between Prairie and Doty Avenue at 3850 West 182nd Street, in R-2 and A-1 Zones. Submitted were letter of transmittal, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 15, 1961, and detailed plot plan for Council use.

Affidavit of Publication covering the above three cases was presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on Case No. 747; there was no response. Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Blount questioned David Cleveland of the Planning Division and some question developed as to carports as contrasted to garages, also as to whether a portion of the land in question is landlocked.

Mr. Ralph Garland, one of the petitioners, offered explanation but Councilman Beasley moved to continue the case to January 2, 1962, at which time more authoritative information in writing is to be furnished. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

At 6:25 a recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 6:35 P.M.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

CASE NO. 670 - Variance. Petitioner, Norma L. Myers, 3929 West 187th Street. Request for 90 day extension on variance approved June 6, 1961.

CASE NO. 723 - Variance. Petitioner, William A. Davis, 3615 Emerald. Request for six month extension of variance approved July 25, 1961.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the extensions asked in the above cases. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Councilman Drale asked that his vote be recorded as "Yes" on Case No. 670 and "No" on Case No. 723. Councilman Beasley was out of the room at the time of voting.

12. Coldwater Corporation, requesting permission to erect ten temporary signs, 4 x 4' on Carson Street, in connection with development of property on Carson Street between Madrona and Maple, recommended for approval by Planning Commission.

Mr. R. D. Keillor, President of Coldwater Corporation, appeared and made a change in the request, asking now for 2 larger signs, approximately 8 x 15 in V shape, to be double-faced, rather than the ten originally requested.

Councilman Vico moved to grant permission to install the two double-faced signs of 8 x 15 size and that the petitioner be granted the right to move them along the property as the work progresses, this being the property of petitioner. Councilman Beasley asked there be a limit set of six months for the signs and Councilman Bradford specified compliance with building regulations. A bond has been posted, guaranteeing removal. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

13. WAIVERS. Recommendation of Planning Commission for approval of requests for waivers, no written communications having been received:

A. W-252. Ralph H. Bezanson, Jr., 2117 Middlebrook Road. Rear yard waiver to construct a room between house and garage.

B. W-253. Ralph J. Vroman, 20510 Entradero. Waiver of 3 feet to construct a 9 foot high fence along rear property line.

C. W-254. John F. Brislin, 1604 Greenwood. Side yard waiver of 7 feet to construct a new residence attached to existing garage.

Councilman Drale moved to grant these three waivers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. Old Lomita Boulevard. Recommendation of Planning Commission to approve request of Mr. Ted Koletos to vacate City's rights in street known as "Old Lomita Boulevard".

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Division to comply with the City Engineer's letter recommending vacation of whatever rights the City has in the street known as Old Lomita Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

15. Mayor pro tem of Gardena, L. Pete Jensen, requesting support of Resolution regarding commercialized gambling establishments.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Blount, the communication was ordered filed, there being no objection.

16. Gayle T. Martin, City Manager of Manhattan Beach, dated December 8, 1961, transmitting resolution opposing opening of Southern California tidelands for oil production.

Councilman Drale moved to concur and instruct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution such as transmitted in the letter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there was no objection.

17. Mrs. William Poser, dated December 14, 1961, requesting use of employees' lounge to count money collected in March of Dimes, Tuesday, January 30, 1962.

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

18. Mr. Roger Pelz, dated December 12, 1961, requesting use of Council Chambers for a meeting of the Harbor District Explorer cabinet on the evening of Thursday, December 21st.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the request and the motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford. It developed that this is a Boy Scout organization, although that was not very clear from the letter, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. Mr. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, requesting permission for Assistant Recreation Director, Marilyn Jensen, to attend the 14th Annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference in Berkeley, February 11th to 14th, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve and grant permission as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

20. Joe M. Doss, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation regarding new building for Hi-Shear on Airport property.

Councilman Benstead asked the nature of this building and Building Superintendent Schlens explained it favorably. Councilman Blount moved to grant the request and concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. COMMUNICATION FROM BUILDING DIVISION:

J. V. Master, requesting permission to erect an oversized sign for Texaco Oil Company at 3025 Artesia Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Superintendent of Building Inspection approving the sign. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection. Mr. Schlens said this is a new type of sign which is being standardized throughout Southern California by Texaco Company.

22. COMMUNICATION FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION.

Drainage costs to developer of property at 2322 229th Street. Communication dated December 13, 1961, recommending reimbursement be made to developer from drainage improvement fund for portion of costs involved in constructing drainage facilities, location sketch and copy from Daryl A. Stark, Harbor City, developer, appended.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Engineering Department, as follows:

1. To require the developer of Parcel A as shown on the sketch to construct section 1 of the proposed drainage facilities per presently approved plans.

2. Upon completion of Section 1 by said developer (the work having been performed by the lowest of a minimum of three responsible bidders), and the dedication of the required storm drain easement to the City of Torrance and the dedication of a required sanitary sewer easement along the easterly line of this developer's property, that reimbursement be made to said developer in the amount of his total expenditure for pipe installation. No refund should be made of drainage fees paid to date. It is recommended that the funds used for reimbursement be taken from the drainage improvement fund.

3. The City to prepare plans for the construction of Section 2 of the proposed facilities with construction to be scheduled prior to, or concurrent with, installation of curbs and gutters on the north side of 229th Street. Funds for the construction of Section 2 to be taken from the drainage improvement fund.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

23. Installation of Traffic Signals at 13 locations. Notice of Completion. Contractor: Steiny and Mitchel, Inc. Recommendation of acceptance.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the installation of the thirteen traffic signals and intersection lighting systems so that final settlement may be made. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried unanimously on roll call vote. Mayor Isen commended Traffic Engineer Whitmer highly on this project.

24. Green, yellow and white zones within our City, report requested by Council, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Blount moved this matter be set forward to the meeting of January 9th as there are quite a few matters to be considered in connection therewith. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said some of these zones were installed without regular authorization or legislation. The motion to set forward was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

25. H. M. Sippel, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission, submitting request for permission to send delegates to 14th Annual California & Pacific Southwest Recreation and Park Conference to be held February 11 to 14, 1962 at Berkeley.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the request for two delegates to attend the California and Pacific Southwest Recreation & Park Conference in Berkeley with appropriate expenses to be paid by the City.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. H. M. Sippel, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission, submitting recommendation for acceptance and adoption of plans for development of Victor Park.

City Manager Peebles remarked that the Staff has studied these plans and concurs in the recommendation. Upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

The Reverend Sippel, chairman of the Commission, introduced Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Walker and stated they had devoted a great deal of time to drawing the plans. Councilman Bradford moved a resolution be prepared in appreciation and that it be presented in permanent plaque format to Mr. and Mrs. Walker. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. Recommendation regarding request for consideration of increase for Youth Bands in 1962-63 budget, submitted by H. M. Sippel, Chairman of Recreation Commission.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this matter to the budget sessions in connection with the next fiscal year for study. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there was no objection.

Mr. Weldon Thompson who lives on Calle Mayor, FRontier 5-8676 or 5-8914 is to be notified at such time as the matter will be considered at budget sessions next May.

28. H. M. Sippel, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission, submitting recommendation to approve present Torrance Youth Band contract for adoption, with attached copy of proposed contract.

This is the contract for the present year and Councilman Benstead moved to approve it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem pointed out an addition which was made providing if the band should dissolve the instruments would revert to the City. Mr. Thompson said the Board had voted to provide that in such case they would designate some nonprofit organization in the City to receive the inventory of physical properties. Councilman Benstead felt the change should be kept; that the instruments are the property of the City. Mr. Thompson said that is not strictly true; the City pays \$2500 for services rendered, not for inventory. Mr. Thompson said he had always considered the voting membership of the organization as the ones to decide.

Councilman Beasley asked the advice of Chairman Sippel who explained the provisions of the contract as drawn for this year, before the addition of the phrase mentioned which was recommended by the Director of Recreation and the City Manager. The contract when negotiated did not contain this phrase. Under these circumstances, Councilman Drale did not think the change should be made. Mr. Thompson pointed out that the parents of the children who play in the band now pay their expenses on trips to play in other cities and, in effect, pay money out to benefit the City in advertising Torrance in other communities.

Councilman Drale moved to delete the sentence contained in II (a), page 1 of the proposed agreement, "If the bands should be dissolved, the inventory and equipment belonging to the Torrance Youth Bands shall revert to the City." The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection. Such a change can be considered at budget hearings for the next fiscal year.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the present contract, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. H. M. Sippel, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission, submitting recommendation to exempt Youth Baseball Leagues from paying water bills on City owned property, with comments of City Manager Peebles attached.

City Manager Peebles said the policy at this time is to waive the water bills on City property where the City Water Department serves the property. However, there are places where the service is by other companies. This item is merely to clarify the policy as to whether there must be annual renewal. Mayor Isen said his memory is that there need not be renewal; the policy runs until repealed by some future council. He stated the communication would be filed and the record would show the clarification.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER COMMISSION:

30. M. M. Schwab, Chairman of Water Commission, regarding functions of that Commission, with comments of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Dräle felt there is considerable merit to the matters set forth in the motion quoted from action of the Water Commission. Mayor Isen felt when the information is compiled it will go to the Water Commission and their remarks are premature. He said when management has studied the possibility of purchasing the new equipment, the information will be furnished the Commission. The communication was ordered filed.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING ROBERT B. DIEMER, RETIRING GENERAL MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRESS OF THE COUNTY AND HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-221. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A SURETY BOND FOR NONEXPENDABLE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO BE ISSUED TO THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-222. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting resolutions amending Charter provision relating to Civil Service System, with copy of the existing law.

Councilman Benstead said this would have to go to the people at election, but Mayor Isen said there is an alternative to be studied and asked that it be held until the next Council meeting. There was no objection.

ORDINANCES:

34. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second reading 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 Bradford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1283 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

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

35. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second reading 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.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1285 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second reading 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 adopt Ordinance No. 1286 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER.

37. Recommendation concerning bids received for installing six foot chain link fence on bridges crossing Dominguez Channel, together with bid summary.

The recommendation is to accept the bid and award the contract to the low bidder, A A Fence Company for a total price of \$1,852.74 for complete installation of bridges crossing Dominguez Channel. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved the County Flood Control District be presented with a bill and demand for payment of the full amount. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. Request of Top Value Realty Company re curbs, gutter and sidewalks.

Councilman Blount moved to deny the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

39. Policy as to dress uniforms and damage to same in line of duty (Police Department).

City Manager Peebles said the policy has been rather confusing and asked for a definite policy. Mayor Isen approved of the policy as set forth, however, he recommended initiation with the next fiscal year rather than at the present. Councilman Drale moved the item be considered in connection with the next budget study and the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead favored equal consideration for other employees.

Mayor Isen said the policy which is now being followed would be continued until the next budget time and there was no objection.

40. Transfer of Steno Clerk from Legal Department to Personnel Department.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to transfer the steno clerk and the funds to cover salary from Legal Department to Personnel Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. Report on City Clerk's and City Treasurer's salaries and duties.

A decision must be made on increase for elective positions before the time of the Spring election and Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, this item will be considered the first Council meeting in January. It is not possible to make a change in salary during the term of office of either the City Treasurer or City Clerk and whatever is decided on this item will control the salary paid to the persons elected at the April municipal election. There was no objection to holding the item until the first meeting in January.

42. Miscellaneous recommendations:

A. Expenditures:

1. To Albro Fire Equipment Company for 5 cases MSA Window type "S" Canisters for MSA All-purpose Mask; \$237; 1 pair boots, hood safety with steel liner inner sole; \$16.50; 20 MSA Helmet Shields; \$80; 1 Shield Emblem #F4020; and 24 MSA Helmet head liners \$36, a total of \$387.40 including tax, a budget item.

2. \$794.98 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 4" Model CT Meter for Water Department for Torrance High School job, a budget item.

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

43. Bids covering fire, extended coverage, malicious mischief and vandalism insurance for the City of Torrance.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to award the bid to the lowest bidder, General Insurance Company of America, by Lester King, Agent and broker, in the amount of \$3,768.54, total premium.

Councilman Blount pointed out the very small difference in bid amounts, 2¢ only. Under the technicalities of the Insurance Commission regulations, City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the bids are considered to be identical.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. However, as a result of

discussion, the motion was withdrawn by Councilmen Blount and Beasley and Councilman Blount moved to reject the present bids, providing we can get coverage from our present underwriter for a long enough period to enable the City to actively seek bids on the same coverage from more than two companies, by readvertising. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

44. Re. Jefferson Lease, City Attorney said the proposed resolution is merely a means of carrying into effect the provisions of the lease and involves no concessions to the lessee or other person.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 61-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AMENDMENTS TO LEASES ON THE AIRPORT TRIANGLE PROPERTY EXTENDING THE LEASEHOLD TERM FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTY YEARS FROM AND AFTER THE DATE OF RECORDING INSTRUMENT ENTITLED "MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT TO LEASE NO. 2".

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-223. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

45. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that City Prosecutor Catterlin be authorized to attend the Prosecutors' School in Berkeley in January, 1962, with expenses not to exceed \$200. Councilman Drale moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

46. Building Superintendent Schlens stated under the present status of the Bloxom variance request, unless directed otherwise, he will be forced to write a permit for the apartment house, according to the City Attorney.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported this is true in compliance to the decision of the Court. The hearing has been continued to December 27th and the restraining order is still in effect.

Under these circumstances, Councilman Drale moved to rescind the previous action for reconsideration of the case. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Mayor Isen.

This action does not affect the companion case.

47. Councilman Beasley said it has been announced the headquarters for administration of the State College program will be moved to Inglewood from Sacramento pending selection of a permanent site. He suggested doing what is necessary to make this permanent site the Torrance Civic Center.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the City Attorney would be instructed to draft appropriate resolutions and to send night letters to persons who should be contacted. There was no objection.

48. Councilman Benstead extended Season's Greetings to all.

49. Councilman Blount said the existing method of granting variances by which they take effect immediately is very poor and asked the City Attorney be instructed to take the necessary steps to change the code so that a variance will not go into effect the instant granted but will be followed by some type of procedure to delay its effect. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Planning Commission has been asked to investigate this possibility.

50. Councilman Bradford wished everyone a Merry Christmas, as did Councilman Drale and Councilman Vico.

51. Mayor Isen said he was just handed a copy of PEOPLES WORLD but had not had an opportunity to analyze its contents. The newspaper is fastened down to a STOP signal at Torrance Boulevard and Arlington Avenue, the southeast corner, with chains, and interferes with the use of the signal by pedestrians causing a traffic hazard. There has been no regulation set up regarding even the reputable papers and Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to confer with Chief Benner of the Fire Department regarding the nuisance this would cause in case of fire. He suggested legislation against the chaining together or to STOP signs or similar fastenings.

Mayor Isen said he hoped the internal problems and enemies from within would be done away with and that everyone would have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

52. Councilman Blount stated he and Councilmen Beasley had planned to sing two verses and chorus of Jingle Bells; however, because of the prevailing peace and unity of the Council, he felt it suitable to withdraw that plan and just wished everyone a happy yuletide.

53. With respect to PEOPLES WORLD, Councilman Drale asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if it would be possible to determine if the people responsible for it have complied with Communist registration. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to please notify the people responsible for that paper to see that it is not fastened to public property.

54. Mr. Robert Barrons of 2900 Pacific Coast Highway said he is requesting City property for Little League use on the Airport since Torrance Sand and Gravel location will not be ready for seven or eight months. He said he had approval of the Airport Commission as a temporary measure. He asked for a triangular piece of property directly behind Ryan and west of Mayflower Trailer off 247th. Councilman Blount said the Airport Commission has signified approval and moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw proper permission covering the City from the insurance angle, provided we can get a communication from the Airport Commission with which we can concur. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale suggested the most southerly boundary should be fenced so no children can get from that property onto the Airport. Mr. Barron said that has been stipulated and Councilman Blount said the fencing has been ordered to exclude that property from the Airport.

The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Drale, the meeting was adjourned to January 2, 1962, at 5:30 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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