Torrance, California
February 13, 1962

MINUTES OF A PRE-COUNCIL SESSION

A pre-council session on the subject of Mr. Ted Koletos' land was ordered at the regular Council meeting of January 30, 1962 to be held February 13, 1962 at 7:15 P.M.

At 7:35 P.M., Mayor Isen called the pre-council meeting to order. All councilmen were present except Councilman Vico and Councilman Bradford. Councilman Vico joined the meeting shortly after it convened.

Mayor Isen announced this informal discussion would involve Item 20 on tonight's agenda also, entitled Removal of Walteria Building Restriction Zone - Minimum Requirements.

A report from the Engineering Department dated February 9, 1962 was submitted which refers to a previous report dated December 15, 1960, with a map and a recommendation that no less than the work shown in color thereon be completed prior to removing the restriction at an estimated cost of $75,000, plus work necessary by City forces.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Engineer Nollac stated what is proposed is a portion of the lower end or beginning of the Master Plan storm drain that will serve a portion of the area east of Hawthorne, the first of two lines which will come out of the sump and go to the east side of Hawthorne. If this first portion can be built under the highway, plus regrading of certain paper streets to get the water out of the lake into the storm drain, he said this might be sufficient to risk lifting the building restriction in that portion of the lake. If the drainage system is not extended, as the area to the east of Hawthorne is developed over to the industrial area along Lomita Avenue easterly of Madison, between 234th and 238th and south of the Pacific Coast Highway, the runoff will greatly increase and the temporary facilities will not be adequate. For the present, however, this would render the area reasonably free from flood hazard. The money would have to come from an assessment district, City Manager Peebles said. City Engineer Nollac said the storm drain system will have to be built in a series of assessment districts, where properties may have more than one assessment, depending on the amount of benefit derived. An assessment engineer would have to be called in to make the determinations.

Mayor Isen summarized by saying the recommendation of Engineering is that the building restrictions be not tampered with or waived or any additional building permitted under existing circumstances. There followed a discussion and explanation by City Engineer Nollac of the course the flood waters would take under varying conditions involving a fifty-year flood frequency criteria. A unique feature of the planned sump is that it would start emptying right after a major storm to prepare it for the next storm. It is generally accepted that if a fifty-year flood protection is provided, this is the extent of being economically feasible.

Councilman Blount recalled a proposal some years ago to tunnel to the ocean from this area at a cost of some 3½ million dollars, which was turned down because other projects were deemed more necessary.

Councilman Vico narrowed the discussion down to Ted Koletos' property and brought out the fact that there is a limit set by the Flood Control district on the amount of water that can go into the sump. What is needed is a storm drain to get the water from the east side of Hawthorne and the cost would be $75,000 plus the regrading of certain streets. The completion date for the sump was to have been June 1st for excavation, but City Engineer Nollac doubted this would be accomplished because of the heavy rains which have prevented excavation. It will take 25 days to pump out the 50,000,000 gallons which are now in the sump and there is probability of much more rain even within that period.

Mr. Koletis exhibited a sketch of the building he hopes to erect but said he has now been told he cannot build; only remodel.

Mayor Isen said the time for opening the regular Council meeting has arrived and asked that the discussion be continued in its regular order under Item 20 on tonight's agenda.

This was the end of the pre-council session.

I N D E X

Council Meeting held February 13, 1962, 8:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, February 13, 1962 at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Don Reining, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A correction was noted to the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 1962, as follows: Add to Item 50, page 14, the following sentence:

"Mayor Isen asked if there was any objection, or if a roll call vote was required; there was no response and he remarked that the motion carried."

With this action added, Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 1962, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

6.a. 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 Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

7. FOR STUDY. ORDINANCE amending Section 18-F of Appendix I of The Code (Official Land Use Ordinance adopted by Ordinance 791) relating to the hearing, grant and term of variances, with cover letter from City Attorney.

Mayor Isen stated this seems to be a solution of the problem and theCouncil agreed to consider the proposed ordinance at this time. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1298

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 18 F OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) RELATING TO THE HEARING, GRANT AND TERM OF VARIANCES.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1298 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

AWARDS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DONALD W. AND MARY L. WALKER FOR THEIR DEDICATED EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE EARLY IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF VICTOR PARK.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-11. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Mayor Isen told of the time and effort Mr. and Mrs. Walker have donated to the City, particularly in designing Victor Park and asked Councilman Blount to present the perma plaque to them on behalf of Councilman Bradford who originally made the suggestion, but was not able to be present this evening. He stated this is merely the physical evidence of the appreciation the Council, Mayor and people of Torrance feel.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO ROBERT VROMAN AND MRS. MARGARET CLARK, CHAIRMEN OF THE ROSE PARADE FLOAT, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN RAISING FUNDS FOR, AND COORDINATING THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND DECORATION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AWARD WINNING FLOAT IN THE 1962 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-20. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Mayor Isen commended Mrs. Clark and Mr. Vroman on their public spirited work and, at this request Councilmen Beasley and Drale presented Mrs. Clark's perma plaque resolution to her. Mr. Vroman was not present and City Manager Peebles took charge of the perma plaque to be presented later.

10. Appointment with Mrs. Mary Walker re Victor Park improvement and Little League occupancy thereof.

The agenda had stated "Victor Park versus Little League" and Mayor Isen deplored the use of the word "versus" as indicating an antagonism which does not exist.

Mrs. Walker said she has been endeavoring to find another site for the Little League diamond and the only site which has been mentioned, at Entradero Sump, is not acceptable to the president of Little League, Mr. Paul Sampson. She stated $36,000 has been earmarked for improvement of Victor Park but nothing can be done until Little League moves. She feels that although Little League must have a location and practice time before opening the season, theirs is a minority group. Of paramount importance is the welfare of the children who are not involved in Little League, and their parents. There is a problem of Dominguez Water Corporation lines which could delay improvement of the park for months.

Item No. 50 of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council was examined and the addition previously accepted under Item 5 of these minutes was made. Inadvertently, the minutes had included the motion and second, but no roll call vote or conclusive action.

Councilman Vico said the understanding is that Little League will move off the park July 31st and it will not be necessary for Mrs. Walker or her group to take any further action.

Mr. Wendell Thompson of 20701 Christine Avenue said this particular park site has had provisions made for development and he could see no reason to delay in favor of a private organization. He felt it would not be practicable to do the improvement piecemeal and to do the work "around Little League" activities would probably increase the cost of the development.

Mrs. Galvin, 20910 Henrietta, did not think the Civic Center proposed location would be too far. She said many of the children now go to Redondo Beach for Little League. She offered the services of herself and her husband to assist in the moving operation of the ball park.

Mr. Paul Sampson who made the request at the last meeting of the Council, came forward and Mayor Isen explained to him that there has been an area provided at Civic Center which would probably be available for a long time. It will cost a number of thousands of dollars to bring in water but this is a utility which will have to be supplied eventually anyway.

Mr. Sampson answered Mrs. Walker's question about Entradero sump. His league has moved four times in five years and with the development of city land he fears this would be a temporary location. Also, it would be too costly. The negotiations which have been carried on for acquiring the Ocean Avenue sump from Don Wilson and the Kaufman estate have been unsuccessful because the land is tied up in litigation. Mr. Sampson said one field is now torn down

and ready to move, with no location in sight. He explained the reasons Little League was not able to move to the Huntington land and stated there is not time enough left to build a field elsewhere and that is the reason for his request to stay at Victor Park this season.

Mr. Joseph Piatt, 3222 Antonio Street, asked the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission and it developed none has been made. Mrs. Walker exhibited a letter showing the minutes of the Commission for November 15th and asking that Little League remove their property. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the matter could be legally initiated by the Council and, in this case, was.

Councilman Beasley agreed the people need an improved park in Victor Precinct and that the matter could be worked out if the League would move to Civic Center or the Huntington Company's land. It is important to get the improvement of Victor Park done while the grass growing season is good.

Mr. Ralph Hogue of 5025 Cathann Street said the water was too deep at Entradero. He has worked on this project for five years and his group has spent about $6,000 to take care of 300 boys. It would be a shame to abandon Little League, he said, after the time and effort put into it.

Mrs. John Rempert of 2081 Christine Avenue spoke from the standpoint of her two small children and the others in her neighborhood who do not play baseball.

Councilman Drale felt the Council has taken more favorable action for the people of Victor Precinct than any other, over a shorter period of time and asked that the Little League be permitted to stay until July 31st and the work on the park accomplished later.

Councilman Drale asked if the motion is still on the floor and Mayor Isen said this is open discussion only.

Mrs. Galvin stated the action in improving Victor Park is not for the Precinct alone, but for all of Torrance.

Mrs. Eugene Port of 5540 Konya said the entire summer would be lost to improvement, if the League were permitted to stay in the park until the last day of July.

Councilman Blount requested a five minute recess and that during that time the secretary obtain and set up the tape of the February 6th meeting so that Item 50 might be heard. This was done and the discussion resumed.

Councilman Beasley asked about the Dominguez Water pipe and City Manager Peebles said it is being worked on but could not say how long it would take to complete negotiations because of the delays caused by Public Utilities Commission action.

Mr. Lee Boland of 714 New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, a representative of Texaco Oil Company, said his company has consented to the league moving onto the Redondo Improvement Company lease but there are certain conditions and stipulations which must be met. Roughly 1000 feet of six-foot chainlink fence would be required and insurance naming Texaco and Redondo Improvement Co. as co-insured. Also a stipulation that the company could cancel on thirty days' notice. The land is located at the dead end of Halison and is 275 x 500 feet.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business.

Mrs. Carol Gordon of 20021 Wayne Avenue protested the use of this land at the end of Halison because while it would be a great inconvenience to the residents, their children would not be benefited. Councilman Blount arranged a map and pointed out the land in question.

Mrs. Galvin spoke in favor of obtaining some commercial property rather than building ballparks in residential areas which causes further traffic problems; perhaps Dow Chemical or Union Carbide, she said. Steve Hastings from the audience said Union Carbide has turned them down.

Councilman Blount asked if it is essentially true that no work can be done until Dominguez Water corporation's moving is a settled issue and City Manager Peebles said that is true and it is difficult to say when that will be. In the meantime he thought some of the rough grading could be done. Councilman Blount said under those circumstances the League might be put out of the park and by July 31st nothing would have been accomplished toward the improvement. His motion last week (Item 50) was predicated on the statement that they could be left on the park to the end of the playing season without interfering with the park development; now that appears not to be true.

In answer to Councilman Vico, Mayor Isen said the only motion which can now be made is one for reconsideration. In trying to ascertain what was done and why, Councilman Blount said two things are important: 1. moving the pipe and 2. whether we can proceed with what we would normally do if the pipe is not moved and still have the Little League as tenants until July 31st. There is no definite information to act on at this time.

Councilman Drale moved if no one wishes to change the action taken last week, the Council proceed with the next order of business. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Beasley asked for a roll call vote stating Little League can find another place to play and the whole problem can be ironed out.

Roll call vote was: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Claim of Phyllis M. Van Driel, 17100 Gramercy Place, Gardena, for injuries and damages allegedly sustained as the result of an accident November 11, 1961, involving her 1960 Triumph TR3 auto.

Councilman Blount moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

12. Torrance Chamber of Commerce, by Harold G. Frentz, president, resolution.to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to adopt amended plan whereby the cities would receive a minimum of 75% of the gas tax funds rather than 55% as presently appropriated for street and road purposes.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the communication would be filed; there was none.

13. Chamber of Commerce commending Council on community planning. Mayor Isen stated if there was no objection, this communication would be filed; there was none.

14. Mr. Roger Pelz, requesting the use of Council Chambers for Boy Scout meeting on February 15, 1962 from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the requested permission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

15. Blue Cross of Southern California, re coverage on month to month basis, with comments of City Manager.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth in City Manager Peebles' comment and in the meantime moved that administration negotiate with other hospital plans. City Manager Peebles said that is being done. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. Recommendation of Airport Manager Egan that the bid of Mozingo Steel Company for the removal of the old control tower be accepted and all other bids rejected, with signature of concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

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

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

17. Denny Road entrance to Airport Fire Station: City Engineer Nollac request for approval of extra work items, and concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Briefly, this request for extras is summarized, as follows:

1.	Flare-out of Denny Road at Pacific Coast Hwy	$239.03
2.	Additional driveway width to fire station	228.62
3.	Additional excavation in front of fire station	203.50
4.	Paving of crash ramp	426.93
		$ 1,098.08

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

18. Award of contract - Improvement of Pacific Coast Highway from 828 feet westerly of Denny Road to 1342 feet easterly of Denny Road - Project #83. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that bid of S. C. McAmis in the amount of $58,758.64 be accepted.

City Manager Peebles explained the project involves $72,000 of state money and $12,000 of the City and is the project on which funds were transferred from Torrance Boulevard project to Pacific Coast Highway. Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

19. - - - There was no item on the agenda under this number.

20. Removal of Walteria Building Restriction Zone - Minimum Requirements. City Engineer Nollac's communication with concurrence of City Manager Peebles. Attached was location sketch.

The subject matter of this item came up at a pre-council meeting at 7:15 this evening and the minutes of that meeting are referred to as a part of this item 20. Resuming the discussion, Mr. Koletos stated all he is asking is permission to build at 236th and Park Streets; not to lift the restriction. He said he has been working on this a whole year and the City has been fully aware of his intentions. However, now all that will be issued is a permit to remodel. He stated he would take full responsibility for any possible flooding and that he has no neighbors who would be affected.

Mr. Koletos said a year ago he had received approval for the building permit from City Engineer Nollac, Building Superintendent Schlens, the then Public Works Director Peebles, and City Attorney Remelmeyer, as well as Staff approval. He was to have given the City an air easement and he said that was when the whole problem started. He felt the problem could be solved by his giving some sort of hold harmless covenant to the City.

Councilman Vico thought some way should be found to permit Mr. Koletos to develop his land but City Attorney Remelmeyer said the restriction zone regulation would have to be enforced strictly or not at all. Mayor Isen said the only solution would be an assessmentdistrict to remove the flood menace.

Tom Fitzpatrick said he thought there was to be a lifting of the building restriction on a first-come, first-served basis. This would be in violation of the City's ordinances, Councilman Beasley said.

Councilman Beasley moved that on Item 20 the Council instruct the City Engineer to contact the property owners and see if they can get signatures from 65% of the property owners favorable to an assessment district so that this area can be drained into the Walteria sump.

Mr. Stewart (Bud) Rose of 3326 Newton Street, representing Dr. Markham who owns 8 acres on the west side of Hawthorne south from where new Lomita Boulevard will come in said two oil companies and eleven businesses would like to locate on the property. Taxes are $3,000 per year on this agriculturally zoned property and Dr. Markham is unable to utilize the property. He protested that Don Wilson had been permitted to build in a restricted area within 500 feet of the Markham property. Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen stated Mr. Wilson furnished drainage facilities to City specifications at a cost of about $150,000.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Beasley's motion.

City Engineer Nollac outlined what was permitted under the bond issue of 1958, stating nothing further could be done under that issue and that financing by the City is required for any further storm drain work. Also, certain capacities have been set for the amount of water that can be put into the sump now, and they cannot be exceeded until the sump is completed.

Mayor Isen said the boundaries would have to be established by the Engineering Department for the proposed assessment district and Councilman Beasley agreed.

Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Beasley was as follows; and the motion failed:

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

A recess was declared at 10:15 and the Council reconvened at 10:25.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-29

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 1962.

Councilman Beasley moved to specifically waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-29. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-29. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 10, 1962, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY A PROPOSITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS AND CONSOLIDATING SAID ELECTION WITH THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SAID DATE.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-30. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-30. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF APRIL, 1962, AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 2, 3, and 4 OF ARTICLE XX OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PRIORITY OF EXPENDITURES OF MONEYS IN THE AIRPORT FUND; DEFINING THE TERM "AIRPORT FACILITIES" AS USED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF SAID ARTICLE XX SHALL NOT BE A COVENANT ENFORCEABLE BY ANY BONDHOLDER.

Councilman Blount moved to specifically dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-31 and the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-31. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

24. This item is covered in the earlier part of this meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMEMORATING ROBERT JOHN DEININGER, PIONEER LEADER IN THE CITY, WHO PASSED AWAY JANUARY 11, 1962.

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The City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does resolve as follows:

Robert John Deininger was a pioneer in our City's government, and for more than thirty years was one of the most honored and respected citizens of the City of Torrance. Mr. Deininger was the first City Clerk, served on the City Council, was Mayor, and also served on the Planning Commission of the City. He was a leader in theTorrance American Legion and Kiwanis Club and other service groups, and devoted his time and efforts to community betterment. His achievements in public service represent an outstanding record which will be a source of inspiration to others in the community and elsewhere concerned with public affairs. His loss will be keenly felt by all who knew him.

The members of this City Council, individually, and on behalf of the citizens of Torrance, hereby commemorate Robert John Deininger, pioneer citizen and leader in the City of Torrance, and extend deepest sympathy to his widow, Nora Deininger, and to the members of his family.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-32. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent). City Manager Peebles was instructed to draft an appropriate letter for Mayor Isen's signature to accompany this resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-33

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 PALOS VERDES AVIATION CO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-33. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1297

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" (ELIMINATING MADISON AND NEWTON STREETS AS TRUCK ROUTES)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1297 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

28. Harmon N. Belcher, Jr., Chairman, Civil Service Board, submitting recommendation concerning retitling and re-evaluation on classification of Personnel Assistant to Personnel Director.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Morehart to convey the congratulations of himself and the Council to Mr. Belcher, the newly elected chairman of the Board.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to retitle and re-evaluate the classification of Personnel Assistant to Personnel Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and failed by the following tie vote:

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

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this item would be back on the agenda next week for the benefit of full council consideration; there was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. Planning Commission Case No. 270, Bollenbacher & Kelton parking problem.

In accordance with the contents of the communication from the City Manager, Councilman Beasley moved the item be continued for further study. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

30. Report concerning green, yellow and white zones.

In accordance with the contents of the letter from City Manager Peebles dated February 5, 1962, Mayor Isen moved to refer this matter to the Downtown Committee for all details in connection therewith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked Councilmen Benstead, Vico, and Blount if they wished reservations to the Superior Court Site luncheon Friday of this week and they replied.

32. Councilman Beasley called attention to the Report on Civil Defense submitted to the councilmen last week and stated he had heard very favorable comment on it.

33. Councilman Beasley stated it is his recollection and that of the other councilmen that sometime ago a perma plaque resolution was voted for retiring Civil Service Board member Ben Russell. It did not appear in the minutes and he moved at this time that it be prepared for consideration by the Council. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

In this connection, Councilman Drale questioned whether this was to be a general policy. Councilman Blount moved a policy be established that any member of a Torrance municipal commission who serves his four years and retires at the termination thereof be presented with a perma plaque resolution of appreciation, starting with the time of Mr. Russell's leaving the Civil Service Board. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

34. Councilman Blount exhibited a photograph of a missile which he stated is being used by young people in Torrance, a sort of blow dart affair attached to a sizeable nail. This particular one was removed from the head of a pigeon and there are reports of this lethal weapon being found in cows, dogs and other animals. It could kill a person. Mr. Blount said there are ordinances against air guns which compared with this weapon are toys, and he moved that the City Attorney be instructed to immediately prepare an ordinance prohibiting this type of weapon from being in the possession of any person and attaching a penalty clause. Officer Crow who was the Police Department representative at this meeting said one of these darts could be driven an inch into the wall of the Council room. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would specifically describe it in an amendment to the present ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

35. Councilman Drale referred to Item C under informational items at the end of the agenda and read in full the letter from Joe Weiss of 321 Camino de las Colinas, dated January 29, 1962, asking a continuation of the name Torrance Boulevard to the Los Angeles River. Councilman Drale moved City Manager Peebles contact the City and County of Los Angeles to see if Torrance Boulevard could be extended to the Harbor Freeway, at least. This is a matter of changing street name signs. City Manager Peebles said a letter was received in answer to a previous similar request saying that the matter is being studied. A questionnaire is now in process on the subject of street name continuity.

36. Mayor Isen complimented Orin Johnson, Assistant Director of Civil Defense, on the informational manual which Councilman Beasley mentioned and recommended its wide distribution.

37. With respect to the informational letter stating Torrance is fourth in Los Angeles County in total building valuation, Mayor Isen stated an absolute record was made in building permits issued

last month. He said he could not understand why the metropolitan newspapers give so little publicity to Torrance.

38. The Board of Supervisors, Mayor Isen said, have become very enthusiastic about the Torrance Civic Center and the original plans for the Superior Courthouse building are being increased by $707,000, making a total estimate of $3,057,000. He predicted in about five years Torrance will be a really metropolitan center and everyone will profit from the stimulated activity.

39. From the audience, Mr. Austin D. Holt of 18028 Regina, representing a group who filed a petition some months ago to get an alley put through behind Regina Street between 180th and 182nd Streets. There are flooding problems there which he said the City Engineer had told him could be taken care of through the alley and complained of not getting any results.

City Engineer Nollac explained in detail the problem involving an Edison right of way and an assessment district. There are three property owners who are not interested in giving the right of way and the properties will have to be condemned. Some decision must be made as to whether to pay the uncooperative owners when those who voluntarily give their property are not paid, or to condemn the whole alley and pay everyone and then assess everyone. What has taken most time is the drainage problem. While the alley is not really necessary to solve the drainage problem, it will help. There is a very small culvert on a very slight grade which will not carry enough water over to Amie Avenue, a distance of about 250 feet. Approximately one year ago a report was made by the Engineering Department that it would cost about $70,000 to extend the flood control project and funds were not available. The whole problem has worsened because of the development of Hawthorne and the Zody's Shopping Center; the paved lots have caused much more runoff.

Mayor Isen suggested the matter be "taken out of mothballs", referring to extending the alley. The assessment district would be a voluntary one; the question is: should the City condemn the whole alley. Mr. Nollac asked if the Council would concur in progressing on that basis and there were no objections. There are two property owners on Regina Street who have access to their backyards and will not sign the petition. Mayor Isen thought there might be a distinction between those who are entitled to payment and those who are not.

40. Pat Hogue of 4630 Toucan Street said he had been asked by several people for information on the Airport Revenue Bond issue. There will be arguments prepared which will go to the voters with their sample ballots between March 26th and 30th, City Attorney Remelmeyer said.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

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