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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, August 7, 1962, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

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

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Maynard V. Midthun of Christ the King Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, the minutes of the regular meeting held July 31, 1962 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: None.

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 Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen announced there will be a meeting with the TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION as the last item on tonight's agenda and dinner following, at The Palms. Mrs. Tony Santaella and Mrs. Albert Wolinsky are both out of town and so were not present. Mayor Isen introduced the other five members: Mrs. Roy Apsey, Mrs. V. E. Benstead, Flavio Bisignano, Donald W. Walker, and Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta, and suggested they meet in the conference room at recess and get acquainted, conduct a general discussion, and perhaps elect a chairman.

Mayor Isen stated David Lyman is in the audience in regard to an appeal from the Civil Service Board of a client, Mrs. Pauline Greer. It developed, however, that both Mr. Lyman and his client had left the building.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer his opinion on whether or not the Council has jurisdiction and Mr. Remelmeyer stated the Council has no authority to reverse the action of the Civil Service Board and hence, no jurisdiction. He stated he had so informed Mr. Lyman. No action of the Council is necessary on the item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to file the communication on the subject of appeal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection. City Attorney Remelmeyer will notify Attorney Lyman in writing of the decision of no jurisdiction by the Council and a copy of his letter is to be placed on the agenda for information only.

Councilmen Drale and Sciarrotta remarked on the promotional or open features of examinations and agreed the decision on that phase is not to be made by the applicant.

7A. Progress report on temporary sidewalk on the west side of Anza Avenue.

Mayor Isen summarized the first paragraph of the report and City Manager Peebles said Mr. Rene would like to talk.

Mr. Rene stated Mr. Drale had not produced the hoped-for result as to dedication of the property and requested the Council instruct the City Manager, or the pertinent department, to construct the sidewalk by September 5th, on present dedication, if necessary. Mayor Isen reminded Mr. Rene and the Council that the matter was held until August 14th and asked Mr. Rene to return next week to the 8:00 p.m. meeting for a final progress report.

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

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HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 784. Change of Zone - Petitioner, James A. Norris. Third and final hearing on petition for change of zone from A-1 to S-1 on the property described as Lots 76, 77 and the east one-half of 78, Tract 437, situated at the southwest corner of 238th Street and Walnut Avenue. Attached were: Planning Director Shartle's transmittal letter of recommendation of approval, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of July 5, 1962.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 784; there was no response.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone in Case No. 784. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Case No. 785. Change of Zone - Petitioner, Stanley P. Cooper
Third and final hearing on petition for change of zone from A-1 to
C-2 on the property described as Lot 2, Tract 397 situated on the
north side of 239th Street, west of Arlington. Attached: Plan-
ning Director Shartle's transmittal letter of recommendation of
denial, location sketch, excerpt from Planning minutes of July 5,
1962.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 785.
Mr. Charles T. Rippy spoke on behalf of the proponent. The property
is located on 239th adjacent to commercial property. He does not
feel it should be necessary to have precise plans and specifications
in order to apply for a change of zone and that it is to the best
interests of the City and the property owner that the change be
granted.

A petition was handed the City Clerk in protest, containing
11 signatures, in addition to a previous one on file with 49 signa-
tures. Insufficient depth of the lots results in a parking
problem, as one-half has to be dedicated to parking. Mr. Rippy
said Mr. Toshi is willing to cooperate in the development of
all this property, although he is not taking any part in it,
except to take off the house now there and use the property
for commercial parking. There is a small restaurant on the corner
adjacent to the property in question which the residents had
rather not have there.

Councilman Beasley asked why the Planning Commission recommended
denial and was told it is because they feel there should be precise
planning. Mr. Beasley stated this is under study but has not gone
into effect.

Councilman Benstead agreed with the recommendation of the
Planning Commission.

Mr. Rippy said he believes whatever traffic increase would
result would travel on Arlington Avenue and not 239th Street.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated the gist of the request as he
understands it and asked Planning Director Shartle what the objection
is. Mr. Shartle called attention to the 60-odd protests and the
fact that the Commission does not feel commercial or parking should
be extended down the side street which is residential.

Councilman Beasley asked Mr. Shartle if he would prefer that the
development be a cheap one such as it would probably be if put on
a 125 foot lot. Planning Director Shartle said there is, of course,
a problem presented by the small lot, but it could be developed
as an apartment house which is permitted in C-2 zone. The extension
on the side street would be an extension into residential area and
is opposed by the people. He recommended a study be made due to
the depth, or lack thereof, of the lot. Property owners in the
neighborhood want no encroachment of any sort but would like to
keep it a single family residential neighborhood.

Councilman Miller said he is as firmly convinced that Arlington
should be R-3 as he is that Crenshaw should be commercial and
disagrees with those who are protesting the change also, as they
wish it to stay R-1. Mayor Isen said the lot to the south should
be equally treated with the one under discussion. Mr. Rippy said
the commercial zoning would brighten the revenue picture from the
standpoint of sales tax.

Mr. Carl Backlund, 2232 West 239th Street, speaking for his
neighbors on 239th Street and himself, stated they have no objection

to apartments or businesses on Arlington; they are opposed to commercial for this acre only. He mentioned the plight of the man who lives next door who has been transferred to Arizona and finds it impossible to sell his property due to the condition of this case now being discussed. Another neighbor moved to Lomita to avoid the noise of the Roaring 60's on Crenshaw.

Mr. Cooper, the owner of the property, spoke also saying that C-2 zoning should be extended so something presentable may be developed. He has held the property since 1937 unable to develop on 125 feet. The property is right on the boundary of the county and revenue is going to the county which could be coming to the City of Torrance, Mr. Cooper said.

Councilman Miller believes an apartment house strip would make a good buffer.

Mrs. Eads lives on 238th Street right against the property and she stated she does not want to be looking at a parking lot from her kitchen, patio or living room, or have to worry about the children because of increased traffic as she does not believe the intersection could accommodate it.

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

The recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 785 was for denial and Councilman Benstead moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Councilman Drale explained his yes vote: the people do not object to multiple dwellings on Arlington and the pattern has been set. He felt this situation could use better public relations work than it has received.

Mayor Isen stated it is a difficult situation and he believes the Planning Commission should make a study of the area.

Councilman Beasley thought the matter should be referred back to the Planning Director for a satisfactory solution for all concerned. If the change is denied it will be six months before it can come in again.

Councilman Benstead feared creeping commercialism; nothing but residential should be permitted.

Councilman Miller stated the residents in the immediate area should face the realistic fact that along Arlington the best they can hope for is R-3.

Councilman Benstead stated this is not Arlington, but 125 feet west of Arlington and did not agree with Mr. Miller's theory.

Affidavit of Publication on Cases 784 and 785 were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

10. Vacation of portions of 182nd Street - hearing on resolution of Intention No. 62-142.

City Engineer Nollac, in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, submitting for adoption resolution, with attached location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this item; there was no response.

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

Mr. Ray I. Craine of 22628 Hickory Avenue, who owns property at 4512 West 182nd Street, came forward and asked when this property is vacated to whom it reverts. Considerable discussion and information ensued on the subject of its location and previous ownership, involving the City of Redondo Beach, an old railway company, and the previous name of the street, Electric Avenue. Mr. George Morehart told what he recalls of the property's history. Mayor Isen suggested it be held for a title search although he does not believe the City should be put to the expense thereof.

Because of the uncertainty as to reservations at the time of dedication in the early 1900's, Councilman Vico moved to return the matter to City Manager Peebles who will contact the people who signed the petition and determine if they want to pay for a title search. Mayor Isen seconded the motion. City Manager Peebles will inquire as to the cost of a title search on one lot only and the matter will be brought back on the agenda, September 11th, an eight o'clock meeting.

Affidavit of Publication and of Posting were presented by City Clerk Coil and ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. Emergency Ordinance reclassifying Planning Commission Case No. 781.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1324

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. 781 AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1324 as an emergency measure. His motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. First reading Ordinance No. 1325 reclassifying Case No. 781.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said because of the time sequence of this and the above emergency ordinance, this should be the first rather than the second reading of the regular ordinance and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1325

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. 781.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1325 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Federal Aviation Agency regarding allocation of \$423,682 under the terms of the Federal Airport Act for a project at the Torrance Airport.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the money. City Manager Peebles said this is a dollar-for-dollar project; the City will go to bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote. Mayor Isen said with the type of schedule used in this kind of government project, someone had better make a point of watching each phase and when it is due.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

14. Notice of Completion of Hickman Drive Assessment District (Contractor Nick Vargas Paving and Construction Co.) City Engineer Nollac in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of work.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract No. 26770 (R. A. Watt Construction) City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending release of subdivision bond No. 23735 in the amount of \$45,700. Memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch attached.

16. Release of Subdivision Bond, Tract No. 25788, Don Wilson Builders. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending the release of bonds Numbered 586043 and 586041 for \$456,220 and \$140,300 respectively. Memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch attached.

17. Request to approve recorded easement from Meadowpark Investment Co. Request from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles for formal acceptance of easement recorded by grantor and resolution thereon.

18. Easement for widening of 190th Street westerly of Prairie Avenue. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of easement and submitting resolution thereon, accepting on behalf of the city that certain easement deed from Southern California Edison Company, with attached location sketch.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the respective recommendations of the Engineering Department, concurred in by the City Manager, as to each of the above items 15, 16, 17, and 18. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-149

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM MEADOW PARK INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-149. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-150. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (FOR 190TH STREET STORM DRAIN PROJECT).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-151. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. This resolution is in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer, concurred in by the City Manager.

20. Councilman Beasley moved acceptance of the following listed street easement deeds:

1. Dated July 16, 1962 for the widening of Del Amo Blvd over a portion of Lot 13, Tract No. 8857, given by Antonio and Lupe C. Alvarez.
2. Dated July 16, 1962 for the widening of Del Amo Blvd over a portion of Lot 14, Tract No. 8857, given by Antonio and Lupe C. Alvarez.
3. Dated July 16, 1962 for the widening of Del Amo Blvd. over a portion of Lot 15, Tract No. 8857, given by Antonio and Lupe C. Alvarez.
4. Sewer Easement deed dated February 2, 1962 for public sewer purposes over a portion of Lot 2, Tract No. 639, given by Kenneth R. Lane and Mundo Mackay.
5. Street easement deed dated July 11, 1962 for the widening of Spencer Street over a portion of Lot 30, Tract No. 3458 given by Conley Construction Co., Inc.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

21. Request of Signal Oil and Gas Co. for restoration of access rights to Crenshaw Boulevard. City Engineer Nollac in concurrence with City Manager Peebles, recommending granting of request subject to conditions listed in letter dated August 2, 1962. Attached copy of letter from Signal Oil & Gas Co., and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles and City Engineer Nollac. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

22. Extension of Hawthorne Avenue southerly of Newton Street. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending approval of the alignment proposed by Los Angeles County Road Department. Attached plan for council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

23. Street Superintendent Perkins with comment of City Manager Peebles, recommending bid for one asphalt spreading attachment with adjustable frame be awarded to Essick Machinery Company.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Essick Machinery Company in the amount of \$1,127.10, the lowest and only bid received. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. NOES: None.

24. Street Superintendent Perkins with comment of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of Essick Machinery Company bid on one 9 cubic foot concrete mixer.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Essick Machinery Company in the amount of \$632.06 and reject all other bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

25. Street Superintendent Perkins recommending acceptance of low bid of Western Construction Equipment Corp. for furnishing one asphalt cutter, concrete breaker and tamper attachment.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Western Construction Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$2,244.80 and reject all other bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

26. Street Superintendent Perkins recommending acceptance of bid from Vel's Ford for one dump truck with front end mounted loader - accessories.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Vel's Ford in the amount of \$10,722.40 (1% tax advantage) and reject all other bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

27. Street Superintendent Perkins recommending acceptance of bid of Pacific Corrugated Culvert Co., for various sizes of drainpipe.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to Pacific Corrugated Culvert Co., in the amount of \$5,726.91, the lowest bidder and reject all other bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

28. Street Superintendent Perkins recommending acceptance of bid of National Tank and Manufacturing Co. for one 2500 gallon capacity horizontal storage tank.

Councilman Benstead said bid recommendations should state the tax inclusion, or otherwise. City Manager Peebles said the specifications called for tax included - Comwel did not comply.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid to National Tank and Manufacturing Co. for the amount of \$414.65 and reject all other bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

Following recess, Mayor Isen asked that Item 22A of the addenda be considered, it being merely a rewrite of a previous resolution to correct an error as to maintenance of a gas line. At his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD FORMERLY KNOWN AS "OLD CRENSHAW BOULEVARD" IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-152. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

29. J. O. Whitmer, Traffic and Lighting Engineer, submitting report requested by Council (Sepulveda Boulevard and Sears Service Road), with location sketch for council use.

City Manager Peebles stated Del Amo Estates, Broadway, and Sears Roebuck Co., joint owners, are responsible for installing the traffic signals, the City to furnish all engineering contracts for the signal and maintenance of the system after the contract is complete. Patrick O'Melveny, speaking for Del Amo Estates, will contact the other two to obtain their participation in financing the project.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation of the Traffic and Lighting Engineer to install traffic signal as set forth in his memorandum dated July 31, 1962, addressed to the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. Traffic Commission recommendations for approval:

A. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF RESOLUTION 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 40 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-153. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Dralè, Miller, Sciarrotta Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. The reference is to speed limit on Sepulveda Boulevard.

B. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-157 WHICH ESTABLISHES 45 MILES PER HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

This deals with establishing 45 miles per hour prima facie speed limit on Hawthorne from 227th Street to Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-154. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

C. Establishment of green zone at 24230 Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Beasley pointed out this building was recently sold and Poolco has six days to move. The new owners of the building should apply for the green zone, if desired, in this event. Councilman Beasley moved to table the item. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and there was no objection.

D. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-160 WHICH ESTABLISHES ONE-HOUR PARKING IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Dralè moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-155 which deals with one-hour parking zones near Cravens Avenue, Border Avenue and Engracia Avenue, at the request of Precision Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried

as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: BEASLEY, BENSTEAD, DRALE, MILLER,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

E. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-160 WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO-HOUR PARKING IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-156 dealing with two-hour parking at Maple Avenue and California Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows;

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

F. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-159 WHICH ESTABLISHES NO PARKING ANYTIME IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-157, which deals with NO PARKING on Madison from 230th to 227th Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Miller, Drale,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DIRECTOR:

31. Notice of Completion of construction of softball backstops and wings for McMaster Park.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to accept this work as completed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

32. Superintendent McVicar recommending, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, the acceptance of Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co.'s bid for cast iron pipe.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in awarding the bid to Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co., the low bidder, and rejecting all other bids. The price is \$1,335 for 4", \$1,995 for 6" and \$2,835 for 8". The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

33. Requesting permission to have one member attend the International Public Personnel Association Conference to be held in Miami Beach November 11 - 15, 1962, with comment of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead questioned this item and it was agreed once a year attendance at this type of conference is the policy followed. Mayor Isen moved to deny the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

34. Airport Commission recommendation of approval of Palos Verdes Aviation request for a lease to build a hangar, with attached copy of lease request, Airport Manager Egan's recommendation for favorable consideration.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

35. Airport Commission recommendation to grant request of United States Air Force to erect Air Force poster on Pacific Coast Highway, with attached copy of request and Airport Manager Egan's comment offering no objection.

36. Airport Commission recommendation to grant request, subject to pertinent departments' approval, of Sheridan Greey, to erect a sign at 24701 Crenshaw Boulevard, with attached comments of Airport Manager Egan offering no objection, also no objection to the request of Jefferson, Inc., immediately following.

37. Airport Commission recommendation to grant request, subject to pertinent departments' approval, of Jefferson, Inc. to erect a sign at 2501 Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of the three signs, subject to approval by the Building Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: Benstead.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

38. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1326

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2.15, 2.40, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 2.100, 2.115 and 8.11(A) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CITY COMMISSIONS, AND THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OR THE PAYMENT OF A SUM IN LIEU THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1326 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 1 OF RESOLUTION NO. 3870 RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID COUNCIL AND THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN SUMS TO THE MEMBERS OF SUCH COUNCIL IN LIEU OF THEIR ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENDITURES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-158. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

39. Requesting reconsideration and cancellation of the weed abatement contract let to Mr. P. I. Haddan, the low bidder, on July 10, 1962.

Councilman Sciarrotta, moved to cancel the weed abatement contract above described. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

40. City Manager Peebles' recommendation on Mora property.

Mayor Isen moved to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to the Mora family on payment of the amount calculated by the Tax Collector, \$223.45. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

41. Renewal of contract for City employees health insurance. Recommendation of City Clerk Coil with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

City Clerk Coil has outlined the comparisons in proposals and Councilman Vico thought these should be presented to the employees for choice and decision. City Manager Peebles agreed except he said there is only one week left on the previous recommendation. Metropolitan Life has made an offer which Mr. Coil received today. City Manager Peebles asked Mr. Sumner of Blue Cross who was in the audience if another two weeks' extension could be given by his company and Mr. Sumner said he would try although he has no authority to promise it.

Mayor Isen moved the matter be set for pre-council meeting at 5:00 p.m., August 21st and Councilman Sciarrotta asked that some charts or other visual aids be presented to assist in making a choice. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

42. Miscellaneous recommendations - Expenditures:

1. \$5,707.52 to Motorola Communications and Electronics Co for Police Department equipment, budget items.
2. \$429.40 to John R. Quinn, County Assessor, for 1107 copyflex and 288 Rectigraph (1962 Assessor's Maps) for Engineering Department.

3. \$2,690.74 to F. Morton Pitt Company for 131 Police helmets for the Police Department.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve expenditures listed as 1, 2 and 3 above. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

PROCLAMATION:

43. Mayor Isen proclaimed the months of September, October and November, 1952 as UNITED WAY TIME.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

44. Independent Cities of Los Angeles County announcement of regular quarterly meeting August 15, 1962

Mayor Isen said this is a very important meeting and asked how many councilmen can attend. It was determined reservations should be made for five.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

45. City Attorney Remelmeyer reminded the Council he will be leaving on vacation the end of this week and asked approval to have C. M. Catterlin, City Prosecutor, come in for a time each day, for which he would submit a bill based on the time spent. Mayor Isen did not think this necessary, assuming everything is up to date when Mr. Remelmeyer leaves. However, either Mr. Catterlin or Mayor Isen will be available if needed.

46. Councilman Beasley stated this spring the Council supported a bond issue for the airport and assured the people it would be for private executive craft. Recently, a newspaper quoted the Airport Manager as saying by 1967 Torrance Airport would be a jet airport. The term jet in the minds of the public indicates large DC-8's, etc. and he fears the public will believe the Council has misrepresented the facts and that an explanation is in order. There is no criticism of the Torrance Press implied, Mr. Beasley said. The policy was reiterated that the Airport is for executive aircraft as of this time and no certainty as to what will be there in 1967.

47. Councilman Beasley suggested a sympathy card or letter be mailed to the family of Mr. Basil Cunningham who was killed in a plane accident recently. City Manager Peebles will do so.

48. Councilman Drale said he had been expecting a report from Hanauer about additional work as to the airport bonds. Attorney Remelmeyer said a member of the Hanauer firm will come down to Torrance shortly and help determine if the bonds may be issued without further study.

49. Councilman Drale said with respect to the Flood Control work on 182nd Street between Crenshaw and Prairie, originally it was paved with concrete and has been replaced partially by blacktop. City Manager Peebles said the decision was made by himself, City Engineer Nollac and the Flood Control District at a field meeting. He explained the reasons and stated the City got the equivalent and a much better job. Councilman Drale contended the contractor was aware what originally was there and should have replaced it in kind and doubted this replacement would be in good condition within a couple of months.

City Engineer Nollac stated the Flood Control District would not allow negotiation of a change with the contractor unless there was no change in value. They were very insistent that the replacement was equal or better than that removed.

50. Mayor Isen noticed a memorandum from the City Manager with respect to Police Department helmets mentioned and approved under Item 3 of Miscellaneous recommendations (expenditures) in which it was stated it would be the responsibility of police officers to have their helmets painted at least once each year, or sooner, as determined necessary by the Police Chief to maintain a presentable appearance, the cost of each repainting being about \$2.50 to \$3.00. Mayor Isen did not believe this should be the responsibility of the officers; the City should do it once a year and only if unduly neglected by the officers, should it be their responsibility. City Manager Peebles said other cities have had difficulty on this score.

Mayor Isen moved the City pay for the refurbishing of the crash helmets once per year, including proper decal, effective one year after delivery of the helmets. Councilman Benstead moved a substitute that the matter be referred to the City Manager for the City to do the painting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Councilman Benstead's motion and the refurbishing be once a year and it carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: None.

51. Mayor Isen reminded the Council of the park tour on Saturday of this week. All but Councilman Miller indicated they would be there. Mr. Miller will be out of town.

52. Mayor Isen said the Torrance Unified School Board is reducing school taxes by 16¢ and instructed City Manager Peebles to write a congratulatory letter to the Board.

53. Mr. John Burroughs of 18404 Roslin, asked about a dancehall license, saying he had been referred to the City Council by the Police Department. The method of application was explained to him and he will come to City Hall tomorrow and the application will proceed through regular channels.

54. City Beautiful Commission Discussion:

The five members previously introduced were present and Mayor Isen talked in general terms of their opportunity to be of service and of their responsibilities.

Each Commissioner spoke briefly of what he or she hopes the Commission will accomplish. Mrs. Apsey was named Chairman during the informal session in the Conference Room, and Mr. Don Walker as secretary. Each of the Councilmen responded with suggestions. The Commissioners were advised of the provisions of the Brown Act and reminded theirs is a duly constituted branch of municipal government.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to dinner at the Palms with the members of the TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Council Minutes
August 7, 1962


Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk
City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance