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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

An adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 30, 1962, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Captain J. J. Rochefort, Civil Defense Coordinator of Area G, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meetings held October 9 and October 16, 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 Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. MOTION WAIVING 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 Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

After a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience, Mayor Isen stated City Manager Peebles had prepared and distributed a report on the status of civil defense within the City and asked that he read therefrom. Mr. Peebles read excerpts from his report and copies of the complete report were made available to any who wished them.

Mayor Isen stated he had a telephone call from a member of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission asking a closed session conference. He stated such a meeting would not be proper and asked for volunteers from the Council to sit in on such a conference. Councilmen Benstead and Miller responded to act with Mayor Isen as a Committee of the Council. However, Mayor Isen stated such a request should come from the Commission as a whole through its

chairman and asked City Manager Peebles to ascertain if it is the wish of the chairman that such a meeting be called. If so determined, the meeting will be set for Monday, November 5, 1962, at 5:30 p.m., the same evening as the regular meeting of the Commission at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Isen asked Captain Rochefort for any general remarks he might wish to make on the subject and Captain Rochefort responded by saying he feels the City has everything possible in readiness. With respect to shelters, Mayor Isen felt the best possible shelter within the city had been overlooked - that of the tunnel under the Broadway in Del Amo Center. Captain Rochefort said that has been considered and information is now available although a little late to be included in the report made this evening.

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 807 - Conditional use permit - petitioners, John T. and Fred Iwata. Formal hearing for conditional use permit for the sale of firewood and comparable merchandise on property described as Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract at 23870 Ocean Avenue in Zone C-2. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle letter of transmittal submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 3, 1962 and Planning Staff recommendations.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 807; there was no response.

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

9. Case No. 806. Change of Zone - Petitioner, Robert Schimmick. Third and final hearing for change of zone From C-1 to C-3 on property described as Lot 6, Block 5, Shady Nook Tract, at 1851 Sepulveda Boulevard, recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle letter of transmittal submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 3 and September 19, Staff recommendations, and petition of protest.

Affidavits of Publication on the above cases were presented by City Clerk Coil and there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen stated a letter had been received from the petitioner Mr. Shimmick, and asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

Mrs. A. Wm. Finch of 1903 Reynosa Drive stated she is prepared to speak in opposition, if necessary, but otherwise hesitates to take the Council's time.

Mr. Shimmick stated there has been some misinformation circulated that he plans to put in a wrecking yard - which is not his plan - and he presented a petition signed by 37 persons in the area in favor of his petition, stating most of the signatures on that petition are also on the 27-signature petition in opposition and that they signed after being told the true state of his intentions.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved, in view of the new information which has come to light, that Case No. 806 be referred back to the Planning Commission for restudy. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead moved the case be denied; there was no second.

Councilman Drale said he saw no reason to deny the case, particularly since Mr. Shimmick is going to give the city quite a piece of land for improvement of the streets; the zoning ordinance does not permit a junk yard and there has been no possibility of one being established there.

There were no objections and no demand for roll call vote. Mayor Isen advised the Planning Director to send out new notices and it will be sometime in the future before it comes up again for consideration.

The petition presented by Mr. Shimmick is to be filed with the Planning Commission.

10. Case No. 805. Change of zone or variance. Petitioner, Samuel B. Searight. Third and final hearing for change of zone from R-2 to R-4, or other zoning serving public interest, or a variance to permit a nursery school on property described as the south one-half of vacated street northerly of Lot 1, including Lots 1 through 5, and the easterly one-half of vacated alley adjacent to said Lots in Block 5, WALTERIA Tract. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 19 and October 3, Planning Staff recommendations, and copies of written communications received. WALTERIA Civic Organization protest.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 805.

Mr. Chris Sorenson, 3775 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, came forward and his plea was not necessarily for a nursery school, but to reduce the zoning to R-3. The exact location and a description of what the property consists was given by Mr. Sorenson on questioning by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen stated under these circumstances, the case would have to go back to the Planning Commission. The Councilmen discussed whether or not the six-month restriction would apply and City Attorney Remelmeyer said the practice has been where the petitioner wishes a different change, that the restriction does not apply.

Councilman Beasley moved the case be referred back to the Planning Commission for the purpose of study with the possibility of making a different zone change from that petitioned for. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and there was no objection.

11. Case No. 803 - Variance - Petitioner, Maurice Wisdom. Formal hearing continued from October 9, 1962 for variance and conditional permit to construct second dwelling in R-1 zone on property described as Lot 89, Tract 15933. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of September 5, recommendations of Planning Staff, written communications noted, Council discussion October 9, 1962 and report on zoning for area from Planning Director.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 803. Councilman Miller asked to first comment on the thorough and excellent presentation by Planning Director Shartle.

The petitioner, Maurice Wisdom of 18313 Roslin, said he had presented his case to the Planning Commission and merely asked approval of his petition for variance even if there were also considered a rezoning.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval.

Several people came forward to speak and Mayor Isen permitted them to do so although the hearing had been closed. Those speaking were Mrs. Wisdom, Mrs. Burch of 18229 Roslin, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker of 18305 Roslin and James Coffee of 18239 Roslin, all favoring the petition.

Councilman Sciarrotta had asked Planning Director Shartle if there was any possibility of this going R-3 and Mr. Shartle explained while approval was recommended for R-2 for most of the area, there was also mentioned possibly R-3 or even RR-3 for some of the land, depending on the wishes of the property owners. Some change might have to be made in the size of the water line from 4 to six inches. At the present time there is no need for expansion of sewerage. Mr. Shartle felt any one of R-1, R-2 or R-3 would be satisfactory. Councilman Miller asked what action should be taken to initiate some action along the lines of avoiding piecemeal zoning and Mr. Shartle said it might be referred back to the Planning Commission for initiation of rezoning. Councilman Miller said he would move in accordance with Mr. Shartle's remarks, at the proper time.

Councilman Benstead repeated his question regarding responsibility for putting in more sewerage and water lines if this is found to be necessary. City Attorney Remelmeyer answered it would be the responsibility of the City although there are different methods of getting the lines: one by assessment district under the 1911 Act; another by main extension system whereby the City pays for the initial extension and is reimbursed as people connect. These alternatives are based on reconstruction of the lines. Mayor Isen stated no such choice is now before the Council and asked for the question on approval of the variance. It carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the case to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and whatever action is necessary to initiate rezoning of this property primarily based on the wishes of the people in the area. The motion carried, there being no objection.

PLANNING MATTERS:

12. Tentative Tract No. 21946 (17 lots), Salmac Construction Co. located at south side of Garnet Street at Osage Avenue. Recommendation for approval. Letter of transmittal from Planning Director Shartle and City Engineer Nollac submitting City Engineer's letter of September 24, 1962 and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 21946. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

AYES: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico,
Mayor Isen.

NOES: Benstead (the lots do not conform to the ordinance).

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested the ordinance be changed. Mayor Isen said there is no need for that; variances can be granted. Councilman Benstead reiterated the ordinance is being violated under whatever the various councilmen consider to be their theory.

13. Tentative Tract No. 22536 (41 lots) Joseph Barton, subdivider, located south of 166th Street and westerly of Gramercy Place. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle and City Engineer Nollac's letter of transmittal submitted City Engineer's letter of August 31, 1962, location sketch and excerpt from Plannina Commission minutes of September 19, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. (stating the same condition exists here as in the previous matter).

14. Case No. 790 - Change of zone - Petitioner George W. Thomas. Change of zone from R-2 and A-1 to RR-3 on property situated at 4127 West 182nd Street, approved by Council September 25, 1962.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1341

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. 790.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1341 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Waiver W-303, Edward L. Horgan, 20703 Wendy Drive requesting waiver of 2' height limit to construct a 6' fence 20' back from front property line and along exterior side yard of corner lot. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal with location sketch. No correspondence received.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Questioning by Councilman Miller developed the petitioner may ask for the six foot fence to the rear of the garage closest to the house at any time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OF THE OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE (APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954") FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3701 and 3703 EMERALD STREET IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 787.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-232. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Benstead asked about garage doors on these apartments and Planning Director Shartle said a report on garage doors will be coming to Council shortly. Regardless of whether or not a garage faces a street, Councilman Benstead said there should be doors capable of being closed.

17. This South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4 under the 1911 Act proceeding, having been previously approved, the City Clerk at the request of Mayor Isen, assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-233

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT EMPLOYING SPECIAL ATTORNEYS. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-233. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-233. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-234

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4 - Assessment District No. A-11-61-1)

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-234. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-234. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the plans which were available for inspection at this meeting, should be ordered filed. Councilman Miller moved the plans, specifications and estimates of cost be ordered filed. 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. 62-235

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING FILING OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND DISTRICT MAP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SEWERS AND APPURTENANT WORK. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4).

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-235. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-235. 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. 62-236

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SEWERS AND APPURTENANT WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT AND WHETHER PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL APPLY THERETO; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 62-236. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-236. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A ten minute recess was declared at 6:30 p.m.

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Mr. E. F. Schoonover, Chairman of the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission, had joined the meeting just prior to recess and during recess City Manager Peebles had determined it is his wish to hold the meeting previously mentioned. The secretary was instructed to show in the record the meeting will be held Monday, November 5, 1962 at 5:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, with all Commission members and Councilmen instructed to attend if possible. They are to be further reminded by the City Manager's office.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. Claim of Jacob H. Fralich in amount of \$20.58 for damages to his car allegedly occurring on Carson Street near Maple when his car hit a ditch on October 8, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to deny and refer this claim to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried there being no objection.

19. Downtown Redevelopment Committee request that reallocation of \$100,000 be made to redesign and widen existing streets in the downtown area, with recommendation of approval by City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked how many extra parking spaces will be provided by this change in allocation of the \$100,000 and the answer was 61. City Manager Peebles said it is more than just parking space that will be provided; the sequence of events has changed so now it seems advisable to establish this mall concept along with the parking assessment district.

Councilman Miller outlined the project as he had understood it and asked the status of the assessment district at this time. Councilman Vico expressed disapproval of the whole plan. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the tight legal restrictions imposed on assessment districts and the procedures which control them. Mr. Remelmeyer said the petitions have been delivered to City Manager Peebles' office for forwarding to the downtown committee.

Assistant City Manager Ferraro explained there was a petition prepared for the property owners and it was being held pending Council consideration of this project. That petition embraced three parking lots proposed for acquisition within the district. Under this new proposition, only two lots would be required and a new petition will be prepared. Mr. Ferraro stated there has definitely been no laxity on the part of anyone; there have been four or five meetings in the past six weeks; there has been continuity under the 1943 Parking District Assessment Act. Councilman Miller asked some degree of assurance that the assessment district would proceed and moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager, subject to an assessment district being formed and the responsibility then being on the property owners downtown. Councilman Beasley stated by six-sevenths majority of the Council an assessment district can be formed, whether or not the property owners agree. Councilman Vico does not believe parking is any solution to a downtown problem; rather, he would like to see a big department store come in.

At the request of Councilman Beasley, Councilman Miller restated his motion: that we approve the City Manager's recommendation subject to submitting to the City Council of an accepted parking assessment petition signed by the property owners.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to amend the motion by adding "subject to approval of plans for the remodeling, by the City Council."

Roll call vote on the motion as amended was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale (reserved his vote until
he sees the plans.)

Mayor Isen remarked he and Mr. Sciarrotta attended the dedication of an offstreet parking project in Hermosa Beach which was started in August, 1960 and dedicated October 16, 1962, and handed printed programs relating thereto to City Clerk Coil for perusal of the City Manager and City Engineer.

Councilman Vico contends there are no plans and this is a matter on which no one knows for what he is voting. Councilman Sciarrotta and Mayor Isen answered there must be a start somewhere, and this conditioned approval will provide that starting point.

20. Torrance YMCA request for permission to use City Hall facilities on Saturday, December 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested permission subject to there being no conflict in use of the facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

21. The Salvation Army of the South Bay request to carry on Christmas activities and place kettles on streets commencing Nov. 23 through December 22, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

22. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in acceptance of four easements listed as:

1. Street easement deed dated October 23, 1962 for the widening of Victor Street; the opening of an alley southerly of Maricopa Street; and to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Victor Street and Torrance Boulevard over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 2895, given by C. N. and Judy Cake.
2. Street easement deed dated October 9, 1962 for the widening of Victor Street over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 2895 given by James B. Waller.
3. Street easement deed dated October 4, 1962 for the widening of Eshelman Avenue and 235th Street, and to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Eshelman Avenue and 235th Street over portions of Lot 25, Tract No. 530, given by William E. and Bobette A. Shickles and William E. Taylor.
4. Street easement deed dated October 10, 1962 for the widening of 226th Street over a portion of Lot 17, Tract No. 454, given by The Del Amo Southern Baptist Church.

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

23. Sanitary sewers in Rolling Hills Road south of Crenshaw Boulevard. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles requesting appropriation from Sewer Revolving Fund for construction of subject sewer.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the appropriation of \$3600 from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sanitary sewers in Rolling Hills Road south of Crenshaw Boulevard. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

24. Development of property bounded by Cabrillo Avenue, Border Avenue, Sepulveda Boulevard, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway right of way. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles and requesting that (1) the city install drainage facilities and reconstruct Border Avenue with moneys from the Drainage Improvement Fund and the General Fund and (2) the City Street Dept improve the center 24 feet of Border Avenue.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation that the City install drainage facilities and reconstruct Border Avenue from the AT&SF Railway right of way north from the Drainage Improvement Fund and \$3700 from the unappropriated reserve of the general fund; and that the City Street Department improve the center 24 feet of Border Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to the AT&SF Railway right of way. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, as follows:

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

25. Amended San Diego Freeway Agreement. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending that revised agreement be approved.

The recommendation is to approve the revised San Diego Freeway agreement and, in answer to questions by Councilman Sciarrotta, City Engineer Nollac said approval has been granted piecemeal. Now, the project is complete and an agreement is in order.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-237

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN FREEWAY AGREEMENT, WHICH SUPERSEDES FREEWAY AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 8, 1958, IN ITS ENTIRETY, BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-237. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

26. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY CLERK:

Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk, with approval of City Manager Peebles, re renewal of all-risk floater policy for miscellaneous City property.

Mayor Isen moved to approve renewal for the three years expiring October 10, 1965 at a cost of \$496.75 on miscellaneous City property valued at \$9,018.34. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

27. Recommendation of License Inspector Whitacre for approval of request from Kemsley Shows to hold a carnival on Big Bear (Lucky Market) parking lot at 3860 Sepulveda Boulevard, November 1, 2, 3, 4, with approval of Assistant City Manager Johnson.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Benstead called attention to the clean-up problem and License Inspector Whitacre

stated his recommendation is based on a telephone poll of the Council because there was no meeting of the Council last week and involves a condition of being subject to the carnival company meeting insurance, building and fire department requirements. The property on which the show is to be held is private property. The motion carried, there being no objection.

28. Fireworks Stands Report, with three letters of apology for late filing of reports.

Mayor Isen said he believes this has been satisfactorily explained and the meeting scheduled on the subject will not be necessary.

Councilman Drale moved the report be accepted, the communication filed, and the meeting cancelled. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. As to the report form submitted for approval, Mayor Isen did not see the necessity of signature before a notary public, but Mr. Whitacre stated the signature could be affixed before a notary public in the City Clerk's office at no cost to the application and it is a requirement of the ordinance. There was no objection.

Attached were apologies for not filing a report on time, from Kiwanis Club of Torrance, North Torrance Lions Club and Walteria Business Men's Club. Mr. Whitacre said adopting this standard form for filing report would remove much of the uncertainty and he feels the organizations will comply; if not, they should not be allowed to apply again. As of now, there is only one which has not filed.

Mayor Isen moved the three from whom letters were received, having shown excuseable neglect, be permitted to apply for a license this next fireworks stand year. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

29. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending approval of request of P.B.R. Company for installation of Texaco Service Station sign.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF RECREATION:

30. Request for approval of agreement between Torrance Youth Bands, Inc., and City of Torrance and proposed resolution thereon.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in authorization of the execution of this agreement and approval thereof. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale 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. 62-238

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 AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962-63.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-238. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

31. Recommendation that bids for plastic pipe and fittings be awarded to Cook Bros. Mfg., in the amount of \$698.56.

Councilman Benstead questioned the advantages of plastic pipe and fittings, as opposed to galvanized, although it effects a large saving in cost. For the particular purpose, City Manager Peebles stated plastic pipe is more pliable than the rigid galvanized pipe and is recommended by the Park Department for the purpose and location under discussion.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the bid in the amount of \$698.56 to Cook Bros Mfg. and to reject all other bids. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

32. Submittal of classification of personnel technician for approval.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny approval of the class specification of Personnel Technician. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

33. Mohawk Petroleum Corporation request to establish Auto Service Center adjacent to Leonards. Commission's recommendation of approval subject to pertinent City departments.

Mayor Isen remarked he believed this should be referred to the Committee of the Council on Airport matters on the ground that it is a request for a second service station, an auto service center. Each service station which goes in makes other airport rentals less desirable and he thought more rental should be collected.

City Manager Peebles said the matter can be discussed at the meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council which is to meet tomorrow afternoon. It was referred to that committee, there being no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

34. Commending the County of Los Angeles re contractual police services.

Mayor Isen expressed approval of the content of this resolution but asked the words "San Gabriel" in the last paragraph be changed to "Torrance" to correct inadvertent error. With this correction, he asked City Clerk Coil to assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON ITS FACTUAL STAND REGARDING THE COSTS OF CONTRACTUAL POLICE SERVICES AND URGING THEM TO CONSIDER AN EQUITABLE APPLICATION OF TAX CREDITS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-239. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk to send copies of the resolution to each of the members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as well as to the Clerk of that Board. This is a routine policy in matters affecting the County.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-240

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR A POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-240. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 62-241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING PROPOSITION 1-A AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-241. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

37. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1340

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING THE INHALING, DRINKING OR BREATHING OF CERTAIN ORGANIC SOLVENT SUBSTANCES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1340 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At 7:13 p.m., the Council recessed until 7:20 and Councilman Benstead was excused from the balance of the meeting.

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38. Mayor Isen stated this matter of extra duties of the City Clerk and City Treasurer has been discussed by the Council and at his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1342

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1124 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CITY CLERK TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1342 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Miller said he made an informal survey of comparable cities and asked if these two positions are, or not, full time occupations. Mayor Isen said passage of this ordinance, and a similar one with respect to the City Treasurer, would grant to them the salaries to which they are entitled under the law.

Roll call vote of those present was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Benstead absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1343

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1240 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE CITY TREASURER TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1343 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Peebles, on behalf of the Council to make a study and report in writing, through the City Attorney, bona fide extra duties for the City Clerk which might be properly compensated.

Mayor Isen also remarked that within the term of office of City Clerk Coil some consideration should be given a charter amendment which would make the City Clerk's position a full time occupation, and that the same consideration be given to the office of the City Treasurer.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

39. Recommendation as to location of Victor Park Building.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the location of Victor Park Building as shown on the sketch attached to the agenda item. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

40. Building Inspector Schlens with concurrence of City Manager Peebles re Change of orders for Recreation Building.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to approve four change orders in the respective amounts of \$75.64, \$106.10, \$600 and \$150, on the Recreation Building. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

41. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$568.25 to General Pump Service for pump repairs and installing pump in Well No. 2 for the Water Department, a budget item.
2. \$357.24 to Audograph of California for one Model "BID" 5AS Gray Audograph Recorder for the Fire Department Communications Office, a budget item.
3. \$150 to Inter-City Highway Committee for membership dues from October 1, 1962 through September 30, 1963.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the three listed items of expenditure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. Mayor Isen stated there should be Council approval of reciprocal ministerial breakfast which the Council will host this year. It is an annual event and has been set for December 13th with the thought it will be the first catered meal in the new Recreation Building. The equipment is on order and catering services have been arranged. Official dedication of the building is planned for the following Saturday.

Mayor Isen moved the Council invite the members of the Ministerial Association of the community to attend this breakfast with all expenses paid by the City. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

43. City Manager Peebles asked what the Council would like to decide about the Metropolitan Water District trip - what the City should pay - and what not. In the past the Water District has provided two cars and the City one, for the transportation of a "stag" tour of the Metropolitan Water District facilities.

Mayor Isen moved to follow the policy used in the past and just described, as he feels each year the cost has mounted until it has become prohibitive. Councilman Drale disagreed, stating wives should be invited. City Manager Peebles said he had received a telephone call from Water Superintendent McVicar saying MWD would pay 70% of the bus cost, but there is still a considerable amount of expense connected with the overnight stay in Las Vegas. MWD pays the full expense of the night at Camp Jean. Mayor Isen contended this simple matter of inspecting the Department's facilities has grown out of proportion and should return to the old system under which the members of the Council, the City Manager, the Superintendent of the Water Department and, in case of cancellations, members of the Water Commission, take the trip. The dates are November 17, 18 and 19. Councilman Vico seconded Mayor Isen's motion which failed, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor moved the whole trip be cancelled. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and also failed, as follows:

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

Councilman Drale moved to set up the trip as originally planned, with the Council and members of the Water Commission, the respective wives, invited and the usual expenses paid.

Mayor Isen and Councilman Drale mentioned items of expenditure and there was some disagreement as to what the cost would be and by whom it would be borne. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion of Councilman Drale which carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles specifically for a complete breakdown of every expense on this trip and Councilman Drale said that would be a good idea on all trips. However, the expense reports of any and all councilmen are matters of public record and there was no second to Mayor Isen's motion.

44. Councilman Beasley appointed Mr. Eugene Kerstiens, 3424 W. 227th Place, a professor in English literature at El Camino College to the Commission for Good Literary Standards and Juvenile Welfare.

45. Councilman Drale recalled the slippage area on the peninsula and asked that an investigation be made by the City Manager through the County Engineer or other proper sources. His remarks were with respect to the selection of a site for the four-year college and he stated it would be a great mistake for the State to construct this college and then find the land is not such as to support the substantial structures necessary. There was no objection.

46. Councilman Drale named as his appointment to the Commission for Good Literary Standards and Juvenile Welfare, Mr. John C. Babbitt of 5335 Sharynne Lane.

47. Councilman Miller appointed Mrs. Patricia Peters of 4721 Mindora Drive.

48. Councilman Miller mentioned a problem involving Mr. Tuttle whom he asked to come forward. Mr. Tuttle said they had presented a request to the Park & Recreation Commission and it was approved on September 26th and he had understood it would then go to the City Engineer. The request is to relocate two baseball diamonds in the sump area of Seaside Rancho. City Engineer Nollac said the request has been approved but, because of his absence on military leave, the staff had not forwarded it to Council. It will be on next week's agenda. He stated, however, if it becomes necessary to use the land for flood control purposes, it would be necessary for the Little League to move.

49. Councilman Sciarrotta thought some recognition should be given the fact that California will be declared first in population within a short time. Assistant City Manager Ferraro added at the same time Torrance will become the third largest city in Los Angeles County. The councilmen did not agree that any recognition should be taken at this time and no motion was made.

50. Mayor Isen appointed Mr. Joseph Piatt of 3222 Antonio Drive to the Commission for Good Literary Standards and Juvenile Welfare, and asked that all members of the new commission be notified of

their appointment and that there would be an initial meeting held Monday, November 5, 1962, in Room 209, at 7:00 p.m.

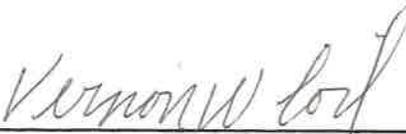
51. Mayor Isen stated there is a League of California Cities meeting on Thursday and hoped Torrance will be represented. Mr. Ferraro will ascertain.

52. Regarding Mr. Holmquist's letter on the postoffice subject, Mayor Isen stated he does not favor consolidation with Lomita or Harbor City, but does favor uniform postal boundaries for the City and hopes some impetus will be given to establishing such uniformity. He suggested between now and the first of the calendar year, the councilmen each appoint a member for a committee to secure uniform Torrance mailing addresses (eliminating the Gardena and Riviera differences, specifically). The move must come from the people who live in these areas. Councilman Vico disagreed completely, stating his mail comes through in good shape and that is his main interest. No action was taken.

53. Mrs. Dessie Myers, 25925 Narbonne, Lomita, spoke on the Lomita Flight Strip which she states contains about 20 registered voters. She has been told there is a new revision and asked its present status. Lomita has hoped to have that land for a park. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Council cancelled the annexation because it is true there are some registered voters included. The map has been revised and sent to the County Boundary Commission and the description as revised has been approved. The subject will be back on the Council agenda next week. Mrs. Myers said she had hoped Torrance would abandon the idea because Lomita needs this 1,000 square feet of land for a park and that Lomita children have been denied the use of the Torrance Plunge because of not being Torrance residents. Councilman Beasley and Director of Recreation Van Bellehem doubted this last statement.

Councilman Drale moved to adjourn this meeting to November 7th at 5:30 (the regular meeting date of November 6th being a general election day).

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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