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Edith Shaffer
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Torrance, California
January 2, 1963

MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Wednesday, January 2, 1963 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

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 was City Manager Peebles. City Attorney Remelmeyer was working in his office on the South Bay college brief and available on call if necessary.

Mayor Isen gave a brief description of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and introduced the Press Telegram reporter for the evening, Mr. Robert Heard.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Planning Director Shartle led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Two corrections were noted to the minutes of the meeting held December 18, 1962, as follows:

Page 9, Item 12: Change "Ordinance No. 1353" to "Resolution No. 62-271" both in the title and the index. Also the first sentence of the narrative section of this item should be changed to read "Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-271" rather than as it now reads.

Page 16, Item 43: Add after the listing of miscellaneous recommendations, the action thereon: "Councilman Beasley moved to approve the items listed above under Personnel and Expenditures. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

With these two corrections, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no further objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all demands properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: 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 Drale, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 811 - Variance - Petitioner, Berton F. Scott. Formal hearing for variance and conditional permit to construct an additional single family residence on portion of east one-half of Lot 86, Tract 639, situated at 2300 and 2306 West 230th Street between Arlington and Pennsylvania Avenue in zone A-1. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting plot plan, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 21, 1962, recommendation of Planning Department and Planning Director Shartle's letter of explanation dated December 27, 1962, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Mayor Isen stated this is a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 811.

The petitioner, Berton F. Scott of 2300 West 230th Street, appeared and gave his reasons for wishing to have the variance approved. He does not consider approval would in any way conflict with the future planning of the area. The single residence which he wishes to build would face on a future street and would be 1920 square feet, plus garage, and of a value of approximately \$30,000. He plans to take care of the present parking problem caused by lack of garages for the old houses on the streets, remove numerous shacks and lean-tos previously used for rabbit hutches, and correct a bad sewerage problem.

Councilman Beasley asked some questions regarding driveways which were satisfactorily answered. Councilman Miller inquired if there was any possibility of removing the two older front houses and constructing a new one. Mr. Scott said not at present although he hopes eventually he will be able to do so. He did not feel two homes on the lot would cause any untoward precedent because there is another within the block. Mayor Isen stated the one he referred to is not a good example.

Mayor Isen was of the opinion Mr. Scott should have been more patient and given the Planning Commission an opportunity to study further his case. He believed a lot split would be the proper means to handle the petition. There are more dedications to be received before the proposed street can be put in.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Councilman Miller agreed with Mayor Isen that Mr. Scott had pressed the Planning Commission for a decision and had he not done so, might have been in a better position. However, it was noted a lot split does not come before the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to send the case back to the Planning Commission, but his motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale moved a variance be granted to Mr. Scott in Case No. 811. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen specifically asked Planning Director Shartle regarding whether or not the driveway, practical or otherwise, is not the sole concern of the petitioner. City Engineer Nollac replied that a lot split is not actually consummated until the property is sold and his statement was confirmed by Mr. Shartle. Mayor Isen thought the Planning Commission should settle the case through a lot split and under the present request, he could not vote in favor of a variance. Mr. Shartle, having heard the discussion at this Council meeting, Mayor Isen said should present the matter to the Planning Commission at its meeting immediately following Council meeting this evening.

Building Superintendent Schlens explained the matter from the standpoint of building permit, stating it would not necessarily be granted on the basis of a lot split, but rather if the lot split is granted, he could not obtain a permit for the rear building until the City received the easements from Pennsylvania Avenue to the new street unless the plot plan includes both parcels. Mayor Isen stated there is no problem of ingress and egress.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute that the Council refer the matter back to the Planning Commission with the recommendation for favorable consideration of a lot split. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Councilman Drale amended the motion to provide the Planning Commission consider the matter at its meeting tonight and that it be brought back to the Council at its meeting two weeks from now. Mayor Isen seconded the motion for amendment and it was consented to by the maker and the second to the substitute motion set forth in this paragraph. Roll call was unanimously favorable, it being agreed if the matter is approved at Planning Commission, there is no need to come back to Council.

Planning Director Shartle asked if this solution might be considered as an established policy but Mayor Isen asked the policy aspect be considered abstractly at a later time.

9. Case No. 819 - Variance - Petitioner, Bruce M. Brady. Formal hearing for variance and conditional permit for relief from off-street parking ordinance to allow 108 parking spaces for proposed office building in Land Use Zone C-2, property described as Lot 5, Tract 3458, situated at 3559 Torrance Boulevard. Recommended for approval with conditions. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch, plot plan, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 21, 1962, Planning Department recommendations.

Mayor Isen stated this is a public hearing and anyone who wishes to do so, may speak. First, however, he asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer be called into the meeting to answer any legal questions. Mr. Remelmeyer joined the meeting for this case. The principal objection is the number of parking spaces which is far short of that required by the ordinance; approximately 108 spaces planned to be provided as compared with 250 required.

Harold Thomasian came forward as proponent and was asked numerous questions by the councilmen and Mayor Isen as to size of building, number of parking spaces, use of the building, and possible future use. A condition of the Planning Commission's recommendation is that the building be used only for other than medical and dental offices. Mr. Thomasian said there have been many proposed designs considered by proponents; he does not believe more parking space can be acquired and the building is being

constructed as a business and professional office building and definitely does not include the plumbing and electrical facilities necessary for medical or dental use. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the only justification for granting a variance would be that this particular use does not require the amount of parking required by the ordinance. Mayor Isen asked for some written legal authority from Mr. Remelmeyer and from Mr. Thomasian with definite citations. Mr. Thomasian said there has been no precedent set by the courts in recorded cases.

Councilman Miller did not believe the Council should swerve from the requirements of the ordinance by granting a variance where less than one-half of the required parking is to be provided. Planning Director Shartle said the only justification is the use of the building being one that does not require parking to the extent of the ordinance. In answer to questions by Mayor Isen, Mr. Thomasian said the square footage total would be around 39,000 but he could not say how many offices that would encompass without knowing the tenants who would occupy the building. The information at this point is not tangible enough to accurately answer the question, considering the amount of floor space which will be used by halls, walls, elevators and other space-consuming necessities. Mayor Isen feared the tenants and their employees would utilize all the parking space. According to the plans now being considered, the building will be a minimum of four stories and a maximum of six.

Councilman Sciarrotta agreed with Mayor Isen that 108 seems insufficient; there should be a minimum of 150, which Mr. Thomasian said would not be economically feasible at present land prices. He also stated the ordinance as now in effect makes no provision for office buildings. Of the 108 spaces, 22 are planned as basement spaces and at an additional cost of \$80,000, he said. Mr. Thomasian said based on his payment schedule, he cannot afford any more delays. He called attention to the demands of the City through which he has lost one entire aisle originally counted on for parking.

Mayor Isen suggested continuing the case for two weeks, but Mr. Thomasian said it is necessary for him to know before then.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the Planning Commission's recommendation with the conditions stated therein, subject to the preparation of those conditions by the City Attorney. Councilman Drale seconded the motion with the comment that the Council had granted a variance to Golds Furniture store, with parking requirements similar in ratio to those in this case. Mayor Isen answered that there is but one tenant in that situation. Councilman Drale contended the investment in this proposed building and the return to the City in taxes would justify the granting of the variance; however, he would like to know if the building is to be four or six stories in height.

Councilmen Vico and Sciarrotta asked further about the possibility of renting to doctors and dentists later and Building Superintendent Schlens explained the City regulations would preclude such use.

Street parking was discussed and Traffic Engineer Whitmer stated only 16 street spaces could be counted on.

Mr. Frank Van Loan of 1717 South Catalina, Redondo Beach, spoke with the consent of the Council although the hearing had been closed. He and five other owners of the property next to the

corner and anticipate building a similar office building and are most interested in the decision in this case.

Councilman Beasley asked for the question and roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen explained his abstention. He would like very much to grant such a variance, but there is too much discrepancy in parking accommodations in fairness to the neighbors and the general area. He asked if he had a right to hold his vote for a week and on being told "no" stated he would abstain with the right to change his vote at the next council meeting if it can be shown more parking can be provided. Mr. Thomasian said the only possible way would be to redesign the building down in footage. Mayor Isen said he would like to see that done so 150 spaces would be sufficient mathematically.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested as a solution that the Council by majority vote give Mr. Thomasian the right to come in within a period of time specified with a changed plan in which event he would not be bound by the six months provision. Councilman Benstead said he would so move. There was no second at this time and further discussion resulted in a motion by Councilman Beasley to reconsider the action on the previous motion. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale moved to rescind the action taken on that motion and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote. Thus the matter is left completely open and Mayor Isen suggested it be continued for decision two weeks from tonight - January 15, 1963, at 5:30 p.m. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen then advised Mr. Thomasian to figure the formula mathematically and confer with Planning Director Shartle if he is able to arrive at an acceptable figure as indicated by the discussion above recorded. Mayor Isen assumes 150 spaces would be acceptable based on the vote taken, but rescinded this evening.

10. Case No. 815 - Change of zone - Petitioner, Hodges/Gardner et al. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to M-1 to R-3 et al on portions of Lots 29, 30 and 31, Tract 3458 situated south of Spencer, west of Amie, North of Emerald, east of Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 21, 1962; Planning Department's recommendations.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 815, this being the time set for public hearing.

City Clerk Coil said there had been received a petition in opposition signed by 14 property owners.

Mr. Carl Van Winken of 20154 Amie Avenue said he had initiated the petition and hoped the recommendations of the Planning Commission would be followed.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve, except property facing Amie to be zoned R-1 to the depth of 120 feet with the indication "that the remainder of the property from Spencer to Garnet will be similar in the future." The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

11. Case No. 817 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Adams W. Bolton, et al. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to C-2 on portion of McDonald Tract, situated at 2126, 2212, 2214 and 2228 Redondo Beach Boulevard. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitted location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 21, 1962, recommendations of Planning Department and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 7, 1962.

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

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

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Affidavits of publication regarding the above cases were presented and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

12. Request from Arnold Oppenheim for extension of time in case No. 770. Planning Director Shartle's letter re request for 90 day extension, approved June 19, 1962. Recommended for approval, with attached location sketch for Council use.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the extension asked. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

13. WAIVER - W-313, Raymond Cutler, 23330 Anza Avenue for a 1½' waiver of fence height to construct 7½' fence on rear of property on an alley in R-3 zone, recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal with location sketch and plot plan for Council use. No written communications were received.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in granting the waiver. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

14. Torrance YMCA request to use conference room on January 10, 1963 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with City Manager Peebles' comment of approval.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the request. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

15. Notice of January meeting of Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Division of League of California Cities January 3, 1963.

Mayor Isen announced the city car would leave City Hall at 6 promptly and asked who would be able to attend. Councilman Sciarrotta, City Manager Peebles and Assistant City Manager Ferraro plan to go.

15A. City of San Gabriel submittal of copy of that city's resolution regarding "glue sniffing", for information and/or action.

This proved to be informational only as Torrance has adopted a similar ordinance some months ago. The communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

16. Councilman Benstead moved the following easements be accepted:

1. Street easement deed dated December 19, 1962 for the widening of 235th Place over a portion of Lot 63, Tract No. 588, given by Sunnyglen Construction Co., Inc.
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3. Street easement deed dated December 19, 1962 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over portions of Lot 27, Tract No. 437, given by Sunnyglen Construction Co., Inc.
4. Street easement deed dated December 19, 1962 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over portions of Lot 24, Tract No. 437, given by Sunnyglen Construction Co., Inc.
5. Street easement deed dated December 7, 1962 for the widening of 235th Place over a portion of Lots 8, 9, and 10, Tract No. 437, given by Thelma Russell.
6. Street easement deed dated December 17, 1962 for the widening of 235th Place and 236th Street over portions of Lot 6, Tract No. 437, given by Komago and Isoko Wada.
7. Street easement deed dated December 13, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Lot 16, Block 91, Torrance Tract, given by Robert Thomas and Regina M. Allred.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

17. Amendment to agreement with City of Los Angeles regarding 190th and Western Avenue traffic signal. Letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles, recommending approval of amendment to existing agreement and submitting pertinent correspondence and proposed resolution.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection and no comment, except a question from Councilman Benstead as to what is to be done with the old equipment. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said it has been reused in the new system.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-1

A resolution OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT 190TH STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

18. Expenditure from Sewer Revolving Fund - Calprop Investments, Inc. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending \$4,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for the installation of sanitary sewers and that reimbursement district be established therefor. Attached location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to so appropriate and establish a reimbursement district. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

19. Commercial improvements at northeast corner of 238th Street and Hawthorne Avenue. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that proposal of Fund Insurance Companies to accept bid of BayArea Construction Co. be approved. Attached Firemen's Fund Insurance Co. letter dated December 17, 1962, copy of bid from Bay Area Construction Co.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation that the City approve the proposal of the Fund Insurance Companies and accept the bid from Bay Area Construction Company for \$1,060 and award the contract to construct these improvements. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. Release of Subdivision Bond - Tract No. 22696. Subdivider, Dudley Gray. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that subdivision Bond No. 606939 in amount of \$15,000 be released. Attached memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

21. Release of subdivision bond - Tract No. 25933, Subdivider, Norris Construction Co. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending release of subdivision bond No. B-60282 in amount of \$40,350. Attached memo from Park Superintendent Clemmer and location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to release the two bonds mentioned in the two items above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. Request for temporary asphaltic sidewalks. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending a program for installation of temporary asphaltic sidewalks, on a city-wide basis at most needed locations.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles as outlined in his memorandum dated December 14, 1962. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

23. Report of Commissioners' terms expiring in January.

Mayor Isen commented there would be a personnel meeting to consider this matter but it would have to be January 15th because all councilmen would not be present on January 8th. The time set is 5:15 immediately preceding the council meeting on the 15th.

24. Release of oil well bond No. S1149602. License Inspector Whitacre with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to terminate Vi-Roi Oil Co. oil well bond in amount of \$1,250.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

25. Recommendation of approval of:

- A. That the 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. parking restriction signs be removed from the 1500 block on El Prado.
- B. That stop signs be installed on 244th at Los Codona Avenue and on Neece Avenue at 244th. Attached proposed resolution.

Councilman Benstead inquired why the restriction is to be removed with respect to Item 25A and Traffic Engineer Whitmer explained the property owners have more cars than can be parked on one side of the street and it is the policy of the Commission to comply with the wishes of the majority in such matters when no hazard is involved, as here.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in this recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF RESOLUTION NO. 61-158 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-2. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

26. Water Main development at Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Rd. Water Superintendent McVicar, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, request to use \$20,000 from Water Department Revenue Fund for development of additional water mains in the subject area, to allow for future development to the south and west.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation. However, Councilman Benstead asked if it had been considered by the Water Commission. Water Superintendent McVicar was present and answered it had not, but there is an urgency on this matter and it has been discussed at Water Commission meetings although not formally recommended. Councilman Miller thereupon changed his motion to concur in the recommendation subject to approval of the Water Commission and it was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PURCHASE THE STATE OWNED LOMITA BARROW SITE FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL USE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING ERNEST W. STOUT, CHIEF CLERK OF THE SOUTH BAY MUNICIPAL COURT, FOR THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-4. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1350

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY, DESIGNATED AS "LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP", IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939"

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1350. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1350 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1351

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. 778. (Change of zone from A-1 to R-1).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1351 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1352

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. 808. (Change of zone from R-3 to C-3).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1352 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1353

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1321 (POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN) BY INCREASING THE RATE RANGE FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1962.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1353 at its second reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

33. Report regarding landscaping of area west of Hollywood Riviera Parkway from Calle Miramar south to Palos Verdes Estates.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth in letter dated December 17, 1962 from City Manager Peebles, that the first stage of the improvement be commenced as soon as practicable by the Parks Department. Mayor Isen seconded the motion,

which carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen asked that a copy of the subject communication be sent to the Riviera Homeowners Association.

34. Rubbish Report, with attachments.

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

35. Airport Revenue Bond Schedule, with attachments.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this report would be ordered filed; there was none.

Assistant City Manager Ferraro stated there is a revision as of January 22nd. Mayor Isen asked that it be accepted and ordered filed; there was no objection.

36. Damage to water heaters on Vista Largo with attached copies of letters from Richard J. Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Colburn.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of pro-rating the cost of the water heaters in the interest of public relations and also to include a third claimant and his wife, Gordon and Mercedes Benson, on the same terms, in return for the execution of a release. City Manager Peebles said the proper release has been received. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

37. Concurrence in recommendation of License Inspector Whitacre re Search light fees with attached copy of letter from Columbia ElectricCo. and memo from License Inspector Whitacre dated December 18, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to adhere to present policy. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and, there being no objection, carried.

38. Recommendation on installation of sidewalks on west side of Calle Mayor at Vanderhill Road and Calle Mayor Elementary School.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this matter would be referred back to the City Manager; there was none.

39. Recommendation on curb, gutter and sidewalk situation near 236th and Western Avenue.

This matter has been held in abeyance because of the possibility of Western Avenue becoming a State highway. However, it is not a State highway and Mayor Isen asked the item be on the agenda for two weeks from this meeting. There was no objection.

40. Request to purchase 100 bales of Palmyra from Don A. Wren Company in the amount of \$962.16 including tax.

41. Request to purchase five tons of gutter wire from Don A. Wren Company in the amount of \$2,693, including tax.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve and grant the requests to purchase the two items listed as 40 and 41. Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead (on 40 only; "No" on Item 41) Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead on Item 41.

42. Recommendation to waive penalties on multi-purpose building recently dedicated by City Council on Civic Center site.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to waive penalties against McKittrick Construction Company as set forth in the letter from the City Manager dated December 20, 1962. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

43. Re. Little League ball diamond in Seaside Sump.

This being an informational item, it was ordered filed.

44. Departmental Progress Report.

Mayor Isen said all councilmen had read this with interest and it was ordered filed.

45. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Personnel: 1. That Airport Manager Egan be authorized to attend the annual Airport Property Management course given by the California Association of Airport Executives, Inc. to be held in Fresno on January 9 through 11, 1963 with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

2. That Director of Finance Scharfman be authorized to attend the Third Annual Seminar of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, February 13 - 15, 1963 in Fresno with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Expenditures: \$1,725.09 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for 2 4" Hersey Model CT meters (Del Amo Pacific Co-op) for the Water Department, a budget item.

\$336 plus tax to Southwood Camera for one Model 13 No. 8501-A Dryer and base stand for the Police Department dark room, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve both items under each of the above headings, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

46. Mayor Isen asked that oral communications be kept to a minimum because the Planning Commission was waiting to hold their meeting in Council Chambers.

47. Councilman Beasley asked permission for himself and Councilman Drale at the opening of the State legislature. All State officers and legislators will be in attendance and a tentative appointment has been made with Governor Brown, the Finance Director and the

State Director of Public Works on Tuesday. This would be an ideal time to work on the State College site proposal. Mr. Beasley moved that appropriate expenses for himself and Councilman Drale be allowed. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Mayor Isen.

It was noted that City Attorney Remelmeyer was authorized to go to Sacramento some weeks ago and is included in this authorization.

48. City Manager Peebles said an insurance premium has been overlooked dealing with police officers' liability for false arrest, etc., and the insurance is held with Los Angeles County Peace Officers Association and was due January 1st. Councilman Drale moved to approve its payment and Councilman Beasley seconded his motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

49. City Manager Peebles said Mr. Sheldon of Santa Fe Railway Co. will be in Torrance with other representatives of the company to meet at City Hall January 8th at 11:30 to discuss the problem involving the college site. A luncheon is planned at the Palms and all councilmen who can possibly do so should attend. They will be reminded further.

50. Mr. Roy Young of 318 Vista Del Mar, Redondo Beach, asked about an item regarding Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center which is on tonight's agenda as Item G on Informational items. It will be on the regular agenda next week.

51. Mr. Ollie R. Harrison of 1515 Scott St., Torrance, spoke regarding the Public Utilities investigation of Dominguez Water Corporation rates, as well as the telephone all number calling plan. He felt there should be some representation of the City at such hearings. The first item mentioned has been opposed by resolution of this city council, Councilman Beasley stated. Mr. Harrison said by sufficient opposition some sort of precedent might be set that would obviate the public being imposed on. Mayor Isen stated in some of these matters the City of Torrance has combined forces; with the City of Los Angeles by resolution and he favored a resolution being passed on this particular subject also. He stated an extemporaneous title of a proposed

RESOLUTION NO. 63-5

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING WHATEVER THE NUMBER OF THE BILLS ARE REGARDING ANC AND REQUESTING THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF TWO LETTERS AND FIVE DIGITS CONTINUE.

and asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer draft an appropriate resolution with suitable title to replace the one just stated.

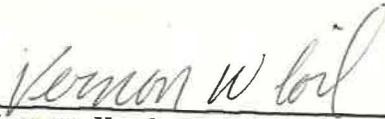
Councilman Benstead moved to adopt the proposed resolution as described. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

52. Mayor Isen stated that City Attorney Remelmeyer has been completely occupied in the preparation of the brief regarding the South Bay College site which has developed into a masterful presentation and asked that copies be taken to Sacramento by the Councilmen and the City Attorney next week to the pertinent State officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance