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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 on Tuesday, January 8, 1963 at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen.
Councilman Beasley was in Sacramento on City business and Councilmen Drale and Vico were excuseably absent on account of family emergencies. City Manager Peebles was present but City Attorney Remelmeyer was also in Sacramento.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Stephen O. Saporita who was present with his Adult Education Citizenship class, 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:

Approval of the minutes of the January 2nd is being held to the next meeting because of the holiday which made it one day late.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Vico.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Drale and Vico absent).

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Saporita and called on each member of his citizenship class to tell his or her name and original home country. They were welcome to our City and to this meeting.

8. PRESENTATION:

Mayor Isen presented to Roy Roberts, President of South Torrance Kiwanis Club, a perma plaque resolution in appreciation of the donation of the funds raised by Torrance Night at the Lakers Basketball game last year, in the amount of \$600, which is being used to purchase flood lights and stage equipment for the new Recreational Building on Civic Center.

HEARINGS:

9. Vacation of alley lying southeasterly of Elena Avenue between Vista Del Mar and Via Valencia - Resolution of Intention 62-264 City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, letter of recommendation to adopt Resolution, with proposed resolution.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on this subject; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF ELENA AVENUE BETWEEN VISTA DEL MAR AND VIA VALENCIA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-6. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Benstead, Drale, and Vico absent).

10. Case No. 818 - Change of Zone - Petitioner Denney W. Thomas, Third and Final hearing for a change of zone from R-3 and A-1 to RR-3 et al., on property situated on 182nd Street between Bailey Drive West, Prairie Avenue and Hickman Drive, described as easterly 100 feet of Lot 29, Hickman Tract. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting Planning Department recommendations, excerpts of Planning Commission minutes of December 5, 1962 and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 818; there was no response.

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

Councilman Benstead inquired about the alley and his questions were satisfactorily answered by David Cleveland of the Planning Department. Eventually, he said the alley will go as far as Hickman Drive.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Drale, and Vico absent).

11. Case No. 820 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, American Engineers & Contractors, Corp. (Robert K. Burke). Third and final hearing for change of zone from R-1 to C-1 et al on portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765 located on west side of Crenshaw Boulevard, northerly of the southerly line of City of Torrance. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 5, 1962, copy of letter from City of Rolling Hills Estates dated November 20, 1962, location sketch, copy of letter from Rolling Hills Estates dated December 28, 1962 for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 820; there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Miller, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked about parking and Mr. Cleveland said parking would be according to ordinance. As to the restaurant, Mr. Burke stated he has granted a 30 year lease for an exceptionally fine restaurant.

On motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the Council concurred in the recommendation of the Planning Department to approve the change of zone, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Drale and Vico absent).

12. Case No. 821 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Jack Sakioka, et al. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to M-2 et al on portion of Lot 70, McDonald Tract situated at the northwest corner of 190th Street and San Diego Freeway ramp. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 5, 1962, copy of correspondence received, and location sketch.

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

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve change of zone in Case No. 821. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley, Drale and Vico absent).

13. Case No. 822 - Variance - Petitioner, Lucille Jedinak. Formal hearing for variance and conditional permit to construct three-unit apartment on property described as Lot 25, Block 28, Torrance Tract, located at 1226 Cota Avenue in Zone R-2, recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 5, 1962, copy of correspondence received, location sketch for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on Case No. 822; there was no response.

City Clerk Coil said two protesting letters had been received.

The proponent, Mrs. Jedinak, was present and stated she has decided to construct a duplex rather than a three-unit apartment and withdrew her application for variance. The request to withdraw was approved by the Council, there being no objection.

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

13A. League of California Cities Announcement of January General meeting at Los Angeles Turf club, Santa Anita, Thursday, January 17, 1963.

The communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

14. For Study: Flood Hazard in South Torrance Oil Field area, Drainage District 8-A) Report with recommendations from City Engineer Nollac dated January 3, 1963 with concurrence of City Manager Peebles and submitting two location sketches.

Mayor Isen stated this for study only and it will be held two weeks; there was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

15. Acceptance of work on tennis courts at El Retiro Park. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem recommending acceptance of work of Rohloff and Company for color surfacing two tennis courts at El Retiro Park, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to accept this work. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Drale and Vico absent).

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. Request from Jefferson, Inc. for approval of preliminary drawings for development of Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center. Airport Commission's recommendation of approval with certain stipulations. Attached copy of Jefferson, Inc. letter of November 29, 1962 with City Manager Peebles' comments dated November 30, 1962.

Mayor Isen suggested holding the matter for a full council and Councilman Miller moved to hold it until January 15th council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

17. Feasibility of City engaging in Aircraft fueling at Torrance Airport. Study and report prepared by Airport department.

Councilman Miller moved to refer this matter to the Airport Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and, there being no objection, it will be back on the Council agenda after the Commission has made its recommendation.

17A. Airport Manager Egan re Airport Bond Improvement program, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Assistant City Manager Ferraro explained this is in connection with the Airport bond issue which will be before the Council for formal resolution January 22nd authorizing the sale and giving facts and figures. The exact work which will be done by the City is to be put into the brochure as slightly changed by this item. There will not be sufficient money to acquire the transition area previously designated on a priority basis.

Councilman Miller moved the table set forth in the item be incorporated into the official statement, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

18. Proposed changes to Commercial Improvement Ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked this matter be held for a full council and put on next week's agenda; there was no objection.

19. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

Expenditures:

\$389.38 to Holly Division of the Seibler Corporation for two Model No. 140-HF Horizontal Heaters for emergency replacement of heaters at main library.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the above expenditure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

20. City Manager Peebles briefly explained to the Council the slide problem at Torrance Beach. Police personnel has been assigned to the area for the protection of the beach and the people who might be thereon. Building Superintendent Schlens is working with the property owners and the lessors as it is their responsibility to correct the situation. There should be a definite answer as to its solution by the end of this week. He described the present plans and mentioned the measurements of the slide as taken to be about one inch per 24 hours, with the greatest amount of slippage occurring during the night hours. Pictures taken by the Press-telegram will be available for viewing by the council at the end of this meeting.

21. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the newspaper report about the suggestion that the City take over the sale of fuel at the Airport. He stated he would like to go on record as never having suggested any such proposal and he believes the article to be misleading. City Manager Peebles stated this report (which has been referred to the Airport Commission) is the result of a request of Councilman Vico for a feasibility study. Councilman Sciarrotta reiterated his statement that he is not in favor of the City of Torrance conducting any business.

22. Councilman Sciarrotta said he is not satisfied with the results of efforts to bring additional industry to Torrance. He reviewed the progress during 1962 and said the net result is the employment of only 170 additional people in industry during the year. His recommendation is that a Torrance Industrial Committee consisting of the Mayor, City Manager, Councilmen and Chamber of Commerce as well as interested industrial representatives, such as Santa Fe and Edison Company, be formed, to meet quarterly with the aim of attracting industries to Torrance, and he so moved.

Councilman Miller called on Don Reining, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, who said a 65 page base study which is a factual analysis of this community in the past decade will be completed showing all zoned industrial land. These two booklets will be used as Torrance advertising material. The committee is currently reviewing the economics of the community and will bring out the information on the type of industry which will complement the community as well as be profitable to the owners. Mailing material will also include a general preview of the community. Representatives of banks and utilities will be invited to join an inspection tour of available land. Councilman Miller remarked he feels the Chamber is cooperating closely with the City Manager's office on this question and Mr. Reining confirmed his statement. Councilman Sciarrotta expanded his remarks by stating no aspersion of the Chamber of Commerce was intended. His purpose is to stress the importance of bringing in industry which will supply employment so that Torrance will not become a "bedroom city". A proper ratio

should be maintained of industrial, commercial and residential in our City which is one of the foremost in the country from the standpoint of growth and construction. Mr. Reining stated the present Industrial Committee meets monthly and Mayor Isen suggested as a solution that the Committee invite the members of the Council to be ex-officio members for the purpose of complete combined effort, where necessary. In that event the Councilmen would be furnished copies of the agenda and of the minutes of meetings. Councilman Sciarrotta stated the four representatives of Santa Fe had thought the proposal very good and he asked again for the quarterly meetings to be set up by the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Reining stated he would send copies of the minutes of the monthly meetings and would be asking for assistance from the Council when the tour is planned in March and, in general, he promised improved communication with the Council.

23. Mayor Isen reported he, City Manager Peebles and Bus Superintendent Chamberlain with a Chamber of Commerce representative attended the Metropolitan Transit Authority luncheon at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles yesterday. He referred to the current expansion plan of MTA to be financed supposedly by an additional 15¢ on the tax bill of each County property owner for each \$100 of evaluation. Mayor Isen expressed definite disapproval of the plan by which a 58 mile luxury rapid transit railroad would be constructed at no benefit to Torrance, as it would traverse a route from Westwood via Los Angeles, through or near Compton, to Long Beach at a cost of \$649,000,000 payable over forty years. Without a popular vote, the legislature could give the MTA authority to increase the taxes of all property owners in the County by 15¢ per \$100 evaluation and predicted there would be a great hue and cry of protest because if this scheme should prove successful the door would be opened to an intolerable situation. He asked the matter be considered by a full Council with the thought of sending communications to our representatives at Sacramento.

24. Mayor Isen reported on the meeting held with the Santa Fe Railway representatives at luncheon today regarding the College site matter. He said it was a satisfactory meeting in that information had been furnished those men which they had not previously realized as to the community desire to locate the college in Torrance. The City representatives had also been made aware of the problems of the Railway Company. No conclusion was reached but Mr. Sheldon, Executive Vice-President, promised to present the entire matter to the executives of the company in Chicago and Torrance now awaits their expression of attitude.

25. The Councilmen were reminded of a commission personnel session to be held January 15, at 5:15 p.m. The study session in connection with Victor Precinct which had been set for 7:00 on January 16th was changed to 5:30 p.m. in order to permit councilmen to attend the testimonial dinner for Ernie Stout.

26. Mayor Isen asked if there were any comments on the MTA matter which he had discussed earlier. Councilmen Miller, Sciarrotta and Benstead agreed with the reasoning and conclusions he had expressed. City Manager Peebles was asked to prepare a memorandum on the subject and probably letters and telegrams will be sent to our assemblymen, senators and the Governor expressing Torrance Council's feeling.

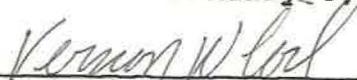
27. Mr. Darrel Stark of 24714 Senator Avenue, Harbor City, and Mr. Tony Cottone of 3910 184th Place spoke regarding the item numbered 14 - Flood Hazards in the South Torrance Oil Field Area, and Mayor Isen advised him it will be considered on January 22nd. The small number of councilmen present tonight obviated its being discussed this evening. A method of financing will be appended to the City Manager's memorandum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, January 15, 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, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Benstead was absent because of illness in his family. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

A number of Cub Scouts of Pack 775, Den 3, Hollywood Riviera, were present with their Den Mother, Mrs. Jacobs, and at the request of Mayor Isen, they collectively led the salute to our Flag.

Mayor Isen introduced the Cub Scouts and Brownies who were with them and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

4. INVOCATION:

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Drale moved the minutes of the two meetings held on January 2 and January 8, 1963 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

HEARINGS:

8. Botanical Gardens Annexation No. 1 - Resolution of Intention No. 62-265. Attorneys Gooch and Barrett, representing property owners of designated area, requesting extension of hearing for 90 days.

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Mayor Isen asked if either of the attorneys were present and an associate of their office, Mr. Edward C. Terreri came forward. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended the letter received from Gooch & Barrett be read into the record, to supplement the oral request made by Mr. Terreri and the City Clerk read it in full. A copy had been presented with the agenda and the original will be on file. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the notices have been given and if a definite future date is set, it will not be necessary to republish. The reason given by Mr. Terreri for the request is that there has been a change in ownership to some degree and there is not complete unanimity as to the disposition of the property although an agreement is expected.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Beasley moved to set April 16th, a 5:30 meeting as the time for continuation of the hearing. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

No persons were present to talk on this subject further and Mayor Isen expressed again that any annexation should be at the request of the property owners.

Affidavit of Publication and of Mailing was presented on the two cases for hearing and there being no objection, ordered filed.

9. Resubmittal of Case No. 819 - Variance - Bruce M. Brady. Hearing continued from January 2, 1963 for variance and conditional permit for relief from off-street parking ordinance to allow 108 spaces for proposed office building in Zone C-2, property described as Lot 5, Tract 3458, situated at 3559 Torrance Boulevard. Recommended for approval with conditions. Planning Director Shartle letter of transmittal submitting excerpt from Council Minutes of January 2, 1963, transmittal letter for Council meeting January 2, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 21, 1962, Planning Department recommendations and location sketch.

Also attached were protest letters from the Van Lohn Group and Joe Peters.

Mayor Isen said in that protest letters have been received since the original submittal, this case should now be considered as a new matter and anyone who wishes to be heard may speak.

City Manager Peebles called attention to a report from Planning Director Shartle furnished to the councilmen showing the parking requirements as compared with other cities. Councilman Vico asked specifically the requirements of the Torrance ordinance and was told it is one square foot of parking space for each square foot of building space. Approximately 300 square feet have been added to the building area now, according to Mr. Thomasian's most recent plans, but Councilman Drale stated exclusions for hallways, stairways, restrooms, etc. would affect downward the useable square footage of a building.

Councilman Vico complained that the Council passes planning matters without sufficient information, stating the man who presented this matter two weeks ago is not even in the audience. Mr. Douglas Waterman, the architect for the building, came forward and stated he expected Mr. Thomasian at any moment. Mr. Waterman stated the parking spaces have been increased from 108 to 148 with a possible 152 by double-deck parking which will cost \$100,000.

Mr. Thomasian entered the meeting and Mayor Isen told him of the two protests marked 9A and 9B on this agenda, one from the Van Lohn Group and one from Joe Peters, and asked if anyone wished to speak in protest.

Mr. Gene Voorhees, 5310 Paseo de Pablo, spoke for the Van Lohn Group which owns the property next door; he said he is uncertain as to whether or not to object because there seems to be nothing definite as to requirements, or fulfillment thereof. He set forth a formula which he believed correct and did not agree that more than 185 spaces would be required. He said he certainly does not wish to protest if the required spaces are to be furnished according to code.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said nothing is said in the ordinance regarding net rentable space; only square feet of building space. By figuring a space at 8 x 20, there would be 160 square feet required per space.

City Manager Peebles said on the basis of 39,000 square feet, 243 stalls would be necessary and the only time that deviation is permitted is through the Planning Commission. In this case, Mayor Isen and Councilman Beasley said the Planning Commission deviated to the extent of recommending 108 stalls. The footage of the building has not been decreased, it has been increased, and Mr. Thomasian explained that by turning the building, the net effect is less useable area.

Planning Director Shartle outlined the changes by which 33,538 net leasable space was figured; and Mr. Voorhees spoke at length about the parking problems on the streets in this area with the opening of various new stores and office buildings. By progressively constructing buildings which are short of parking, an impossible situation will be reach and he believes this Council should hold to the ordinance to get good buildings which will last. If his group builds, the building and parking will be strictly according to code, he said, similar to the Del Amo Medical Building.

Mr. Thomasian said he had been told two weeks ago that if he could produce 150 parking spaces, it would be satisfactory, and the plans have now been reworked ten times and 152 spaces can now be furnished. He outlined in detail the size of spaces and how they would be arranged. By the most recent plan, the building would be five stories, with the fifth story smaller than those below. Councilman Drale asked if he would consent to this plan being marked Exhibit A and made a part of any decision and Mr. Thomasian said that would be reasonable.

Mayor Isen said he had been the person who told Mr. Thomasian to try to get the 150 parking spaces, in an effort to be of assistance. Since the protests have been received, he said he would be willing to go along with the Council if they adopt a policy on net space, but for orderly development, he believes 187 spaces are needed. He seriously questioned the matter having come from the Planning Commission in the condition it was presented, considering the future development of this neighborhood. In conclusion, he said he would have to be released from the statement he made as the plans are probably too ambitious and the ordinance should be strictly adhered to, on a net basis policy, which he thought was within the jurisdiction of the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta agreed with the thinking of Mayor Isen although he thought the use of the building should be considered and mentioned the Gold Furniture building. Mayor Isen said there

is no comparison between the two and Mr. Thomasian had no quarrel with previous decisions although many could be mentioned which would be applicable. Mayor Isen said no plan had been presented as to partitions or number of tenants in the proposed building.

Mayor Isen predicted regardless of the decision in this matter, there will be high rise office buildings on Torrance Boulevard in the future which will conform to the parking ordinance and be beneficial to everyone. He does not favor any action which will put Torrance in the category of the backward-looking cities rather than those who are progressive in their approach. When the Superior Court goes in - and it is promised to start in this calendar year - there will be a tremendous demand for office space on Torrance Boulevard and the parking will have to be provided.

Mr. Thomasian remarked that he believed other persons who are interested in building like projects, are interested in putting a stop to his, and he was not referring to Mr. Voorhees' group.

Councilman Beasley asked Mr. Thomasian if he would like to withdraw and talk the matter over with his architect, but Mr. Thomasian said he had done what he was told to do and there seems to be a concerted effort ever since he bought the land to place obstacles in his way.

Mr. Thomasian said the promise made to him about the 150 spaces had cost him \$500 and three days' work. He intimated rumors are afloat of which he has no proof, but he has tried to ignore them and has come back at the request of the Mayor with 150 spaces for 39,000 square feet. Now, he does not understand the change in attitude. Mayor Isen said there had been intervening factors.

Councilman Beasley moved to take the case under advisement for two weeks. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Councilman Vico said the newspapers could quote him if they wish, but some of the Planning Commissioners seem interested only in making money and the sooner those men are removed from the Commission the better. In some of the past planning cases, Mr. Vico said members of the Planning Commission have accepted employment from the petitioners. The Planning Commission should be composed of the best men it is possible to get and if those now on the Commission do not measure up to that standard, they should be removed.

Mayor Isen said he is ready to vote against the variance. Councilman Miller felt the case should be held for calm reappraisal.

At this time the matter was set for two weeks from this meeting, January 29th, a 5:30 meeting.

City Manager Peebles stated his interpretation of the action taken two weeks ago as recorded on page 5 of the minutes of that meeting as being approval of the 150 spaces, but only if the square footage is reduced.

Councilman Drale asked for the question and roll call vote was unanimously in favor of continuing the matter for two weeks.

A short recess was declared at 6:25 p.m. and after coming back to order, Mayor Isen stated Councilman Vico's remarks had initiated the possibility that Planning Commission members may have abstained because of taking employment in preparation or other work on some of these projects. This should possibly be a basis for inquiry into the personnel of the Commission, and he asked for a personnel meeting of the Council on the subject. The

time agreed upon was 7:00 p.m., January 22nd, as a pre-council meeting and the City Manager was instructed to remind the councilmen, especially Councilman Benstead who is absent this evening.

Out of time sequence, but in order to record all of this subject in one place, following Item 33 on the agenda, Mayor Isen announced that, with permission of the Council, the Thomasian matter would be taken from the table on continuance for further consideration, and discussion followed as to whether or not there should be a policy established on the net useable space question.

Councilman Miller thought such a policy should not be adopted without study by the Planning Commission and City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out several problems as to uniformity and notice to the persons who had appeared earlier in this meeting in protest. In consideration of these factors, Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the matter of Case No. 819, Variance, Bruce M. Brady, would be held for one week and considered January 22nd at an 8:00 p.m., meeting and all pertinent parties will be notified by the City Clerk.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. Waiver W-312, Leonard Gomez, 2008 West 236th Place for a waiver of the 5' setback to construct a swimming pool 4' from house and 4' from rear property line in A-1 Zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch and plot plan for Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of waiver No. W-312. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection, except Councilman Miller abstained from voting because of having handled the sale of the property.

11. Waiver, W-310, Bert Castellano - 2630 Ridgeland Road. for an exterior side yard waiver of 8' to locate a patio roof covering within 2' of exterior side property line. R-1 zone. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch and plot plan for Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of denial of Waiver W-310. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

12. Waiver, W-314, R. E. Bell, 2026 West 185th Street for a 5' waiver to construct a room between existing house and existing garage, located 5' from rear property line. R-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch and plot plan for Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of Waiver W-314. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

13. Waiver W-315, Rudy F. Johnson, 18021 Ardath Avenue, to construct a garage attached to existing residence within 7' of rear line. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch and plot plan for Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of Waiver W-315. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

14. Waiver W-317, Lionel Neufeld, 4704-4812 Del Amo for a 2' waiver of fence height to construct a 5' high decorative block wall 14' from property line at front. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch and plot plan for Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of waiver W-317. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

15. Waiver - W-316, Bill Bynum, 20913 Madrona Avenue for a 5' waiver to construct a room within 5' of the rear property line, R-1 zone, recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting location sketch and plot plan for Council.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of denial of W-316. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale
 ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (he sold the house
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

No written communications were received on any of the above waivers.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

16. Ray Vane requesting permission to remove trees from Pacific Coast Highway and Denny Road project for replanting in different location.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the permission to remove the trees and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

City Manager Peebles outlined the policy of the city which has been to replace any of these large old trees with four or five twenty-gallon trees. Councilman Sciarrotta and his second amended their motion to grant the permission subject to established City policy. City Manager Peebles further explained the four or five trees do not necessarily go in the place from which the tree was removed, but are put elsewhere in the city where trees are needed. There was no objection to the request with this stipulation.

17. Independent Cities of Los Angeles County submitting copy of resolution adopted by the City Council of South Gate opposing legislation re political labels by candidate for municipal office.

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

18. Mr. Gene Kerstiens submitting resignation as member of the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the resignation of Gene Kerstiens and that a proper letter be written him by the City Manager. A nomination will be made by Mr. Beasley for the commission. Mayor Isen remarked there had been a misunderstanding of policy as to some of the resigning commissioners, in that a perma plaque resolution goes only to those who have completed a full term. The motion carried, there being no objection.

19. Torrance Elementary School PTA re access routes to new elementary school in Central Torrance area.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer this matter to Management and the pertinent departments. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and City Manager Peebles was instructed to acknowledge the communication, stating the matter is to be given top priority.

20. The American National Red Cross request to fly their flag from City Hall during March, official Red Cross Month.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission requested and there was no objection.

21. State of California Division of Highways letter submitting claim of Maurice Conserriere in amount of \$27.20 for damages allegedly sustained by his car when it dropped into a man-made excavation on Hawthorne Avenue near Carson on December 28, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

22. Award of Contract - South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4 (A'11 61-1). City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation that Dorfman Construction Co., Inc. be awarded contract for subject project. Bid amount \$348,818.22. Bid summary and resolution attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-7

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED CONTRACT FOR WORK OR IMPROVEMENT ORDERED BY RESOLUTION NO. 62-262 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4)

Councilman Drale moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-7. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-7. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

23. Councilman Beasley moved to accept seven easements listed as follows:

1. Street easement deed dated December 28, 1962 for the widening of 171st Street and corner return over portions of Lot 53, La Fresa Tract, given by Dominique D'Agostini and Lelio Ianni.
2. Sanitary Sewer Easement deed dated January 7, 1963 for the construction of a sanitary sewer over a portion of Lot 13, Tract No. 588, given by Lee V. and Helen Bailey.
3. Sanitary Sewer Easement deed dated January 3, 1963 for the construction of a sanitary sewer over Lot 15, Tract No. 588, given by R. F. Zingg and O. H. Crabtree.
4. Street easement deed dated December 5, 1962 for the widening of Ocean Avenue, 238th Street, and Los Cadona Avenue over portions of Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract, given by Fred and John Iwata.
5. Street easement deed dated January 2, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over portions of Lot 4, Tract No. 847, given by Hilario and Mary Salas.

6. Street easement deed dated December 28, 1962 for the widening of 229th Place and 230th Street over portions of Lot 74, Tract No. 639, given by Vincent A. Labate, Jr.
7. Street easement deed dated December 6, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street over a portion of Lot 67, Tract No. 639, given by Claude R. and Isma H. Barton.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and, there being no objection, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

24. Combined Comprehensive fire and theft insurance covering automotive fleet operated by City. City Clerk Coil with approval of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to accept low bid in amount of \$1,038.54 of Hartford Fire Insurance Co., submitted by Lund Co., agent.

25. Combined comprehensive bodily injury and property damage liability insurance - Feb. 1, 1963 to Feb. 1, 1964. City Clerk Coil with approval of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to accept the bid of Pacific Indemnity Company, Lund Co., agent, in amount of \$34,553.14, this being the only bid received.

25A. Recommending concerning fire, extended coverage, malicious mischief and vandalism insurance. City Clerk Coil's recommendation with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation to accept bid of Northern Insurance Company of New York, Torrance General Insurance Company, agent, in the amount of \$4,163.45, as the lowest responsible bid and that all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations set forth in the respective items listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Benstead absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

26. Deletion of certain oil wells from Oil Well Bond No. N124876 License Inspector Whitacre recommendation that four wells be deleted from Bond N124876.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the License Inspector. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

27. Request from Chief Neon Sign Co. to erect sign for Sepulveda Building Materials Co., located at 2936 Sepulveda Blvd. Request with recommendation of approval and concurrence from City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of Building Inspector Schlens. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION:

28. Request for permission to send two commissioners to annual California Park and Recreation Conference, with expenses paid.

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Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

29. Summary of actions of Park and Recreation Commission January 9, 1963.

This being informational only, it was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

30. Rejection of bids for 125 cfm portable rotary air compressor, tractor, backhoe, loader combination and an equipment trailer.

City Manager Peebles called attention to a typographical error in the item as listed on the agenda and asked that concurrence be with the last paragraph of the attached communication from the Water Superintendent. Councilman Beasley, therefore, moved that all bids for the three items be rejected and that the Water Department be authorized to readvertise under closer specifications. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there were no objections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

31. Recommendation to adopt ordinance to control parking lot landscaping with attached Los Angeles County "Guide to Parking Lot Requirements".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved this communication be referred to the Planning Commission and the City Attorney for study. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

32. Request from Sheridan-Gray, Inc. to assign lease to Walter E. Heller Co., with commission's recommendation of approval and attached correspondence.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

33. Resubmittal of request of Jefferson, Inc. for approval of preliminary drawings for development of Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center from January 8, 1963 for full Council. Attached correspondence.

The drawings have been on display in the office of the City Manager but several councilmen had not had an opportunity to study them and the drawings were brought into the Council room and examined during a short recess after which they were labeled Exhibit A for reference purposes.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission as per Exhibit A, provided there is no interference with the flight pattern and that ingress and egress for vehicular traffic be accomplished by means of a 60' easement for road purposes north of the Foods Company market. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, provided it be subject to approval by the Council of a proper easement at the rear of the property in case of reversion. The location and proper legal description of the

easement will be prepared by the Engineering Department and the City Attorney. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable, Councilman Benstead absent.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 62-230 WHICH CREATED THE COMMISSION FOR GOOD LITERARY STANDARDS AND JUVENILE WELFARE, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SAID COMMISSION TO YOUTH WELFARE COMMISSION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-8. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

35. Proposed changes to Commercial Improvement Ordinance.

Councilman Beasley moved to instruct the City Attorney to proceed to draft the proposed amendments. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

36. Petition re opening onto Crenshaw Boulevard in the vicinity of 187th Place.

Mr. Nat A. Williams of 18709 Crenshaw Boulevard, spoke about the traffic problem which he feels is a death trap now. Mayor Isen said steps had been taken to protect the children, which seems to be the most important factor and access to Crenshaw must be a secondary matter. The control which Mr. Williams asked would be very expensive as it is very near the storm drain. Mayor Isen asked that an investigation be made of the possibility of a right turn for traffic in a southerly direction on Crenshaw but was opposed to a left-turn pocket for the return north. City Manager Peebles did not offer much hope for the signal. Councilman Drale who also travels this road every day, agreed a study on the right turn should be made, but traffic is very fast at this point and creates a difficult situation. Traffic Engineer Whitmer will review the whole situation, and the communication was ordered filed.

37. Reconsideration of Rapid Transit System as proposed by Metropolitan Transit Board.

38. Resolution on Item 37.

These two items deal with the same subject matter and, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-9

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO OPPOSE ANY CHANGE IN METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT MTA TO LEVY A TAX ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-9. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen commented that Director of MTA Gillis' proposal would bond the taxpayers of the county for 40 years for \$649,000,000 and only provide 58 miles of rapid transit, with no regard for the transportation problems of the rest of the county. Councilman Drale suggested any type of voting be discouraged because of the heavy concentration of population in the areas which would be served by the 58 miles proposed. Mayor Isen felt even those who live on the route would oppose passing a law which would set up such a method of taxation.

39. Problem regarding Widows' clause for safety members.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to postpone the effective date to August, 1963 and Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

40. Proposal for Air Museum.

Councilman Miller pointed out the changes and improvements made in this proposal as compared with the original, and moved to approve the present proposal in principle and refer it to the City Attorney for a definite agreement. Mayor Isen seconded, with two reservations: 1. rewriting of Item 12 to narrow the phrase "compatible with the public desires"; 2. the right of the city to approve or disapprove the name of the project, along more cultural and dignified lines than "Aviationland".

Councilman Drale opposed the option for an additional seven acres; he felt they should have only three acres. Everything else he felt was purely speculative and the City should not tie up fourteen acres for such a project.

Two of the proponents appeared and Mr. Walker Mahurin, Chairman of the Board of the Air Museum, was spokesman.

Councilman Vico questioned the financial responsibility of the proponents. Mayor Isen did not believe it should be considered as a commercial enterprise, but rather that the City should make some concessions because of its cultural aspects.

Councilman Drale asked for financial statements and Mr. Mahurin said whatever evidence of responsibility is required will be furnished.

Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

41. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Personnel: That C. F. Catterlin, City Prosecutor, be authorized to attend the annual Traffic Court Conference to be held in San Francisco February 25 through March 1, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, not to exceed \$200, a budget item.

Expenditures: \$2,500 to the League of California Cities for annual service charge for the calendar year 1963.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval of the items under Personnel and Expenditures and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Mayor Isen said the increase in the annual service charge of the League of California Cities is too great. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor Isen accompanied his "Yes" vote with an admonition to the League of California Cities to give some attention to its service, particularly in the Los Angeles County Division.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

42. City Manager Peebles said an item which came too late for the agenda is the letter to the Council on CORE with respect to Mr. Watt and Mr. Wilson. Mayor Isen said the only thing to do is to have the City Attorney write Mr. McKnight saying the Council has given tentative approval for the housing tracts by Watt and Wilson and, under the law, the final approval cannot be withheld. There was no objection.

43. City Manager Peebles stated Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens has been working very closely with the Don Ja Ron Company with respect to the slide area on Torrance Beach. None of the principals wants to assume any liability nor do they want to take any action with respect to what Mr. Peebles feels is still a hazard. He informed the Council the Torrance police guard is being taken off the area and the people who own the land or lease it will bear the whole responsibility to provide protection not only to Torrance's property but their own, plus the public, and if Torrance has to again place protective measures there the cost will be charges to those companies. He did not ask concurrence, stating appropriate action has been taken and no Council action is necessary. However, Councilman Drale asked that the County be notified of what is being done and Mr. Peebles will do so.

44. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked for Council authorization to hire attorneys to bring his workload up to date, mentioning specifically James Hall, formerly City attorney. An examination is being given for an assistant to Mr. Remelmeyer but it will not be in time to help with the accumulated work. Five thousand dollars was set aside in this year's budget for the purpose and although he does not intend to use it, he would like authorization to spend from that amount what is necessary, probably not more than \$1,000. Councilman Drale moved that authorization be given as asked, subject to the City Manager's approval and that the amount not exceed \$1,000 at this time. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

45. With respect to the College Site Committee, Mayor Isen recommended Reverend Beadles call a meeting thereof to plan future strategy. The attorney for Santa Fe has said there will shortly be received a letter from Santa Fe and when it is received the contents will be released.

46. Councilman Beasley said he, Mr. Remelmeyer and Assemblyman Vincent Thomas had talked with the State elected officials who are responsible for the selection of the College site and he believed their ideas were well received.
47. Councilman Drale said the brief was presented to the Board of Trustees at their San Fernando meeting and it was received very well.
48. Councilman Drab thanked those who had extended their sympathy in the recent loss in his family.
49. Councilman Miller asked City Attorney Remelmeyer how far away the Precise Planning project is and Mr. Remelmeyer said possibly next week the Planning ordinances would be completed.
50. Councilman Vico thanked those who sent flowers and expressions of concern on account of the illness of his father and mother.
51. Mayor Isen announced in a personnel session prior to this meeting the Council unanimously agreed upon reappointment of a number of commissioners:
- Civil Defense: S. A. Alberti and E. F. Schoonover
 - Library: Wm. Hoag, Jr.
 - Park and Recreation: H. Milton Sippel
 - Planning: Kenneth Uyeda
 - Torrance Beautiful - the vacancy will be filled next week.
 - Water Commission: Waldo E. Ford and M. M. Schwab.
 - Youth Welfare Commission: Mrs. Cleora Jordan

A poll of the Council on the above nominations was unanimously favorable (Councilman Benstead absent).

52. Mayor Isen asked that the Council go on record as offering whatever help it might be able to give to keep Ryan Aeronautical from closing its Torrance facility. He asked Don Reining, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, if any plans are under way on this subject and Mr. Reining reported in talking with Mr. Wm. Wagner, Vice President of Ryan in San Diego, he was told there is nothing either the Chamber of the Council can do. Certain contracts were not in the National Defense budget. However, Mr. Reining thought it might be well to write our Congressman to let him know the condition exists in his district. Mayor Isen agreed it should be done - and immediately. Telegrams will be sent to the appropriate individuals or agencies including proper State officials, by the City Manager. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

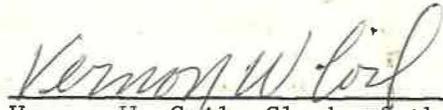
Mr. Reining continued with a report of layoffs and hiring in the various aircraft plants and the Torrance employment level in general. Councilman Beasley added that about a year and a half ago Ryan tried to move a considerable amount of their work to Torrance and asked for an additional 11 acres of ground. An agreement was not reached and that part of the system went to San Diego.

53. Mr. Reining made his statement which was asked for by Councilman Sciarrotta at a previous meeting, copies of which had been distributed to the councilmen. He invited them to attend the Manufacturers' Division luncheon with the newly elected County Assessor, January 28, 1963 at noon at Caesar's Restaurant. He felt the program would be informative and helpful to the Council.

Mr. Reining gave specific figures of increase and decrease in the labor market figures for Torrance and the South Bay area.

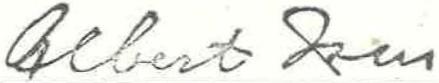
54. Mr. Boyd Thompson of 1633 Beech Street complained of recent violent underground explosions in the neighborhood of his home and asked that a building inspector examine the damage and that the City demand the explosions cease. It developed they are being set by Standard Oil in pursuance of permission granted by the Council sometime ago dealing with testing for oil. Councilman Miller said damage had also been done to his real estate office. City Manager Peebles said the work is almost completed, but Councilman Miller moved to withdraw the permission granted Standard Oil Company. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there was no objection. City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to investigate and notify Standard Oil there is one claim for damages and probably others. Mr. Thompson was asked to keep in touch with the City Attorney and Lee Schlens will check Mr. Thompson's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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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