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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, January 29, 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. ABSENT: None. Also present were City Manager
Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Lt. Rethwisch led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Gilbert S. Zimmerman opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion duly made by Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 22, 1963, were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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 Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

After a brief explanation of Council procedure, Mayor Isen told of the discovery of an old 1914 Rose Parade Trophy which Don Wilson now wishes to present to the City for its trophy room. Mr. Wilson read the inscription which was: Tournament of Roses Association, Pasadena, January 1, 1914, Special Price, Civic Bodies, presented to Thomas D. Campbell & Co. for Torrance, and left the silver cup on the front table for examination. On behalf of the Council Mayor Isen accepted it and recalled Torrance as it was in 1914. Mr. Wilson said he would pay for a small repair to the cup and Mayor Isen expressed the hope that research would uncover a picture of the Torrance Rose Parade float that year as a suitable complement to the trophy.

Reverend Zimmerman introduced his guest and visitor to the Council meeting: Dr. Richard Friedman who has worked with Dr. Albert Schweitzer in Lambarene, Gabon, South Africa, for the past six years. Dr. Zimmerman had visited with Dr. Schweitzer during the past year. Dr. Friedman responded graciously to the introduction.

HEARINGS:

9. Case No. 826, Change of Zone, petitioner, Shizuko Motoyasu, third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to R-3 et al on portion of Lot 27, Meadow Park Tract, situated on the east side of Samuel Street approximately 200 feet south of 230th Street, 23040 and 23050 Samuel Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting: excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of December 19, 1962 and January 1, 1963; recommendations of Planning Department to Planning Commission dated January 2, 1963 and location sketch.

Mayor Isen announced this is the third and final public hearing on this case and asked if anyone wished to speak; there was no response. Councilman Beasley moved the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked and was told that while the street is not yet improved, the dedications for Samuel Street have been made.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve with conditions set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen mentioned that it should be proper to institute a change on the other side of Samuel Street also and Planning Director Shartle agreed that would be suggested to the Planning Commission.

10. Case No. 786, Change of Zone, Petitioner, H. Veazie Markham. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to C-3 et al on Westerly 400 feet of easterly 459 feet of Lot 19, portion of Meadow Park Tract situated at 23317 Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval with conditions. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal containing explanatory notes and submitting: excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of July 5, 1962, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 5, 1962 and June 20, 1962, copy of letter from T. K. Fitzpatrick agent for applicant, copies of letters of approval; and location sketch.

City Clerk Coil called attention to a typographical error on the first page of the submitted material by which "all of the easements" should read "all other easements".

Mayor Isen stated with respect to hearings on which there is an affidavit of posting or publication, if there are no objections from the Council, they will be ordered filed. The affidavits for cases listed under items 9 and 10 on this agenda were thus ordered filed.

In response to inquiry of Mayor Isen as to whether anyone wished to be heard, Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick came forward.

Councilman Drale said there should be air easements; Mayor Isen added a waiver of claim for damage from noise; and City Manager Peebles, easements for extension of Lomita Boulevard.

Airport Manager Egan said the property is within the flight pattern, but not within what is called the approach zone. He did not think it practical to require an air easement although if it is convenient and not a burden it would be well to have it. Councilman Sciarrotta said all these factors should have been determined before the case was brought to the Council.

On behalf of the petitioner, Dr. Markham, Tom Fitzpatrick spoke for high rise at the far end out of the flight pattern. There have been preliminary plans for a seven-story hotel. Storm drains were mentioned as well as a building height limit ordinance now in process of preparation. City Attorney Remelmeyer said a meeting is scheduled for Friday evening with the two planning commissioners assigned to this. After their report to the Commission, there will be a hearing and the ordinance is thus about two months away. The Councilmen agreed any statements by the petitioner should be in writing; there should be all easements obtained and this case should be continued until these things be done. Tom Fitzpatrick explained the position of Dr. Markham that he has to obtain a loan and there is a condition that the zoning be commercial and he had hoped this might be accomplished this evening.

In summary, Mayor Isen asked there be presented at the February 5th Council meeting all the necessary easements, a statement from Dr. Markham that he understands about the height limits ordinance in process and agrees to the provisions thereof; that he will not build in the flight pattern anything that would be detrimental; that he will grant air easements and a waiver of claim for noise damages, together with all other requirements.

Councilman Drale moved to continue the case to February 5th under the conditions set forth by Mayor Isen; the motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, there being no objections.

City Manager Peebles called attention to the recommendation regarding a precise plan which would automatically set the limit of such a building.

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. Waiver No. W-63-1, Arthur McLaughlin, 2023 West 162nd Street for a rear yard waiver of 7½ feet to construct a room between the existing house and garage, garage located 2½ feet from rear property line. Zone R-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting: Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated January 14, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for council use. No written communications received.

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

12. Resubmittal of Master Plan Study No. 1, Study Area "A" (Victor Precinct). Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, four maps, i.e., Plats 1, 2 and 3 (street patterns) and location map of industrial buildings. City Manager Peebles' letter giving proposed alternate Victor Precinct plan with map attached; Victor Precinct data and analysis for council use.

The public hearings have been closed on this matter and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to rescind the action taken on the Webb property by which it would be changed to R-3. Councilman Beasley

seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

Mayor Isen stated next would be considered the Victor Precinct Master Plan Study No. 1, as recommended November 21, 1962 by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved that portion on the east side of Anza from Del Amo to and including Torrance Boulevard to a depth of 275 feet (approximately) be zoned in accordance with Master Plan No. 1, Study Area "A", as recommended by the Planning Commission November 21, 1962. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded Councilman Drale's motion.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute to take everything from 273 feet east of Anza, west as defined by the Master Plan and rezone it in accordance with Master Plan No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Mr. Ben Kaufman who owns property at the northwest corner of Earl and Emerald spoke, stating the present motion would adversely affect his property where he manufactures large signs. He favored zoning out of manufacturing so that he can sell and relocate his business. Mayor Isen said his problem does not pertain to the motion.

Mr. Joseph Webb also spoke, stating he would like the same type zoning for his whole piece of property and would like it to be M-1. Mayor Isen told him there is nothing to prevent his applying for a change of zone or variance.

Mrs. John Galvin who lives in the Tract, complained that no one in the area had been notified. She objects to multiple zoning near the school.

Mr. Strange of 4815 Emerald Street stated the people directly concerned, across the street, offered no objection.

Mr. Timothy O'Connor, one of the owners of the property north of Mr. Webb's at the corner of Victor and Garnet, stated when Garnet goes through, his property will be on the southeast corner of Garnet and Victor. He is opposed to zoning whereby this parcel of land, 300 feet deep, will be in two different zones, and he has sent a letter to the Planning Commission, so stating. Councilman Beasley reminded him there will be some inequities in this situation but they may be considered under applications for variance at a later time.

Roll call on the substitute motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

Mayor Isen stated the east side of Anza needs further study and Councilman Beasley moved to study that for two weeks and consider it at the 8:00 o'clock meeting February 13, 1963 (Wednesday because of Tuesday's holiday). His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

A short recess was declared at 6:30 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. City of Alhambra transmitting copy of their resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt legislation regulating the manufacture and sale of detergents with the request that Council adopt a similar resolution.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to file the communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

14. Expenditure from Sewer Revolving Fund. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that \$14,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sanitary sewers in Samuel Street between Lomita Boulevard and 230th Street, as shown on the sketch attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Engineering Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

15. Councilman Miller moved to accept the following five easement deeds:

1. Sanitary Sewer Easement deed dated January 16, 1963 to construct sanitary sewers over a portion of Lot 43, Tract No. 18021, given by Jack D. and Betty J. Perry.
2. Street easement deed dated January 15, 1963 for the widening of 235th Place and 236th Street over portions of Lot 5, Tract No. 437, given by Martin S. and Dorothy A. Montonye.
3. Street easement deed dated January 13, 1963 for the widening of 235th Place and 236th Street over portions of Lot 6, Tract No. 437, given by the Torrance Baptist Temple, Inc.
4. Street easement deed dated January 9, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street over a portion of Lot 58, Tract No. 588, given by Dolores Development Corporation.
5. Street easement deed dated January 14, 1963 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard over a portion of Lot 14, Tract No. 639, given by Bernard J. and Mary Joan DuBois.

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

15A. Improvement of 190th Street between Hawthorne Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard. Letter from Standard Oil Co. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that Council authorize relocation of Standard Oil pipelines, with attached letter from Standard Oil Co.

Mayor Isen determined from City Manager Peebles that this relocation of pipelines is absolutely essential to the widening

of 190th Street in connection with the San Diego Freeway. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and authorize relocation of the Standard Oil Co. pipelines. The money will come from the gas tax fund. The entire improvement is around \$13,000 and Councilman Miller agreed to make a part of his motion the authorization of the complete improvement with a ceiling of that figure. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and it carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. Request from Charles Popejoy, Halfway House, for approval of sign. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation of approval subject to other city department approval and affirmation from Kidwell. Attached: Airport Manager's letter dated January 17, 1963, drawing and plans.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval subject to other City Department approval and affirmation from Kidwell. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

17. Ray Vane Lease and Bond.

Mayor Isen noted the City will post a notice of non-responsibility and there is on deposit \$5,000. Under these circumstances and considering the revenue which this business will bring to the City, Mayor Isen did not think the Council should be too technical and moved to approve the bond. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (he may handle some insurance
on this business)

18. Airport Revenue Bonds:

City Attorney Remelmeyer introduced the consultants, Fritz Stradling of O'Melveny & Myers and Ray Mills of J. B. Hanauer Co. Mayor Isen reminded them of the deadline which, if exceeded, will cancel out the possibility of any airport bonds. However, it is necessary to rely on these experts to be sure the procedure carries out the intention of the Council. Councilman Benstead thought it completely improper that all these documents be given to the council at the last minute, expecting a decision which involves so much money. He censured both the legal firm and the bond consultants for dilatory action. Mr. Stradling stated when the original and later drafts had been delivered to the City. Both Airport Manager Egan and City Manager Peebles approved the procedure according to the consultants although Councilman Benstead insisted it is not possible for anyone to digest and be in a position to approve such a mass of material in twenty minutes. Mr. Peebles said his assistant and Mr. Egan had studied and were familiar with the provisions and, except for the part concerning covenants of the City, Mr. Remelmeyer said he had not studied it thoroughly. It is necessary this resolution be adopted this evening in order to meet Federal requirements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-12

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS OF SAID CITY AND PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SAID BONDS.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-12. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-12. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-13

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO SELL \$425,000 AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS AND FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR TAKING BIDS AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE INVITING BIDS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-13. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-13. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-14

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-14. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-14. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stradling if this procedure has filled the requirements of the time table and the answer was affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

21. Meeting with Miss Shirley Brother, State Library Consultant, planned for February 6, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in Council Conference Room.

Mr. Peebles said letters have been sent to Miss Brother and to the State, thanking them for the report. Mayor Isen said copies of those letters should be on the agenda for informational purposes. The date of the meeting was changed because of a conflict, to February 4th if that can be arranged, and the communication was ordered filed.

22. Recommendation to correct error re Lot 34, Tract 15, at southwest corner of Arlington and 236th Street. Attached copy of James L. Walker letter of January 23, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for council use.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth by the City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. City Manager Peebles explained the error by the property owner which caused this inadvertence in paying of taxes and the subsequent taking over of 15 feet of Mr. Walker's property by the City by purchase at a tax sale. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. Re appraisal of property on southeast corner of 242nd Street and Neece Avenue.

Mayor Isen asked that several public-spirited real estate men appraise this property, without fee. Councilmen Miller and Drale offered their services and Mayor Isen appointed a further real estate dealer, Mr. W. E. Bowen. Each of the three will view and appraise the property for the purposes required by the City, free of charge. The communication will be filed, there being no objection.

Councilman Vico asked about a similar appraisal which was made in the Hollywood Riviera section and City Manager Peebles said it has not been sold because the flood control project is not yet released. City Engineer Nollac said that particular project is completed but there is some further work on two different lines which remains unfinished, before approval of the entire project.

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION:

24. Re Arlington Avenue Street Name Change.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Planning Commission will have to pass a resolution to complete the processing of this name change. The only expense involved is changing of street name signs. Councilman Vico did not think whatever expense is involved is either necessary or advantageous.

Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for the necessary hearings and procedures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

City Manager Peebles will see that the procedure is expedited with all possible priority.

25. Proposed resolution re Arlington Avenue Right of Way, for information and/or action.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY AND ORDERING THE PAYMENT OF \$1,875.00 FOR SAME.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-15. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-15. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen stated to City Manager Peebles that the easement deed should be in hand before going further.

26. Miscellaneous Expenditures:

1. \$338, including tax to Econolite Corporation for one ERC-1 Emergency Traffic Controller for the Traffic and Lighting Department, a budget item.
2. \$500 to Twining Laboratories for fabrication and welding inspection of pedestrian overpass at Crenshaw Boulevard and 187th Street, a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approving the two expenditures. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Councilman Benstead inquired what an emergency traffic control is and it was explained by Traffic Engineer Whitmer. The \$500 to Twining Laboratories was questioned by Councilmen Drale and Miller and City Manager Peebles explained in the best interests of the contractor, the School Board and the City, an independent inspector was arranged for to check the welding. This is the last unpaid bill on the pedestrian overpass at Crenshaw and 187th Street. The \$500 is to be split three ways; the cost to the City to be one-third of the \$500. Roll call vote on the two items above listed was:

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

ORDINANCES:

27. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for its first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1355

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES AND WORKING HOURS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1355. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1355 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

26A. Re. Use of Recreation Center Building.

Councilman Benstead said there are a lot of things about this which should be different, and that it should go back to the Park and Recreation Commission for further study. Councilman Beasley agreed substantially. Assistant Police Chief Porter asked the record show that this does not involve the Police Department, but rather the Police Officers Association. Officer Glyn Boice of 1023 Felbar Street, presented the thoughts of the association and stated any income derived would be returned to the community through sponsorship of other youth activities, and he listed organizations which the association has contributed to within the past year. Councilman Miller stated his doubt is based on the fact that no rental would be paid for the hall and whether or not this would establish a precedent not intended. Officer Boice said there is no objection to paying rental. The cost, he said, for one evening would be around \$294 for music, etc. Rent would be determined under Resolution No. 2845, Recreation Director Van Bellehem said, as it was in the use of the old Civic Auditorium.

City Manager Peebles said his concern is regarding the janitorial and utility expenses of the building and maintenance thereof, regardless of who uses the building. If not paid by the using organization, those costs will have to come from the General Fund.

Councilman Drale appealed to the Council based on the need for this type of youth activity, but he questions if there is a need for 13 weeks to prove or disprove its successful operation. He also felt the association should be responsible to the Recreation Department. The Park & Recreation Commission has considered this request. Councilman Sciarrotta favored the project but under proper supervision.

Mayor Isen questioned the provision that there would not be geographical restriction to Torrance residents, but believed a joint operation of the dances could and should be negotiated by the Recreation Department and the interested police officers association with no profit except to the Recreational Fund of Torrance.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the use of the Recreation Building as requested, subject to a rate set by Director of Recreation, Van Bellehem. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and several citizens expressed their views:

George Kuehnel of 517 Via La Selva agreed with Officer Boice but felt no one should be granted 13 weeks in succession.

Mr. Bob Burke suggested the dances be held and offered to pay the expenses of the first thereof, himself. Councilman Miller stated that would not be necessary.

Mr. Bob White of 3242 Torrance Boulevard, member of the Board of Governors of the Torrance YMCA, said the Council should study

this problem, as should the Police Officers Association. The YMCA has tried to fulfill the needs of Torrance's teenagers at the Y and while they no longer can hold dances there, a number of rules have been established. He does not believe they need \$294 per dance for expenses, but permission and strict regulation is necessary and he suggested the Association talk with the officers of the YMCA.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute that the whole matter be referred back to the Park & Recreation Commission for establishment of a policy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, but failed, as follows:

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

Councilman Drale asked for the question on the original motion and it carried as follows:

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

PROCLAMATION:

28. Mayor Isen proclaimed 1963 Children's Dental Health Week as February 3 to 9.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Councilman Beasley nominated to fill the vacancy on Torrance Beautiful Commission, J. A. Harlow of 4701 Bindewald. A poll of the Council was unanimously favorable.

30. Councilman Benstead moved to instruct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution opposing the gas tax increase and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

31. Councilman Drale mentioned the serious damage often done to boxers and moved the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a resolution in favor of legislation which would require protective headgear be used in all boxing matches. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, but failed, as follows:

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

32. Councilman Vico mentioned the personnel meeting held at 5:00 p.m. and the purpose thereof and moved to relieve Commissioner Jack Eardley of his position on the Planning Commission. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and discussion followed.

Attorney Raymond Winters of Redondo Beach spoke on behalf of his client, Jack Eardley, stressing the difference between a conflict of interest and a failure to reveal such a conflict. He maintained there has been no violation of the trust placed in Mr. Eardley.

Mr. Henry Ross, 4802 Milne Drive, a licensed civil engineer and competitor of Mr. Eardley, spoke for retaining Mr. Eardley, as did Jack Ghormley of 4929 Marion Avenue who worked in the Torrance Engineering Department for three and one-half years and is now City Engineer of Gardena.

Mr. Glenn Miller, Vice Chairman of the Ethical Practices Committee of the California Society of Professional Engineers, 295 St. Joseph Street, Long Beach, spoke from the standpoint of the damage such unresolved controversy would do to Mr. Eardley's professional reputation and offered on behalf of his committee to make an investigation if that is thought to be advisable. Mayor Isen stated it is a matter to be decided by the Council as it would be in the case of any commissioner.

Mr. Bob White of 3242 Torrance Boulevard spoke as a character witness for Mr. Eardley and urged he be retained on the Commission.

Councilman Miller who served on the Planning Commission with Mr. Eardley for a year, said he had never seen any evidence of unethical conduct on the part of Mr. Eardley and believed he should be retained.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he believes there is no evidence of wrongdoing on the part of Mr. Eardley, but the Commission, he said, is diluted by membership of men in related professions.

Councilman Drale called for the question and roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen explained his vote, stating all commissioners and councilmen have difficult decisions to make and it is necessary at times to abstain from voting and there are times when it would be dereliction not to abstain. Also, men who are knowledgeable in certain fields are working in those fields and are those who should be on pertinent commissions; otherwise they would not be effective. In the interests of the commissioners who are putting in their time and efforts for the City and in the interests of harmony in the City, he cast his vote against removal of Mr. Eardley.

Councilman Sciarrotta made a further statement that he thought in cases where it is apparent there may be an application for variance, commissioners working for the City should not accept employment.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Eardley a direct question as to the case which was involved and Mr. Eardley answered that his only connection with the case was a preliminary feasibility study on economic factors. After that study, the proponent hired a different architect who prepared the plans which came before the Planning Commission for a variance as to parking.

33. Mayor Isen referred to Item L, under FOR INFORMATION ONLY on the agenda, Directional Signs for Torrance Airport, and asked that be placed on the agenda of the Airport Commission for recommendation.

34. Mayor Isen stated the South Bay Daily Breeze has published a very good editorial supporting the Torrance location of the South Bay four-year college and thanked Mrs. Nancy Anderson, the Breeze reporter who attends Council meetings. for anything she may have done in behalf of Torrance. He asked Don Reining of the Chamber of Commerce and Reverend Beadles, to please see that copies of that editorial are sent to each and every member of the Board of Trustees.

35. Mayor Isen said he had talked with the Prosecuting Attorney, C. M. Catterlin, and hopes the Council will support him in prosecuting a liquor store at 17301 Crenshaw Boulevard which has not

cooperated in taking indecent magazines off its stands. He referred to a report submitted of the survey made by the Police Department and told of the apparent specialization of this liquor store of selling improper magazines to juveniles.

Mayor Isen cited two appellate cases, setting forth definitions of obscenity and he described the objectionable material which was purchased by Officer Cliff Smith and displayed it to the other councilmen and City Attorney Remelmeyer. He asked that this liquor store's owners be prosecuted and a test case filed. The Prosecuting Attorney has said this seems to be a proper case for criminal prosecution under Section 311.2 of the Penal Code.

Mayor Isen moved the City Council authorize prosecution through the Police Department and the officers who have the knowledge of a proper complaint under Section 311.2 of the Penal Code directed against the parties who have committed this offense. Councilman Sciarrotta and Councilman Benstead seconded the motion simultaneously. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. Mr. Robert Grau who is with the Leonard Stores, talked with respect to a letter written to Airport Plaza by the City Attorney, of which he had received a copy. The subject is the building attached to the rear of the building which houses Leonards. He said it seems impossible to get along without this attached building and asked the temporary permit be removed as he believes the addition complies with the Building Code, or if not, the Store will be glad to do anything further to make it comply.

Councilman Miller moved the restriction be removed. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and, in answer to a request for the opinion of Building Superintendent Schlens, he said he recommends it with respect to the Building Code, but cannot under the terms of the lease because that calls for concrete block construction.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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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