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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, February 5th, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call were: **COUNCILMEN:** Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. **ABSENT:** Councilman Beasley who was in San Diego on City business and arrived at 7:00 p.m. Also present were City Manager Peebles and the City Prosecuting Attorney Catterlin. City Attorney Remelmeyer was out of town on City business.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Stewart Rose led the salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Leon Holm of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the minutes of the regular meeting held January 29, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. Resubmittal of Case No. 786, Markham, Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3, portion of Lot 19, Meadow Park Tract, located at 23317 Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval with conditions. Planning Director Shartle with concurrence of City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles, resubmitting case to City Council as instructed by Council January 29, 1963; letter of transmittal

containing explanatory notes; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of July 5, 1962. Recommendations of Planning Department to Planning Commission dated July 5 and June 20, 1962, copy of letter from Fitzpatrick, agent for applicant; copies of letter of approval; location sketch; and "Airport Zoning and Relevant Matters" signed by City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Mayor Isen stated anything which involves the Airport pattern should bear a recommendation of the Airport Commission before it comes to Council.

The Council and Airport Manager discussed the details of the flight pattern and Councilman Miller moved to refer the case to the Airport Commission for recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen moved, as a matter of policy, that any case which involves the flight patterns of aircraft in the vicinity of the Airport come before the Airport Commission for its recommendation to the Council. His motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

9. Precise Plan, recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of presentation submitting letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer, sample application blank, explanation sketch entitled Precise Plan No. 23.

Planning Director Shartle explained in general the procedure for adopting a precise plan which the City Attorney has said does not require an ordinance, as originally anticipated. There is some flexibility permitted under certain restrictions, but any deviation of major proportions would come before the Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and instruct Planning Director Shartle to proceed with the Precise Planning program. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried as follows:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

10. Claim of Carol Maryann Stone and Ruby Theresa Stone and Leslie Jean Stone for alleged injuries and damages resulting from accident occurring January 19, 1963 at Normandie and Carson, Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

11. Willys G. Blount request for permission to use El Prado Park for demonstration of scouting, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

12. Mrs. Gertrude Schreiber re drainage sites in South Torrance.

City Manager Peebles said he hopes to have this back on the agenda in detail for final action next week, outlining the Victor Area as well as the South Torrance location. On motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Miller, it was referred to the City Manager.

13. Walter and Arline Anderson requesting refund of \$245 bond for sidewalks, with memo from City Engineer Nollac and recommendation of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to hold this request for three weeks for the preparation of a covenant to cover the situation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

14. Notice of meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities on February 7, 1963.

Mayor Isen remarked that since most of the councilmen will be out of town on February 7th, one or both Assistant City Managers should attend.

14A. Standard Oil Company, requesting the Council reinstate their authorization to continue their geophysical program in Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved Standard Oil cease and desist their geophysical program, but Mayor Isen said they have done so. Mayor Isen then referred the matter to the City Manager and staff to negotiate with the Standard Oil Company experts.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

15. Request of Mrs. Donald Mays for reimbursement of excess sewer connection costs (3127 W. 188th St). Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to reimburse Mrs. Mays \$120 from City funds. Attached copy of Mrs. Donald Mays letter dated January 15, 1963.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

16. License Agreement between Bollenbacher & Kelton and City of Torrance - property located at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Blvds. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that Council approve the subject agreement and adopt proposed resolution.

The location is the Thrifty Mart Market, City Manager Peebles said, and referring to the sketch, he outlined the history of the problem. The only thing to be given by the City is a revocable right to park; there is no wish to sell or give up the property because of the possibility of future use by the City for underground utilities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-16

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOLLENBACHER & KELTON, INC. WITH REFERENCE TO VEHICULAR PARKING.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-16. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

17. Submittal of easements to City Council for acceptance.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the following easements:

1. Street easement deed dated September 18, 1962 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard over a portion of Rancho San Pedro, given by Pacific Electric Railway Co. and Reynolds Metals Co.
2. Sanitary Sewer Easement deed dated January 24, 1963 for the construction of sanitary sewers over a portion of Lot 5, Block 303, Tract No. 1952, given by Murphy's U-Drive Truck Rental Service, Inc.
3. Sanitary Sewer easement deed dated January 23, 1963 for the construction of sanitary sewers over a portion of Lot 6, Block 302, Tract No. 1952, given by Anna and W. Stenlake.
4. Street easement deed dated January 24, 1963 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard over a portion of Lot 4, Tract No. 639, given by Reginald M. and Mildred M. Wurtz.
5. Street easement deed dated January 10, 1963 for the widening of 229th Street and 229th Place over portions of Lot 57, Tract No. 639, given by Tetsuo T. and Dorothy S. Hasegawa.

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

18. Request for Refund of Building Permit Fee - T. G. Misenhimer. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to refund portion of fee for building permit No. 32558-B.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to refund 80% of the \$12 building permit fee mentioned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

19. COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

Acceptance of bid for reinforced rubber suction and discharge hoses. Street Superintendent Perkins, with approval of City Manager Peebles recommendation that contract be awarded to low bidder, The Howard Supply Company, in the amount of \$419.85.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the bid as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried, as follows:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

20. Dryer for photo lab. Police Chief Bennett, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, request to purchase dryer for Police Photo Lab from Southwood Camera for the sum of \$448.

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation to purchase the dryer and transfer the amount above \$259, to make up the total of \$448, from the surplus in the Police Department Salaries Account. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

21. Request for Waiver of fees - New Recreation Building. Chairman Sippel transmitting Commission's recommendation to waive fees for Victor Woman's Club use of new recreation building, with recommendation of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation set forth by the Park & Recreation Commission with respect to waiving all but custodial fees and then set a policy on requests of this kind. Mayor Isen agreed, in that the money is earmarked right back to the benefit of the City, and seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

Recreation Director Van Bellehem stated he is working on a policy for establishment of a definite fee.

22. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING

Purchase of Traffic Signal Equipment. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation re purchase of traffic signal equipment from Hess-Mace Trucking Co.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to repurchase the traffic signal equipment from Hess-Mace Trucking Co. under the terms set forth in the communication. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent) although Councilman Benstead expressed the belief that there is not enough discount allowed.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

23. Airport Plaza, Inc. - Mohawk Petroleum Company - Airport lease. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter transmitting proposed resolution and consent to sublease and attornment agreement.

As Councilman Benstead recalled, there had been mentioned a muffler shop in connection with this operation and City Manager Peebles and Building Superintendent Schlens stated that is true but the size of the building has been cut so as to comply with the ordinances.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF "CONSENT TO SUBLEASE AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT" WITH MOHAWK PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A GASOLINE SERVICE STATION AND TIRE SALES OFFICE, ON A PORTION OF THE PREMISES LEASED BY THE CITY TO AIRPORT PLAZA, INC., DESIGNATED AS PARCEL NO. 8.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-17. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

24. Request of Jack Sakauye dba Airport Nursery to transfer lease to Tom Akiyama dba Rolling Hills Nursery, Inc. Commission's recommendation of approval with attached correspondence and letter from City Manager Pebbles per E. Ferraro on this matter.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the Airport Committee of the Council and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection and the motion carried.

Councilman Miller moved in the future as a matter of policy in connection with transfer of leases, the subject matter be referred to the City Manager and to the Airport Committee of the Council for renegotiation. Times, conditions and prices change during the term of a lease and it should not always be transferred without reconsideration and renegotiation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and there was no objection. Councilman Drale brought up matters dealing with other committees of the Council, but Mayor Isen said his theory is not applicable because other commissions and committees do not deal with leasing.

25. Request of Van Aero, Inc. for approval of sign, with recommendation of approval from the Airport Commission and attached correspondence.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, there being no objection.

26. Request of Jefferson, Inc. for approval of Love barbecue on their leasehold, with Airport Commission recommendation of approval subject to jurisdiction of other city departments and attached correspondence.

Councilman Miller moved to concur. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

27. Sterling Theatre request for approval of plans with Commission's recommendation of approval subject to jurisdiction of pertinent City departments and attached correspondence.

The plans were presented by Mr. Appelman and examined by the councilmen during a recess declared for the purpose. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the plans presented. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent).

28. Utility easements at Airport, with Commission's recommendation of approval and attached correspondence.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the recommendation of the Airport Commission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent) after explanation by Airport Manager Egan.

29. Taxiway revisions to Master Plan. Commission's recommendation of approval of taxiway revisions as shown on Master Plan, with attached correspondence.

The plans were exhibited and Airport Manager Egan explained the revisions under which there would be two new exit runways. The engineering studies are being done by the City Engineering Department. Councilman Benstead asked that the drawings so indicate.

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

30. Report and recommendations of Airport Commission on Airport Roads. Recommendation of Commission and attached correspondence.

Councilman Miller asked if the action requested would make the streets a City maintenance matter as differentiated from an Airport item and Airport Manager Egan said it would: 247th for its entire length, Winlock Drive and Denny Road to the fence line only. Winlock Drive which will be the main entrance to the Airport will, in time, require signalization; Denny Road now has a signal. City Manager Peebles agreed with Mr. Egan and stated dedication proceedings would make these streets in a better position with respect to signalization at the State Highway.

Councilman Benstead said matters of this kind should bear a recommendation of the Airport Manager to the City Manager. Tandem Way should be included in the recommendation, Councilman Miller stated. City Manager Peebles asked the matter be referred back to his office for inclusion of Tandem Way, a proper cover letter and a plot plan or map. Mayor Isen so moved and there was no objection.

31. Recommendations re feasibility of moving NIKE site: Airport recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved inquiry be made through the Adjutant General's office in Washington, D. C., as to the feasibility of moving the NIKE facility from the Airport. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection. Thus the matter is referred back to Airport Manager Egan.

32. Airport Perimeter Fence. Airport Manager Egan's recommendation with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to accept fence project of Alcorn Fence Company in amount of \$30,178.36, an FAA project.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the fence project of Alcorn Fence Company in the amount of \$30,178.36 and Mayor Isen seconded his motion. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

33. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

Signal Oil and Gas Company right of access to Crenshaw Boulevard, Tract 23327, Lot 15. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of transmittal submitting proposed resolution and easement deed.

Mayor Isen questioned this item and City Engineer Nollac, at the suggestion of City Manager Peebles, explained it is the same type of situation as occurred at Palos Verdes Bowl.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT DEED WHICH RESTORES THE ACCESS RIGHTS ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 15, TRACT NO. 23327, TO SIGNAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-18. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1355 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

35. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 6" Detector Check for Water Department.
2. \$388.95 to Vel's Ford Sales Co. for repair to Police Unit No. 56.
3. \$1,922.00 to Southwest Harley Davidson Co. for one Police motorcycle to replace Unit No. 22.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the three items listed.

Councilman Benstead asked regarding Item 2, if our City garage does not take care of such items and was told this is a body and fender job necessary because of an automobile accident. The motion to approve was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

36. PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed February 10 to 16, 1963 as NATIONAL BEAUTY SALON WEEK.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

37. City Manager Peebles stated the Chamber of Commerce has invited the Mayor and City Council as guests for a dinner at the Jump'n Jack on February 19th at about 7 p.m., in honor of Don Reining who is leaving Torrance. This is a 5:30 Council meeting night.

38. Councilman Drale moved appropriate expenses for the Mayor and members of the Council who plan to go to the meeting with the Board of Trustees in San Jose regarding the College site. Those mentioned other than Council members were: City Attorney Remelmeyer, Reverend Beadles, Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, the vice chairman Mrs. Polly Watts, Mr. Arthur Fox, the petroleum engineer, Fred Adams, architect, and M. M. Denn, President of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. After some discussion as to the necessity thereof, the motion was rephrased by Mayor Isen to include Mr. Remelmeyer, Reverend Beadles and Mrs. Watts to attend with appropriate expenses Thursday and Friday of this week. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

Mayor Isen then stated his understanding to be that Mr. Denn would pay his own way; Mr. Fox would be there if needed, subject to a phone call, gratis as to his time, but with not to exceed \$50 appropriated toward his expenses; and Fred Adams would go at his own expense. Mayor Isen so moved and Councilman Drale seconded the motion which tied, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Miller, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Sciarrotta, Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

39. Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned a bad condition at 21019 Hawthorne Avenue which he believes belongs to Dr. Tarr, regarding tumbleweeds, paper, tin cans, bottles, a regular dump yard. City Manager Peebles said the owners would be put on notice.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had received an anonymous letter and a newspaper clipping, having to do with the cars parked in front of the City yard. Mayor Isen stated he had received a similar communication, but it was signed, from a person who lives across the street from the City yard. He had handed it to Management who will notify the person the matter will be taken care of.

41. The subject of Councilman Sciarrotta's third item was the multi-colored exterior of White Front Stores and the exposed air conditioning unit. He asked if there is any way to obviate such an occurrence in the future. Planning Director Shartle said there is no way to control the painting of business houses. Assistant City Manager Johnson will try again to contact the owners by phone.

Councilman Beasley entered the meeting at approximately 7 p.m.

42. Mayor Isen stated, going back to the College site, that the City feels very optimistic. To inform the public, he stated the College Board of Trustees is meeting in San Jose on Thursday and Friday of this week and possibly the decision will be made at that time, although it may be again postponed.

43. Dr. John Burch who represents Palos Verdes Aviation, stated Airport Manager Egan had pointed out the Council must approve any building plans under the terms of his lease. Mr. Egan remarked it is a routine matter but Mayor Isen said he believed Dr. Burch is before the wrong forum and recommended he present his plans to the Airport Commission on February 14th, its next meeting date. They can then be presented to the Council on February 19th. There were no objections.

44. Don Reining, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce thanked the City Council and City government for the cooperation extended to him while manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and expressed pride in the accomplishments of the City as a whole. He stated he had received a liberal education in the two years he has been in the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Isen moved a perma plaque resolution of appreciation be prepared for presentation to Mr. Reining and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

It will be presented in temporary form at the testimonial dinner on February 19th and the perma plaque format will come later.

45. Mayor Isen moved the Council adjourn to February 13th at 8 p.m., on account of Lincoln's birthday holiday on the 12th. His motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Edith Shaffer
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**MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Wednesday, February 13, 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: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico,
and Mayor Isen.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Charles N. Cake led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Leon Holm, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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 Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 829 - Variance - Petitioner, Nathan Goldberg. Formal hearing for variance of off-street parking ordinance on portion of Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract, 23045 Hawthorne Avenue (Zone C-2) to permit one parking space for every 250 square feet of floor area in lieu of required 160 square feet for furniture store. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting revised exhibit, location sketch, and correspondence pertaining to case.

Councilman Beasley remarked there is on the agenda a letter asking withdrawal of the case to work out new plans and, at the request of Mayor Isen, Planning Director Shartle explained there had been three plans submitted, the third of which has not been examined by the Planning Commission. Councilman Miller moved to refer the case back to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

9. Case No. 830 - Variance - Petitioner, Bird/Giltner. Formal hearing for variance of off-street parking ordinance to permit one parking space for each 500 square feet of gross building area on Lots 12, 13 and 14, Block A, Tract 10300, vacant lots between Pacific Coast Highway and Via Valencia (Zone C-1). Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting revised parking layout for Council only; location sketch; excerpt of Planning Commission minutes of January 14, 1963, recommendation of Planning Department to Planning Commission dated January 14, 1963.

Mayor Isen stated this is a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 830. Mr. Gordon Phillips of 21003 Amie Avenue, Torrance, speaking for the proponent, stated there has been a change and Mayor Isen said it is not the province of the Council to decide changed matters ab initio. Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. The motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny the variance asked and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote. The proponent was made aware that this matter cannot come back for six months.

10. Case No. 832 - Variance - Petitioner, Cramer/Poulin. Formal hearing for variance of off-street parking ordinance to permit conversion of an existing two-car garage into a commercial office on Lot 19, Tract 18657 situated at Sepulveda Boulevard, between Hawthorne and Crenshaw Boulevards (Zone C-2) Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting exhibit for Council use; location sketch; excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 14, 1963, recommendations of Planning Department to the Planning Commission dated January 14, 1963.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 832; there was no response.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

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

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. Ordinance. Master Plan Study No. 1, Study Area "A", Portion of Victor Precinct approved by City Council, January 29, 1963. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal submitting: Exhibit and proposed ordinance. Also letter from Safeway Stores requesting change of zone on any portion of property be eliminated from Master Plan and letter from Ralph Industries requesting commercial zoning remain in its present form.

Mayor Isen stated there should be an amendment to the plan and asked Planning Director Shartle to outline it. Mr. Shartle said it will be to rezone to C-2 property on the westerly side of Anza from Torrance Boulevard half way to Emerald and to rezone property on the easterly side of Reynolds from Torrance Boulevard one-fourth of the way to Emerald. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to so amend the plan and show the change on the second reading of the ordinance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1356

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 1, STUDY AREA "A" (VICTOR PRECINCT).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1356. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1356 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. MASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 1, STUDY AREA "A", VICTOR PRECINCT. Letter from Planning Director Shartle (4 pages), letter from City Manager Peebles dated January 24, 1963, explanatory maps and sketches for Council use.

A letter from Kenneth E. Watts had been misfiled in the agenda under Item 36 and Mayor Isen called attention to its contents and asked that it be moved so as to apply to Item 12.

Councilman Miller indicated he plans to concur completed in the recommendation of the Planning Commission while Councilman Beasley stated he likes Mr. Peebles' suggestion, which was set forth on a sketch given to Council members.

Mr. Ben Kaufman again appeared and reiterated his reasons for wanting R-3 zoning. He foresees complaints from the hospital, the convalescent home, etc., as to trucking through here and, at the request of City Attorney Remelmeyer, Traffic Engineer Whitmer outlined the routes and the law pertaining thereto.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt the alternate suggestion of City Manager Peebles. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Mayor Isen rephrased the motion as being for adoption of Master Plan Study No. 1 recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to the changes indicated by City Manager Peebles.

Roll call vote was: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta, Vico.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

13. Proposed Ordinance Creating C-5 Zone. Planning Director Shartle, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, requesting Council to set March 12, 1963 as the date of third and final hearing and submitting copy of Ordinance proposed and recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, a public hearing on this matter would be set for March 12, 1963 at 8:00 p.m.; there was no objection.

14. Ordinance defining a private garage, requested by Council. Planning Director Shartle and City Attorney Remelmeyer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting first reading of proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1357

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) DEFINING A PRIVATE GARAGE.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1357 at its first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Speaking to City Attorney Remelmeyer, Mayor Isen asked for an amendment calling for doors regardless of whether or not the opening is visible, because of the temptation to petty thievery.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1358

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 823.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1358 at its first reading. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

16. Announcement of Independent Cities quarterly meeting February 20, 1963, 6:30 p.m., Rodger Young Auditorium.

It was indicated there would be about three reservations for the meeting and the communication was ordered filed. A car will leave City Hall between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m.

Councilman Beasley reported a group from Independent Cities headed by Milo Dellman and called the Century Freeway Association has been in accordance with, and working closely with the Inter-City Highway Committee on the Airport Freeway (or Century freeway) as it is sometimes known).

17. Board of Supervisors' announcement of February 28, 1963 as time for presentation from Wegematic Corporation of offer re Alweg Monorail Rapid Transit System.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles to further remind the councilmen of this as it is an important matter which he plans to attend.

19. Claim: Lawrence Weitzer, Esq., submitting claim of David S. Bell for damages and injuries allegedly suffered as a result of an accident October 11, 1962 at intersection of Western Avenue and the Santa Fe railway tracks.

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

18. Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to hold circus on vacant City land behind Civic Center buildings and the waiving of fee associated with the business license, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the requested permission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

20. Intention to vacate portions of Rolling Hills Road, with proposed resolution thereon.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE PORTIONS OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD SOUTHERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-19. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote. It was determined this resolution is the one which was substituted for the one originally placed in the agenda material.

21. Intention to vacate a portion of High Street in Meadow Park Tract.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF HIGH STREET PER MEADOW PARK TRACT LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-20. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. It was understood the fee is to be collected.

22. Submittal of easements for acceptance by City Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following easement deeds:

- 1. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated January 28, 1963 for the construction of sanitary sewer over a portion of Lots 10 and 11, La Fresa Tract, given by Calprop Investments, Incorporated.
- 2. Street easement deed dated January 25, 1963 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 17, Tract No. 3458, given by Edgar S. and Mary E. Frenger.
- 3. Street easement deed dated February 4, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over portions of Lot 23, Tract No. 437, given by Thelma Russell.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

23. Joslyn Recreation Center, Phase No. 1. Building Inspection Superintendent Lee Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, regarding approval of estimate and payment of architect, Weldon Fulton.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of Building Inspector Schlens and City Manager Peebles to approve the estimate of \$140,000 for the Joslyn Recreation Center, Phase No. 1, and payment of the architect, Weldon Fulton, for his services in the amount of \$2,450. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, as follows:

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

Mayor Isen and the City Manager commented on the excellent work done by Mr. Fulton.

Recess from 8:55 to 9:05 p.m.

Following recess, Mayor Isen asked that the flooding problem be considered out of its regular order on the agenda, to accomodate a group of people from the neighborhood of 238th Street and Huber Avenue. He had some photographs and passed them among the councilmen for examination.

Mr. John J. Nechvatal of 1736 238th Street, acting as spokesman, described the serious flooding condition that has existed periodically over the past six or seven years. The damaged homes range in value from \$22,000 to \$25,000 and were mostly built under VA and FHA loans. Apparently the sump creates a backup causing flooding into these homes and makes the area depreciate from the standpoint of loaning authorities, similar to a previous situation at 235th Street and Arlington Avenue. He hoped the Council would be able to do something to correct this bad situation.

Mayor Isen suggested there be a citizens' committee of three or five persons appointed by the property owners in the neighborhood, who would consult with the City Manager and the Engineering Department toward a recommendation. City Manager Peebles said he would have the matter back on the agenda within thirty days. He explained the problem involved of pumping at too great a rate which could subject the City to lawsuits. A meeting of the Committee and Staff will be called next week. Mr. Nechvatal will inform Mr. Peebles the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the committee members selected.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he believes something should have been done before this time because it is well known this area floods; however, Mayor Isen stated it is really up to the people to form a drainage district to bring prevention through correction. The sump was planned on a smaller scale and the rapid growth and development of the area has unavoidably caused a flooding problem.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

24. Deletion from Oil Well Bond No. S1316302. License Inspector Whitacre, approved by City Manager Peebles, recommendation to delete oil well known as Peckham No. 1.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

25. Bid for draperies and rigging for new Recreation Center. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, with recommendation to award contract to the low bidder, R. L. Grosh & Sons Scenic Studios, in amount of \$2,222..

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the director of recreation set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

26. Bids for Cast Iron Pipe. Water Superintendent McVicar, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of low bid of Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. in the unit prices set forth on the bid summary. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Vico stated National Supply manufactures valves which could be purchased for the Water Department and he feels they should be.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

27. Requested report on right turn onto Crenshaw Boulevard in the vicinity of 187th Street. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that no additional openings be constructed through the divider island between Crenshaw Boulevard proper and Crenshaw Boulevard Service Road.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of Mr. Whitmer as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

28. Traffic recommendations for approval. J. O. Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting:

- A. Request that the flashing lights on STOP signs at Carson Street and Anza Avenue be denied.
- B. That a proper ordinance be drawn pertaining to closing or restricting use of City streets.
- C. That the request for STOP signs at 185th and Falda Avenue be denied.
- D. That the verbal request for STOP signs at 186th St. and St. Andrews Place be denied.
- E. That NO PARKING ANYTIME be established on the east side of Arlington Avenue beginning at the first alley south of Torrance Boulevard, with attached resolution.

As to "E" Mayor Isen did not believe it fair to penalize the people on account of the telephone company parking. Mr. Whitmer said this could be held for some sort of limitation on parking and it was agreed to follow his suggestion.

As to Items A, B, C and D, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendations set forth. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

29. Mrs. Roy J. Apsey, Chairman, regarding landscaping of Joslyn Center.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

30. Airport Commission President Herrick with comment from City Manager Peebles, submitting Commission's recommendation re Airport operation of the wind "T".

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this matter to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection.

31. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Airport Commission recommendation of approval of a hangar and plot plan for David Psaltis.

32. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Airport Commission recommendation of approval of hangar plans for Palos Verdes Aviation.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations set forth as to Items 31 and 32. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A short recess was declared and the Council reconvened at 9:45.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-21

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING SENATE BILL NO. 344 WHICH INCREASES CERTAIN HIGHWAY USER TAXES AND FEES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-21 (the draft substituted by the addenda). Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING COUNCILMAN KEN MILLER FOR RENDERING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE DURING HIS TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-22. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING COUNCILMAN ROSS A. SCIARROTTA, SR. FOR RENDERING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE DURING HIS TERM AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-23. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

36. Drainage plans for Victor Precinct and South Torrance Oil Field. Master Plan District No. 5E Victor Precinct. Master Plan District No. 8A South Torrance Oil Field.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles what is desired on this item and Mr. Peebles said he would like to see Paragraphs 1 and 2 of his communication approved with the exception of subparagraphs A and B of Paragraph 2. The balance of the communication could be considered later.

Mr. Strange of 4815 Emerald Street stated he believes the people of Torrance are already paying flood control assessments,

but Mayor Isen reminded him those are County Flood Control bond issue payments and stated there will be public hearings on this matter; it does not have to be decided this evening.

Councilman Miller moved to approve as set forth in Mr. Peebles' communication, the following:

1. Approve these two districts as actual exhibits per the two attached plans. This plan shows the outline of the areas that contribute to the actual flood areas. These flood areas are shown outlined in blue.

2. Approve the outline of each of these districts based on the red outline as actual area that contributes to the flood hazard area and allow the areas within this red boundary line to be developed in all areas except that as shown in the actual flood hazard area (shown outlined in blue) providing the people so developing are willing to sign a document or covenant, as prepared by the City Attorney, agreeing to participate in a storm drain improvement program.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Benstead, Miller and Drale as a committee of the council to meet with the Engineering staff. A meeting will be set up, probably for Monday, and the members of the Council Committee advised of the time by the City Manager's office. A similar meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Council was mentioned to be set at an early time.

37. Telephone Equipment Traffic Survey.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approving the installation of two additional SPRUCE level dial-out trunks and three additional office intercommunicating paths. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

37A. Next to be considered was the ordinance on the flooding area. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1359

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROHIBITING BUILDING IN THE SOUTH TORRANCE
OIL FIELD FLOOD HAZARD AREA (DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A)
AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1359. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1359 as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37B. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1360

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE PROHIBITING BUILDING IN THE VICTOR PRECINCT FLOOD HAZARD AREA (DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5-E) AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1360. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1360 as an emergency measure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. Modification of Council Chambers.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt the program for improvement and modification of the Council Chambers as set out in the four-page communication of City Manager Peebles outlined under three phases. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Vico protested the entire project as a "ridiculous waste of money" and called for the question.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Vico.

39. Statement of Unappropriated Reserves - Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this statement would be filed; there was none.

40. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

- Expenditures: 1. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling for one 6" Hersey Model Detector Check for Water Department, a budget item.
- 2. \$801.50 to John R. Anderson for Plan Checking Services rendered during the month of January, 1963 for the Building Department.
- 3. \$342.50 plus tax to Southwest Printing for 5,000 booking forms from the Police Department, a budget item.

Councilman Benstead seriously questioned Item 2, as being a "blank check". Building Superintendent Schlens explained this man is paid based on a percentage of the plan check fee received by the City and his duty is to check the plans. This is an old established custom in this and many other cities and is to the best interests of the City, City Manager Peebles said. Councilman Beasley moved to approve all three items listed above and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead (he voted "Yes" as to Items 1 and 3 and a definite "No" on Item 2 which he had questioned.

41. City Manager Peebles said he has received a petition regarding another flooding problem, from the citizens in the vicinity of 236th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. This is another sump with small capacity. Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Peebles to contact the person who first signed the petition, with the view of getting a citizens' committee to meet with the Staff, looking toward a solution.

42. Mayor Isen called to the attention of the Council that Torrance had the greatest gain of the year for population, according to the County Regional Planning census polls, having gained 5,114. This rapid increase brings many problems to the Council in its attempt to constantly improve the living conditions of Torrance. There have been tremendous drainage problems, and zoning problems, many of which are on their way to solution. There were pig farms and there were dairy farms which are not compatible with a residential community, but which are now being coped with. As congestion grows there is the problem of oil wells. Some of the Council members have met with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance further restricting oil well drilling and Mayor Isen presented that draft which he said would limit oil production to existing wells and prohibit secondary drillings as well as regulate the wells now in existence. He asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to amplify his remarks and to read the ordinance in full, which Mr. Remelmeyer did, explaining certain provisions.

Councilman Drale said he hopes this will also bring an end to the explosions which have harrassed the neighborhood of Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1361

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 19 (THE OIL CODE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT OIL WELL DRILLING IN THE CITY AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1361. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1361 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

42. City Manager Peebles referred back to the Council Chambers Improvement and exhibited a sample of color (a soft teal blue) for the chairs in the audience section for approval. The Council informally agreed.

43. Councilman Benstead asked what progress is being made on the Civil Service ordinance ordered long ago. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he and Personnel Director Donovan have almost completed it and he hopes to have it delivered to the City Manager within a week.

44. Councilman Benstead said the Council had set a policy that when a person is on an eligible list and not chosen for the available job, the reason should be given. In recent times this has not been followed and he asked why. City Manager Peebles said he has required the department had to give a reason why the No. 1 person has not been chosen and that reason is placed in the files. Mayor Isen approved, stating it is neither necessary nor desirable that the reasons appear as a matter of public record or on the Council agenda. It is the privilege of the councilmen to review the records in the Personnel Department or City Manager's office. It was agreed informally the required information would be given

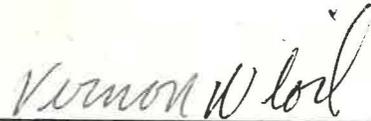
the councilmen through letters placed in their mailboxes in the conference room.

45. Councilman Sciarrotta commented that the College site now seems more likely to be Torrance and he believes all who had a hand in the presentation should be commended.

46. Councilman Sciarrotta said Torrance adopted a sister city some time ago and the project has not been very active recently. He hoped at a reasonably early date the Council would reconsider and determine what it wants to do about its sister city, Konya, Turkey. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to reconsider the Konya sister city project when an appropriate time in the future comes and to be considering what should be done in the interim. Councilman Drale seconded his motion, stating this is an international project and deserves dignified attention. It was agreed by the Councilmen, however, this is a matter which can await completion of some of the urgent local problems and with this thought, Councilman Sciarrotta withdrew his motion, as did Councilman Drale, the second. The question will be further considered in about three weeks, Mayor Isen said, and asked Councilmen Sciarrotta and Vico to work together with that in mind.

47. Mayor Isen commented the City should take some cognizance of the employees who worked day and night under adverse conditions on the flood problem recently and the City Manager was directed to write a letter of gratitude and commendation to each pertinent department. City Manager Peebles was especially commended for his long hours of effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance