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Torrance, California
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico was absent because of the death of his father and Mayor Isen extended the sympathy of the Council and Administration to Mr. Vico and his family in their bereavement.

City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles were also in attendance.

3. Flag Salute:

Mrs. Winthrop L. Saville a member of the Library Commission, and her Girl Scout Troup were in the audience and after introducing them individually, Mrs. Saville and the girls led the salute to our Flag.

4. The Reverend Hugh Percy opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 26, 1963; Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

7. Motion to Waive Further Reading:

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

HEARINGS:

8. Vacation of High Street per Meadow Park Tract lying Southeasterly of Hawthorne Avenue, Resolution of Intention No. 63-20. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of adoption of resolution ordering the vacation of a portion of High Street per Meadow Park Tract lying southeasterly of Hawthorne Avenue in the City of Torrance.

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

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

Councilman Drale asked that this property be checked as to tax sale of delinquent properties and City Manager Peebles said he would do so. There was some question as to the vacation for this reason and City Manager Peebles asked the item be held for one week. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and the motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

Affidavit of Posting and Publication were presented by the City Clerk and ordered filed.

9. Vacation of portions of Rolling Hills Road southerly of Crenshaw Boulevard - Resolution of Intention No. 63-19. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of adoption of resolution ordering the vacation of portions of Rolling Hills Road southerly of Crenshaw Boulevard in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF ROLLING HILLS ROAD SOUTHERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-29. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

Affidavit of Posting and Publication were presented by the City Clerk and ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. ORDINANCE - Case No. 815 - Change of Zone - Hodges/Gardner.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1367

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. 815.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1367 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

11. Ordinance, Case No. 817, Change of Zone, Adams Bolton, et al.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1368

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. 817.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1368 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

12. Ordinance, Case No. 826, Change of zone, Shizuko Motoyasu.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1369

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. 826.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1369 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Claim of John McKown, V, by John Henry McKown, IV, his guardian for alleged medical expenses and general damages resulting from accident February 8, 1963 when child was struck by City-owned vehicle in alleyway between Border and Sartori Streets.

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

In connection with claims, Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney report from time to time on the disposition of these claims which are referred to his office. Any amount of settlement would not be set forth. Councilman Drale mentioned that the County Board of Supervisors meeting specifies such settlements on its agenda. City Attorney Remelmeyer will compile a preliminary report keeping in mind the policy of the County Board of Supervisors.

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

Assistant City Manager Ferraro will organize attendance at this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING:

15. City's participation of construction cost on Crenshaw Boulevard at Rolling Hills Road. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac,

with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, on City's participation of construction cost on Crenshaw Boulevard at Rolling Hills Road. Attached were opinion from James M. Hall, request for reimbursement from Robert K. Burke and summary of bids received.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer that the City participate to the extent of \$10,000 with \$5,000 paid now and \$5,000 after July 1, 1963. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and Councilman Drale expressed the opinion that approval would be compatible with policy of the City on major streets where the people have dedicated the necessary property. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

In reply to a question from Councilman Miller, it developed there was no contractual agreement on this participation. This, City Manager Peebles explained, was a unique situation in that the developer wanted to proceed immediately; ordinarily they would await regular processing through the Street Department.

16. Award of contract of sanitary sewers in easement westerly of Yukon Avenue from 172nd Street to 158.44 feet southerly. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that Chet Kohler construction, Inc., be awarded contract for lowest bid in amount of \$1,942.11.

Councilman Benstead moved to award the contract as recommended above and to reject all other bids. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried unanimously (Councilman Vico absent).

17. Award of contract for installation of storm drains in Hawthorne Avenue and 234th Street. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that Bay Area Construction Co. be awarded contract for installation, with low bid in amount of \$73,827.40.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract as set forth and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

18. Alley north of Torrance Boulevard, east of Victor Street.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation that the informal quotation from contractor Norman Ruggles in the amount of \$868 be accepted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

19. Intention to vacate corner return at northeast corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Newton Street.

Mayor Isen questioned the propriety of waiving the \$100 vacation fee. City Manager Peebles agreed, saying this was an inadvertent error. City Engineer Nollac explained the County initiated this vacation proceeding and Councilman Miller moved to hold it for one week to investigate this phase of the vacation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded his motion which carried, there being no objection.

20. Request for refund of sewer use fee (Marshall Builders) City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending refund be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to refund the \$25 sewer use fee to Marshall Builders. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

21. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the following listed easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated February 11, 1963 for the widening of 182nd Street and Grevillea Avenue over a portion of Lot 1, Block C, Belvidere Tract, given by John E. and Catherine E. Treacy.
2. Street easement deed dated February 18, 1963, for the widening of 227th Street, 228th Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue over portions of Lots 24, 25 and 26, Tract No. 639, given by Walter V. Storm and Harry Cohen.
3. Street easement deed dated February 18, 1963, for the widening of 229th Street over a portion of Lot 43, Tract No. 639, given by Walter V. Storm and Harry Cohen.
4. Street easement deed dated February 19, 1963, for the widening of 235th Street and 235th Place, over portions of Lot 34, Tract No. 530, given by Daryl A. Stark.
5. Storm drain easement deed dated February 19, 1963 for the construction of a storm drain over a portion of Lot 34, Tract No. 530, given by Daryl A. Stark.
6. Storm drain easement deed dated February 4, 1963, for the construction of a storm drain over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 10778, given by Sixteenth Sponsors Corp.
7. Street easement deed dated February 20, 1963, for the widening of 168th Street over portions of Lot 58, La Fresa Tract, given by William G. and Alice G. De Prez.
8. Street easement deed dated February 23, 1963, for the widening of 171st Street over a portion of Lot 26, La Fresa Tract, given by Dale and Pearlle Basinger.
9. Street easement deed dated February 20, 1963, for the widening of 235th Place and 236th Street over portions of Lot 5, Tract No. 437, given by Ellen E. Dewey.
10. Street easement deed dated February 20, 1963 for the widening of 235th Place over a portion of Lot 37, Tract No. 530, given by A. J. Loudon.
11. Street easement deed dated February 21, 1963, for the widening of Victor Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Torrance Boulevard and Victor Street over portions of Lot 1, Tract No. 3218, given by The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

22. South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4 (A'11 61-1) City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that Council adopt Resolution of Intention to change portion of subject sewer assessment district and submitting location sketch and proposed resolution.

Mayor Isen ascertained from City Manager Peebles that this is a technical requirement in processing the assessment district and, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-30

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBING CERTAIN PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE WORK AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 62-236; DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER SAID PROPOSED CHANGES AND FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID PROPOSED CHANGES AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF. (South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-30. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

23. Crafts 20 Big Shows (Carnival)

License Inspector Whitacre, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending license be granted to Crafts 20 Big Shows to conduct carnival at San-On-Drug Store.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the license. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there followed a discussion of the untidy appearance usually resulting from one of these carnivals and the offsetting advantage of increased revenue to the City through sales tax. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

24. Bids on Auto Shop Equipment. Garage Superintendent McRae, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to reject all bids and readvertise.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to reject all bids and readvertise. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

25. Police Matron and File Clerk Medical Standards. Personnel Director Donovan, with approval of City Manager Peebles and Police Chief Bennett, submitting proposed change for Council consideration.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to change the age requirements for Police Matron and File Clerk. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

26. New Class Specification for Planning Aide. Personnel Director Donovan, with approval of City Manager Peebles and Planning Director Shartle, submitting revised class specification for Planning Aide.

Mayor Isen asked this be held for budget study as he is not convinced this classification is needed. Councilman Sciarrotta reminded him it is only for approval of specifications so the classification is included in the Civil Service positions and moved to approve the revised class specification for Planning Aide. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Further questioning developed that while there is to be a lowering of requirements, there is to be no change in the established pay rate. If the original standards were retained, it would be necessary to increase the pay scale to get recruits, City Manager Peebles said, and Personnel Director Donovan confirmed his statement. Roll call vote was:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE SAFETY COUNCIL:

27. Chairman Rev. Hugh Percy, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting request of Safety Council to conduct automobile safety check.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Officer Don Hartel explained the purpose and scope of the voluntary vehicle safety check. Mayor Isen asked for what the \$1,000 will be spent and Officer Hartel explained it would be the cost of literature, forms and promotion. The Lions Clubs of Torrance are planning to co-sponsor the project.

Mayor Isen asked this be held for a complete breakdown of expenses and Councilman Drale felt the Council should review and approve, or otherwise, the literature mentioned. He moved that the Council concur subject to City Council review of the literature a breakdown of expenses proposed and an opinion from the City Attorney. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote. There is ample time as the proposed dates are in June.

28. Resubmittal of plans and supporting material for FAAP 09-04-123-03 for Fiscal Year 1963 program. Report of Council Airport Committee with attached correspondence.

City Manager Peebles said the plans have all been reviewed by the entire Staff and they are approved. Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

A recess was declared at 6:10 p.m. and the Council reconvened at 6:20.

29. Matter of Airport Roads. Resubmitted per Council direction at meeting of February 5, 1963, with attached copy of Airport Manager Egan's memo to City Manager dated February 25, 1963 with sketch attached.

This report is in compliance with the request of the Council. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendations of the Airport Commission and Airport Manager in the report. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1370

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 4.10 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 4 OF SAID CODE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ANIMALS AS NOVELTIES.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1370 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1366

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 - EAST OF ANZA AVENUE)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1366 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

32. Comment on A.B. 889, with memo from Bus Superintendent Chamberlain, letter from Chairman of Municipal Bus Association and copy of A.B. 889.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Bus Superintendent to oppose and protest A.B. 889. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection. A resolution is to be prepared by the Legal Department for adoption by the Council.

33. Recommendation re a member of Police Department attending Governor's Conference on Juvenile control.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that it not be considered necessary for a member of the Police Department to attend the Governor's conference at Sacramento March 14th and 15th.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved a substitute to send a member of the Police Department to the conference mentioned and Councilman Drale seconded the motion. City Manager Peebles said there has been approved in the budget and by the Council authorization for attendance at juvenile conference of police officers at this same time and as the Lieutenant in the Juvenile Division will be attending that he can obtain the minutes of the conference and thus obviate the necessity of personal attendance. Roll call on the substitute motion was:

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

On the motion to concur, roll call vote was: (Mayor Isen seconded)
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

34. Proposed purchase of sump property in Victor Precinct.

Councilman Drale said the Drainage Committee has met and they consider this an excellent opportunity to acquire a five-acre parcel of property in the Victor Tract adjacent to what is outlined by the Engineering Department, rather than have to negotiate with five or six different property owners to locate the sump as originally shown on the proposed plan. City Manager Peebles said the cost would be a charge against the Assessment District, but it could not be assessed against the district under the law.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney and City Manager be authorized to enter into escrow in concurrence with the proposal set forth in this item. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

35. Miscellaneous recommendations:

1. \$352.14 to Automatic Printing Company for 44,000 meter sheets, 2,000 memo sheets and 1,000 audit sheets for Water Department.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the item set forth. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. City Manager Peebles said the Southern California Edison Company presented the City a check for \$89,648.24 as their franchise tax for the year ending December 31, 1962 which represents an increase of nearly \$4,000 over last year. This was informational only.

37. Assistant Chief Porter said at the last Chiefs' zone meeting in Glendale, Torrance was presented a mounted certificate from the State of California for participating in the minimum standards program for police officers; next time it will be a check. Apparently there is a state regulation that a plaque cannot be awarded but a "mounted certificate" can. From his description it seems they are comparable.

38. Councilman Benstead stated he had read in the South Bay Daily Breeze that the South Bay area might have to pay for a 27,000 acre park in the Malibu area. He does not consider the park will benefit Torrance in any way and thinks the Council should protest this purchase involving \$27,000,000 for the property alone. He moved to protest and notify the Board of Supervisors of Torrance's opposition. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent). A resolution to this effect will be on the agenda for next week's meeting.

39. Councilman Drale stated we now have the support of the surrounding cities for the college site in Torrance. Resolutions have been received from Lawndale, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach, Gardena and Rolling Hills. Some members of the Council will go to Sacramento on Thursday of this week which is the date of what will probably be the time of decision. Fox Hills Country Club is now being pushed as a site and it is hoped sufficient support can be taken along to successfully oppose that. He moved that those people who wish to attend from the City Council and three others (one of whom was mentioned as being Mrs. Kenneth Watts) be authorized to do so with appropriate expenses paid by the City. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. Mayor Isen said the two unidentified persons have made themselves known to the Finance Department.

Roll call was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

40. Councilman Sciarrotta reported he has been making a survey of the properties between Carson and Plaza Del Amo on Gramercy Place, Arlington and Andreo Avenues. 375 questionnaires have been mailed and of the 91 returned, 51 are in favor of R-3 zoning and 39 are not. One person is undecided. He asked permission to give this information to the Planning Commission for its use in forming a recommendation. He believes revitalization of this older part of town into a nice apartment district would inure to the benefit of the City. Councilman Benstead questioned Mr. Sciarrotta's motives in compiling this information, but Mayor Isen said it is not necessary to have a formal motion in order to turn it over to the Planning Commission and the information was given to the Planning Commission for study.

41. Mayor Isen also talked about the proposed college site and the surprise proposal of the Fox Hills location which has only 100 acres available as opposed to the 320 presumably needed in Torrance. The South Bay Daily Breeze has published an excellent editorial and he proposes to read it to the Board of Trustees if an audience is granted on Thursday in Sacramento. Powerful politicians and financiers seem to be backing the Westchester location and a different set of criteria is being used. The Quincy Jones feasibility report was presented in Long Beach at a time when Torrance had not been advised. The college would have to be a high-rise project in the proposed location and Torrance should have had an opportunity to show what could be done in similar circumstances within its boundaries. He considers the whole situation as it now stands a "real Alice in Wonderland mixup". The overwhelming passage of the bond issue was a result of the promise that the location would be between Torrance and the hills. Anything further than a presentation by Quincy Jones, he would consider an injustice to the people including those of Westchester, and he hopes to be able to express the desires of the people on Thursday. Councilman Beasley said he has learned the application for high-rise in Westchester is still pending before the County Regional Planning Board.

42. Councilman Drale asked if the hearings are being held on the Arlington and Van Ness name changes and City Manager Peebles stated they are being set up.

43. A man in the audience came forward and presented a communication to each of the councilmen. He identified himself as Don Mario, representing the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors and stated the paper is an invitation to all members of the Council to participate in a round table discussion any night within the last two weeks of March. The time was set as Wednesday, March 27th and City Manager Peebles will issue a reminder to the councilmen.

44. Mr. Collie Vivonia, proponent in the case involving the old market building variance at 16625 Crenshaw Boulevard, appeared in reply to a letter from the Planning Department to see if an extension would be given to him. When asked if he would demolish the unsightly building there he asked if it might be remodeled instead; he has given up hope of constructing a motel on this location, but he has a couple of contractors who are interested in the land for other purposes. In order to maintain jurisdiction of the case, it is necessary some action be taken at this meeting, City Remelmeyer said.

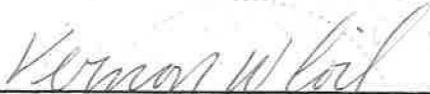
Mayor Isen moved to reconsider the Vivonia case and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Miller moved to grant Mr. Vivonia sixty days from today as an extension provided he cleans up the property and puts it in decent condition within ten days. This includes the building and the parking lot and removing broken windows. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



 Vernon W. Coil, Clerk of the City of
 TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, March 12, 1963, at 8:00 p.m., in Council Chambers 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, Clarence A. Myers, Past Post Commander of Jewish War Veterans of the United States, South Bay Post No. 777, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the minutes of the regular meeting held March 5, 1963 be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

7.a. Mayor Isen announced as an additional item not listed on the agenda, the perma plaque resolutions of appreciation which were thereupon presented by him to Councilman Miller and to Councilman Sciarrotta for their membership and work on the Planning Commission and Civil Service Board, respectively. Each responded with appreciation and appropriate remarks.

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Councilman Drale moved similar recognition be given to three other councilmen who have served on City Commissions. No action was taken at this time on his motion, although he asked it be made a part of this record.

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. Postponement of hearing on proposed Ordinance creating C-5 zone. City Clerk Coil's request to reschedule hearing for March 19, 1963.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in postponing this hearing to March 19, a 5:30 meeting, and Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Final Tract Map No. 22536 - Joseph Barton. Recommended for approval, with pertinent correspondence attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of Final Tract Map No. 22536. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, as follows:

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

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

10. Notice of Completion - Sanitary Sewer in Rolling Hills Road from Crenshaw Boulevard to southerly city boundary (Chet Kohler Construction Co., Inc., contractor. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending Council approve and authorize extra work and accept the subject improvement.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Intention to vacate a corner return at Northeast corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Newton Street, submitted again, with proposed resolution.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to adopt the resolution proposed; councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CORNER RETURN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND NEWTON STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to adopt the resolution numbered 63-31. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Vacation of portion of High Street per Meadow Park Tract, lying southeasterly of Hawthorne Avenue, submitted again. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that vacation be held until additional information is secured and submitting location sketch.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to table this item of business. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

13. Refund of drainage improvement fund contribution at 20347 Anza Avenue. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that request of refund of \$259 be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to refund the \$259 as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

14. Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following listed easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated February 20, 1963 for the widening of Amie Avenue over a portion of Lot 29, Tract No. 3458, given by Jess D. Gardner.
2. Street easement deed dated February 1, 1963 for the widening of Garnet Street over a portion of Lot 30, Tract No. 3458, given by Jesse D. Hodges.
3. Street easement deed dated February 1, 1963 for the widening of Spencer Street over a portion of Lot 31, Tract No. 3458, given by Jesse D. Hodges.
4. Street easement deed dated February 18, 1963 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 12, Tract No. 3458, given by Robert L. Rhodes, et al.
5. Street easement deed dated February 22, 1963 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 12, Tract No. 3458, given by Robert L. Rhodes, et al.
6. Street easement deed dated February 22, 1963 for the widening of Emerald Street over a portion of Lot 12, Tract No. 3458, given by Robert L. Rhodes, et al.
7. Street easement deed dated April 12, 1961 for the widening of Western Avenue over a portion of Lot 73, McDonald Tract, given by John Graniczny, et al.
8. Storm drain easement deed dated February 27, 1963 for the construction of a storm drain over a portion of Lot 18, Meadow Park Tract, given by C. H. and Lillian B. Glenny.
9. Street easement deed dated February 27, 1963 for the widening of 230th Street and 230th Place over portions of Lot 89, Tract No. 639, given by Margarett Fancher.
10. Street easement deed dated March 4, 1963 for the widening of Adolph Avenue over a portion of Lot 105, Tract No. 27047, given by Don Wilson Builders.
11. Street easement deed dated March 4, 1963 to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Anza Avenue and 238th Street over a portion of Lot 26, Tract No. 27047, given by Kilkenny Homes Corp.

12. Street easement deed dated March 4, 1963 to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Ladeene Avenue and 238th Street over a portion of Lot 27, Tract No. 27047, given by Quaker Homes Corp.

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

15. North Walteria Lake Drainage (Drainage District 7-A.) City Attorney Remelmeyer letter of transmittal submitting for adoption ordinance for first reading.

Councilman Drale asked and was told the boundaries of the district by streets and Councilman Sciarrotta asked for clarification of the "\$600 or \$2000 per acre" phrase. City Engineer Nollac explained the \$600 is for land in the unflooded area and \$2,000 is for the area which is inundated. Councilman Benstead ascertained that both City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles approve the ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1371

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AT THE RATE OF \$600 OR \$2000 PER ACRE BY ANY PERSON IMPROVING, SUBDIVIDING OR DIVIDING ANY LAND IN THAT PART OF LAKE WALTERIA DESIGNED AS DRAINAGE DISTRICT 7-A AND DETERMINING THE BASIS OF COMPUTING SAID PAYMENTS.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1371. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale, but Councilman Vico voted negatively and City Clerk Coil was instructed by Mayor Isen to read the ordinance in full, including rereading of the title thereto, which he did.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1371 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

16. Bids for Torrance Park Ball Diamond. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that all bids for project be rejected and to readvertise.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to reject all bids and readvertise. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Councilman Vico did not agree, but City Manager Peebles explained the reason as being due to an insurance provision which guarantees the burning life of the light bulbs, called attention to, and read from the communication from the Traffic and Lighting Engineer dated March 5, 1963. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

17. Secretary Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, transmittal of the following recommendations, with supporting material:

- A. That a 2 hour parking zone be established on both sides of Arlington Avenue from the first alley south of Torrance Boulevard to Engracia Avenue, with attached proposed resolution.
- B. That a "No Parking Anytime" zone be established on the south side of Spencer Street from Henrietta Street to Victor Street, with attached proposed resolution.
- C. That a 20 minute parking zone be established in front of 3515 Artesia Boulevard, with attached proposed resolution.
- D. That the existing STOP signs on Arlington Avenue at 220th Street be removed, with attached proposed resolution.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the various recommendations above set forth and the motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

A. RESOLUTION NO. 63-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING ONE, TWO AND FOUR HOUR PARKING LIMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TORRANCE & MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND REPEALING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-32. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING PROHIBITION OF PARKING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND REPEALING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-33. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING YELLOW, WHITE AND GREEN ZONES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE

TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND REPEALING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-34. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING THROUGH STREETS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND REPEALING CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-35. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

18. Request of Dr. B. C. Shackford to build 6 T-hangars. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation of approval, with concurrence of City Manager. Pertinent correspondence attached.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta said due to the fact that land values have increased, there should be some reflection of that in the price set forth in the lease. Councilman Miller stated there had not been a meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council last week, but it will be considered at the meeting to be held tomorrow.

Airport Manager Egan spoke on the subject of encouragement of anyone who wishes to construct T hangars; they are not economically feasible, and promised an analysis of the economics involved. Councilman Miller withdrew his motion and Councilman Sciarrotta moved this item be considered at the Airport Committee meeting mentioned. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and Mayor Isen asked that comparative rate information be obtained by Airport Manager Egan from airports such as Santa Monica, Compton, Santa Ana and Van Nuys. There was no objection.

19. Recommendation to establish general policy re land in flight pattern. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Commission's recommendation to establish general policy, and notification of Airport Commission recommendations via Planning Commission re Planning Commission Case No. 786, Markham.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation and recommended necessary emergency ordinances be drafted by the City Attorney. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated there would be a height limit ordinance before the Council soon. Roll call vote on the matter of establishing policy was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

20. Report re negotiations re Vegas Airways. President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendations re appraisal of leasehold with Airport Manager Egan's comments and concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Vico recommended more time be taken on this and similar matters and Councilman Drale moved to file this item until such time as it is necessary again to consider it. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there was no objection.

21. Matter of acquisition of property for west clear zone. Airport Commission President Herrick, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting Airport Commission's recommendation that this be expedited as soon as possible.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to expedite the acquisition of property for the west clear zone. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and, there being no objection, carried.

Mrs. Gobel of 23645 Madison Street asked for a definite date when some action would be taken and Airport Manager Egan explained the various time-consuming steps in the process. However, he stated his best estimate would be the latter part of April and City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed stating there will be a proposed plan of procedure before the Council for approval in about two weeks. A copy of that plan was ordered by Mayor Isen to be sent to Mrs. Gobel, and one to Mrs. Sorenson of 23656 Ward Street, who spoke along the same lines.

Councilman Drale said the people in that area should be informed that these delays are not the fault of the Council; the bonds have just been sold and it takes time to process, especially in dealing with the Federal government. However, he said the property owners could be of assistance by submitting an asking price, or voluntary offer. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked nothing be done until some further administration decisions on details are reached. He suggested a two weeks delay and there was no objection.

A recess was declared at 8:55 p.m. and Council reconvened at 9:07.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN A PROPOSED PARK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT EXTENDING FROM THE VENTURA COUNTY LINE TO THE NORTHERN LIMITS OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-36. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-37. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

24. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, 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 Drale moved to table this ordinance for thirty days (later in the meeting this was changed to the meeting of April 16, at 5:30 p.m.) due to some legal questions which need clarification and the completion of the City Manager's report. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1367

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. 815.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1367 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1368

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. 817.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1368 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1369

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. 826.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1369 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1370

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 4.10 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND ADDING ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 4 OF SAID CODE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ANIMALS AS NOVELTIES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1370 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. Progress Report - Guenser, Victor and Entradero Parks - Phase I.

The Councilmen agreed this interesting report shows that the parks are taking shape and Mayor Isen asked that the City Manager's office collaborate with Director of Recreation Van Bellehem in writing an article, with pictures, for Western City Magazine, showing what can be accomplished by citizenry interested in parks in cooperation with City government.

Mr. Jerry Satuloff, President of Guenser Park Homeowners Association, expressed the sincere thanks of the neighborhood for the miraculous change made in the past six months and especially praised the City Manager's office and Street Superintendent Perkins for their cooperation insolving the incidental problems. An invitation will be extended to City officials for the first barbecue held in the park, he said.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles for a similar progress report on the "two other sites which are not yet in embryonic stage".

Councilman Beasley stated he had talked with Mr. Rollins of the State Highway Division and he said he had instructions from the City Attorney to delay the ten acres until after July 1st. Mr. Beasley had told Mr. Rollins he was undoubtedly mistaken because the Council has passed a resolution and later Mr. Rollins called Mr. Beasley and said the deed will be given to the City within six weeks.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles to open negotiations through our assemblymen to make sure the land does not have to be paid for twice. City Manager Peebles said he will have a report on the Council agenda next week and then negotiations will start.

Mayor Isen asked if the option was ever prepared regarding the Wilson land on Sepulveda and Mr. Remelmeyer said it is being drafted at this time. City Manager Peebles remarked another park is being purchased in Walteria Lake.

Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Peebles make a written communication on these parks as a matter of record.

30. Assembly Bill No. 3.

Councilman Drake moved to concur in the recommendation to direct the City Manager to prepare a letter to appropriate people and organizations regarding passage of this bill. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen reminded Councilman Beasley there is a vacancy on the Youth Welfare Commission which is his responsibility and Councilman Drake offered to assist in finding a man from North Torrance to round out the membership.

31. Miscellaneous Recommendations. Expenditures:

- a. \$392.60 to Artco Products Company for weed killer, a budget item for the Airport.
- b. \$3,887.64 to General Pump Service, Inc. for repairs to wells numbered 2 and 3, a budget item for the Water Department.
- c. \$388.76 to Moore Business Forms for form 3582 and Form No. 1486, a budget item for the Finance Dept.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of Items a and c. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

Councilman Benstead asked what the repairs are which would necessitate expenditure of \$3,887.64 and Mr. Peebles explained they are emergency repairs made to pull the pump, sand-pump and surge the wells and he read the detailed services performed. Councilman Benstead was under the impression this well had been repaired recently and the City Manager will investigate and put the matter back on the agenda next week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Manager Peebles asked that Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, present a further matter: There is a request from the Torrance Scout Center and Junior Woman's Club who have had fireworks stand on the parkway at 234th Street and Western Avenue for the past five or six years. If the council denies the right this year, they would like to know in time to arrange for a different location before the deadline. This is the area where the City has recently installed curbs at the rear which cut the parkway down to 13 feet; the park department has installed lawn, trees and automatic sprinkler system. The fireworks stand

is eight feet wide, leaving only five feet and the Police Dept has said it cannot approve because of the traffic hazard. Mr. Whitacre said he, the City Manager, the Parks Department and the Police Department recommend that no one be permitted to place a fireworks stand at this point. Park Superintendent Clemmer has said if the stand is placed there the sod is so new that it will not stand up. If the Council should permit the stand to be placed there regardless, Mr. Clemmer has recommended the posting of a \$100 damage deposit. The principal objection, however, is the traffic hazard.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of License Inspector Whitacre that there be no fireworks stand at this location and Councilman Vico seconded the motion. There were no objections.

33. City Manager Peebles informed the Council the people in Entradero Park, like those of Guenser and Victor, have developed their own plans and the City is in the process of implementing them.

34. City Manager Peebles announced Mr. Geller has been officially appointed as head County Librarian and Councilman Drale asked the Council to go on record as congratulating him. Mr. Peebles will write such a letter.

35. City Manager Peebles said he had received a call from Mr. Jack Kettler regarding the 238th and Huber drainage area. He is ready to discuss this relocation of the sump compatible to all concerned and a meeting has been set up for tomorrow afternoon.

36. Mr. John J. Nechvatal reminded the Council his group was to have been at Council a month from the last time of appearance, but they have had no communication. Councilman Miller recalled there was to be a joint meeting and City Manager Peebles said it has been discussed with Mr. Nechvatal two or three times. It is necessary first to get the soil boring tests and they have been ordered (City Engineer Nollac said they are expected by Thursday of this week). Mr. Nechvatal spoke further: of the unsightliness of the area, breeding place of mosquitoes, etc., as well as the objections he has to a drainage district being formed.

Councilman Drale, Chairman of the Drainage Committee, explained the reason for the possible deepening and increased size of the sump through use of an adjacent piece of property the City owns. There is some possibility Mr. Kettler may want to deed to the City certain property in exchange for some the City owns in order to make his boundaries more uniform and at the same time provide the City with a useable sump at no loss of property.

Councilman Miller thinks there is a bad lack of communication. City Manager Peebles said he had talked with Mr. Nechvatal and reached an agreement that no meeting would be held until the information was compiled and the boring tests made. Mr. Miller's point is that it should have been on the agenda in one shape or another at the time promised.

Mr. B. L. Matthews of 23907 Huber, asked if any soil tests were taken on the first sump and Mr. Peebles said he did not know; that was long ago.

Mayor Isen asked that a way be devised for methodically keeping track of agenda items; this is an administrative matter.

Councilman Miller asked for a specific date for considering this matter and Councilman Benstead added that the people involved should be notified of that date when it is set.

Councilman Drale said the interested parties have a right to a copy of the estimate made by the City Engineer and City Manager Peebles stated Mr. Nechvatal would be furnished a complete copy of the report tomorrow.

Mayor Isen promised two weeks from tonight, March 26th, an eight o'clock meeting, the matter will be on the agenda and in the meantime there will be a meeting with the citizens' committee. City Manager Peebles will notify Mr. Nechvatal.

A recess was declared at 9:50 and Council reconvened at 10:04.

37. The thirty-day period mentioned in Item 24 was amended to set the second reading of Ordinance No. 1361 on April 16, 1963 by Councilman Drale.

38. Mayor Isen presented a draft of a resolution objecting to Fox Hills as a location for the South Bay State College for consideration by the Council. Similar resolutions have been adopted by other South Bay cities and Mayor Isen expressed his opinion that every association, every service club and every church organization should adopt such resolutions.

City Clerk Coil read the resolution in its entirety, and assigned a number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-38

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OBJECTING TO FOX HILLS AS THE SITE OF THE SOUTH BAY STATE COLLEGE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-38. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

City Attorney Remelmeyer will draft a formal resolution along the lines of the one here read and the City Clerk will see that it is properly distributed.

Mayor Isen asked for comments on the College site location and Councilman Drale told briefly the results of the meeting in San Jose. He favors pursuing the matter further with Santa Fe Railway Company and appealing to all industries for gifts and support toward securing the college in Torrance. Also he said the City should contact Congressman Cecil King to determine if the Naval Depot which would provide 62 acres, could not be transferred and a request should be made for a meeting of the Citizens Committee with the Board of Trustees at Arcata in Humboldt County in May.

Councilman Beasley believed there is reason for optimism because of the high location of Fox Hills in relation to the airport pattern of Hughes Aircraft landing field. Because of the great concentration of students, he did not believe the FAA would permit a college to be located at Fox Hills, especially since most of the planes are of experimental nature.

Mayor Isen said he is very discouraged at this time because the statement was made that if Fox Hills is not accepted, the second choice would be Palos Verdes and he feels the change in criteria creates a very unfair situation.

39. Councilman Benstead called a meeting of the Police Commission on Tuesday, March 19th at 10 a.m.

40. Councilman Miller said Mr. Don Mario who issued an invitation to the councilmen last week, has asked the date be changed to April 3rd at 8 p.m., for the round table discussion at the Torrance-Lomita Realtors Board building. Mayor Isen asked that a written invitation be sent to the councilmen.

41. Councilman Sciarrotta asked about repair of the pavement in front of the post office annex on Torrance Boulevard. The building is leased by the Federal government. He asked the Councilmen to view the location and the City Attorney to look to the legal aspects of its repair.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta also brought up the essay contest for high school students sponsored by the Torrance Beautiful Commission but stated it had not been sanctioned by the Council. Councilman Miller thereupon moved the Council approve the contest and Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

Mrs. Roy J. Apsey, Chairman of the Torrance Beautiful Commission, came forward and stated the circumstances under which this essay contest was set up and that her understanding had been that it was not necessary to obtain Council approval on a matter which does not involve city property or city funds. Councilman Sciarrotta reminded her this might set a precedent for other Commissions' activities.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that starting with April 1st (the April 2nd Council meeting) the roll call vote on any matters to come before the Council be reversed, starting with Mayor Isen and ending with Councilman Beasley and that this order continue for six months at the end of which time, it would go back to the usual alphabetical manner and thereafter be switched each six months. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

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

44. Councilman Vico thanked the Council and others for the expressions of sympathy during the last illness of his father. He asked City Manager Peebles about the STOP sign at Ventura and Del Campo. Mr. Peebles said this is to go before the Traffic Commission next week.

45. Councilman Beasley mentioned the little triangle at 242nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue and Mayor Isen stated that was okayed for landscaping at a previous Council meeting.

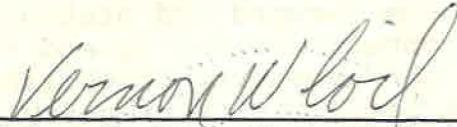
46. Mr. George Kuehnel of 517 Via la Selva stated it would be advantageous to have a committee call on Hughes Aircraft and North American Aviation for support against the Fox Hills location of the State College. This will be considered at the Citizens Committee meeting at 4 o'clock tomorrow.

47. Mr. Jim Bower asked approval of a new tenant for Rolling Hills Plaza Shopping Center, a family-type billiard parlor and introduced the proposed tenants, Mr. Nix and Mr. Comstock. He stated the License Department has said there is a long standing ordinance against this type of business in the City.

License Inspector Whitacre, said it is permitted by the ordinance, but is not listed as a permitted activity on the Jefferson leasehold. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the ordinance does not permit a billiard parlor except in conjunction with a bowling alley, but he will search the regulations and have the matter back on the agenda at the next Council meeting. Mr. Whitacre said Section 16.157 of the code permits a billiard or pool parlor and provides a fee for same. Section 18.16 and Section 18.17 sets forth the regulations governing them. These people have applied and have paid the fee and it is now a question for the City Attorney as to whether or not it is a permitted business on the Jefferson leasehold.

48. Councilman Drale recommended the City appeal to the five large oil companies located in Torrance for financial and other support in the college location matter, although Mayor Isen said they have indicated no interest in it.

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