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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, April 16, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Miller arrived a few minutes later and Councilman Vico was absent. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer also attended.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. J. Walker Owens, the newly appointed Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Daniel Weaver, Jr., Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held April 9, 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 Drale, carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Vico.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Mayor Isen announced that Chief of Police Bennett's father passed away and extended the Council's sympathy to his family.

HEARINGS:

8. Botanical Gardens Annexation No. 1 - Resolution of Intention No. 62-265 - continued hearing - deferred at January 15, 1963 meeting. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of transmittal submitting ordinance approving annexation.

Mayor Isen stated there had been a request to continue this matter and the date of June 4, a 5:30 meeting was set as the time of hearing. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being the following roll call vote:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

9. Major R. H. Harter, U. S. Marine Corps, requesting bus transportation for participants in Armed Forces Day parade.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request, for two buses or whatever is needed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent).

10. City Clerk of City of San Gabriel, submitting Resolution in connection with National Flag Week and requesting the City to take similar action.

Councilman Drale moved to concur and to instruct the City Attorney to prepare for adoption a similar resolution. His motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

11. Claims submitted by Attorney Allen G. Bird representing five clients, for alleged water damage sustained February 9th and 10th.

Councilman Drale moved that the claims of:

Crenshaw Bowling, Inc.	\$17,500.00
Industrial Centers Corporation	8,900.00
Space Equipment Corporation	173,488.97
Rollen A. Mack	5,726.96
Musa Ryan	991.00

totalling

\$206,606.93

be denied and referred to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

12. Claim submitted by Coleman & Silverstein, Attorneys, for damages occasioned by alleged assault and battery committed upon Mrs. Iva Dorlene Hawk by Police Officer.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Miller asked for a report from the City Manager and City Manager Peebles said he had investigated and was satisfied that the police officer had done everything requested or expected of him, but he would be happy to submit a written report. There was no objection to Councilman Benstead's motion and it carried.

13. Mayor Isen request to attend the California Contract Cities Association Seminar.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request for permission to attend with appropriate expenses allowed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen the motion was amended to permit any councilmen to attend with appropriate expenses paid. Councilman Drale accepted the amendment and roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen asked any who wished to attend to notify Mrs. Chamberlain and he will check with her on Monday. Wives are also welcome, to this meeting at the Riviera Hotel, Palm Springs.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

14. Drainage Fees for Districts 8-B and 8-C. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, letter of transmittal of Resolution of Intention on the two districts and attached report dated March 15, 1963.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES WITHIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-B WHOSE BOUNDARIES ARE SET FORTH ON THE MAP OF SAID DISTRICT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF SAID FEES; DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED AND CONSTRUCTED ARE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID FEES, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-68. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-68. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Vico absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES WITHIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-C WHOSE BOUNDARIES ARE SET FORTH ON THE MAP OF SAID DISTRICT ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF SAID FEES; DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ACQUIRED AND CONSTRUCTED ARE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID FEES, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-69. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-69. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

15. Installation of traffic signals at intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and Madrona Avenue. City Engineer Nollac letter of transmittal, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND MADRONA AVENUE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-70. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent).

16. Soil Test at Torrance Airport - Approval of payment for services. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommending payment of \$1,265 to Twining Laboratories.

Councilman Miller moved to concur and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion. It was noted there was a possibility of increase to perhaps \$2100. However, the Federal Aviation Agency did not ask for further tests and the total amount stands at \$1,265. This is a matching funds project with the government and 54% will be returned to the City.

Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

17. Installation of sanitary sewer in easement from 172nd Street to 158.44 feet southerly - Notice of Completion.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in acceptance of the work as accomplished by Chet Kohler Construction. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

18. Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following eleven easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated February 20, 1963 for the widening of 235th Place and Eshelman Avenue over portions of Lot 35, Tract No. 530, given by M. L. Van Tine and Daryl A. Stark.
2. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated March 13 and one dated March 27, 1963 for the construction of sanitary sewers over a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 639, given by Caroline Colter Cherry and Robbie Colter.
3. Street easement deed dated April 3, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street over portions of Lot 34 Tract No. 15, given by G. A. Hamel and John D. Flanagan.

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4. Street easement deed dated March 4, 1963 for the widening of 235th Street over a portion of Lot 55, Tract No. 588 given by Dale G. and Joan A. Howard.
5. Street easement deed dated March 15, 1963 for the widening of 231st Place over a portion of Lot 5, Tract No. 588, given by Arthur E. and Tiame M. Martois.
6. Street easement deed dated April 1, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street over a portion of Lot 106, Tract No. 27047, given by Don Wilson Builders.
7. Street easement deed dated April 1, 1963 for the widening of 238th Street over a portion of Lot 106, Tract No. 27047 given by Don Wilson Builders.
8. Street easement deed dated April 2, 1963 for the widening of Garnet Street over a portion of Lot 26, Tract No. 3218 given by Ruth T. and Gerald C. Witt.
9. Street easement deed dated February 27, 1963 for the widening of 178th Street and Western Avenue over portions of Lot 73, McDonald Tract, given by R. A. Watt.
10. Storm Drain easement deed dated March 18, 1963 for the construction of a storm drain over a portion of Lot 73, McDonald Tract, given by R. A. Watt.
11. Street easement deed dated April 5, 1963 for the widening of 162nd Street over a portion of Lot 62, McDonald Tract, given by Oliver E. and Iola H. Powell.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

19. Award of Bid. Recommendation of Street Superintendent Perkins, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, to award bid for 280 lineal feet of 84" CMP and 14 split type couplers to Armco Steel Corp.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the bid above mentioned and reject all others. The amount is \$8,932.77, a budgeted item. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Vico absent). Councilman Miller asked regarding "alternate bids" and City Manager Peebles explained there is some flexibility permitted thereby.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

20. Award of bid for baseball diamond sports lighting at Torrance Park. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of Recreation Director Van Bellehem and City Manager Peebles, recommending that contract be awarded to Electric & Machinery Service, Inc. in the amount of \$11,362.

Councilman Benstead questioned the report on bids, particularly the telephone conversation with Hank Chateau of Underwriters' Laboratory. There are a number of factors in connection with this bid which are not sufficiently definite.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in awarding the bid as set forth in the caption of this item and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute motion to hold this item for a week and that in the interim, a written report be submitted. There was no second.

Mr. Robert Prior of 3627 West 187th Street, stated he is the one who instigated obtaining lighting for the ball diamond at the park on behalf of the Youth program within the City. He said this has been pending for over a year and while there are lighting facilities for soft ball, there is none for night baseball. He asked that the matter be expedited, and said he would favor whatever would meet the minimum requirements of the game.

Roll call vote on the original motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

The councilmen explained the reasons for their vote as follows: Councilman Benstead said for \$2,000 difference, he would like to know more about it. Councilman Drale said sealed beams are a national product and one company can apply more power in the sealed beam, then the other companies can probably do the same. The difference may be in standards, cost of tubing or arms; \$2,000 is a big difference. Councilmen Beasley and Miller both felt Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer would know which is best for the price. Councilman Sciarrotta felt the more candlepower the less the accidents and if something is worth doing, it is worth doing properly. Mayor Isen based his "Yes" vote on confidence in Mr. Whitmer's judgment and knowledge.

21. COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

Chairman Fred Mill, with approval of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of reallocation of position in the Planning Department.

Councilman Drale believed this should be held for budget consideration and Councilman Benstead thought it should require a Civil Service examination, although the Attorney's opinion did not reach this conclusion. Councilman Drale moved the item be held for consideration in connection with the budget and Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. Communication from City Attorney Remelmeyer re Jefferson, Inc. request for a division of their present Lease No. 4-A into separate lease parcels No. 5, 6 and 7.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the request that the Council split the undeveloped portion of the leasehold into three leases to be numbered 5, 6 and 7 and he recommended that approval be granted, but at this time that the agreement be only in principle, the exact boundaries to be delineated by the City Manager and the City Attorney so that proper access and lease lines be worked out. On January 1, next year \$4,000,000 worth of improvements must have been completed, the balance not constructed on reverts to the City. Plans are now in for the lease proposed to be No. 7; 5 and 6 are not planned.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Miller asked regarding the development of the land and determined that the purpose of the City Attorney is to avoid landlocking of a certain piece of property in case of development toward the front. Councilman Drale brought out that the top part of proposed Lease No. 5 is within the flight pattern and cannot be built on without the approval of the FAA, no such approval being contemplated in the immediate future. Councilman Sciarrotta said he believes it may not be advisable to go ahead with too fast development in this area and Mr. Remelmeyer agreed that Mr. Levitt and Mr. Bower could always apply for and be granted an extension by the Council.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt in principle, the detailed boundaries to be studied and recommended by the City Manager and the City Attorney, was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen then inquired of the City Attorney with respect to a matter discussed some years ago - a service charge to parties who request special benefit from various departments or City offices. For instance, the splitting of these leases and continual redrafting thereof, he felt should carry some service charge on the part of the City attorney's office. Mr. Remelmeyer replied there is a charge for secretarial cost and paper involved. In whatever departments required, Mayor Isen felt the cost of overhead should be paid by the party demanding it. He asked that Administration inquire into a policy covering nominal charges for clerical help under these circumstances. City Clerk Coil said an ordinance on the subject is now under study and preparation.

Councilman Drale asked for a complete income breakdown of sales tax and rentals on the Jefferson lease. City Manager Peebles will furnish a complete report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

23. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of transmittal submitting resolution opposing the adoption of Assembly Bill No. 1364.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1364 (REQUIRING A WARRANT IN ORDER TO MAKE INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS OR PREMISES).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-71. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was discussed at some length. The legislation is an attempt to put restrictions on the right now held, by which the Fire Department or Health Department is permitted to go in and search the premises without a warrant where it is necessary because of unusual circumstances. The proposed bill would require a search warrant in all cases. Councilman Drale agrees with the intent of the proposed bill. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

24. City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitting report re Arlington Avenue and Victor Precinct Sumps.

City Attorney Remelmeyer verbally reported with reference to the inclusion of the two sumps in the assessment district, he had talked with the owners and they are willing to give sufficient time to buy the property so it won't have to come from the General Fund (As to the Victor Sump). With respect to Miss Russell there is not this problem. After consulting with O'Melveny & Myers, he believes the City can include the Arlington Avenue, at time payments, in the assessment district and it will work within the 1911 Act. He is now in course of preparation of the various necessary documents to effect this plan.

25. Street Closing Ordinance. City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of transmittal with proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1378

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO CLOSING OR RESTRICTING THE USE OF CITY STREETS.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1378 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

26. Youth Welfare Commission Report - City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter of transmittal of amended report referred to him at meeting of March 19th.

Mayor Isen commented that certain changes have been made which remove his objections to this report. Councilman Miller moved to concur in the City Attorney's recommendations and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent.)

Councilman Sciarrotta asked that copies of the ordinance on this subject be sent to the other Los Angeles County cities for their consideration.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1377

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 16.251 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO LICENSES REQUIRED FOR LOUD-SPEAKERS; REQUIRING A LICENSE FOR THE CASTING OF SOUND OVER STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1377 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

28. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Personnel: That Casper Clemmer, Park Superintendent, be authorized to attend the 30th annual meeting of the Western Chapter - International Shade Tree Conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 13 to 15, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

Expenditures:

1. \$641.58 to Eaglesons of L. A. for 14 turnout coats, 14 turnout pants and 5 fireman boots for the Fire Department to replace old wornout turnouts, a budget item.

2. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 6" Hersey Model Detector Check for the Water Department, to be used for Palos Verdes Aviation Service, a budget item.

3. \$476.32 to Thermo-Fax Sales, Inc., for one 45 Copy machine and one 48" Standard Dry Photo-copying machine for the City Clerk's office.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in approval of the one Personnel item and three expenditure items above listed. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

29. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of April 15 to 21 as BARBERSHOP HARMONY WEEK and this day as SOUTH BAY HARMONY DAY because of the cooperation shown at the luncheon at the Redondo Beach Elks Club on the College site location, and predicted by similar harmony and cooperation a strong voice could be heard from South Bay in many quarters.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

30. City Manager Peebles called attention to the gift of four books from U. S. Steel Corporation. On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, he was directed to write a letter of appreciation acknowledging the gift.

31. Mayor Isen mentioned the paragraph of the letter from the Southern California Humane Society in which they request a change from 90 to 30 days' grace period in the purchasing of dog licenses. Councilman Drale moved that request be granted. City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare the necessary amendment which will be studied and acted upon by the Council. There was no objection.

32. Councilman Beasley appointed Jean Clawson to fill the vacancy on the Torrance Beautiful Commission. His nomination for Youth Welfare Commission is still to come.

33. Councilman Beasley praised the winning essay in the Torrance Beautiful contest and the young lady who wrote it and suggested further recognition be given to Miss Linda Addington of South High School. He moved a perma plaque type of letter to be prepared by the City Attorney for presentation. His motion was seconded by

Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

34. Councilman Drale asked that the Governor and Lt. Governor of the State of California be invited to Armed Forces Day. Mayor Isen replied that the Governor had been invited and had declined. The Lt. Governor will be invited immediately.

35. City Manager Peebles reported on Director of Finance Scharfman's recent trip to Sacramento to check into the sales tax problem involving local businesses whose home addresses are in other parts of the country. The preliminary review indicates the City will receive somewhere around \$12 to \$16,000 annually. It is retroactive to the extent of three-quarters of a year. Mr. Peebles stated the report was an excellent one.

36. Councilman Miller asked about the possibility of getting temporary sidewalks from Arlington Avenue west on Lincoln to the new elementary school. Small children are wandering down this street with no walk to guide them in the face of oncoming traffic. Assistant City Manager Johnson explained the procedure by which these priorities are being set in connection with PTA groups on a city-wide program for sidewalks. Councilman Drale stated the policy is only to put in the sidewalks where the property is undeveloped and vacant. This is developed property but the property owners are not interested in putting in sidewalks. A temporary walk similar to that put in on Anza in like circumstances could be considered. City Manager Peebles said he would investigate it immediately. Councilman Beasley mentioned a similar problem at 242nd and Hawthorne.

37. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Councilman Vico be authorized to attend the U. S. Conference of Mayors in Honolulu and that any other councilmen who wish to do so, also be granted that right, with appropriate expenses paid. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and Mayor Isen regretted the time is in conflict with the College trustees meeting time. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

38. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the City Manager or an Assistant City Manager look into the feasibility of billing water and trash on the same bill and thus effect a saving of \$4,000 in postage alone. Another possibility he mentioned was bringing the Water Department to City Hall where space is available and as the billing machines are in the Finance Department, he thought there would be a possibility of reducing the office force by about three salaries. Integration of the office staffs of the two departments was mentioned also as a means of saving perhaps up to \$15,000 or \$16,000 a year. Investigation of the matter would place the council in a position to judge the advisability of any or all of the possibilities mentioned, he said.

39. Councilman Sciarrotta deplored the lack of respect shown by some members of the council as shown by side remarks when one of their members is speaking. He has mentioned this before and intends to continue to mention it, he said.

40. Councilman Drale mentioned as perhaps a project for the Torrance Beautiful Commission, the fact that at some intersections there are multiple signs on posts. He thought there might be some way to group these and thus eliminate some of the poles and posts and effect some economy. City Manager Peebles said there is now in process some means of correcting this although regulations require some of the signs and posts. Mayor Isen cautioned to keep STOP signs easily visible.

41. Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Sciarrotta that individual conversations between the councilmen is sometimes very disconcerting to a presiding officer, but he believes the general department of the council in its meetings compares favorably with other governing bodies.

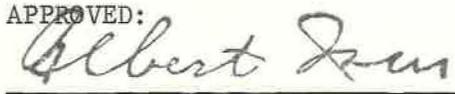
42. Mayor Isen recalled the sister city program which was mentioned by Councilman Sciarrotta sometime ago. He received a telephone call Friday of last week from the City Clerk of the City of Coronado, California, stating a young man named Tunser Edil, eighteen years of age and a resident of Konya, Turkey was an exchange student at Coronado. This young man is anxious to visit Torrance, the sister city of Konya before the end of April. Mayor Isen has prepared and mailed a letter to the interested parties asking a meeting be held Monday, April 22nd at 8 p.m. to discuss whether or not the sister-city program should be reactivated and if so to appoint a temporary citizens' committee. April 30th which is a 5:30 Council meeting will be the time for the visit of the young Konya citizen and will be designated as a day in honor of our sister city in Turkey. Tentative plans are under way for an informal luncheon to entertain him if it is possible for him to arrive early enough. Otherwise he will attend council meeting and there will be a no host dinner for the general public in the evening. Councilman Sciarrotta has been asked to take charge of the arrangements and has consented to do so. Councilman Drale stressed the importance of keeping the sister city program in existence.

43. Councilman Beasley asked if wooden signs have been adopted for Torrance street signs; he has noticed some including Walnut Street. City Manager Peebles said this type of sign is not Torrance's.

There being no oral communications from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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

APPROVED:


 Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Torrance, California
April 23, 1963

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held Tuesday, April 23, 1963 at 8:00 p.m., in the 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. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Captain Roy Hickox of the Torrance Police Reserves, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Daniel Weaver, Jr., of Del Amo Southern Baptist Church 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 April 16, 1963 were approved as written.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection and roll call vote being:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

8. AWARDS:

Mayor Isen introduced Mrs. Joseph Dock, Chapter President of American Field Service, who in turn introduced her two guests, Miss Araceli Blanco of Bilbao, Spain, and Miss Vinciane Clesse of Brussels, Belgium, who will be here as exchange students until June at which time they will return to their homelands. Mayor Isen welcomed the young ladies to attend Council meetings while they are in town.

Mayor Isen announced a resolution commending the Reserve Police Officers and at the request of the Mayor, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-72

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE TORRANCE POLICE RESERVE FOR THEIR WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGULAR POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced there were counterparts of this resolution prepared for each of the twenty-nine reserve police officers many of whom were present, and he presented the resolutions with appropriate remarks.

HEARINGS:

9. Proposed vacation of High Street per Meadow Park Tract lying southeasterly of Hawthorne Avenue. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, transmittal letter recommending adoption of resolution attached.

Affidavit of Publication and of Posting were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time set for public hearing and inquired if anyone present wished to speak on this proposed vacation; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HIGH STREET PER MEADOW PARK TRACT LYING SOUTHEASTERLY OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-73. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. Street name change - Arlington Avenue to Van Ness Avenue. Change of name of Arlington Avenue, between the City's northerly boundary and Border Avenue, Border Avenue between Arlington Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue and Eshelman Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and the southerly City boundary line, to Van Ness Avenue. Planning Director Shartle's letter of transmittal with attached maps, recommendations of Planning Department to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 3, 1963, letter of protest and petition of protest.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil and ordered filed, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place set for public hearing and asked if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response at the moment, although later persons from the audience were permitted to speak.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved that the name "Van Ness" be continued from Redondo Beach Boulevard, the northerly boundary limits of the City of Torrance, to the southerly boundary limits of the City of Torrance, which is south of 238th Street. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Miller moved a substitute to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that Arlington Avenue between the northerly City boundary and Border Avenue, and Border Avenue between Arlington Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, be changed to Van Ness Avenue. Cabrillo Avenue to remain the same and Eshelman Avenue to be changed to Cabrillo Avenue. Councilman Vico seconded the motion of Councilman Miller.

Councilman Drale did not believe the substitute motion, if passed, would eliminate the bad features and confusion caused by the many names; Councilman Miller explained his theory in this regard.

City Clerk Coil stated there had been numerous telephone calls from citizens as well as letters and a petition containing 19 names and he read the letters all of which were in protest.

Councilman Vico branded the whole project as a waste of money although Mayor Isen felt the advantages to be gained would far outweigh any inconvenience to householders. He believed, however, a compromise by making the dividing line Torrance Boulevard would be proper and equitable.

Mr. William Edwards of 2714 Gramercy Avenue who works for the United States Government and plans to buy property in Torrance, spoke; did not believe any benefit would be derived from the change.

Councilman Miller called for the question on the substitute motion and it carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico.

City Attorney Remelmeyer will have a resolution to this effect on the next council agenda and Traffic Engineer Whitmer was instructed to formulate a recommendation with respect to the small portion of Border between Torrance Boulevard and 213th Street in accordance with the discussion this evening.

The letters of protest and petition were ordered filed, there being no objection.

11. Case No. 63-6. Change of Zone - Petitioner, Samuel B. Searight. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-2 to R-3 on property described as Lots 1 through 5 and one-half of vacated street on north side and one-half of vacated alley on west, block 5, Walteria Tract, situated at 24439 Park Street. Recommended for denial. Planning Director's transmittal of location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 20, 1963, letter from petitioner dated March 8, 1963 and letters from property owners within 300 feet of petitioner's property.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for final hearing on this matter which has been recommended for denial without prejudice by the Planning Commission and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

City Clerk Coil presented a petition containing eight names and another containing nine names and read the body of each. Both petitioners were in opposition. There were also signatures of persons in favor of the proposed change.

Mayor Isen suggested someone in Planning Department make up a map showing the location of the people who protested as well as those in favor, with relation to the subject property. He also stated the practical effect of this change would be to throw all the street into R-3.

Mr. Chris Sorenson spoke on behalf of the proponent and Mayor Isen stated persons who wished to be heard would be permitted to speak.

Councilman Drale reminded the council that most of the lots on this block are 25 foot lots which present quite a problem in R-3 zoning.

Mr. Searight spoke, saying R-2 in this area is not realistic zoning and stated his immediate neighbors favor the change asked. He stated his property would be developed as a unit.

Mr. Ray Shirley of 24432 Park Street opposed R-3, saying other owners had developed their property at this location as R-2 and he would like to see the neighborhood kept a quiet residential one. He maintained people on the street have been told that others are for the change, whereas they are not and the matter is being misrepresented. He is definitely against spot zoning.

Councilman Beasley said he believes the development of the area as R-2 is almost out of the question in that it backs up to C-2; it is difficult to get loans in such a situation. He thinks change of zone would increase property values.

Mr. B. P. Pendleton of 24454 Hawthorne Avenue, who owns two lots in this block on Park Street, is wholeheartedly in favor of the change. He has business property in the same block on Hawthorne and there is no alley in this block. He feels any improvement would be an asset to the immediate community and the City. He thought the land too valuable to be put into R-2 development.

Mr. W. M. Crow of 24249 Ward Street, a resident since 1923 said he is in favor of doing away with the "fire trap" which was condemned 17 years ago. It is full of papers, oil, paints, etc., which would create a terrific hazard to the neighborhood in case of fire. He said he has been approached many times by Mr. Searight asking help in effecting this change of zone. There has been no clear or consistent purpose given by Mr. Searight and Mr. Crow feared the development would take the form of a motel. He feels suspicious of the petitions, he said, speaking for the Civic organization and its members. He recommended checking the names on the petitions.

Mayor Isen, also, favored investigation, stating there is no such great urgency that this decision should be made blindly. He closed the hearing, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by himself, there being no objection.

Councilman Vico thought Mr. Searight's petition should be granted on the premise that any building would be preferable to the shack described. He thought the whole block should be zoned R-3.

Councilman Miller moved to hold the matter for a week and find out if the petitions are valid; he said he would vote for R-3 providing that would include a direction to the Planning Department to start proceedings to place the balance of the property in R-3. Councilman Benstead thought it would take longer than a week.

Councilman Drale moved that Case No. 63-6 be changed from R-2 to R-3 and included the amendment suggested by Councilman Miller for proceedings toward studying the balance of the property in that block with a recommendation to be made by the Planning Commission. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion in its entirety. Analysis of the signatures must be made. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Mayor Isen.

A recess was declared at 9:05 and Council reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

12. Case No. 63-11 - Change of zone - Petitioner, Roger L. McGee. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-1 to C-2 on property described as Lots 1 and 2, Tract 16962, situated at 4347 and 4343 West 180th Street. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 20, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 3, 1963, recommendation of the Planning Department to the Planning Commission dated March 20 and April 3, 1963 and copy of letters of protest, including protest of C. L. Windsor re this case.

Mayor Isen announced this is a final hearing and asked if any one wished to be heard.

Mr. Dave Delano of 529 23rd Street, Manhattan Beach, exhibited a small model of the proposed drive-through operation and started to explain the mode of operation of this commercial development. Mayor Isen said the council would assume that he has a good commercial project and asked for a presentation on the merits. Mr. Delano resumed his explanation in this vein of effect upon the neighbors. He mentioned that there is now a precise plan pending before the Planning Commission. The owner of this land also owns the two lots to the east.

Mayor Isen said there should not be two proceedings pending on this property at the same time and that the whole thing should go back to the Planning Commission for presentation as a whole package.

Mr. Roger McGee, proponent, spoke, as did Jack Saling of 2776 West 176th Street who said he is part owner of the property.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to send this back to the Planning Commission to take into consideration the precise plan and then submit its recommendation. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and

determined from Planning Director Shartle that it will be about a month before it comes back to the Council.

Roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if there is action before the Planning Commission on the same matter, whether or not the Council has jurisdiction until the entire matter is presented. Mr. Remelmeyer said it is almost impossible. Mayor Isen moved as a matter of policy to guide the department from now on, that when matters are pending before the Planning Commission on any particular subject or case that the same not be referred to the Council until all matters are terminated and finished before the Planning Commission. Councilman Benstead seconded and Councilman Vico remarked there should be some changes in the personnel of the Planning Commission. There was no objection and the motion carried.

Councilman Drale moved to change in Case No. 63-11 from R-1 to C-2, but his motion was ruled out of order by Mayor Isen, unless a motion is made to reconsider the previous motion. This would constitute a second vote on the same subject matter.

13. Case No. 63-10 - Variance - Petitioner, Wayne Hann. Formal hearing for a variance to construct a two bedroom dwelling in addition to existing residence in a C-3 zone on property situated at 3515 Artesia Boulevard between Yukon and Glenburn. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of plot plan, location sketch, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated March 20, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of March 20 and April 3, 1963, copy of letter of protest.

Mayor Isen announced this is a formal hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak; there was no response.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Drale thought it would be acceptable to grant the right to construct a dwelling under the circumstances set forth where he has a business in the front. It is an unusually long piece of property.

Roll call vote on the motion to concur was:

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

Mayor Isen explained his vote, stating it is poor policy to put a dwelling behind a business.

14. Case No. 63-12, Variance - Petitioner, American Engineers and Contractors Corp. Formal hearing for a variance to permit private stables adjacent to residence at 25905 Crenshaw Boulevard. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated April 3, 1963.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil covering Items 11, 12, 13 and 14 and there being no objection, ordered filed.

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

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

Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought the five years mentioned by the Planning Director was too long and Councilman Drale believed the variance should be granted on a year to year basis, but the motion as made by Councilman Vico was to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and roll call vote was:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

15. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of waivers recommended for approval. There are six waivers listed: W-63-8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The recommendation of the Planning Department to the Planning Commission, it was noted, was unfavorable, yet the Planning Commission submitted them for approval. Mayor Isen disapproved of the manner in which they were submitted and asked that each waiver be listed separately with its supporting material attached. Councilman Benstead moved all six waivers be returned to the Planning Commission for reconsideration and presentation in the form mentioned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

16. Final Tract Map No. 22202, George Steinkamp, subdivider. 11 building sites plus 12th lot, located east of St. Andrews Place and north of 182nd Street. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal letter recommending approval, with location sketch, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of April 10, 1963, City Engineer Nollac's letters to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963 and August 14, 1962.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

17. Tentative Tract Map No. 28229, C. N. Cake, subdivider. 19 lots located north of Torrance Boulevard between Anza Avenue and Earl Street. Planning Director Shartle's letter recommending approval, with tentative tract map, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission, dated April 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated April 10, 1963, City Engineer Nollac's letter to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963, attached.

The recommendation of the Planning Commission was to approve and Councilman Drale moved to concur therein. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Benstead complained of insufficient size of the lots stating the requirements had not been met. Mayor Isen's objection was that there would have to be a change of zone on this land and the policy is that change of zone must be before Council before the approval of the Tentative Tract Map except in the case of A-1. Mayor Isen moved the matter be held until change of zone is processed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Vico asked how this had occurred and City Manager Peebles explained it as inadvertence. Mr. Cake was present and expressed his views and reasons for wishing this to be completed at this time.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the Planning Commission's recommendation subject to zoning remaining C-3. However, Mayor Isen ruled that motion out of order and asked for roll call vote on his motion to hold set forth above.

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

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce requesting use of Employees' Lounge for holding finals of Speak Up.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the permission be granted for use of the Employees' Lounge on Friday, April 26, 1963 from 7 to 9 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

19. Rotary Club of Hollywood Riviera requesting official Council acceptance of Youth Building in El Retiro Park.

Councilman Benstead moved to officially accept the building. A resolution on the subject appears under Item 40 on this agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

20. Lawndale Monday Eves, California Federation Women's Club, requesting donation for fireworks display at Alondra Park.

Councilman Beasley moved to file the communication and the motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried. It was so ordered.

21. Request of Inter-city Highway Committee to adopt a resolution opposing the southerly route for the Century Freeway, with form of resolution attached.

Councilman Beasley explained the purpose of the resolution and the progress being made. He moved to concur in opposition to the southerly route and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROTESTING AND OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE "SOUTHERLY ROUTE" FOR THE PROPOSED CENTURY FREEWAY AND RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED ROUTE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "CENTURY BLVD. ROUTE" TO THE VICINITY OF VAN NESS AVENUE AND 104TH STREET, WESTERLY FOLLOWING THE ALIGNMENT OF THE EXTENDED CENTER LINE OF RUNWAY 25L OF THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE VICINITY OF INGLEWOOD AVENUE AND 106TH STREET, NORTHERLY TO INTERSECT THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY NORTH OF CENTURY BLVD., NORTHERLY TO THE VICINITY OF ARBOR VITAE STREET AND AVIATION BLVD., WESTERLY ALONG THE EXTENDED CENTERLINE OF RUNWAY 24 OF THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO A POINT EAST OF SEPULVEDA BLVD., WESTERLY PARALLELING THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE PROPOSED PACIFIC COAST FREEWAY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-74. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

22. Torrance Beautiful Commission statement regarding public pledge funds and proposed form of pledge.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the statement and pledge form recommended by the Torrance Beautiful Commission. Councilman Drale then seconded the motion and suggested this be referred to the College Steering Committee which meets tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 p.m. He stressed the importance of the project and the concerted action which it requires and Mayor Isen agreed, stating someone would have to actually spearhead the movement. Councilman Drale stated a proper person would be a bonded individual, probably from the Finance Department of the City. At this time the approval of the Council is as to the principle and the form of pledge. The motion carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF FUTURE STREET WESTERLY OF ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND SPENCER STREET 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. 63-75. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-76

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 237TH PLACE BETWEEN ESHELMAN AVENUE AND ARLINGTON AVENUE 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. 63-76. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Drale asked if the City ever expects that street to go through and City Engineer Nollac said no, and explained the reasons to Councilman Drale's satisfaction.

Roll call vote on adoption of the resolution was unanimously favorable.

25. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the following two easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated April 6, 1963 to provide a corner radius at the southwest corner of Plaza Del Amo and Western Avenue over a portion of Lot S-4 of the Torrance Tract and a portion of Lot 3, of the Rancho San Pedro Tract, given by Kenneth E. Olson, et al.
2. Sanitary sewer easement deed dated April 3, 1963 for the construction of sanitary sewers over a portion of Lot 1, Rancho San Pedro Tract, given by Dominguez Estate Company.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there were no objections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF 240TH STREET TO 239TH STREET BETWEEN LADEENE AVENUE AND THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 8, MEADOW PARK TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-77. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. Refund of drainage improvement fee collected in error from Mr. Jango Nishimine - 24421 Hawthorne Avenue. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to refund \$73.00 collected in error.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to so refund the \$73 collected erroneously and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATION FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

28. Award of Bid - Pipe and fitting for sprinkler system - Victor Park. Park Superintendent Clemmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to award bid to Amstan Supply Division of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., the price being \$6,277.57.

Councilman Benstead moved to so award the contract and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

29. El Camino College bus transportation contract. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation to renew contract.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

30. Award of bid for playground equipment. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending award of bid for playground equipment to Jamison Mfg. Co., in the total sum of \$7,529.02 including sales tax.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in awarding the contract as recommended and reject all other bids. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

31. Award of bid for 1963 automotive vehicles. Garage Superintendent McRae, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of bids for new 1963 automotive vehicles.

The recommendation is to award the bid to Newcastle Dodge for three new 1963 sedans, two for Police Department and one for Fire Department, in the amount of \$6,783.48; Newcastle Dodge for two new 1963 sedans, one for Police Department and one for City Manager, in the amount of \$4,364.88 and to Paul's Chevrolet for one new 1963 ½ ton pick-up body truck for Traffic and Lighting Department, in the amount of \$1,797.56 considering the 1% tax differential.

The above recommendation is on Items 1, 2 and 4. Item 3 was considered separately. Councilman Miller moved to concur as to Items 1, 2 and 4 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

As to Item 3, three new 1963 sedans (4 door compact), two for the Water Department and one for Building Inspection, the recommendation was to award the bid to Ray Vane (South), Inc. in the amount of \$5,515.80. City Manager Peebles stated this bid is \$4.50 higher than the lowest bidder; however this bidder is a local supplier and a lessee of Torrance Airport property.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to purchase the Plymouth sedans mentioned in Item 3 as stated above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

32. Award of Bid - Auto Shop Equipment.

City Manager Peebles asked that Item 32 be held for further study; there was no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

33. Airport Hangar Lease between City and B. C. Shackford. This item was marked "Withdrawn" on the agenda.

34. Southwestern Avionics request to operate Unicom. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Airport Commission's recommendation of approval, with stipulations. Attached: report of Airport Commission Committee meeting of March 22, 1963, copy of Southwestern Avionics' letter of request dated January 23, 1963.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to approve as set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. Mayflower Trailer request for approval of addition to executive offices. Airport Manager Egan submitting Airport Commission's recommendation of approval. Attached: Airport Manager's letter dated April 17, 1963 and copy of Mayflower Trailer's letter of request dated April 12, 1963.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and, there being no objection, carried.

36. Attornment Agreement - Leonards and Mohawk Petroleum.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT LEONARDS TORRANCE ON A PORTION OF THE PREMISES LEASED BY THE CITY TO AIRPORT PLAZA, INC., DESIGNATED AS PARCELS NO. 7 AND 8.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-78. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-79

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 Benstead moved to adopt **Resolution No. 63-79**.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll
call vote.

In this connection, Mayor Isen stated these are two examples
where the preparation of the attornment agreements are of definite
benefit to the parties who ask for them. The master lease, he said,
is to be considered as a part of City's overhead, but when people
ask for special service such as in this case, a charge should be
made for the City Attorney's services as well as stenographic
costs. Mayor Isen moved, as a matter of policy, that the Legal
Department bill the proper parties for legal time spent as well
as stenographic costs and supplies used, if any, the amount thereof
to be paid before the matter goes to Council for approval. It
was noted this is to be done with respect to the present matter.
There was no objection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead

37. Telephone Company request to relocate certain facilities.
Airport Commission President Herrick, submitting Airport Commission's
recommendation of concurrence in last paragraph of Airport Manager
Egan's letter to the Commission, with attached letter, dated April
4, 1963.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation made
and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there
being no objection.

38. Direction signs for Airport. Airport Commission President
Herrick submitting Airport Commission's recommendation re report
of committee. Attached minutes of Airport Commission Committee
meeting of April 8, 1963 and report entitled "Airport Directional
Signs"; copy of Planning Director's letter to Council dated
January 22, 1963 with excerpt from Council minutes of January 29,
1963.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the
Airport Commission to approve in principle and that staff proceed
in the manner outlined in the report with a later report back to
the Commission as to their progress. His motion was seconded by
Councilman Sciarrotta and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Mayor Isen asked that Traffic Engineer Whitmer and Airport
Manager Egan collaborate on designing an appropriate format for
the signs and City Manager Peebles promised several designs would
be submitted for selection of a choice by the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

39. Purchase of land in Walteria Lake area by City. City Attorney
Remelmeyer transmittal of resolution authorizing the purchase and
the acquiring of an option to purchase by the City of approximately
five acres of land in Walteria Lake area from Don Wilson, with
attached agreement.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as contained in City Attorney Remelmeyer's letter dated April 18, 1963. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the figure \$63,900 on page 3 of the agreement be changed to \$64,000; also in the cover letter, in paragraph 2.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND THE ACQUIRING OF AN OPTION TO PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE ACRES OF LAND IN THE WALTERIA LAKE AREA FROM DON WILSON BUILDERS AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-80. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale asked what fund would supply the money and City Manager Peebles said it would come from the Park and Recreation fund and the General Fund; there is still \$100,000 earmarked for the Victoria Knolls park.

Mayor Isen requested on future resolutions that there not be shown the name of the councilman who initiates the resolution, as has been done for sometime. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA ROTARY CLUB FOR THEIR GENEROUS GIFT OF A YOUTH RECREATION BUILDING AT EL RETIRO PARK.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-81. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

This resolution is to be put in perma plaque form with elimination of any reference to the initiating councilman.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1378

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO CLOSING OR RESTRICTING THE USE OF CITY STREETS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1378 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

42. Recommendation to continue employment of Monte Catterlin as City Prosecutor for one year.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to continue Mr. Catterlin's employment at the salary of \$750 per month as set forth in the letter from City Manager Peebles. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen commented on the fine job Mr. Catterlin is doing as City Prosecutor, but in case of an over-all increase in salaries of City employees at the first of the fiscal year, stipulated that this present increase be considered as the only increase for this particular employee, in that it starts as of July 1, 1963.

43. Recommendation on City-owned canoes, from City Manager Peebles, based on report made by Recreation Director Van Bellehem, that the City sell the four canoes owned by the City, to the YMCA for \$1.00 each, with the stipulation that they remain in the possession of the YMCA for use by residents of the City or participation in their agency program, as well as the annual aquatics program administered by the City's Recreation Department, during which time the canoes would be reserved for City use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

44. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Jack Egan, Airport Manager, be authorized to attend the 1963 Annual Business Meeting of the California Association of Airport Executives to be held in the City of Mt. Shasta on June 19, 20 and 21, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

EXPENDITURES:

1. \$1,426.10 plus tax to Econolite Corporation for one Model S-5 Electro Speed Meter (12 v), one Graphic Recorder for use with S-5 Speed Meter, one No. A-35450-25 mph Tuning Fork and one No. A-35450-50 mph Tuning Fork for the Police Department, budget items.
2. \$1,035.15 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for two 3" Hersey compounds for the M. L. Brown Apartment Building service, Water Department budget items.

3. \$2,595.80 to Sears Roebuck & Co. for the following raingear for the Police Department, 111 pr. 12" marsh boots, 18 pr. pullover galoshes, 3 pr. mens storm rubbers, 77 pr. two-piece raingear (Jacket No. 1215, Trouser No. 1214), 34 yellow neoprene police coats, 18 women's clear plastic raincoats, 3 men's opaque plastic raincoats and 3 plastic hat covers.

Councilman Benstead asked why item 3 is necessary as the City approaches the summer season and City Manager Peebles said this is a purchase authorized at the last budget time. Councilmen Drale and Benstead felt this type of clothing would deteriorate badly before it is needed and asked that item 3 therefore be considered separately.

As to Items 1 and 2, Mayor Isen moved approval, as well as the Personnel Item. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

As to Item 3, the Police raingear, Councilman Drale moved to hold it one week for investigation. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and there was no objection.

45. Letter re channelization of Torrance Boulevard with attached plans. This is an informational letter and City Manager Peebles added the information that the state has been contacted with respect to a left turn arrow at this intersection and a reminder will be sent this week asking reactivation.

PROCLAMATIONS:

46. Mayor Isen announced the 75th anniversary of the International Association of Machinists on May 5th, and

47. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 12 to 18 as REALTORS' WEEK and the Council unites with the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors in its observance. He commented this is one of the smoothest operating organizations in the area.

48. Lastly, Mayor Isen proclaimed May 1, 1963, as USA LAW DAY.

49. Councilman Drale called attention to the letter telling of the dividend of \$19,323.89 from the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

50. City Manager Peebles said as of June 1, 1963, the City will take over Moneta Water Company's system. Mayor Isen asked that he negotiate to see if the \$12,000 which will be paid to the County in back taxes, cannot be spent in this area. A stipulated judgment will be entered. This is a very good bargain and at the same time as the deal is consummated a deed will be given the City to the lot which is involved in the transaction.

51. Councilman Beasley announced there will be a freeway opening of the San Diego freeway from Ventura to Signal Hill, 41 miles, on May 28th. The City of Inglewood will have the celebration at Imperial's intersection with the Freeway.

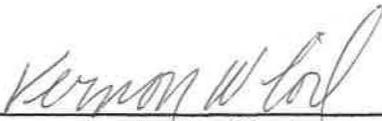
52. Councilman Beasley asked that the proper City department check on the concrete mixing plant on Hawthorne Boulevard which scatters concrete dust. It has been mentioned before, he said, and nothing has been done. City Manager Peebles will take care of it.

53. Councilman Drale said he had talked with Assemblyman Vincent Thomas regarding the ten acre parcel up on the hill and the three acres in North Torrance. City Attorney Remelmeyer had sent the complete file to Mr. Thomas and he, in turn, had presented it to the chief Legal Counsel of the State and Mr. Bob Reed, the legal counsel died suddenly. For this reason it will probably be a couple of months before the exact status is known. The only way this can be effected is through the Legal Department, Mr. Drale said, and no replacement has been named for Mr. Reed at this time. Councilman Drale suggested either City Manager Peebles or City Attorney Remelmeyer write a letter to Assemblyman Thomas asking that this subject be continued.

54. Councilman Sciarrotta advised everyone that there is to be a KONYA DAY next Tuesday and asked everyone who could do so to attend the luncheon at the Palms, in connection with the regular Lions Club meeting. A student from Konya who is visiting in Coronado will be the guest of honor.

55. Mayor Isen added that the young man, Tuncer Edel, by name, will be presented with a key to the City and he moved that he also be given honorary citizenship in Torrance. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and there was no objection. He asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to look through the files and follow the procedure used when Mayor Bilgen of Konya visited us over three years ago. A very attractive parchment was prepared at that time by Jan Hoffman.

There being no communications from the audience, 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