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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, June 4, 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, Vico, and Mayor Isen. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Sandra Bader of the local League of Women Voters led the salute to our Flag.

Mayor Isen gave an explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience ; and called attention to the new spot light which brings out the beauty of the Turkish rug on the rear wall of the Council Chamber, which was a gift from the City of Konya, Turkey several years ago. A reactivation of the sister-city movement in relation to Konya is now under way.

4. Reverend Francis A. Rath of Seaside Community Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the minutes were not received at their usual time and approval will be held until the next Council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all demands regularly audited be paid. 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.

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 Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen welcomed Councilman Benstead back after his recent illness, and at his request, Councilman Drale announced buses would be leaving City Hall at 2:30 Wednesday, June 5th, for the Westchester State Board of College Trustees hearing on the South Bay College site. The address is Westchester Elementary School, 9221 Fleetwing Avenue and he urged attendance by all who could possibly do so.

7A. Non-Conforming Uses - Dairies.

Continuance of the hearing from May 28th meeting was scheduled for this time, but it was not included in preparation of the agenda and Mayor Isen thought the public had not been properly notified. For that reason he asked that the notice be republished, the material held and the hearing continued to the next Council meeting. Councilman Beasley moved to continue the hearing to June 18, a 5:30 meeting and to direct the City Clerk to republish the notice. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 63-33 - Variance - Petitioner, Calprop Investments Inc. Formal hearing for a variance for relief from Ordinance No. 1357 requiring doors on garages on property situated at 3635 Artesia Boulevard. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle transmittal submitting excerpt from Planning Commission minutes and Planning Department recommendations dated May 15, with attached location sketch and plot plan.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-33 and there was no response except from Paul Locke of 1140 South Hawthorne Boulevard who spoke for the proponent and explained the physical layout of the apartment units.

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

Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested variance. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Case No. 63-19 - Variance - Petitioner, Harold Thomasian. Formal hearing for a variance of off-street parking to permit construction of an office building at the northeast corner of Torrance Boulevard and Amie Avenue. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes and Planning Department recommendations dated April 17, 1963 with attached location sketch and exhibits.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and Mr. Thomasian came forward. He proposes reducing the size of the building and working out an agreement on parking on a net basis. With this thought, Mayor Isen suggested the matter be referred to the Planning Director for a satisfactory solution. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection. This case will be back on the Council agenda at a later time.

10. Botanical Gardens Annexation No. 1. Hearing continued from April 16th meeting with proposed resolution and ordinance.

Assistant City Manager Ferraro stated the property owners are involved in some litigation and have requested a ninety-day extension of the hearing. Councilman Beasley moved to grant that extension and a day certain was set: Tuesday, September 10, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Isen seconded on condition that in the meantime the people involved do not avail themselves of any of the Torrance city services of any kind, nature or description. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the motion, as seconded by Mayor Isen.

PLANNING MATTERS:

12. Tentative Tract Map No. 28229 (resubmitted) C. N. Cake, subdivider. 19 lots located northerly of Torrance Boulevard between Anza Avenue and Earl Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, letter from City Engineer dated April 3, 1963, Planning Department recommendations dated April 3, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated April 10, 1963 and letter from Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation with all conditions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Waiver No. 63-16 - Jewell Land Co. (C. N. Cake) Requesting front yard waiver to 10' to locate 4 unit apartment buildings within 10' of the front property line on Lots 2 through 19, Tract 28229 and rear yard waiver of 5' to construct the apartment units within 5' of the rear property line on the second floor only on Lots 11 through 19. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Commission minutes and Planning Department recommendations dated April 17, 1963 with attached tract map.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

13. Robert K. Burke request for a variance for a period of two years for a horse barn at 25905 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the requested variance and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 63-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF APPENDIX I (OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE) OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE STABLES AND THE KEEPING OF PRIVATELY OWNED HORSES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 25905 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-12, AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS CORPORATION (ROBERT K. BURKE, PRES.), PETITIONER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-115 with the correction of two years instead of five. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

14. Notice of meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, June 6, 1963.

Mayor Isen asked Assistant City Manager Ferraro to poll the council on this, and express his regrets.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

15. City Clerk Coil's letter re construction of sidewalk on the south side of 182nd Street, with attached background material.

Mayor Isen asked for a spokesman of the group and Mr. Earl Mitchell of 3154 180th Place came forward, representing many concerned parents from the area of Hamilton Elementary School. He set forth the hazards which exist in having the children cross an off ramp of the San Diego Freeway. His two principal requests are: 1. A guarded crossing at Casimir Street and 2. sidewalks on the north side of 182nd, and he outlined the reasons for them. Mayor Isen asked Traffic Engineer Whitmer's advice as to the safest route and Mr. Whitmer set forth his belief which was at variance with those of the group represented by Mr. Mitchell in some respects. Councilman Drale said he would recommend a crossing guard at Casimir and 182nd Street but did not believe anything can be done about a sidewalk on the north side of 182nd Street unless the property owners either assess themselves the cost or put it in themselves. The city does not install sidewalks, only curbs, gutter and make-up pavement where dedication is made. The City does not own the land for even installation of temporary sidewalks.

Mayor Isen suggested a small committee of the people involved consider the problem along with City management.

Dale Wickstrom, principal of the school, spoke from the audience asked for a crossing guard at the signal. Mayor Isen repeated his request for a committee on which Mr. Wickstrom, Mr. Mitchell and a third citizen work with City Manager Peebles, Traffic Engineer Whitmer and Lt. Nash toward a recommendation in writing to the Council at its June 18th meeting. Councilman Miller suggested the people view the sidewalk built in like circumstances on Anza Avenue north of Torrance Boulevard.

The matter will be on the agenda for June 18th.

A recess was declared at 6:15 and the Council reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

16. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

Additional easement for construction of sanitary sewers in South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation that the City condemn a five foot easement with costs financed from Sewer Revolving Fund. Attached location and proposed resolution.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-117

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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. 63-117. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Transmittal of easements to City Council for acceptance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the following seven easements be accepted:

1. Street easement deed dated May 24, 1963 for the widening of Anza Avenue and Emerald Street over portions of Lot 29, Tract No. 3218, given by H. A. and Leona P. Call.
2. Street easement deed dated May 20, 1963 for the widening of 235th Street over a portion of Lot 52, Tract No. 588, given by Virgil M. Fenton.
3. Street easement deed dated May 22, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue over portions of Lots 59 and 60, Tract No. 588, given by Clarence L. and Cecil E. Perry.
4. Street easement deed dated May 21, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street over a portion of Lot 59, Tract No. 588, given by Olive B. and Simon Spaan.
5. Street easement deed dated April 8, 1963 for the widening of 229th Place over a portion of Lot 50, Tract No. 639, given by Cottone Bros. Construction Co.
6. Street easement deed dated May 16, 1963 for the widening of 186th Street over portions of Lot 70, McDonald Tract, given by Union Oil Company of California.
7. Street easement deed dated May 22, 1963 to provide a corner radius at the northwesterly corner of Casimir Avenue and 180th Place over a portion of Lot 52, McDonald Tract, given by Moneta Water Company.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

18. Bid recommendation on 8 oz. burlap bags. Street Superintendent Perkins, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that contract be awarded to Santa Fe Bag Company.

19. Bid recommendation on broom fibre and steel gutter wire. Street Superintendent Perkins with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation that unit price contract for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1963 and ending June 30, 1964, be awarded to California Brush Company.

COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

20. Bid recommendation on roofing repair. Fire Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation that bid of Muegenburg Roofing Company be accepted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation on each of the above three items numbered 18, 19 and 20 and that all other bids be rejected. The amounts are: Item 18, \$1,128.40 tax included; Item 19, Unit price of \$170.56 for palmyra fibre and \$478.40 for gutter wire; Item 20, total of \$634. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

21. Secretary J. O. Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting the following traffic recommendations for action as set forth in each. They were considered separately.

A. That a request for a green zone at 24213 Hawthorne Avenue be denied.

Councilman Beasley explained the need of a green zone at this location and Traffic Engineer Whitmer said he has no objection. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the green zone and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

B. That the request for two green zones at 1639 Cabrillo Avenue be reduced to approval of one green zone, with attached resolution.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to approve one green zone. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen (this is right in front of his mother's property)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-118

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-34 WHICH ESTABLISHES YELLOW, WHITE AND GREEN ZONES IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-118. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen.

C. That the petition requesting angle parking in the cul-de-sacs on Greenmeadows St. and on Highgrove St. both easterly of Shadycroft Avenue be denied. Also that a city policy be established denying all such requests.

A letter was on the addenda approving of parallel parking. Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard and Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to deny angle parking and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

As to the future policy of denial, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

D. That STOP signs be installed on Carmelynn Street at Talisman Street, with proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-35 WHICH ESTABLISHES THROUGH STREETS IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-119. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

E. That the request for an opening in the center street divider of 190th Street westerly of Hawthorne Avenue be denied.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to deny. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

22. Love Barbecue request for approval of signs: Airport Commission Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation of approval subject to the other departments having jurisdiction, with attached copy of Airport Manager's memo dated May 28, 1963 recommending denial; Building Superintendent memo dated May 21, 1963 recommending disapproval; Electrical Advertising letter dated May 16, 1963.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to deny. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

Mr. Beckley of Electrical Advertising, 2211 North San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank, contended this is a standard sign which the restaurant would like to have constructed. He was reminded the footage of the sign depends on the frontage of the property which is 90 feet.

Mayor Isen instructed Building Superintendent Schlens and Airport Manager Egan to talk with Mr. Beckley in the conference room and report later in the meeting.

23. Wind "T" at Torrance Municipal Airport. Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation that wind T not be abolished. Attached copy of Airport Manager's memo dated May 28, 1963 recommending wind T be abolished, copy of City Attorney's memo dated May 15, 1963 re opinion 63-16. Copy of Hall and Mirassou letter dated May 2, 1963 re Opinion 63-16.

Councilman Beasley did not think there is any choice; that the FAA has control. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation and Councilman Sciarrotta asked if there is any objection to both a wind T and wind sock. Airport Manager Egan said he did not believe it would be mandatory, but if the T remains it would have to be in conformance with and remotely controlled by the Airport Control tower by the FAA controllers and it would be the City's responsibility to furnish the equipment. Mayor Isen thought the whole question needs simplification; there is too much inconsistency.

Airport Commissioner Doss explained his position on this question. He favors keeping the Wind T, and having the Committee of the Council study the matter.

Councilman Drale's motion was not seconded and Councilman Miller moved in accordance with Mr. Doss' recommendation that the Airport Committee of the Council study. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

24. Report re heliport at Civic Center: Airport Commission President Herrick submitting Commission's recommendation that roof top landing facility be considered at Civic Center.

Mayor Isen definitely favors this proposal although City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would postpone the opening of the Superior Court Building because of the necessity to redraft the plans if that is the location. An alternate suggestion was that a pad be installed, not necessarily the courthouse roof. Councilman Miller moved to refer the proposal to the Airport Commission for investigation of the feasibility of a heliport pad on the Civic Center adjacent to the Courthouse building. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion.

Councilman Vico said the plan is ridiculous and Commissioner Joe Doss suggested the pad might be later installed on the courthouse roof.

Roll call vote on Councilman Miller's motion follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Vico.

25. Acquisition of property, west clear zone. Airport Manager Egan with concurrence of City Manager Peebles recommendation re purchase of certain property in the acquisition area at the west end of the Airport.

The recommendation is to authorize the expenditure of \$34,000 plus incidental expenses of escrow for the purchase of six lots from Claude Mummings, out of the Airport Revenue Bond Construction Fund. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

26. Request by Airport for authority to engage county road inspector for inspection services on FAA project. Airport Manager Egan's memo requesting authority, with attached copy of Inspection Service Request for FAAP 9-04-123-03 and County Road Department letter dated April 25, 1963.

City Manager Peebles asked this matter be referred back to the City Manager's office for two weeks. Councilman Drale so moved and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

27. Extension of agreement with Southern California Humane Society. City Attorney Remelmeyer transmittal submitting for adoption resolution extending the term of agreement.

Councilman Drale moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE TERM FOR ONE YEAR OF THE APRIL 23, 1962 AGREEMENT FOR POUND SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SPCA DOING BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE SOCIETY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-120. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMPLIMENTING THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF NORTH TORRANCE UPON THE PRESENTATION OF ITS CHARTER AND UPON THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-116. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING LINDA ADDINGTON, WINNER OF THE TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION ESSAY CONTEST.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-121. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the above resolution be prepared in perma plaque form and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1390

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. 63-23. (C-3 to R-3) Cake.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1390 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS:

31. Recommendation of City Clerk Coil to oppose Assembly Bill No. 3039, re elections code amendment to permit registration by mail.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in opposition. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as appears:

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

32. Recommendation of City Clerk Coil to endorse Assembly Bill No. 3039, re indexes of registration.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

33. Recommendation of Recreation Director Van Bellehem to favor Assembly Bill No. 2637 relating to beaches and seashore recreation areas.

Councilman Miller moved to oppose this bill. Councilman Vico asked if there is any way the City of Torrance can regain control of its beach area from the County and Mayor Isen asked for a report and analysis from City Attorney Remelmeyer. Councilman Vico also asked for a report on how many people take advantage of the beach and how much revenue is obtained. City Manager Peebles will report on this phase.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation set forth above (there being no second to Councilman Miller's motion to oppose) and the motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen repeated the instructions to the City Attorney and City Manager for reports as requested by Councilman Vico.

34. Recommendation of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem to favor Assembly Bill No. 2646 relating to community recreation.

There being no objection, this communication was ordered filed, the Council taking no stand.

35. Recommendation of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem to take no stand on Assembly Bill No. 2648.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the bill, rather than take no position and his motion was seconded by Councilman ~~Sciar~~ MILLER ~~rotta~~ and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta

NOES: MAYOR Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Vico, Beasley.

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36. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem's recommendation to take no position on Assembly Bill No. 3052.

There being no objection, Mayor Isen ordered concurrence.

37. Recommendation of Director of Recreation Van Bellehem to favor Assembly Bill No. 3110, relating to recreation and park districts.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation but there was no second. Mayor Isen moved to table the communication and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

38. Request for authorization of partial payment of \$2,500 to Howard Martin for appraisal services on the property to be acquired west of the Airport.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and it was noted the full bill is \$5,000. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

39. Consolidated Customer Accounting - water and rubbish.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone this report for two weeks, with a written recommendation from the Water Commission. A special meeting of the Commission will be called for this purpose.

40. Appropriation for street work.

The recommendation is to appropriate from the 1962-63 budget a total sum of \$28,292 to cover construction of Rolling Hills Road, 244th Street, and St. Andrews Street.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt the second and third items immediately above and ask for further information on item 1 to be presented to the Council two weeks from now. Councilman Beasley seconded and the motion carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

41. Miscellaneous recommendations:

Expenditures:

- 1. \$345.44 to Vel's Ford Sales Co. for repairs to Police Unit No. 52.
- 2. \$563.21 to Brown-Bevis Industrial Co. for necessary repairs to Hough Loader, Unit No. 628.
- 3. \$1,057.40 to James A. Lewis Engineering, Inc. for professional services rendered for general consultation relative to the oil development within the proposed South Bay State College site.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve items 1, 2 and 3 under Expenditures and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

41A. Air Conditioning Bids - Council Chambers.

The recommendation of the City Manager is to approve the bid of W. M. MacAfee Engineering Company, 5114 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, as the low bidder and appropriate \$5,186.00 to cover the initial installation as planned, plus \$600 for electrical labor and material to be provided by the city, with no maintenance contract at this time.

Mr. Carl A. Nichols of Nichols Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning of 1724 Oak Street, Torrance, spoke in opposition to the recommendation, not as a disgruntled bidder, but rather the objection was on technical specification matters. City Manager Peebles explained the manner in which specifications were set up, as did Assistant City Manager Johnson.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the bid of W. M. MacAfee as set forth above and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, noting that he is the lowest responsible bidder.

Mr. Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, explained the ten-year estimate factor shown on the bid summary and the inclusion of an insurance policy by MacAfee. It was agreed, however, this estimate is informational only as the Council does not intend to accept anything along this line at this time.

Roll call vote was:

AYE: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarotta,
 Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

22. Harking back to Item 22, Mayor Isen asked Mr. Schlens about what agreement was reached on the Love Barbecue sign and was told the sign company has drawn a reduced sign which he can recommend on the basis that the plot plan with the sign shows 90 foot frontage, although the building plan had shown 60 foot frontage. He will recommend the sign provided they have 90 foot frontage and if not, would ask that they come in with different plans. Mayor Isen moved to follow Mr. Schlens' recommendation and there was no objection.

And I don't mean this for anything - just for my own information - and maybe a lot of other people would like to have the same thing because I mean I know I hear these remarks and naturally the young ladies at my table wanted to know what this is

42. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of June, 1963 as "JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH".

43. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of June, 1963 as "MOOSEHEART MONTH".

44. Tentative Tract Map No. 28240, Kenland Development Co. Six lots located on the north side of 186th Street, east of Manhattan Place.

Mayor Isen asked this be set forward two weeks as tract maps should not be approved in this way, without being on the agenda. Councilman Miller moved to continue it to June 18th and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded, the consent of the development company representative having been received.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING PARNELLI JONES, A TORRANCE RESIDENT, ON WINNING THE WORLD-FAMOUS INDIANAPOLIS "500" MEMORIAL DAY RACING CLASSIC.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-122 with the understanding it would be prepared in perma plaque form and the motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen determined from J. Walker Owens that the Chamber of Commerce is planning a banquet for Parnelli Jones who will be back in Torrance on June 15th.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE WEEK OF JUNE 10 THROUGH 16 AS NATIONAL FLAG WEEK.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-23. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

47. Mayor Isen noted a letter from Judy Frye, aged 14, regarding freeway traffic matters which he asked be referred to the Traffic Commission and asked City Manager Peebles to reply to her letter commending her interest.

48. An informational item was mentioned, letter from Helen Wasle, asking some help toward solution of a problem involving the schedules of Greyhound Bus lines. Mrs. Wasle was present and talked along the lines of her letter. Mayor Isen asked that she consult with Bus Superintendent Chamberlain and he would bring it back on the agenda two weeks from now.

49. Mayor Isen also mentioned the letter marked D for informational purposes, from James S. Bower, regarding the possible amendment to C-2 zoning in an attempt to eliminate the establishment of any businesses in apartments. The councilmen discussed this with the result that Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to work out something in line with Mr. Bower's letter, for study by the council.

50. City Manager Peebles said he received a call from Mr. Curry of the South Bay Daily Breeze, asking permission for a fireworks stand on their property on Torrance Boulevard at Fourth of July time, with the proceeds to be divided between the sister-city programs of Torrance and Redondo Beach. Mayor Isen remarked there is no such provision in the fireworks ordinance. The allotted list is full now, according to the ordinance and this does not even qualify as a charity organization. There was no second to the motion made by Councilman Drale to grant the permission and no action taken.

51. The following is a verbatim transcript from the tape of Councilman Sciarrotta's oral communication, followed by Mayor Isen's reply:

"Yes, I have one and I want before I start on this - I don't want it to be construed as reprimanding or anything else. I want it for a matter of information for myself and maybe some of the others would like to have the information. I'm going to read this because I don't want to be misquoted.

"From more than one source has come the remark that Torrance has or has had some fast buck operators and if we don't watch out our city may turn out to have decrepit slum areas. Even though this remark came from two different sources it was identical in substance and in each case left a great deal unanswered. As a member of the City Council I would like to have the answers to these questions: Do we actually have or have had fast buck operators in the city of Torrance? Who are these fast buck operators? What properties are involved and in what way have they not met City codes? Why have these fast buck operators been allowed to operate in our City and what ordinances have they violated? I sincerely hope to be informed in any and all of the above items. This need not be done tonight or in public, but I do welcome the assistance of anyone who has the answers. I seek this information because I do not want to work in the dark. Up until the time the above remark was made I was under the impression that our building codes and zone codes were among the strictest in the County and from what I have seen with the exception of a few isolated cases, we can rightfully be proud of our homes and apartments in Torrance. If zoning has been involved or violated, the fault lies with the Planning Commission, the Planning Department, and, above all, with the City Council. These three bodies are all involved in zone changes and variances. I am not opposed to issues being raised but I would like the satisfaction of having some evidence and proof presented when issues of this type are raised. When this is done and I am convinced, I want to join the fight to eradicate these evils. If our ordinances are weak, let's strengthen them; if we have been too soft in variances, let's stop dilly dallying around and do something about it. Above everything else, let's keep each other well informed of deficiencies we find so each one of us can do a better job of representing the public.

"And, I don't mean this for anything - just for my own information and maybe a lot of other people would like to have the same thing because, I mean, I don't know; I hear these remarks and naturally the young ladies at my table wanted to know what this is and I couldn't answer it."

Mayor Isen: "Well, I think your request is out of order, Mr. Sciarrotta. You want to open the door - we know there are weaknesses in every city. We're going to do something about it; that's what we are working on but I think there is nothing to be gained by calling names, getting into court on criminations and recriminations. I think it is up to you as a councilman to be vigilant the same as the rest of us - go around town and see what is going on; get the advice of the respective departments. I don't think there should be any time wasted on investigation. We know there are weaknesses in the ordinances. What's done is done. The Planning Department will tell you so; Mr. Remelmeyer will tell you so; everyone will tell you so. So this is no figment of anybody's imagination. You don't have to call names. You don't have to name individuals. You know where things are defective. Nothing is a perfect system. I'd say the same thing goes on in the County; it goes on in every city, but we can do better and we can start from there. And if you don't like it, it's just too, too bad.

Councilman Sciarrotta: I want to know why the complaints - that's what I want to know.

Mayor Isen: I don't care what ordinance there is, a smart person studying it, and Mr. Remelmeyer will bear me out, will find loopholes.

Councilman Sciarrotta: Well, you people get ready because I am coming with questions. I want to know where these are. I do not want to work in the dark. I want to be informed. I do not mean this to be a debate. I really don't. I just want information.

Mayor Isen: If Planning comes in, and the City Attorney, and Management, with stronger ordinances, I think you can recognize them and either vote for them or against them and let your conscience be your guide. Anything further, I think you should make your own investigation, your own findings and call names if you want to. I am not going to name any individual."

Councilman Miller: I would only like to ask the definition of a fast buck operator.

Mayor Isen: You would have a lot of difference of opinion on that, too. All right, now where are we - Mr. Vico?"

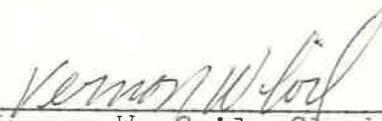
52. Councilman Vico asked that a real welcome be given Parnelli Jones who has given Torrance world-wide publicity.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:


Albert Isen