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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, July 2, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. City Attorney Remelmeyer and the new Deputy City Attorney, William R. McVay were present, also, as was City Manager Peebles.

**3. FLAG SALUTE:**

Michael Evans Smith, a young citizen visiting Council for the first time, led the salute to our Flag.

**4. INVOCATION:**

Following the invocation by Reverend David Beadles of Walteria Methodist Church, the entire meeting observed a moment of silent remembrance of Mr. Marcellus Joslyn, who passed away on June 30th. The new Joslyn Center will be a living memorial of his generous spirit.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 25, 1963, were approved as written, there being no objection.

**6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:**

Councilman Benstead moved to approve all bills regularly audited and pay them. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller 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 Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen briefly explained Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and at his request, City Attorney Remelmeyer introduced his Deputy, William R. McVay, who was welcomed to City Hall and his many duties.

**HEARINGS:**

8. Case No. 63-7 - Change of Zone - Planning Commission (held over from June 18th meeting). Change of zone on property situated on the south side of 182nd Street, easterly of Hawthorne Avenue. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal letter of zoning maps, location sketch, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes dated March 20, 1963 and April 3, 1963, zoning study, and letters of protest and approval.

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

This being a public hearing Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard and called attention to the petition containing 31 residents' signatures which favored rezoning as initiated by the Planning Commission. It was ordered filed, together with any other correspondence on the case.

Mr. S. S. Hockwald who resides at 81 West Santa Ynez, Hillsborough, California, stated he had written a letter on this case and asked if the City Clerk would please read it. City Clerk Coil thereupon read in full the letter dated June 13, 1963 in which Mr. Hockwald set out his reasons for wanting his property to be zoned RR-3.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission with the exception of the northerly 190 feet of Lot 20, McDonald Tract (known as the Hockwald property) be rezoned RR-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

9. Tentative Tract Map No. 28022 - Subdivider, Kenland Development Company. 63 lots located north of Spencer Street, east of Victor, R-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal with attached location sketch, letter from City Engineer dated March 14, 1963 and Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated March 20, 1963.

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

10. Area Street Pattern - northerly of 230th Street, easterly of Hawthorne. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's letter, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles re Master Plan for area northerly of 230th Street and easterly of Hawthorne, with attached maps of street pattern.

The councilmen studied the maps and Councilman Beasley expressed disapproval of the two cul de sacs, stating he would like to see Ward Street go all the way through. He moved to send the area street pattern back to Planning to see if a through street could not be worked out in this area. Councilman Vico seconded the motion.

Mr. Emil Kay of 24467 Park Street, asked that R-3 zoning be placed on part of this property for the purpose of putting in a four-unit dwelling; individual owner and three tenant units. Mayor Isen reminded him what is under discussion at this time is only the street pattern.

Councilman Miller asked why the cul de sacs were planned and Planning Director Shartle explained it was a means of assuring flexibility of street pattern and was specifically requested by the man who owns the property Mr. Kay spoke of. Councilman Drale called attention to the next item on the agenda which is a Tentative tract map and Mr. Shartle agreed the decision on this case would affect the tract map. As shown, Ward Street is shown in two pieces. It runs north from 230th and cul de sacs and south to 238th and cul de sacs. By eliminating the cul de sacs, Ward would go straight through.

Councilman Drale thinks the people in the area want R-1 and it would be a mistake to give the impression it is to be R-3. He also remarked that many people prefer cul desac streets because of safety to children.

Mayor Isen asked for roll call vote on the motion to send this back and it was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen.

(Please note that later in the meeting the above roll call vote was changed).

Mr. Walter Kessenick of 43 Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, representing the subdivider, asked to be heard. Before he spoke, however, Councilman Beasley asked to change his vote set forth above. By doing so, the effect was that the motion failed. (Later in the meeting Mayor Isen also changed his vote, from "No" to "Yes").

Councilman Drale moved to approve the street pattern and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and the councilmen continued to consider in detail the area street pattern.

Mr. Chester S. Johnson, an attorney representing South Del Amo Corporation, asked for clarification on behalf of his client which owns 450 x 387 feet, the front part of which is C-2 and the rear part presently A-1, but recommended to be R-3. He said the plan is to develop this property as a market for which it seems to be ideally suited. 228th Street going through would cut the parcel into two parcels and destroy the suitability of the company's purpose. Under these circumstances, Mayor Isen asked Mr. Kessenick if he would agree to postponement of consideration. Mr. Kessenick said the matter has been under consideration since March and he did not like to see it continued further. He would like to have the cul de sac left in his tract.

Mayor Isen changed his vote from "No" to "Yes" on the motion to send the matter back to the Planning Commission, thus again switching the balance of votes and in effect, sending the area street pattern back to the Planning Commission, independent of any decision which may be reached on Item 11, the tentative tract map of Gall-A-Reto, Inc.

(The roll call vote as changed is:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Sciarrotta.)

11. Tentative Tract Map No. 28277 - Subdivider, Gall-A-Reto, Inc. 31 lots located on north side of 230th Street between Hawthorne and Madison, A-1 and C-2 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal with attached location sketch, letter from City Engineer revised June 25, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated April 3, 1963 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated April 10, 1963.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 28277 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. It carried as follows:

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

Councilman Benstead did not approve of getting rid of one cul de sac and keeping another; Councilman Miller did not think two cul de sacs are as good as a through street and Councilman Vico stated it is "a lousy plan, anyway you look at it".

Mayor Isen and Councilmen Drale expressed the opinion that it is a beautiful plan.

12. Waiver No. W63-22, Charles I. Morton, Jr. requesting side yard waiver of 9 inches at 210 Via El Toro to construct room 4' 3" from side property line. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal with attached location sketch and plot plan.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and met no objection.

13. Waiver No. W63-23, James R. Webber requesting 14½' rear yard waiver to attach addition between house and garage with garage 5½' from rear=property line at 2773 Monterey Street, recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal with Planning Department recommendations, location sketch and plot plan.

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

14. Doors on Garages - Ordinance No. 1357, for clarification by Council. Planning Director Shartle with concurrence of City Manager Peebles submitted draft of ordinance and attached sketch.

The consensus favored the first interpretation set forth in Mr. Shartle's letter. and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

: ORDINANCE NO. 1397

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

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1397 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1396

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION P TO SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) REQUIRING FENCES WHERE PRIVATE GARAGES FACE A PUBLIC STREET, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1380 WHICH DECLARED THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1396 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, who thought there is no way to prevent pilfering from the backs of the garages.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

16. Letter from Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Mounted Police Association re Rancho Days, with comments of City Manager Peebles.

The request is essentially that all license fees be waived and the recommendation of the City Manager was that it be granted, except that inspection fees to be paid and Building Department be given at least four hours' notice for inspection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. However, Councilman Sciarrotta, asked about health department requirements and License Inspector confirmed that there has been trouble with Craft Shows in this respect. The County Health Department has advised Mr. Whitacre that if the Craft Shows do not meet health requirements, they will be closed down and the Junior Chamber of Commerce is aware of this.

Robert Vorman, 3217 Carson Street, said he understands Craft has brought its show up to code, but they did have some trouble with a hamburger wagon.

Councilman Sciarrotta thought the Council should be getting away from the idea of letting outsiders come in, pay no permit fee and operate. There is a matter of mutual advantage because of the charitable purposes of the service clubs which partake in this celebration.

If the council wishes to permit the Craft people to operate without a fee, it will be necessary to also waive the health permit fee, License Inspector Whitacre said, although that has not been requested. The City collects only what the County charges it per inspection, \$5.12 each.

Councilman Drale moved to amend the motion above made to include the provision that all fire and police conditions be met as well as the City of Torrance Health permit charges which are not to be waived. This is a separate item to the County health permit. Councilman Beasley and Mayor Isen, his second, consented to this addition to their motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. Recommendation of Citizens' Committee re sidewalks at 182nd Street and Casimir.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations of the Citizens Committee, which are:

1. Reworking of the signal at the freeway off-ramp so that when pedestrians cross 182nd Street on a green WALK, all vehicle traffic will face a RED signal.

2. "No right turn on red" and "Caution - School Crossing" signs for the traffic turning right off the freeway.
3. A crossing guard to be assigned to the 182nd Street and off-ramp crosswalk.
4. A sidewalk (asphalt) to be placed on the south side of 182nd Street. This sidewalk would be as far as possible from the street. At one point it would jog for 180 feet and be closer to the street, and for this strip the City would construct a raised berm (asphalt curb).
5. Parking would be permitted on the south side.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

(After Item 21 on the agenda, a citizen asked for some information on Item 17 and was permitted to speak.)

Mr. Arthur Schwartz of 3131 180th Place, said he is primarily interested in when the various listed improvements will be implemented. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Peebles explained the processing of the recommendations now that they have been adopted. In general, the changes will be made as rapidly as they can be accomplished, except for the crossing guard, which may wait for the start of school. The south side location for the sidewalk, Mr. Schwartz said, is being accepted as a matter of expediency but the citizens believe the north side to be preferable. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Schwartz to continue to work with the Citizens Committee because it will be necessary to show by petition or some other way that it is what the people want. In the interim, the Council will insist on expeditious handling of the five items adopted this evening.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

18. Request for refund of permit fee. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of approval of refund, with attached copy of letter from Mrs. A. B. Stefanov.

19. Request for Refund of Permit Fee. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of approval of refund and copy of letter from Robert E. Dennis.

The recommendation on each of these two items was to refund the usual 80% (the full amount on Item 18 was \$3.00 and on Item 19, \$9.00).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

20. Traffic Signal "Walk" - "Don't Walk" Pedestrian indicators at Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending appropriation for City's share of construction cost be made from Contingency Project No. 93, State Gas Tax funds, with attached letter from State Division of Highways.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to so appropriate \$1,300 for the City's share of construction work at Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway from Project 93 State Gas Tax Funds. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:**

21. Park Superintendent Clemmer's letter re chemical and spray material bids, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

The recommendation is to award the contract to Alco Company in the amounts set forth on the bid summary and Mr. Clemmer suggested a policy be established as to "all or nothing", or "Item by item" bidding.

Councilman Benstead thought the items should be taken individually so as to take advantage of the saving. However, Councilman Vico moved to concur in awarding the purchase to Alco. The specifications were sent out "all or nothing" and Alco was the lowest complete bidder.

Mr. John Sarpolis, 4404 West 234th Street, sales representative of Alco stated the company had gone to a lot of trouble to ascertain these prices on individual items in compliance with the specification requirement, and he thought the bid should be considered in the light of that fact.

In addition to Councilman Vico's motion, Councilman Miller also moved to concur in awarding as recommended to Alco and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to refer to the City Manager the study of whether to bid "all or nothing" or the lowest price on each individual item. There was no objection.

A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:42.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:**

22. Traffic Commission Secretary Kovach, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting the following recommendations:

- A. That the request for STOP signs at the intersection of Towers Street and Inglewood Avenue be denied.
- B. That the request for STOP signs at Denny Road and Dalemead be denied.
- C. That the request for STOP signs at Highgrove Avenue and Harrlee Lane be denied.
- D. Proposed resolution for "NO PARKING" on Torrance Boulevard adjacent to WhiteFront Store.
- E. Proposed resolution for green zone on north side of Torrance Boulevard adjacent to Post Office Annex.

The items were considered separately.

A. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in ;the recommendation to deny under subitem A. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Mr. Robert Rush of 4756 Towers Street said there are 40 children within 200 feet of this intersection and he thought the STOP signs very necessary, in that the cars coming through travel between 35 and 40 mph. He suggested perhaps a YIELD sign. Mayor Isen asked that the matter be referred back to the Traffic Commission for consideration of Mr. Rush' suggestions and there were no objections.

B. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in denial of subitem B. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

C. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in denial of subitem C and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH ESTABLISHES NO PARKING ANYTIME IN THE CITY BY ADDING CERTAIN LOCATIONS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-152 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-153

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. 63-153 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It will not be possible to actually establish the zone until the curb is put in, but Mr. Kovach of the Traffic Commission, said that is being worked on by the owners of the Post Office Annex building.

On request of Wayne Bluemel, Item C was referred for consideration of a YIELD or other solution.

## COMMUNICATION FROM WATER COMMISSION:

## 23. Recommendation re Combined Water and Rubbish Billing.

Mayor Isen moved to combine water and rubbish billing in accordance with the statement of administration and the Finance Director and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mayor Isen stated it is logical to move the water department operation to City Hall and he sees no validity to the claim that its removal will injure downtown Torrance.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the people should know this would effect a saving of over \$30,000 annually and bring closer supervision of the department.

In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, Finance Director Scharfman assumed the responsibility of gaining this saving and stated a full report would be made at the end of a year's operation at City Hall.

Councilman Sciarrotta stated a survey of downtown merchants showed they favored the move; the Water Department is making money now, but will make more under the new plan. Councilman Vico expressed his opinion that as a municipal water department, the purpose should not be to make a profit and called on Water Superintendent McVicar to speak.

Mr. McVicar said there is no question that money can be saved by combining the two billing operations, but he does not believe it will be advantageous in any way to separate the department into three locations; records in one place, water department in another, and collections in a third. He does not believe the work can be done by one person where six have been required, considering the other duties and phone calls to be handled.

Questioning by Councilman Drale developed that there is sufficient room at City Hall to accommodate the Water Department and that the billing machines in Finance Department have the capacity to handle the billing.

Councilman Vico thought the whole move would cost the City money and as to the employees, they probably would be shuffled around and finally quit. If the building downtown is sold, it will probably be necessary eventually to build here on Civic Center for the Water Department, as the other departments expand. He said the company for which he works has put in the IBM equipment and it has not proven to be what was expected in that the rent of the equipment and other costs are more than it would have been to stay as originally set up. He seriously questioned any saving to the City by the move.

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

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

## 24. Proposed resolution reaffirming the principles of home rule and local representation.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REAFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES OF HOME RULE AND LOCAL REPRESENTATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-154. The motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Proposed resolution on Case No. 63-22, Sam and Benjamin Tuler.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-I OF THE OFFICIAL LAND USE PLAN ORDINANCE FOR A PORTION OF LOT 33, TRACT 2895 at 20319 HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-22 - SAM AND BENJAMIN TULER.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-155. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

26. A. Proposed urgency ordinance adopting a uniform three-step plan, etc.

B. First reading ordinance adopting a uniform three-step pay plan, etc.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Peebles for an explanation of the changes which were determined to be a means of equalizing with the four cities studied and comparatively between the Fire and Police Department personnel. Councilman Benstead verified the latter statement with Jay Nielsen of the Fire Department.

Charles Oates representing the Torrance Police Officers Association, stating the association does not concur in the so-called agreement on the adjustments for Captain and Assistant Chief of Police. City Manager Peebles said there had been an error in the original recommendation as given last week affecting many classifications as shown on his Revised Salary Recommendation. The changed recommendation was made in accordance with the survey made by the League of California Cities.

Secondly, Mr. Oates disagreed with the comparisons made, in that he said there is no city in California which Torrance should be compared with. He said he has used the Griffenhagen-Mercer study for this purpose of comparison with industry.

Councilman Drale expressed as his opinion that there should be only two steps, rather than three. However, most cities have a five step plan. Mayor Isen recommended this phase be studied during the months before next budget time.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1398

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND MAKING A CHANGE IN THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1321 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1398 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1398 at its first and only reading, as an emergency measure. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1399

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND MAKING A CHANGE IN THE SALARIES OF THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1398 AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1399. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1399 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

Expenditure: \$315.43 to American Seating Company for one Demonstration Cart and Mirror - Sheldon K-2104, 42" x 24" x 32" for Sea-Aire Golf Course, a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the expenditure set forth above and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

28. Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of July as PARK AND RECREATION MONTH and July 4th as LET FREEDOM RING DAY.

29. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of City Manager Peebles to approve the following conferences to be attended by those members of the Council that so desire, during the coming fiscal year, with appropriate expenses:

1. U. S. Conference of Mayors
2. League of California Cities
3. American Municipal Association.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

30. Recommendation of Airport Commission regarding salary adjustment of Airport Manager with comments of City Manager Peebles to the effect that the increase is not warranted and would obligate the City to review other department heads' salaries in a similar fashion.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation made by the City Manager and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. Request of Donald Quinlan for reimbursement of ambulance, hospital and doctor charges.

Councilman Drale stated Mr. Quinlan was a temporary bus driver who became ill while at the far end of his route, and moved that there be allowed and paid not to exceed \$50, on signing a release and upon the understanding that this payment set no precedent. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-156

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE MAKING A COMMITMENT TO PERFORM CERTAIN  
ACTS IN THE EVENT THAT THE SOUTH BAY STATE  
COLLEGE IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale stated this resolution contains a resume of the commitments previously discussed and intended to be made by the City and moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-156, as such. Mayor Isen seconded the motion and made a statement on the subject, substantially as follows:

"Actually South Bay College has been more or less submerged because of all our activity in other fields over the last couple of weeks and now it is very important that we give this the attention that it merits. We are setting forth here everything this Council has agreed to do in a spirit to cooperate with the Board of Trustees. However, from members of the Board and particularly the Chancellor's office - all that Torrance has received in return for our efforts and the attempt to get fair consideration for a proper location which 95% of the people in the South Bay want, is continual slaps in the face. To prove my point, let's just go back a number of weeks. I was in Sacramento a number of weeks ago and at that time Mr. Unruh said directly to me after he had lost the Fox Hills fight, that the college will be located in the Palos Verdes peninsula. At that time I thought it was an expression of opinion only on his part and I would like to think of it as such. I would hate to think that it was an edict. However, we have several subsequent events that I think are completely unfair as not giving our city and the efforts

of all the people that want it in the South Bay, a fair shake and practically we have had a blackjack or club aimed at our head and a threat that if the college does not go into the hills, it goes nowhere. This is not fair - this is not good faith. There were the conditions which were set forth in the San Diego meeting and if I felt for one that there was good faith here, that there was adequate land and they would have the proper road facilities and the proper relationship in the community and this was done without force or coercion, I would be the first to say we are glad we have the college in the South Bay - we are glad it is in the hills and we are happy about it. But if this comes about through the coercive methods I am referring to I would say differently and I would think the fight should go on and continue to the Governor and to the Lt. Governor and write to all the agencies in the California government that must pass on this thing. Now to prove my point:

"Mr. Dumke who could not sit as a juror or judge in this matter because he has shown prejudice from the very, very beginning, says and the quote in the paper was uncalled for - that the site was on top of a working oil field next to a tank farm and divided by a major highway. I see no virtue in this statement. He can't find that the Broadway - Del Amo - Sears shopping center is also located on a working oil field, probably one of the greatest shopping centers in the United States, or will develop into one. In the immediate next to a tank farm, he does not know that there is quite a distance in between the proposed site and the so-called tank farm, and that in between is already being developed into a beautifully improved area where you will have homes, apartments and commercial enterprises and no conflict whatsoever. Then he said "divided by a major highway". If we didn't have highways, he would use that against us and it is certainly an advantage for traffic control and for ingress and egress by having this highway, Crenshaw Boulevard.

"Then further, there was a committee appointed in the hills and Mr. Luckman meets with them and he is quoted in the Palos Verdes News as saying: 'The general opinion of the college people was that the PV site is about their last resort. There is no likelihood that it would be located in Torrance and if Palos Verdes is not selected there might not be a state college.' Now, if this is not an attempt to scare people in the South Bay into thinking it has to be there, I don't know what is. And this is right in contrast to the fact that Mr. Luckman was at the head of the committee that said they had chosen two alternative sites, back in November. He said one in Palos Verdes, and one in Torrance. Then these boys played the game according to their own rules, without any authority from the Board of Trustees or anyone else that I know about, to try to create a favorable opinion of the people in the hills who do not want a football game up there on a Saturday with the traffic coming from 50,000 rooters, etc. Mr. Dumke has been quoted as saying that they can reduce the size of the campus to meet the community; that instead of 20,000, it could be 10,000; that instead of being 300 acres, we can give you 100 acres. There still are double standards; there still is double talk; there is menace that has been injected into the situation and I think we have a very, very perfect, legitimate right to protest, after the work that has gone on here and the fact that we know our cause is right and the fact, as I said before, that Torrance with the situation as it exists, is entitled to a fair shake. I am hoping that the Board of Trustees, sitting as a group, in Los Angeles, on July 11th and 12th, will give us that fair shake we are entitled to."

Mayor Isen asked the other councilmen for their comments and Councilman Beasley responded by moving that a protest be sent to Governor Brown regarding Mr. Luckman's handling of the situation and general conduct. There was no second to Mr. Beasley's motion.

Councilman Vico strongly censured Mr. Luckman's attitude and intentions, although he thought nothing is to be gained by making any sort of official protest, especially prior to the Board meeting.

Councilman Sciarrotta did not think Mr. Dumke, Mr. Muchmore, Mr. Unruh or Mr. Luckman have shown the proper traits of leadership, nor tact. Mayor Isen again voiced resentment of the statement that it would be "Palos Verdes or nothing".

Councilman Drale said while all these things seem to be true, there must be some way of showing disapproval, perhaps a taxpayer's suit, and Councilman Miller agreed that it would be best to await the final outcome.

Councilman Benstead did not think one man should be condemned nor blamed for the entire situation; any decision will be made by the entire committee and criticism can only do damage to Torrance.

Mayor Isen said Resolution No. 63-156 is a statement of good faith by the City, regardless of any private opinion and called for the question.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

33. City Manager Peebles reported that the County Board of Supervisors through authority of unanimous vote executed the Library Service Agreement No. 7040 dated June 25th, effective July 1st and continuing for a five-year period and for like periods until terminated.

34. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested permission to go to Sacramento to talk with the Department of Finance concerning the State College, and to take Howard Martin with him, Mr. Martin to serve without pay, and for appropriate expenses not to exceed \$125, total. Mayor Isen moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer informed the Council that starting Monday, he would be at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in military training. Mr. McVay will take care of the City's legal department during the ensuing two weeks.

36. Mayor Isen made the following statement:

"The threatened 'demonstration' has come and gone. Highly publicized by newspapers, radio, and TV, the march never exceeded 300 despite some reports of 'approximately 300 to 700' to 1200 and one report to 1500. The demonstration has proven the following:

1. Torrance has a competent, efficient Police Department, which practices equal protection and equal enforcement of the laws;
2. 'Demonstrations' can be legally and effectively controlled;
3. Local government has its obligations to ALL citizens and residents who can expect, and are entitled to receive its help toward maintaining peaceful living conditions;

4. Demonstrators should not be permitted to encroach upon the rights of others whose rights are as inviolate as any others.

"I have been quoted correctly in saying that I talked with CORE representatives three months ago. I told them then and I will say any time, anywhere, that all persons receive equal protection in Torrance. They have always and they always will. This has been proven, not by words, but in fact.

"Last Tuesday, residents of the Southwood Riviera appealed to the City Council. This was their right and our obligation. We have tried to be of assistance and have based our actions within proper framework. They have also asked for a termination of picketing by CORE and the so-called 'sit-ins' which actions have seriously interfered with the peace and quiet of the neighborhood! and have been an ever present threat toward disturbance of the peace, possible riot and personal injury by increased traffic of participants and curiosity seekers.

"Protection of our laws applies to all equally - majorities and minorities alike. I am earnestly suggesting that if the demonstrators seek the good will of this community that there will be an end to the picketing, the demonstrations, and the 'sit-ins'. Responsible leadership from these groups should insist on this and there can be much gained for all in a climate free from force, coercion, and implied threat.

"The equal rights of majorities should be respected."

37. Councilman Benstead asked again about the signals on Sepulveda near Sears, and was critical of the long delay. Mr. Kovach of the Traffic department stated Sepulveda and Madrona are now being negotiated with Santa Fe Railway as is Madrona and Carson and Madrona and Torrance Boulevard. It is expected they will accept the City's agreements which have been in their hands for about two weeks. Councilman Benstead moved all possible means be taken to expedite this; Councilman Drale seconded, and there was no objection.

38. Councilman Benstead asked for a report of all the money that has been spent on the State College matter. City Manager Peebles is to furnish it to him.

39. Councilman Drale mentioned the problem on Sartori and Dominguez. A grader is now digging a 1½' ditch, completely disrupting the street and traffic thereon. He said he does not know what can be done about the condition of this street but there should be better cooperation from the Pacific Electric and Southern Pacific.

40. Councilman Drale complimented the Police Department and all the authorities of the City for the way the Southwood Tract problem was handled. Those in charge of the picketing also are entitled to commendation for the orderly handling of the situation.

41. Councilman Miller asked for a report from the City Manager on the possibility of longevity and merit increases for City employees.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta asked what can be done about the littered condition of Maple Avenue south of Carson Street. It is unpaved, but open on each end. City Manager Peebles said the improvement depends on the development by the owners. It is possible to clean up the area but probably could not close it off. He will check this, however.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary

15.

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APPROVED:

Albert Jones

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