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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, July 16, 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 Manager Peebles and Deputy City Attorney McVay were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Attorney James Hall led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel of First Christian 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 meetings held July 2 and July 9, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

Attorney James Hall asked that Items 9 and 10 on this agenda be held for one week because there are some legal questions with which the City Attorney is familiar. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Vico, the continuance was set for two weeks, to July 30, 1963, a 5:30 meeting.

Mr. Malini of 17303 Arlington Avenue objected to the many postponements of the two cases, 63-22 and 63-15 and Mayor Isen assured him whatever objections he has will be more effective at the time of the public hearing two weeks hence.

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

HEARINGS:

8. Case No. 63-9 - Change of Zone - Planning Commission. Third and Final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-3 on property situated south of 230th Street, west of Madison and 200 feet east of Hawthorne. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, location sketch, letters of protest and of approval.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-9 and Mrs. Henrietta Abeg of 22931 Hawthorne Boulevard, the owner of Lot 9 at the corner of Samuel and 230th Street, stated she is against R-3 zoning but if it must be changed, would prefer C-2.

Mr. Mike Collins of 23037 Samuel Street, the owner of Lot 12 agreed with Mrs. Abeg, as did Mr. Everett Smith who stated his address is 23037 Samuel Street and that he lives on Lot 10, and owns part of Lot 12.

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

Councilman Drale moved to rezone the subject area to R-3 with the exception of Lots 12, 10 and 9, which would remain A-1.

The persons who spoke all contended they had not been notified of the last Planning Commission hearing although Planning Director Shartle said notices had been given in the usual way.

There was no second to Councilman Drale's motion as stated and Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

11. Case No. 63-34 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, James S. Bower. Third and final hearing for change of zone from C-2 to R-3 on property situated along the south side of 238th Street between Ocean Avenue and Los Codona Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak on Case No. 63-34; there was no response.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the change of zone petitioned for and Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Case No. 63-35 - Variance - Petitioner, Clara L. Witmer. Formal hearing for a variance requesting relief from ordinance No. 1380 requiring a masonry wall across the front of a lot when garages open onto a street on property situated at 2259 West Carson Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-35.

Mr. Robert Vroman of 3217 Carson Street, representing Mrs. Witmer, the petitioner, described the six unit apartment building which is the subject of this case and stated the only relief asked is from the requirement of the masonry wall. When the property was purchased for the purpose of erecting this apartment building, the ordinance was not in effect. He exhibited an artist's sketch of the building which showed the proposed location of the six garages. On Carson everything west of the tracks is 100 foot width and east of the tracks 80, and City Engineer Nollac said it would not be wider than 80 through the center part of town. Councilman Miller asked the opinion of Traffic Engineer Whitmer as to backing out on Carson Street at this location and Mr. Whitmer said he is opposed to backing out into any of our major streets and that is one reason for requiring the turning radius so the cars can turn on the property and come out head first.

Director of Planning Shartle suggested the building be trimmed down by about five feet and Mayor Isen suggested the case be referred to the Planning Department to work out a satisfactory solution and that it be on the agenda for next week's Council meeting, July 23, an eight o'clock meeting.

13. Case No. 63-36 - Variance - Petitioner, Morris Jellen. Formal hearing for a variance of off-street parking ordinance on property at 23014 Hawthorne Avenue, to permit 32 parking spaces for furniture store in lieu of approximately 65 spaces. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and Mr. Jellen whose address is 9550 Oakmore Road, Los Angeles, introduced himself and stated he is joining our community.

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

Councilman Benstead inquired the use of the property and it developed there will be a furniture store; this is a variance, not a rezoning. The recommendation of the Planning Commission is for this use only or a use which the City feels would require the same amount of parking space, and Mr. Jellen understands that provision.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

14. Case No. 63-39 - Variance - Petitioner, Torrance Memorial Hospital. Formal hearing for a variance requesting to provide twelve additional hospital beds without providing additional off-street parking on property situated at 1425 Engracia Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, sketch and letter of protest.

Affidavits of publication on cases listed under Items 8, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were presented by City Clerk Coil and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if a representative of the Hospital was present and Mr. Frank Cooper, Assistant Administrator came forward.

In answer to a question by Councilman Miller, Planning Director Shartle explained the purpose is not clearly set forth on the agenda, but it is not to reduce the parking requirements, but rather to permit hospital expansion. They have sufficient parking to meet the requirements of Torrance's ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked to hear from any protesting citizens and Mr. R. H. Raymond of 1438 Engracia Avenue responded by describing the parking problems encountered on this block which is crowded with not only the hospital, but the Catholic Church's weddings, funerals, and services, as well as the Torrance Woman's Club and the Episcopal Church. He would like to have the street widened to alleviate this condition. Mayor Isen said there are other problems besides the lack of money in this year's budget and predicted the only hope of widening would be through an assessment district. Mr. Raymond's problem is aggravated by the fact that he is located in the middle of the block and people use his driveway to turn, as well as parking in the alley. The councilmen agreed there is not enough parking space in this area, nor has there been for many years.

Mr. Cooper said he has made a survey to determine what percentage of cars parked were in connection with the hospital and its patients. Out of the 62 spaces, he had never found more than seven connected with the hospital and three belonging to visitors. However, this survey was not made during visiting hours. There is an employees' parking lot which accommodates 35 cars and it is used jointly with the Catholic Church.

Councilman Miller suggested diminishing the size of the lawn between the two wings of the hospital to supply more parking space and Mr. Cooper said he hopes that will not be necessary although there are now plans made up showing the hospital could be developed to 165 beds.

The requirements of the ordinance are met according to Planning Director Shartle; it is a question of allowing expansion of the hospital in R-3 zoning. He repeated this agenda item is unfortunately worded; Mayor Isen said worse than that, it is misleading. However, whether or not the requirements of the ordinance are adequate, they have been met as Mr. Cooper explained there are now 50 parking spaces total and if this permission is permitted, there will be 99 beds.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen commented on his "Yes" vote: due to the congestion caused by the many activities at and near this corner, he would recommend the hospital consider converting part of the front lawn to parking space if they could do so and keep the grounds attractive. Mr. Cooper replied the only factor which holds them up from doing it is money.

A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:40. Mayor Isen offered sympathy from himself and the other Council members to Mrs. Nancy Anderson of the South Bay Daily Breeze who has been absent from a couple of meetings because of the loss of her mother.

PLANNING MATTERS:

15. Waiver No. W-63-24 - James Bower. Request for 10' front yard waiver to construct four-unit apartment buildings within 10' of the front property line on property located at the southeast corner of Ocean Avenue and 238th Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, location sketch and plot plan.

City Clerk-Coil mentioned a letter received from Mr. Bower and it was ordered filed.

Councilman Drale recommended the Planning Director check with the City of Gardena regarding an automatic manner of establishing the occupancy and use of properties.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the waiver and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Waiver No. W63-25 - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Requesting waiver of the building height limit to construct a tower in conjunction with the church building, located at the southwest corner of 226th Street and Kent Avenue in land use Zone R-3. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch and plot plan.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the waiver as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Waiver No. W63-26 - Spraker & Halstead. Requesting front yard waiver of 10' to construct a single family residence on Lot 27, and to construct a house on Lot 31, Tract 23988, 10' from the front property line. Property located on the north side of Vista Largo southerly of Newton Street in Land Use Zone R-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal submitting excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, location sketch, and plot plan.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to grant the waiver and Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The purpose is to make the setbacks uniform, the other houses having already received waivers because of the curve of the street. Roll call vote was favorable as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

18. Waiver No. W63-29 - Moreau Construction Company. Requesting rear yard waiver of 5' to construct an apartment building 5' from the rear property line and 15' from the front property line in Zone C-2. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes, location sketch, plot plan.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the waiver. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale asked that in the future in cases where setbacks have already been granted which would make the subject waiver approval advantageous that the fact be shown by the transmittal letter as an aid to the council in making their decision. Mayor Isen asked that Planning Director Shartle take note of Councilman Drale's remarks in future cases of this kind.

19. Tentative Tract Map No. 28167. Request from Barclay-Pearson Co., Inc. for relief from Ordinance No. 1380 requiring a wall to be constructed across the front of the lot where garages open on a street. Planning Director Shartle and Building Superintendent Schlens' letter to City Manager with attached copy of letter from Barclay-Pearson and location sketch.

Planning Director made an oral recommendation of approval in that the plans were in process before adoption of the ordinance. Councilman Drale moved to concur in approving as a hardship case and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

20. Cotton & Francisco letter re auditing the books and accounts of the City of Torrance, with attached comments of Director of Finance Scharfman and concurrence of City Manager Peebles. Mr. Peebles orally stated approval and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur. The cost of the audit of the books and accounts of Torrance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 will be \$4,800, an increase of \$150 over previous years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

21. Fee schedule for City services and public records.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if the various department heads have been asked what the charges should be and City Clerk Coil said they have. He also determined that the charges listed are cost prices and no profit is involved. City Manager Peebles said a survey has been made of many cities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-161

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR CHARGES TO BE LEVIED BY CITY OFFICERS FOR FURNISHING COPIES AND CERTIFIED COPIES OF PUBLIC RECORDS AND ESTABLISHING THE FEES THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-161 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

22. Bid Recommendation - Slurry Seal - C-22 Rock Dust. Street Superintendent Perkins, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that Unit Price Contract for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1963 and ending June 30, 1964, be awarded to Azusa Rock and Sand Company, in the amount of \$5,753.28.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the award of the contract as recommended and that all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

23. Bid Recommendation on fertilizer and top dressing. Park Superintendent Clemmer, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting recommendation re bids on fertilizer and top dressing, with bid summary attached.

23A. Letter from Dairymen's Fertilizer Cooperative, Inc. re bids received July 8, 1963 for top dressing and fertilizers.

Mr. James Lichtenthaler of 521 Fortieth Street, San Pedro, representing Dairymen's Fertilizer Cooperative in Artesia, protested his company was the low bidder on Item 1 of the 7 listed items of fertilizer. The request for bid and specifications stated "steer manure" and Mr. Lichtenthaler's protest involved comparison of "dairy manure" therewith. He quoted from a State Department of Agriculture bulletin on the subject.

Mayor Isen asked that items 2 through 7 on the list first be disposed of and he moved that the Council concur in approval of the bid going to the respective suppliers as listed on Park Superintendent Clemmer's communication dated July 10, 1963. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to Item 1 on that list 3,000 cubic yards of Steer Fertilizer, Jack Hoffman who works with Park Superintendent Clemmer stated the recommendation of Mr. Clemmer is to accept the bid of Norwalk Fertilizer Company at \$1.87 per cu. yd. He said Dairymen's Coop. did not meet specifications and he explained his understanding of the difference in chemical content of the materials under discussion.

Councilman Drale thought for the difference in price, the dairymen's company should be given some consideration.

Mr. Bill Oganessoff of Norwalk Fertilizer Company, who lives in East Whittier, also explained the difference in the feed given steers and that given dairy cattle and the effect upon the nitrogen and organic content of the resulting fertilizer.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to Norwalk Fertilizer Company as the lowest bidder on specifications. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

(Councilman Benstead asked that next year some definite information be given the Council on the questions brought up here.)

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Peebles and the Park Department to obtain a liberal sample of the dairy fertilizer and try it out.

Mr. Lichtenthaler stated Norwalk's bid was irregular in that they did not post a sufficient deposit with the bid, but said he would supply samples to the Park Department during the coming year.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

24. Acceptance of future street - Lots 11 and 12 in Tract No. 24369.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES LOT 11 AND THE EAST 150 FEET OF LOT 12, TRACT NO. 24369, AND NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED STREET 186TH STREET.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-162. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Transmittal of easements for acceptance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the following nine easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated June 27, 1963 for the widening of 236th Place and 237th Street over portions of Lot 36, Tract No. 437, given by Catherine M. Gannon.
2. Street easement deed dated June 28, 1963 for the widening of 236th Place and 237th Street over portions of Lot 37, Tract No. 437, given by Thomas R. Le Vier.
3. Street easement deed dated June 28, 1963 for the widening of 236th Place and 237th Street over portions of Lot 39, Tract No. 437, given by Thelma Russell.
4. Storm Drain easement deed dated June 25, 1963 for the construction of a storm drain over a portion of Lots 41 and 42, Tract No. 22796, given by Torrance Knolls, et al.
5. Street easement deed dated June 25, 1963 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard over a portion of Lot 24, Meadow Park Tract, given by Sepulveda Investment Company.

6. Street easement deed dated June 27, 1963 for the widening of an alley and to provide a corner radius at the northeast corner of Ward Street and 249th Street over portions of Lot 16, Block 3, Tract No. 7519, given by Don G. Karli and George H. Rickard.
7. Street easement deed dated May 6, 1963 for the widening of 238th Street over a portion of Lot 106, Tract No. 27047, given by Torrance Unified School District.
8. Street easement deed dated June 14, 1963 for the widening of 230th Place, 231st Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue over portions of Lots 96 and 97, Tract No. 639, given by Jack E. Walker, et al.
9. Street easement deed dated July 8, 1963 for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard and Cherry Avenue over a portion of Lot 47, McDonald Tract and over a portion of Licensed Surveyors Map 13, given by Roger L. McGee.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion; there were no objections and the deeds were ordered accepted.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

26. Report re Madison Street extension through clear zone. Airport Manager's recommendation that this item be held for report from the FAA; attached copy of report of Airport Commission meeting of June 25, 1963, and copies of alternate plans A and B.

There was some discussion on this subject but Airport Manager Egan said it was largely informational and Mayor Isen said the details will be back to Council later and there being no objection, he ordered it filed.

27. Testing FAAP 9-04-123-03. Airport Manager Egan, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, request to retain Twining Laboratories to perform the testing on said project.

The recommendation is that Council approve retaining Twining Laboratories to perform the testing on the project, said test expenses not to exceed \$5,200. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur therein and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Mayor Isen asked if there is anyone else who can bid on this and City Manager Peebles said it is a matter of choosing someone who has the know-how and who meets FAA requirements. Roll call was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

28. Purchase of property in Airport clear zone. Deputy City Attorney McVay's transmittal of proposed resolution authorizing purchase of real property from Richard E. and Orpha Ann Case.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM RICHARD E. AND ORPHA ANN CASE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS THEREFOR; AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS THEREFOR. (AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-163. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

29. Torrance Annexation Henry No. 2. Deputy City Attorney McVay's submittal of proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-164

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ANNEX TO SAID CITY CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND DESIGNATED AS "TORRANCE ANNEXATION HENRY NO. 2" AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-164. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. Purchase of property - Victor Sump.

City Manager Peebles asked that Item 30 be held for one week to resolve a legal and financial problem. There was no objection.

31. Position of Planning Assistant. Deputy City Attorney McVay's submittal of proposed ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1402

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1399 BY DELETING THE POSITION OF SENIOR PLANNING AIDE AND ADDING THE POSITION OF PLANNING ASSISTANT, WITH ITS SALARY RANGE, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1402 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

32. Report on Torrance Beach.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council not initiate any action to assume jurisdiction and/or operating responsibility of the Torrance Beach and that this report be filed. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and there was no objection.

33. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

Expenditures:

1. \$518.62 to West Publishing Company, 521 Subway Terminal Building, 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, 13 for 258 volumes Of California Reporter, \$500 less 6% cash discount amounting to \$31.83 and plus sales tax \$19.95, a budget item.
2. \$385.07 to Compton Office Equipment Co., 811 East Compton Boulevard, for two top units 90 x 20 at \$61.88 and five service files, legal (McDowell & Craig #SF18-112 or equivalent) at \$49.30. Sales tax \$14.81, a budget item.
3. \$324.48 to Lewellen Press, 1760 Oak Street, Torrance, for 125 ea. of 48 pages of the Code, \$312, plus sales tax of \$12.48, a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the above listed expenditures. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

34. Check from Supervisor Hahn's office and comments of City Manager regarding assessed valuation.

This letter is informational only and there being no objection, was ordered filed.

35. Fire Training Facilities.

City Manager Peebles remarked the estimate was \$3,000 less than the amount of the low bid; however, the money is available and the recommendation is that the contract go to Don B. Wolf and that an additional \$3,000 be appropriated from the unallocated surplus for the project. Councilman Drale moved to concur in such recommendation and the motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

36. Roadway Pattern, Zone, and pending Crenshaw construction - Jefferson Rolling Plaza Company.

Mayor Isen asked this be held for one week as the councilmen had not had an opportunity to study it. However, City Manager Peebles asked, if possible that the Council approve the street pattern. Councilman Miller moved to so approve Exhibit A and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked that Paragraph 4 of this communication be considered at this time as it will not interfere with the balance of the considerations. Accordingly, Councilman Miller moved to grant the authorization to Rolling Hills Plaza to commence the construction they have planned and which is now presented to financiers for loan processing on Parcel 7 of the present lease and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The other items of this communication will be considered at next week's Council meeting.

Mr. Al Levitt thanked the Council and said this would enable him to do something for Chapel Theatre.

37. Mayor Isen stated the City Attorney had been instructed to prepare an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1401, the so-called curfew on the Southwood Tract. Don Wilson has reached some sort of settlement with the other interested parties, independent of the City. The question has now become moot and it would be impossible to present any affidavit or testimony to determine that the emergency exists as of now which existed at the time the ordinance was enacted. Mayor Isen said City Prosecutor Catterlin recommends the ordinance be repealed. In case of a recurrence of emergency, he promised immediate Council action to afford protection to the people.

Mayor Isen explained the legal reasons for his belief that the emergency ordinance should be repealed. Neither Councilman Drale nor Benstead agreed that the emergency had ceased to exist.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1403

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1401 WHICH AMENDED SECTION 17.68 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "EMERGENCY NO PARKING SIGNS"; PROVIDED FOR ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF TORRANCE; AND DECLARED THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Roger Mills of 22525 Biak Court, Torrance, spoke in favor of testing the validity of Ordinance No. 1401.

Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz of 23136 Anza Avenue, said the pickets continued even though the understanding was they would not on the particular weekend and the residents expect they may come back again this weekend.

Mayor Isen said it would be proper to study the framing of an ordinance for the benefit of the City, but this particular emergency ordinance, he said, has served its purpose. The police will be watching the area and the people should have assurance that their Council will do what is necessary for their protection.

Mayor Isen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1403 at its first reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. The motion failed, as follows:

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

38. Councilman Benstead asked again about the signal on Sepulveda and City Manager Peebles answered that it is in process.

39. Councilman Drale spoke on the possibility of establishing a 40 hour week for firemen and eliminating the expensive living quarters and equipment therein. He referred to an article in the current American Municipal Congress magazine on the subject and suggested the subject be referred to the Police and Fire Commission and to the Fire Department. He would favor a 40 hour week with no decrease in pay, which would not involve any increase in personnel. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale handed the magazine to City Manager Peebles who was instructed to study the possibility.

40. As a second communication, Councilman Drale expressed concern about the bad press Torrance has had in the past six months - not only in the metropolitan newspapers, but radio and television. Whether this is the result of bad public relations of the City or some other reason, the press and the studios do not get correct information, he said. Some of the bad news has not even originated within the City limits; yet Torrance is blamed and gets the infamy. He asked this be investigated. Councilman Drale's suggestion was that some sort of central news release bureau be established so that when newspapers seek information, they will receive what they should. City Manager Peebles assured the council that his office is very strict in immediately returning the calls from the newspapers and giving every courtesy to radio and television reporters. Mayor Isen contended there is no way to regulate what the metropolitan papers see fit to print. Councilman Beasley called attention to what he considered excellent articles about Torrance's attempt to get the State College located here.

41. Councilman Miller announced he, Mayor Isen and Councilman Drale have an appointment with Mr. D. R. Lewis of Pacific Electric on Wednesday of this week at 9:30 a.m.

42. Councilman Sciarrotta, referring to the Family Pocket Billiards in Rolling Hills Plaza and their request for certain hours, said he would be willing to change his vote if they would specify the hours to be open as 12 to 12 (noon to midnight) and moved to reconsider the matter. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon moved to set the hours permissible for the establishment to be open on Sundays, as 12 to 12 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Vico.

43. Councilman Sciarrotta read a postcard he received in the mail suggesting the City donate its transit system to Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, signed by L. L. Hunter, C.E. of a Chicago, Illinois address.

44. Councilman Vico said now that the college is going to Palos Verdes, Torrance should not try any further nor spend any money toward trying to get it in Torrance. Mayor Isen agreed, adding that the money was well spent to get it from Fox Hills and this close to Torrance. He thought Governor Brown and his associates might take a second look at Torrance. Councilman Drale does not believe Torrance is completely out of the running and suggested working through the Department of Public Works of the State.

45. Mayor Isen mentioned the expiration of the term of William C. Hoag, Jr., from the Library Commission and moved the permanent-plaque resolution which is the policy of the City be prepared for presentation to him. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

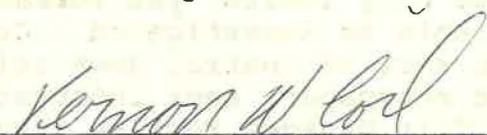
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

46. Mr. Uerkwitz, as a response to Councilman Drale's remarks said he thought the reputation of Torrance is not damaged and that other small cities look on Torrance as a fighting city.

47. Mr. Lichtenthaler asked a question about the park fertilizer item and was referred to the City Manager's office as the Council has affirmed the awarding of the contract by its action this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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

APPROVED:

