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**MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A meeting of the Torrance City Council, regularly adjourned from August 6, 1963, was held Tuesday, August 20, 1963 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: **COUNCILMEN:** Beasley, Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, Drale, and Mayor Isen. Also present were Assistant City Manager Ferraro, and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman Sciarrotta's second youngest son, Gregory, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend J. A. O'Gorman of St. James Catholic Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The following correction to the minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 1963, was noted:

Item 30, page 10, delete the words ". . . and was composed of moneys received from Los Angeles County as reimbursement for improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard", and substitute in lieu thereof the words: ". . . and was made possible by the receipt of moneys from Los Angeles County for work on Crenshaw Boulevard".

With this correction, on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the meeting held August 6, 1963 were approved as written.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

Mayor Isen asked that the meeting progress without a recess until 6:45 at which time it is necessary that he be excused in order to attend a meeting in the Valley. If the agenda has not been completed at that time, the balance of the meeting will be conducted by Mayor pro tem Beasley.

23. Out of order on the agenda, Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Lee Graham of 4856 La Roda Avenue, Los Angeles, who described the Pop Warner Football League program. He invited all councilmen to attend the opening of the Pop Warner Football Association league for 1963, September 14th at North Torrance High School.

Mr. Graham introduced Jack Jasper, the local President who detailed the Torrance program and expressed appreciation of the cooperation it has received.

In response, Mayor Isen requested Deputy City Clerk Moss to assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-186

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE TORRANCE POP WARNER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, ITS DIRECTORS AND SPONSORS FOR CONTINUOUS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-186 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was carried by unanimous roll call vote.

62. Next considered was the resolution commending Supervisor Burton W. Chace. There is to be a testimonial dinner for him on September 3, 1963 and it is urgent that the resolution be adopted so that a perma plaque may be prepared thereof. At the request of Mayor Isen, therefore, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-187

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE HONORABLE BURTON W. CHACE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.

Councilman Miller moved that the Council adopt Resolution No. 63-187 and that same be prepared in perma plaque format for presentation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

63. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 2 through 8, 1963 as UNION LABEL WEEK.

HEARINGS:

8. Weed Abatement Hearing No. 1 (1963-64) Formal hearing on resolution of intention No. 63-180 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution.

The Deputy City Clerk presented Affidavit of Mailing and Posting which lists six exceptions to the Resolution of Intention numbered 63-180, as follows:



<u>Assessor Map Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Parc.</u>	<u>Torr. Map</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Cleaned by owner</u>	<u>Page No.</u>
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Councilman Beasley moved to receive and file the Affidavit mentioned and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Vico, the hearing was ordered closed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 63-180.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-188 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-188 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. Vacation of 236th Street between Ocean Avenue and Adolph Avenue. Formal hearing on resolution of intention to vacate, No. 63-173, and proposed resolution ordering vacation, with location sketch.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-189

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 236th STREET BETWEEN OCEAN AVENUE AND ADOLPH AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-189 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. Vacation of two corner cut-offs at the intersection of 238th Street and the alley between Anza Avenue and Ladeene Avenue. Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention to vacate, No. 63-171, with proposed resolution and location sketch.

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

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the hearing was closed and at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-190

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF TWO CORNER CUT-OFFS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 238th STREET AND THE ALLEY BETWEEN ANZA AVENUE AND LADEENE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-190 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Vacation of utility easement located westerly of Anza Avenue between Del Amo Boulevard and Spencer Street. Formal hearing on resolution of intention to vacate, (No. 63-174), with proposed resolution and location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no response.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Miller, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-191

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED WESTERLY OF ANZA AVENUE BETWEEN DEL AMO BOULEVARD AND SPENCER STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-191 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Affidavits of posting and publication on items numbered 9, 10 and 11 were presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss and there being no objection, ordered filed.

12. Case No. 63-41 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, T. Fujii. Third and final hearing for change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 186th Street between Western and Manhattan Place. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 17, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 17, 1963, and location sketch.

Affidavit of publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss and there being no objection, ordered filed.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried and it was so ordered.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

13. Case No. 63-37 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, L. I. Liston. Held from August 6, 1963 meeting. Attached was a communication from the City Attorney recommending continuance for two more weeks, to September 3, 1963.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to continue the case and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. There was no objection. Mayor Isen expressly instructed that interested parties be notified.

14. Case No. 63-46 - Variance - Petitioner, Donald G. Hunt. Formal hearing for a variance from Ordinance No. 1357 requiring garage doors on property located at 23022-32 Samuel Street in Zone R-3. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 17, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 17, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for Council use.

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

The petitioner, Donald Hunt described and outlined his reasons for asking this variance with respect to 82 garage doors which he said cannot be seen from the street. Councilman Beasley agreed that the garage openings would be screened from the view of the street by the two apartment houses although Councilman Benstead said now that the ordinance is a part of the laws of the City, it should be strictly enforced. Under the circumstances at this particular site, Councilman Miller moved to grant the requested variance and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Sciarrotta, Vico.

PLANNING MATTERS:

15. Waiver No. W63-28, Donald G. Hunt, requesting 6' waiver of side yards for swimming pool at 23022 Samuel Street. R-3 zone. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 17, 1963, and August 7, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 17 and August 7, 1963, location sketch, two plot plans for Council use.

Planning Director Shartle explained this is the same situation or location as discussed in Item 14 above and involves the clear area around a swimming pool. Mr. Hunt again spoke, stating the 4' 6" setback of the pool is due to a misunderstanding, as he states Torrance is the only city he knows of which requires 10 and he had not been aware of this.

He stated the request of the Fire Department for a 3 ft. railing will be met at such places as the setback is less than 10 feet. Building Superintendent said the 10 foot requirement is to permit room for laddering in case of fire. These are to be single and one-bedroom apartments and Mr. Hunt does not feel the tenants will include children whose safety might be endangered.

Councilman Miller said safety is not a matter to be considered lightly and moved to deny in concurrence with the Planning Commission's recommendation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

The possibility of redesign of the second of the two 41 unit buildings was discussed and Mr. Hunt said he believed he could comply by omitting the four front units. Mayor Isen asked him to pursue that possibility with the Building Department.

As of now, the request is denied.

16. Waiver No. W63-32, J. R. Abshear. Requesting rear yard waiver of 17' for addition to house and fence waiver for three foot retaining wall. Zone R-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 31, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 31, 1963, location sketch and plot plan for Council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval and granting the requested waiver. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

17. Waiver No. W63-34, Douglas N. Moir. Requesting front yard waiver of 3½ feet to construct garage 16½ feet from property line. R-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated July 31, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated July 31, 1963, location sketch, plot plan for Council use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval and granting the requested waiver. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

18. Final Tract Map No. 27443 - Subdivider, Norris Construction Company. 10 lots located easterly of Eshelman between 234th and 235th Streets, R-1 Zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of letter from Engineering Department dated August 13, 1963, location sketch, letter of transmittal for tentative tract map dated September 6, 1962, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated August 15, 1962 and January 2, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 15, 1962 and January 2, 1963, letter from City Engineer dated August 9, 1962.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval, with all conditions imposed on the tentative tract to be made a part hereof. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

19. Planning Commission Case No. 63-39, Torrance Memorial Hospital. Proposed resolution granting off-street parking variance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-192

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 ON PROPERTY AT 1425 ENGRACIA AVENUE IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-39 - Torrance MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-192. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

20. Planning Commission Case No. 63-36 (Morris Jellen) City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting proposed resolution granting an off-street parking variance on property located at 23014 Hawthorne Avenue.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-193

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 ON PROPERTY AT 23014 HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-36 - MORRIS JELLEN.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-193 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

21. Planning Commission Case No. 63-7 - Planning Director Shartle's letter re this case with sketches and petition from property owners/residents attached.

Mayor Isen asked that everyone concerned be notified on this matter and that the case then be set up on the Council agenda. Planning Director Shartle will comply.

22. Planning Director Shartle's letter submitting request of Sovereign Development Company for trailer type office.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Scharrotta. There was no objection.

23. This item was acted on at the first part of this meeting.

24. Letter from Mayor Yorty of Los Angeles re representative to serve on Voluntary Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee.

Councilman Drale volunteered for this committee membership and his offer was accepted.

25. Patricia Peters' letter of resignation from Youth Welfare Commission.

The resignation of Mrs. Peters was accepted and it was noted she was appointed by Councilman Miller. The usual letter will go to her from the City Manager.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

26. Request for animal act - Leonards. License Director Whitacre, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that request be granted - August 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1963.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the act must be labeled an exhibition and the written permission of the Chief of Police and Poundmaster must be obtained. With these conditions and proper insurance, the property being City owned, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. A representative of Leonards, Mr. Moss, advertising manager, and Mr. Merriam, spoke and agreed to the conditions set forth. Mr. Merriam also asked permission to have erected a tent or canopy roughly 20 x 40 feet in size to shelter some colored and black and white television sets. There will be no sides and he has contacted the Fire Department personnel who would have control. Chief Benner expressed approval and subject to approval of the Building Superintendent and Fire Chief, this was made a part of the above requested permission. There was no objection, the dates being noted August 22, 23, 24, and 25. Additional insurance also on the tent, is to be provided for City Attorney's approval.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

27. TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS FOR ST. JAMES SCHOOL. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation of approval, with conditions, be granted.

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

Mayor Isen asked for an explanation of the drainage fund fee and Building Superintendent Schlens supplied the information requested.

28. Request for sign approval for Red Balloon Restaurant and Wallich's Music City. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting request for subject signs and recommendation of approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

29. Request for over-size sign for Al Ortale Rambler. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, with request for subject sign and recommendation of denial.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in denial and Councilman Vico seconded and then withdrew his second so that the motion died for want of a second.

Mr. Schlens explained the basis of his recommendation of denial as being in accordance with Council policy, but stated Mr. Ortale is attempting to obtain adjacent property. A picture of a similar sign was exhibited and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the

permit for the over-size sign. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

30. Request for Relief from Ordinance No. 1380 - E. R. Abeyta Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting subject request and recommendation of denial.

City Attorney said this should be filed as a petition for variance and Assistant City Manager Ferraro said Mr. Abeyta has so filed. For this reason, Mayor Isen suggested sending the request to the Planning Commission and it was so ordered, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

31. Request for Refund of Overpayment of Sewer Connection Fees (Safeway Stores, Inc.) Wm. B. Fagan for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that refund be granted.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the refund of overpayment of \$930.09 to Safeway Stores, Inc. This overpayment was made to the Sewer Revolving Fund and there is also an overpayment of \$432.26 to Sewer Reimbursement District No. 11 which is included in the motion, the total being \$1,362.35. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

32. Sewer Laterals in Glenburn Avenue removed during Flood Control District Storm Drain Project. Communication from Wm. B. Fagan for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending a claim for costs to the City for reconnecting house lateral at 17032 Glenburn Avenue be submitted to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Mr. and Mrs. Rozas were present and stated their damage amounts to over \$300. They previously claimed that amount from the city and their claim was denied as not being the City's responsibility. City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no liability on the part of the City and no authority exists for the City to pay the Rozas' claim although it would be in order for the City to do what it can to get the Flood Control District to make payment.

Councilman Beasley moved to submit the claim of Dave Rozas along with the City of Torrance's claim to the County Flood Control District. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

33. Expenditure from Sewer Revolving Fund. Wm. B. Fagan for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that \$1,000 be appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Border Avenue from Santa Fe Avenue to Railroad right of way, with location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved that \$1,000 be appropriated for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Border Avenue from Santa Fe Avenue to railroad right of way and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

34. Condemnation of Sanitary Sewer Easements for budgeted sewer project. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that the City Council authorize the condemnation of two sanitary sewer easements shown on attached location sketch. (attached to agenda).

The recommendation is that the City Council authorize the condemnation of two sanitary sewer easements at locations shown on the sketch and Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be instructed to initiate such condemnation action with costs to be borne by the project appropriation. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

35. County Aid-to-Cities Gas Tax Funds. City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting ~~proposed~~ report ~~resolution~~ and list of appropriations and proposed resolution. asked if everyone concurred in the

~~At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned~~
~~a number and read title to:~~ report here mentioned and, there appearing
no objections, at his request, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number
and read title to: RESOLUTION NO. 63-194

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID-TO-CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF CITY OF TORRANCE MAJOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-194 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. Grant of easement to Southern California Edison Company. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles submitting for approval and adoption proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES TO PROVIDE GENERAL SERVICES FOR GUENSER PARK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-195 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

37. Improvement of Western Avenue (westerly side) from 235th Street to 236th Street. Communication from Wm. B. Fagan for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that the above project be re-advertised to call for new bids.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection.

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38. Award of contract - Improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard from westerly City limit to easterly city limit. Communication of Wm. B. Fagan for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending award of contract to Cord Riley Co., Inc.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to Cord Riley in the amount of \$139,711.09, the low bid, and to reject all others. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

39. Intention to vacate portion of 235th Street between Hawthorne and Madison St. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting for approval proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-196

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 235th STREET BETWEEN HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND MADISON STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

City Engineer Nollac confirmed that this property will never be used by the City and Councilman Benstead moved that Resolution No. 63-196 be adopted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There was some question as to whether or not this land is in the Airport clear zone, but City Engineer Nollac reminded the Council that this resolution only sets the time for hearing and this particular possibility will be watched.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

40. Sprinkling system for Entradero Park. Park Superintendent Clemmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting explanation of bid summary and recommendation on materials for sprinkling system for Entradero Park.

Based on the explanation, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to Oranco Supply Company, as the lowest responsible bidder furnishing complete and satisfactory bid according to specifications, and reject all others. The amount is \$11,720.38. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and roll call vote was unanimously favorable although Councilman Benstead said he is not thoroughly satisfied even though he voted in favor of the recommendation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

41. Bids for black pipe and Desser Couplers. Street Superintendent Perkins, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that the Unit Price Contract for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1963 and ending June 30, 1964, be awarded to CAL-METAL CORPORATION in the amount of \$3,487.37.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth to award the contract to Cal-Metal Corporation and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman

58 Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

42. Purchase of two 45-passenger buses. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting resolution authorization for purchase thereof, waiving call for bids. There is only one manufacturer from whom the 45 passenger buses can be purchased at this time: General Motors Corporation. The firm price is \$23,399.05 each with \$250 each for accessories, less tires, 4% sales tax and delivery cost.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO 45-PASSENGER TRANSIT TYPE COACHES AND WAIVING CALL FOR BIDS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-197 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CUSTODIAL DEPARTMENT:

43. Bids for custodial supplies. Head Custodian Bedford, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that the award of unit price contract for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1963 and ending June 30, 1964 be:

- Item No. 1 - Best Maintenance Supply Company
- Item No. 2 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 3 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 4 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 5 - Easterday Supply Company
- Item No. 6 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 7 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 8 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 9 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 10 - Easterday Supply Company
- Item No. 11 - Hollywood Houseman Supply Company
- Item No. 12 - Clean Best Corporation
- Item No. 13 - Clean Best Corporation

The items are listed in detail on the bid summary.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to award the contracts as above listed and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:

44. Traffic Signal Agreements with City of Redondo Beach. Traffic Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that the City Attorney be directed to prepare agreements with the City of Redondo Beach for the installation of traffic signals at (1) Palos Verdes Blvd. and Catalina Avenue and (2) at 190th Street and Entradero Avenue.

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

45. STOP signs at Harrlee Lane and Highgrove Avenue. Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-198

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 Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-198 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

46. Torrance Youth Band Contract for Fiscal year 1963-64. Proposed resolution authorizing execution of agreement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1963-64.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-199 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

47. Bids received on clothing check bags and racks. Director of Recreation Van Bellehem, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that subject items be sold to high bidder, City of Lynwood, for \$519.20 and that all other bids be rejected.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

48. Acceptance of bids for copper water tube. Water Superintendent McVicar's recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Taylor-Jett Co. in the amount of \$4,457.98.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

49. Mayflower Trailer request to lease additional land. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation of approval under certain conditions, staff report with schedule A attached.

Mayor Isen recommended this item go to the Airport Committee of the Council and Mr. Fred Hampton of Mayflower Trailer Company asked that some sort of decision be made as it has been pending since May 9th. He will contact the members of the Airport Committee of the Council during the ensuing week so that it may be on the Council agenda August 27th, an eight o'clock meeting.

50. Mr. Gene Holderman, Chief, Torrance Tower, request for letter agreement re hold harmless. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation of approval. Attached Airport Manager Egan's letter to Commission dated July 31, 1963 and copy of proposed letter agreement between the City of Torrance and the United States of America.

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

51. Airport Commission request for estimated \$1,000 from Airport funds for dedication of new runway. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's request.

At the request of Councilman Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen asked the item be held for a breakdown and itemized statement of how this money is to be spent. There was no objection.

52. Lease between the City and La-De, Inc. City Attorney Remelmeyer's submittal of proposed resolution.

There was no objection to a motion by Councilman Beasley to concur and at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1963, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LA-DE, INC.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-200 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Certain requirements are to be added by City Attorney.

53. Lease between the City and Frank D. Sciarrotta. City Attorney Remelmeyer submittal of proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1963 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FRANK D. SCIARROTTA.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-201 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

As to this lease also, City Attorney Remelmeyer asked permission to add the bond and lien provisions as in Item 52, which were inadvertently omitted. The permission is granted.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

54. Condemnation of storm drain easement. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-202

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF A STORM DRAIN EASEMENT IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A STORM DRAIN UPON THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-202 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

55. Proposed ordinance on Minute Secretaries' compensation.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1411

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 1399 TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE FOR EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO TAKE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF EVENING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, VARIOUS COMMISSIONS OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1411 at its first reading. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

56. Proposed ordinance re additional pay when an equipment operator III is assigned to duty as a Finish Grader Operator.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1412

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 1399 BY ADDING SECTION 4.5 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PAY WHEN AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III IS ASSIGNED TO DUTY AS A FINISH GRADER OPERATOR.

Councilman Vico moved to approve Ordinance No. 1412 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

57. Proposed resolution re weed abatement.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-203

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF AND RUBBISH UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-203. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

58. Positions of Police Chief and Fire Chief.

There are three alternative recommendations on this matter and on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, it was decided to call a meeting for Thursday, August 22, 1963 at 9:30 a.m. with the members of the Police and Fire Committee of the Council.

59. Independent Cities of Los Angeles County Third Annual Municipal Seminar, September 21 and 22, 1963, at Santa Catalina Island.

Councilman Beasley moved that any councilmen who wish to attend be authorized to do so with appropriate expenses, as well as the City Manager, it being noted a list of department heads will be submitted at a later date for like approval. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

60. Miscellaneous Recommendations.

PERSONNEL:

That Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building Inspection, be authorized to attend the annual business meeting of International Conference of Building Officials at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to be held September 30 through October 4, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

EXPENDITURES:

1. \$1,356.16 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for two 8" Hersey model Detector Checks for the Water Department, to be used on the ABCO Construction Company project at Hawaii and Maple Avenues, a budget item.

2. \$1,035.16 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for two 3" Model C.T. Meters for the Water Department, to be used on the R. L. McGee Apartment project and the James Bower Apartment project, a budget item.

3. \$917.28 to International Business Machines, Inc. for two 17" IBM Electric Typewriters for the Airport and Planning Department, a budget item.
4. \$646.14 to Mobil Oil Company for 6,675 gallons of Diesel Fuel. This purchase was made during the interim period between the expiration of our old contract and the award of our new contract for the current fiscal year, a budget item.
5. \$766.48 to the Conveyor Company for one Ford Engine Conversion and one OS-153 Pump for Unit 696, Mobile Sweeper. (emergency approval was given in order to get this equipment back into service).

Councilman Miller moved to concur as to the one item under Personnel and five items under Expenditures listed above, in approval. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

61. Communication from City Clerk of Redondo Beach re drainage problem.

This matter was referred to the Drainage Committee of the Council, someone from the City Manager's office, and the City Engineer, to consult with the committee from Redondo Beach.

64. Mayor Isen asked that Mrs. Ethel Kovach be informed that the name of the very helpful Park employee she wrote about, is Daniel Walsh as she may wish to thank him personally. Also, Mayor Isen asked that our records reflect the commendable action of Mr. Walsh and that he be thanked for being the inspiration of such a nice letter.

65. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to discuss the pending litigation on the CORE problem.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the City Council that Judge Keene has adopted a policy which will probably be followed by the other courts of requiring counsel on both sides to follow through with no substitution of attorneys. This will make it necessary for additional prosecutors to be hired by the City of Torrance. Mr. Remelmeyer briefly listed the extent of litigation at this time and the proposed time schedule. He requested ratification of hiring Walter Anderson and Mark Wood as Special Prosecutors and authority to hire another prosecutor at the same basic pay as Charles F. Catterlin receives.

Mayor Isen so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

Mayor Isen asked to be excused from the balance of this evening's meeting and, on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Vico, there being no objection, Mayor pro tem Beasley took the chair.

City Attorney Remelmeyer proceeded with his report on the injunction proceeding for which counsel will be needed also. He recommended James Hall be hired for this case as he prepared the injunction complaint and is familiar with the facts and law.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned
at 7:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:

Albert Jones

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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