

I N D E X

Council Meeting held September 17, 1963
5:30

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
1. Call to order	1
2. Roll call	1
3. Flag salute	1
4. Invocation	1
5. Approval of minutes	1
6. Motion to waive further reading	1
7. Approval of demands	1
HEARINGS:	
8. Weed Abatement hearing No. 5, Resolution No. 63-230 adopted	1,2
9. Case No. 63-55, Change of Zone, Sites, approved	2
10. Case No. 63-58, Variance, Hill, approved with conditions	2,3
11. Case No. 63-51, Change of zone, Sorenson, referred back to Planning Commission	3,4
PLANNING MATTERS:	
12. Tentative Tract Map No. 28896, Meine Construction approved with conditions	4
13. Final Tract Map No. 28022, Kenland Development Co. approved	4
14. Case No. 63-40, Variance, Shaffer, Resolution No. 63-231, adopted	4,5
COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:	
15. Acceptance of bid for metal plates	5
COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:	
16. Award of contract for Western Avenue	5
17. Refund of sewer fees at 5310 Torrance Blvd., granted	5
18. Removal of trees in front of Natl Guard Armory approved	5
19. Acceptance of easement deeds	6
COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:	
20. Authorization to purchase clothing for personnel	6
21. Acceptance of Bid for fire hose	6
COMMUNICATION FROM TORRANCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL:	
22. Resignation of Tauch and appointment of Paour	6
23. Governor's Traffic Safety Conference, one authorized to attend	6,7
COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:	
24. Purchase of Thelma Russell property, Resolution No. 63-232 adopted	7
RESOLUTIONS:	
25. Resolution No. 63-233 on weed abatement, adopted	7
26. Resolution No. 63-234, population estimate, adopted	8
SECOND READINGS:	
27. Ordinance No. 1423, Residential Professional zone adopted at second reading	8
COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:	
28. Junior Citizens' Day, Resolution No. 63-235 adopted	8
29. Police and Fire Chief Selection Procedures, concurred in Committee report and amendments to be drafted	9, 10
30. Miscellaneous recommendations:	
Personnel: Bennett to Houston, approved	10
Expenditures: \$486.72 to IBM, approved	10
31. Proclaimed AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE WEEK	11

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

INDEX
i

Council Minutes
Sept. 17, 1963

SUBJECT:**PAGE**

- | | |
|---|----|
| 32. Resolution No. 63-236 reclassifying Case No. 63-35
adopted | 11 |
| 33. Invitation to groundbreaking ceremony luncheon | 11 |
| 34. Letter from Attorney General | 11 |
| 35. Drale re Committee on Police, Fire and Traffic | 11 |
| 36. Isen re High Rise Construction, etc., letter | 11 |

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

Index
ii

Council Minutes
Sept. 17, 1963

Torrance, California
September 17, 1963

**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, September 17, 1963, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Torrance, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy Fire Chief Bob Lucas led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend William J. Roleder of First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. 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 Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

8. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 5 (1963-64) Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-226 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution, with attached proposed resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-226, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 and 2, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels: It was determined there are no exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, they were accepted and ordered filed, there being no objection, and roll call vote being unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter and there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-230

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. 63-226.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-230 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-230 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 63-55 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Petitioner, Ollie M. Sites. Third and final hearing on change of zone from M-1 to R-1 on property situated at the southwest corner of 166th Street and Taylor Court. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 7, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated August 21, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 21, 1963, and location sketch.

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

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried and the hearing was ordered closed.

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

10. CASE NO. 63-58 - Variance - Petitioner, Robert G. Hill. Formal hearing for a variance to permit a ten unit apartment building in Land Use Zone A-1 situated at 3642 Garnet Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated August 7, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 7, 1963, plot plan, and location sketch.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 63-58; there was no response.

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

A letter from Mrs. Genevieve E. Hammond regarding this case was mentioned. It asks for due consideration of a fence or suitable barrier to separate the properties and that the owner of the apartment building not shine lights in such a way as to invade the privacy of neighboring homes.

Planning Director Shartle called to the Council's attention that the applicant in this case submitted a plot plan showing doors opening onto the street, with no wall. The Commission recommended approval of the 10 unit apartment building, but not the particular plot plan. He suggested approval by the Council of this variance for R-3 use on the stipulation that all the requirements of the ordinance be met and Councilman Sciarrotta moved in accordance with that suggestion. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

It was specifically stated there shall be full compliance with all City ordinances, the one dealing with a wall particularly, on the approval as here granted.

11. CASE NO. 63-51 - Change of Zone - Petitioner, Chris Sorenson resubmitted. Third and final hearing for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-3 on property located northerly of 227th Place, westerly of Madison Street to the westerly line of the northerly extension of Samuel Street. 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, 1963 and August 7, 1963, location sketch, zoning and street pattern for Council use.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Mr. Eugene Kerstein of 3434 West 227th Place, spoke in the absence of Mr. Seberg, president of Torrance Heights Homeowners Association. He presented a petition containing 100 signatures favoring denial as recommended by the Planning Commission and as set forth on the Master Plan recommending R-1.

The petitioner, Chris Sorenson, spoke in favor of his petition for R-3, stating it does not necessarily mean many multi-units, but would be a single story multiple unit plan of three or four apartments to a building; that this would not increase traffic or traffic hazards. He owns the property along with Mr. Glennie and mentioned a street which he said the City would like to have put through over property where a house is now situated.

Councilman Drale said there is some R-3 which is not shown on the map and Planning Director Shartle said this is not zoned R-3, but is a variance immediately east of the property in question.

Councilman Beasley suggested this case go back to the Planning Commission for a precise plan inasmuch as a street will be needed through here and there is a variance on a great deal of adjoining land. He so moved, and Councilman Miller seconded.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute that the Council deny the petition, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Mayor Isen seconded the substitute motion.

Mr. Kerstein again spoke for retaining the single residential nature of this property.

Roll call vote on the substitute, to deny, was:

3.

Council Minutes
Sept. 17, 1963

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

and the motion filed.

On the original motion which was to send the Case back to the Planning Commission to be returned to the Council after submission and approval thereby of a precise plan, it was agreed this is not to be considered as approval, but merely submission for consideration of a precise plan which would limit the apartments to one-story. Roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen asked that the Planning Commission and the petitioner work with a committee of property owners who would be neighbors. Mr. Kerstein will submit several names for this purpose.

Affidavit of Publication on Items 9, 10 and 11 were presented by City Clerk Coil and there being no objection, ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

12. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 28896, Subdivider, Meine Construction Company. Six lots located east of Walnut Avenue, south of 238th Street. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated August 21, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 31, 1963, letter from City Engineer dated August 20, 1963, and location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 28896, subject to all conditions of the City Engineer and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded that motion.

Mr. Charles Middleton of Meine Construction asked that some adjustment be made in the condition numbered as "8" of the City Engineer's requirements and City Engineer Nollac explained the situation which exists and what would be required and Councilman Drale changed his motion to include all conditions, with the exception of the one numbered 8 which will be subject to approval of City Engineer Nollac. Councilman Sciarrotta, as second, agreed and roll call vote was:

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

13. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 28022 - Subdivider, Kenland Development Co. 25 lots located northerly of Spencer Street, easterly of Victor Street. Zone R-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of letters from City Engineer dated March 14, 1963 and August 28, 1963, with location sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion of Councilman Drale to concur in the recommendation of approval, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. CASE NO. 63-40 - Variance - Samuel J. Shaffer. City Attorney Remelmeyer's submittal for approval and adoption of resolution granting variance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 8 AND 10 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING AT 3330 REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-40.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-231. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

15. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - METAL PLATES. License Director Whitacre, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that low bid of L. A. Stamp & Stationery be accepted in the amount of \$657 plus tax.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation above and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll Call vote was unanimously favorable.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

16. Award of contract - Western Avenue, westerly side, between 235th and 236th Streets (readvertised). Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that HADD CONTRACTING CO. be awarded contract in the amount of \$4,719.50.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. REFUND OF SEWER FEES COLLECTED IN ERROR (Development at 5310 Torrance Boulevard) Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that refund be made to Morningside Plumbers in the amount of \$75 sewer use fee and \$360 sewer reimbursement fee.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

18. REMOVAL OF TREES IN FRONT OF NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY. The recommendation is that Torrance National Guard be allowed to remove and replace trees adjacent to their armory, tree for tree in that they are a governmental agency and to avoid the cumbersome procedure of going through State red tape to secure budgeted funds for the usual four to one replacement.

Councilman Benstead believed more consideration should be given to the cost of these trees and what replacements are being made, although City Engineer Nollac stated the Park Superintendent had stated it would cost more than their value to move them.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Engineering Department and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, there being no formal objection.

19. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENT DEEDS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE:

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following three easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated September 4, 1963 for the widening of alley over a portion of Lot 11, Block 2, subdivision of Lot 33, Meadow Park Tract, given by Don H. and Elinore P. Mahaffey.
2. Street easement deed dated August 27, 1963 for the widening of 230th Street and 230th Place over portions of Lot 86, Tract No. 639, given by Berton F. and Virginia Scott.
3. Street easement deed dated August 28, 1963 for the widening of Anza Avenue and alley over portions of Lot 24, Tract No. 2895, given by Donald Cohn and Richard Barschak.

His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

20. Fire Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, requesting authorization to purchase coats, pants, boots, helmets and gloves for Fire Department personnel.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation that the order be awarded to the low bidder, Eagleson's of Los Angeles, 259 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$693.63. These are budget items. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR FIRE HOSE. Fire Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that bid of American Rubber Manufacturing Company in amount of \$1,934.40 be accepted, and all other bids rejected.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM TORRANCE TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL:

22. Resignation of Mr. Arnold C. Tauch.

Mr. Tauch was the appointee of Councilman Drale; Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Peebles to write him a letter of appreciation for his services as Commissioner and announced the nomination of Mr. Frank Paour, Jr., 1610 Amapola Avenue. The Council poll was unanimously favorable to the appointment.

23. Governor's Traffic Safety Conference.

This has to do with sending two delegates from the City of Torrance Traffic Safety Council to the Governor's Traffic Safety Conference which will be held in Sacramento October 3 and 4, 1963. City Manager Peebles said another request had come late this afternoon from the Police Department, that two police officers also be authorized to attend this conference, but he believed this is a lay persons' conference and should be so attended.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that one person be authorized to attend from the membership of the Traffic Safety Council, preferably the chairman. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion. Appropriate expenses would be paid by the City. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

24. PURCHASE OF THELMA RUSSELL PROPERTY - Drainage District No. 8A. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval and adoption proposed resolution.

The agreement with Miss Russell is the result of negotiations by the City Attorney and the City Manager and contains substantially the same provisions as that dated May 1st, except for a different method of payment and Miss Russell is given until January 15, 1964 to remove all structures on the property.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-232

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST AN AGREEMENT WITH THELMA RUSSELL FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED AS A DRAINAGE RETENTION BASIN, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREOF.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-232 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-232. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

25. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION ON WEED ABATEMENT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-233

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING 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. 63-233. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR A POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-234 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

27. ORDINANCE NO. 1423.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1423

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 7-X TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONAL DISTRICT (R-P) AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE LAND USES FOR SUCH ZONE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1423 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

28. JUNIOR CITIZENS' DAY. Proposed resolution declaring November 26, 1963 as "Junior Citizens' Day".

The City Clerk was instructed to correct the resolution by inserting the date "November 26, 1963" at each place where October 22, 1963 appears and with this correction, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING NOVEMBER 26, 1963, AS "JUNIOR CITIZENS' DAY".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-235 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

29. Police and Fire Chief Selection Procedures - Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Isen announced this is the matter of proposed amendment of the pertinent ordinances numbered 249, 478 and 588, regulating the selection and appointment of the Police and Fire Chief.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Civil Service Commission be given additional time to bring in their decision on this matter. Councilman Drale seconded.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute, to concur in the recommendations of the Police and Fire Committee of the Council as set forth on page 2 of the Committee report, namely:

a. That the City Council instruct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinances rescinding Ordinances No. 249, 478, and 588 previously adopted by the Council.

b. Instruct the City Manager to submit to the City Council, for their review, job classification statements for the positions of Fire and Police Chief based on the following philosophy:

To permit the best qualified persons in the first three ranks of Torrance Police or Fire Departments and any other qualified persons from other California Police or Fire Departments, of cities exceeding 80,000 population, to apply for the position of Fire or Police Chief when said positions become vacant.

Councilman Miller seconded Councilman Benstead's motion and City Manager Peebles called attention to a letter received by the Council September 16, 1963, signed by eleven citizens asking that the positions not be thrown open to competition outside the City of Torrance, also a telegram to the same general effect from Mr. Jim Macura (sp. ?) Via Los Altos, Torrance.

At 4:45 p.m. today, Mr. Peebles said he received a telephone call from the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Fred Mill, stating what he claimed to be the approval of the majority of the Commission as follows: praising Chief Benner for the excellent job he has done and (1) that the majority wish to have the examination for Police Chief and Fire Chief open to the first three ranks of each department; (2) the examination to be given on an open basis, one list; (3) open to all cities in California which have a population of approximately 80,000 or more and including their first three ranks in each of the departments, and (4) request the Council review the specifications for the two positions as prepared by the City Manager before approval of the specifications is granted by the Council.

Councilman Benstead remarked this is in line with the recommendation of the Fire and Police Committee of the Council; Councilman Beasley stated inasmuch as there is only one vacancy in prospect there must be people in the Fire Department who are well qualified to become Fire Chief; and Councilman Vico thought both departments should be handled in the same manner.

Councilman Drale maintained that the telephoned message from Mr. Mill has no legal standing; further, that Mr. Mill is not Chairman of the Civil Service Commission. Commissioner Morehart was present and remarked that Mr. Mill's recommendation was out of order especially in that the Commission has not taken a vote on the subject under discussion. For that reason, Mr. Mill's telephoned recommendation was not considered as having any bearing on the matter.

Councilman Drale's belief is that the men within the department should be given a chance to qualify and if they do not, then the examination could be opened to those outside the city. Advancement should be through department wherever possible.

Councilman Vico said he feels the Commission is dragging its feet and should have been able to make a decision by now. Further, he saw no reason to make any decision at this time since there is no urgent need of filling the top position in either department at this time. The other councilmen reminded him the matter before the Council at this time is merely whether or not to change the ordinance and put into effect a new policy before the situation does become urgent.

Mr. Dick DeYoung, representing Torrance Fire Fighters' Local No. 1138, registered opposition to a change in the ordinance as it now exists, on the ground it would create a serious morale problem. He saw no reason to search outside Torrance as there are many men within the department who are qualified.

Mr. Larry Summer of 1621 Flower, a citizen who has been employed for twenty years with a large reputable corporation, felt the position should be filled from within the department, if at all possible.

Councilman Sciarrotta suggested that under the circumstances, it might be well to consider the departments separately.

Voting on the substitute motion made by Councilman Benstead, the roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Thus, by five-to-two vote the substitute motion carried and the original motion did not come before the Council. City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to prepare amendatory ordinances to this effect and bring them before the Council for consideration.

30. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Police Chief Bennett be authorized to attend the 70th Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police to be held in Houston, Texas, October 5 to 10, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

2. That Water Superintendent McVicar be authorized to attend the California Section of the American Water Works Association 44th Annual Conference in San Francisco, September 25 to 27, 1963, with appropriate expenses paid, a budget item.

EXPENDITURES:

\$486.72 to IBM Corporation for one 20" Standard Electric typewriter, carbon ribbon, Courier type, for the Fire Department, a budget item.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the two items under Personnel and the one under Expenditures and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

31. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 22, 1963 through September 29, 1963, as AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE WEEK. It may be that foreign exchange students and one of the consuls will be at the next Council meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION P, SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2259 WEST CARSON STREET IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-35.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-236. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Mayor Isen.

33. City Manager Peebles relayed to the Council an invitation from Fred E. Klinger Corporation to luncheon Wednesday, September 25, in connection with groundbreaking ceremonies. He will further remind the councilmen. As of now, probably four will attend.

34. Letter from Office of the Attorney General.

This letter dated September 16, 1963, acknowledges the letter of September 11, 1963 from the City Attorney regarding the investigation or inquiry of the Police Department. It was ordered filed and Mr. Remelmeyer will answer, thanking the Attorney General for his prompt action.

35. Councilman Drale asked that the Mayor and Council give consideration to the appointment of a Torrance Citizens Committee for Police, Fire, and Traffic Control, with one member to be appointed by each councilmen. This seems to be a duplication, but City Manager Peebles was requested to make a survey of how other cities handle.

36. Mayor Isen called attention to the letter from Bert Pinckney, Secretary, High Rise Construction And Development Corporation, mentioning Vista Del Mar maximum height office buildings, and asked Mr. Shartle to check into this. City Manager Peebles said Staff and the City Attorney are working on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

11.

Council Minutes
Sept. 17, 1963