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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 1, 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, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer. Councilman Drale was absent.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Homer Morgan, President of the Airport Commission, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Father Percy of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Torrance opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

Father Percy who is Chairman of the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, announced there had been a presentation of a citation to the City at the luncheon held at the Palms this noon. He exhibited the plaque which was accepted at the luncheon by Councilman Miller and left it with the Council for placing in the City Hall trophy room. The presentation had been made by the American Automobile Association represented by Bob Treichler, and was a special citation for pedestrian program improvement for the year 1962.

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Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and, recognizing Robert Curry, the publisher of the South Bay Daily Breeze, acknowledged his presence and complimented him on the fine new installation of his newspaper in the City of Torrance.

HEARINGS:

8. Weed Abatement Hearing No. 7 (1963-64). Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-245 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution. Outline of procedure and proposed resolution attached.

Affidavit of Posting and of Mailing were presented by City Clerk Coil and on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, were ordered filed.

In compliance with the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read in full two letters received on the subject: one from Stanley P. Cooper, stating construction would start very soon on the property; and one from Sellen & Co., to the same effect regarding property near Eriel and Sepulveda.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard and Mr. Cliff Glennie, 4011 Miraleste Drive, contended the City of Torrance has been using the property about which he was notified. However, it developed that it is the County Flood Control District which is using this property.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

With respect to the exceptions, three of which were noted, the City Manager was instructed to investigate and process them. If it is decided these requests are not meritorious, they can be abated as they are not taken from the list in the resolution at this time.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-247

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. 63-245.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-247 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-247 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent)

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the three requested exceptions to the City Manager for investigation and the motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, there being no objection.

City Manager Peebles commented that the three proposed exceptions mentioned with respect to the similar hearing at the Council meeting held September 24th had been taken care of to the satisfaction of the requesting property owners.

9. Botanical Gardens Annexation No. 1 (continued) City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval proposed resolution and ordinance for first reading.

9A. Letter of protest re this matter.

Assistant City Manager Ferraro reported a majority protest had been received and Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to speak; there was no response.

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

Councilman Benstead moved a declaration that a majority protest had been made and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Thus ended the proposed annexation.

10. Vacation of portion of northwest corner of Prairie Avenue and 182nd Street. Formal hearing on resolution of intention to vacate No. 63-220. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting for approval and adoption resolution ordering the vacation, and location sketch.

Affidavits of posting and publishing were presented by the City Clerk as to items 9 and 10, and there being no objection, they were ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter and there being no response, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried, there being no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-248

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND 182nd STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-248 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Claim of Pacific Telephone Co. for alleged damage incurred on September 13, 1963 when underground cable was struck and damaged by a backhoe operated by Chet Kohler Construction Co. while placing a sewer line for City of Torrance.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

12. Notice of meeting of the Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Division of League of California Cities at Rodger Young Auditorium on October 3, 1963, at 7:00 p.m.

The councilmen took notice of this meeting and those who can attend will let the City Manager's office know. The communication was ordered filed.

13. Invitation of Torrance Ministerial Association breakfast meeting at First Methodist Church, October 16, 1963 at 8 a.m.

Mayor Isen asked the councilmen to please mark this date and instructed City Manager Peebles to determine and advise the association several days in advance of the number who will attend. The communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

14. Request for extension of time for temporary trailer by Universal C.I.T. Credit. Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting request of this company for extension, with recommendation of approval of use of the trailer until January 15, 1964 and that final approval be withheld on the building until the trailer is removed from the property. The building is now approximately one-half completed and should be finished by January 15th.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request as recommended above and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

15. Improvement of 228th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Cypress Street. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending \$5,900 be appropriated from unexpended funds allocated to the improvement of Amie Avenue for the relocation of a Standard Oil Co. line in the way of the subject improvement. Copy of letter from Standard Oil Company of California attached.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to appropriate the \$5,900 as recommended and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, and Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

16. Execution of pipeline license agreement with Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing, with location sketch attached.

Councilman Benstead asked how the drainage is planned and Mr. Don Kemp of Engineering explained there is a system ready to be built as soon as this agreement is consummated.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN PIPE LINE LICENSE BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-249 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

17. Commercial improvements - Lot 17, Block A, Tract No. 10300. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, transmitting recommendation of City Manager's Staff that request of Mr. Schlesinger be granted, with copy of request and location sketch attached.

City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended this go to Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance and Councilman Miller so moved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen commented that this sort of item should go to Planning Commission before coming to the Council, and instructed the City Clerk to so route them, after checking with the City Attorney.

18. Transmittal of easement deeds to City Council.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept the following two easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated February 5, 1963 for the widening of 235th Street and 235th Place over portions of Lot 34, Tract No. 530, given by M. L. VanTine.
2. Street Easement deed dated September 12, 1963 for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard over portions of Lot 5, Block 303, Tract No. 1952, given by James M. and Anna M. Welsh.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

19. Traffic recommendations for approval, with attachments. J. O. Whitmer, Secretary, submitting the following recommendations:

- A. That STOP signs be installed on the following:
1. Post Avenue at the southwesterly approach to Sartori Avenue.
 2. El Prado Avenue at both approaches to Sartori
 3. Sartori at both approaches to El Prado, with resolution attached.

A-1. That "NO U TURN" signs be installed at all Central Business District intersections which have center street islands, except Cabrillo Avenue at Carson Street, with resolution attached.

B. That the request for STOP signs at Apple and Lincoln Avenues be denied.

C. That NO PARKING ANYTIME be installed on the west side of Crenshaw Boulevard from 185th Street to the most northerly San Diego Freeway right of way line, with attached proposed resolution. Letter from State Division of Highways.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendations set forth as to each of the items. Councilman Vico seconded the motion and there was no objection.

Taking the resolutions separately, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-250

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 Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-250 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

A-1: At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-251

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING PROHIBITION OF U-TURNS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-251 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-252

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

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-252 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

20. Communication from Mrs. Apsey, Chairman, re joint Torrance City Council and Torrance Beautiful Commission field trip.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved the plans be accepted and those who find it possible, accompany the Commission. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. The suggestion regarding invitations to representatives from other commissions was considered a good one.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

Items 21, 21A, 22, 23, 23A, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 were listed on the agenda, and Councilman Sciarrotta moved they all be referred to the Committee of the Council on Airport matters. Councilman Miller seconded this motion and there was no objection.

Thereupon, a meeting of this Committee was scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the matters will be on the agenda for next Council meeting by an addendum published on Monday, October 7.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

29. Petroleum Agreements: City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval and adoption resolution approving extension of petroleum agreements with Acme Aircraft, etc., with attached six agreements.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-253

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING EXTENSION OF PETROLEUM AGREEMENTS WITH ACME AIRCRAFT COMPANY; VEGAS AIRWAYS, INC., STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, WESTERN OPERATIONS, INC.; UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA; SHELL OIL COMPANY; AND TEXACO, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-253 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-254

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 Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-254 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-254 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-255

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 Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 63-255 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-255 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

32. Letter from City Manager re amendment to State Retirement system contract, with attached copy of letter from State Employees Retirement system dated September 19, 1963; proposed resolution "A", to approve contract with three changes and "B", intention to approve amendment to contract, with two changes.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: (listed as "A" on the agenda)

RESOLUTION NO. 63-256

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-256 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-256 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

33. TORRANCE POLICE RESERVES:

City Manager Peebles asked if this matter could not be held for two weeks as there is a problem which should be further investigated. Informally, the request was granted and it will be back on the agenda at Mr. Peebles' convenience.

34. Temporary sidewalks. This item consists of a report from Street Superintendent Perkins dated September 20, 1963, as well as a recommendation from City Manager Peebles as to disposition of the various nine items which were requested by the PTA.

City Manager Peebles remarked that the priorities seem to be equal; the money is available and he recommends as set forth in his communication. Councilman Miller moved to concur in those recommendations and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

35. Invitation to Council members to attend Open House of the new Navy Building.

The councilmen had noted this invitation and it was ordered filed.

36. Miscellaneous Recommendations:

1. \$364 to Southwestern Avionics, Inc. for one mobile station to be used for ground control radio for Airport operations, a budget item.

2. \$595.04 to Motorola, Inc., for one mobile station

to be installed in Airport Department pick-up to be used for Airport security, a budget item.

3. \$458.64 to International Business Machines for one 17" IBM Electric typewriter for the Building Department, a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the three expenditures listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Drale absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

37. Mayor Isen proclaimed Sunday, October 27, 1963 as NAVY DAY, in accordance with the proclamation and called on all citizens of Torrance to take part in appropriate observance of this day through the channels which may be open to them.

FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION:

38. A resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Lawndale, requesting the State Legislature to amend the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act to provide for a local responsive representation.

There being no objection, this was ordered filed.

A newsletter had been distributed telling of the new downtown broadcast system and Mr. Peebles said the World Series would be broadcast this week.

39. Addenda had been distributed today on the matter of selection of Fire and Police Chiefs, with attached minutes of the special meeting of the Civil Service Commission, correspondence from the Commission, and a proposed ordinance amending Sections 11.3, 22.3 and 22.6 of the Code of the City of Torrance, 1954.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained the proposed changes. Under the ordinance as it now exists the determination of whether or not an examination for any position should be open, promotional, or open and promotional is left to the Civil Service Commission. If this ordinance proposed this evening is passed by five out of seven councilmen, the ordinance would be amended in such a way that determination would be made by the ordinance rather than the Commission. The Council has the right to make this amendment by reason of the 1962 Charter amendment. In effect it would take away from the Civil Service Commission the power to make that determination.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1424

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 11.3, 22.3 and 22.6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH REGULATE THE APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL AND REDUCTION IN RANK OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ESTABLISHING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Mayor Isen announced anyone of the citizens who were present were welcome to speak if they wished and Mrs. Lawrence Sommers of 1621 Flower Street spoke against going outside the City for applicants to take either examination. She had spoken at a previous Council meeting as well as the Civil Service Commission meeting.

Councilman Vico spoke in favor of competition for these positions and the discussion which followed developed that the responsibility of selecting the person to be appointed to each position is that of the City Manager. Councilman Sciarrotta expressed the belief that the ordinance as it now exists is antiquated and Councilman Miller agreed the present system of selection is not good. Mayor Isen pointed out that the power given to the City Manager is specified in the City Charter and that he has these rights unless they are changed by vote of the people.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1424 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller carried, there being no objection, except one from Councilman Beasley which he withdrew. Roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously favorable (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Benstead then moved the Ordinance No. 1424 be approved at its first reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

The procedure of selection of the top three, the grades which are required on the examination and other facets of the method were discussed by the Councilmen and the City Attorney. Councilmen Sciarrotta and Vico felt this to be a poor time to bring up this particular ordinance and Councilman Sciarrotta said he is in agreement with three-fourths of the ordinance but would like to include three ranks in the Fire Department and not go outside.

Roll call vote followed:

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

The required five out of seven were not obtained.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. City Manager Peebles mentioned an item which had come in late, and which had been requested to come up under Oral Communications. Mr. Joseph Pyatt, acting chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission has requested City Council approval for a member of the commission to attend the Citizens for Decent Literature meeting in Chicago October 17 through 19 with appropriate expenses paid by the City.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that some member of the Youth Welfare Commission be authorized to attend with expenses of not to exceed \$300. By the discussion which followed it was determined this is not a governmental organization. City Manager Peebles declined to make a recommendation as the Commissions come under the direct jurisdiction of the Council, although he said money is available for the purpose. Mayor Isen contended this authorization would open the door to all commissions to attend such meetings of private organizations.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion and it seemed to be the consensus that benefit would be derived from representation at this meeting. Roll call vote was:

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

The motion carried.

41. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked to continue the employment of his temporary deputy for the next three months at \$500 per month. The original authorization was for one month, which expires during this week.

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

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

42. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the work to be accomplished by Attorney Joseph Gill in determining whether or not to proceed with the Dominguez Water Corporation litigation had proven to be more than the \$750 authorized for his opinion. Mr. Remelmeyer recommended the ceiling be increased to \$1250. Councilman Beasley moved to grant Mr. Remelmeyer's request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

43. Councilman Beasley reported what had occurred at the Public Works Board meeting in Sacramento yesterday afternoon regarding the college site. They authorized an appraisal of the Palos Verdes site. Mr. Beasley said he, Mr. Drale and Mr. Remelmeyer feel a meeting of the Citizens College Site Committee should be called as soon as possible, for transmittal of some oral suggestions.

44. Councilman Sciarrotta's oral communication dealt with what he feels is a lack of rapport between the Council and several of the Commissions. He wondered if some sort of procedure is needed, or if an established procedure is being strictly followed. Mayor Isen took exception to the statement that the commissions are not satisfied with their relationship to the Council and stated any commissioner who wishes to do so, may resign. He outlined the method by which the commissions perform their function as an adjunct to the Council.

45. Councilman Miller asked for any specific instances of what Mr. Sciarrotta complained of and Councilman Sciarrotta mentioned the lease procedure which is not being followed through proper channels regarding the Airport. City Manager Peebles said the report was requested by the Council from his office and he has no alternative but to follow those instructions. Councilman Miller who is chairman of the committee of the council which deals with Airport matters explained the mechanics by which these matters are channeled back to the Commission when necessary and advisable. Unless otherwise authorized by a majority vote of the Council Mr. Miller thought all matters should go through the Commission first. Councilman Sciarrotta said he has been attending Commission meetings and could mention many cases where they have not had an opportunity to consider matters. City Attorney

mentioned instances of similar nature with respect to his work for the Council, as did City Manager Peebles and stated if a definite policy is set, they would be glad to adhere to it.

Mayor Isen asked that any commissioner or commissioners who feel as Councilman Sciarrotta has described, address a communication to the Council setting forth their complaint in full and again announced the commissions are merely an adjunct to the Council, the members of which are the elected representatives of the people. It is not practical to set out hard and fast written rules in view of emergency situations.

46. Councilman Vico reiterated a contention he previously made; that the police cars should not be used as "taxi service" by councilmen.

47. Mr. Joseph Schw^{ie}rtz of 5006 Paseo de las Tortugas, representing Pacific Coast Little League, requested a renewal of the lease covering a portion of the Airport land, for one year.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the requested renewal and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. However, Councilman Miller maintained this is just such a matter as has been discussed this evening - it should go first to the Airport Commission. His "No" vote was predicated upon that premise only.

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

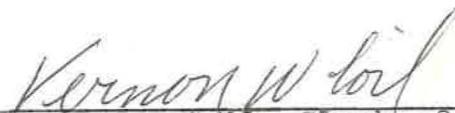
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Councilman Sciarrotta first voted in favor of the renewal and then asked that his vote be changed to "No."

48. Mr. Joseph Pⁱratt asked if any dollar value had been placed on the money spent for promotion of the college site and City Manager Peebles was instructed to check the report made some time ago, and send a copy to Mr. Pⁱratt.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, it was regularly adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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