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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, October 8, 1963 at 8:00 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: Benstead, Miller, Sciarrotta, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilmen Benstead was absent. Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Dr. Albert Posner, Assistant Superintendent of Torrance Unified School District, led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Maynard Midthun of Christ the King 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 October 1, 1963 were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NO: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

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 Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen introduced Jay Berman who will be covering the Torrance Council meetings on behalf of South Bay Daily Breeze and complimented Nancy Anderson who has been on this beat for some time. Mrs. Anderson has taken another position with a motion picture magazine.

8. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 8 (1963-1964). Formal hearing on resolution of Intention No. 63-254 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in said resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-254, declaring certain private property described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing were presented by City Clerk Coil and on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, they were ordered received and filed by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and Eva Bailey of 2245 West 233rd Street, came forward and complained of a \$92.40 charge made against her property in 1960. City Manager Peebles took Mrs. Bailey's name, address and telephone number and will investigate her complaint.

There being no further oral protests, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale and unanimously carried, (Councilman Beasley absent), the hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Drale asked for a report of progress on the weed abatement project from the contractor to ascertain whether or not it is remaining within the financial limits set. City Manager Peebles will furnished this report.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-257

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. 63-254.

Councilman Benstead moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-257 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-257 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

9. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 9 (1963-1964) Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-255 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 63-255, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 7 inclusive, described in said resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting any parcels determined.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Mailing and Affidavit of Posting and on motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, they were ordered filed, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

City Clerk Coil announced three letters had been received and read them: Mr. Killingsworth asking exclusion of Parcels 17, 20 and 21; Annie Wilson, 2230 West 231st Street, stating her place does not need cleaning up; and Mr. Rippy and Daniel Robinett, stating the work has been done on their property.

These three communications were delivered to City Manager Peebles for investigation and report next week.

Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and on unanimously favorable roll call vote (Councilman Beasley absent) it was so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-258

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. 63-255.

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 63-258 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-258 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

City Manager Peebles reported those protests or complaints presented by citizens at the last weed abatement hearing, had been investigated and taken care of to the satisfaction of all concerned.

10. CASE NO. 812 - Change of zone - Petitioner, Robert S. White. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-2 to R-3 on property situated at 2652 Carson Street. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated October 17, 1962, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated October 17, 1962, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated November 7, 1962, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated December 5, 1962, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated December 5, 1962, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated August 21, 1963, and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 21, 1963.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and Mrs. Carmen Davis of 2612 West Carson Street came forward and stated while she has fought apartments in the past, she now favors granting the requested change because it was done in the previous case involving six units and now is recommended for denial on three units within a block of the first location.

Mrs. Velma Piercy who lives at 1731 Fern Avenue spoke against the rezoning and presented a petition signed by thirty-two property owner who held the same view. She said the area needs more room, not less. The petition was presented to the City Clerk and ordered filed, there being no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk stated the names of three further protesting citizens who had written letters: Bill and Velma Piercy, 1731 Fern Avenue, Paul and Lola Roberts, 1728 Fern Avenue, and Ronald and Monett Dill of 1750 Fern Avenue.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale stated there had been a tremendous amount of protest to this proposed change and moved the request be denied by concurring in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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Councilman Vico introduced from the audience, a citizen of Torrance, Doc Anderson who is trainer for the Dodgers, and Mayor Isen welcomed him to this meeting.

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11. CASE NO. 828 - Change of Zone - Petitioner Charles T. Rippy. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from R-2 to R-3 on property situated at the northeast corner of Carson Street and Flower Avenue. Recommended for denial. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of location sketch, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated August 21, 1963, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated January 14, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 21, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated January 14, 1963 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of January 2, 1963.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this case and Mr. Chester Kantorski of 1611 Flower Street, spoke against the requested change. At his request a great number of people in audience arose to indicate their protest, rather than speaking individually.

The petitioner, Mr. Rippy, presented his reasons for believing the zone change should be granted, citing pertinent instances throughout the City.

Mrs. Martha Riggle of 2555 Eldorado Street registered a strong protest.

City Clerk Coil stated a 48 signature petition in protest had been received as well as three single letters: Mrs. McBee, Mr. A. Posner and B. Beltzner. One letter which did not protest was mentioned from Mrs. Parkhurst of Inglewood. The petition and letters were ordered filed, there being no objection.

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, to deny the requested change of zone and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead carried by

unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

12. CASE NO. 63-65 - Variance - Petitioner, Edward R. Abeyta. Formal hearing for a variance requesting relief from Ordinance No. 1396 requiring fences where private garages face a public street, on property situated at 1751 Cabrillo Avenue, Zone C-1. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of exhibit for Council only, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 4, 1963, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated August 21, 1963 and excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated August 21, 1963.

Mayor Isen commented the recommendation is for approval "not according to the exhibit, but according to the plan". Planning Director Shartle explained the difference as being that the building is moved forward five feet and is now ten feet from the alley and twenty feet from Cabrillo. There are to be nine units.

City Clerk Coil mentioned a letter favoring approval, from Sarah Tonks who did not give her address.

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

Councilman Drale moved to grant the approval in accordance with the Planning Commission's recommendation and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, with the comment that building on Cabrillo should be encouraged, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

13. CASE NO. 63-72 - Conditional Use permit - Petitioner, C. N. Cake. Formal hearing for a conditional use permit to permit an automatic car wash in Land Use Zone C-2 at 20515 Hawthorne Avenue. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of three exhibits, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 4, 1963, excerpt from Planning Department recommendations dated September 4, 1963.

Affidavit of Publication on cases numbered 812, 828, 63-65, and 63-72 were presented and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response. Thereupon, Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with all provisions. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

PLANNING MATTERS:

14. CASE NO. 63-61 - Precise Plan - Mary M. Freidman. Planning Director Shartle submitting for approval and adoption Resolution.

This precise plan having been approved, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-259

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18410 HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-61 (MARY M. FRIEDMAN)

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-259 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

15. CASE NO. 63-49 - Change of Zone - Mary M. Friedman. Planning Director Shartle submitting for approval at first reading, ordinance reclassifying certain property described in this case.

ORDINANCE NO. 1427

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-~~53~~⁴⁹.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1427 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

16. CASE NO. 63-53 - Change of Zone - Ocean View Development Company. Planning Director Shartle submitting for approval at first reading Ordinance reclassifying certain property described in said case.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1428

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-53.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1428 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

17. CASE NO. 63-54 - Variance - Moneta Water Company. Proposed resolution granting variance in this case.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-260

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 THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF VAN NESS AVENUE AND 182nd STREET IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-54.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-260. His motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. N. B. Owen & Son, 4819 Emerald Street, re sale of their property.

This, in effect, is a proposal of sale to the City, with various conditions; or, if that does not seem practicable, of a lease of the Owen property.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the communication to the City Manager and Mayor Isen seconded. There was no objection.

19. Petition from residents of 195th Street and Beckworth Avenue re condition of adjoining property.

Six persons were in the audience with respect to said matter and City Manager Peebles reported the investigation made by the Planning Department revealed although there is definitely a problem, there is no ordinance which requires the oil well be removed from the property. There is junk, an old car, broken down equipment, but no water which would breed mosquitoes. The well is fenced but the Code does not require that the property also be fenced. Most of the ice plant on the embankment has died. This property might fall under the provisions of the weed abatement program, but Mr. Peebles recommended the item be held a week so that he might consult with the City Attorney. Some photographs of the area were turned over to the councilmen for inspection.

Mrs. Leona Haddow of 19521 Beckworth has lived there for 8½ years and was told by the real estate people at the time she purchased that the oil well and storage tank would be removed. She stated children crawl under the fence into the area around the well and Councilman Miller thought something could be done about that safety factor. City Manager Peebles agreed but the matter came to him too late for preparation of a proper report for this meeting. He will pursue the matter with Mr. Remelmeyer.

At 8:50 a recess was declared and Council reconvened at 9:00.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

20. PLUMBING PERMIT REFUND FOR BRAZIL PLUMBING. Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection McKinnon, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting request for refund with recommendation of approval of refund in the amount in full.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to refund the amount of \$127 on the duplicated permit and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT:

21. BID - CORRUGATED METAL PIPE AND COUPLERS. Street Superintendent Perkins, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that Unit Price Contract be awarded to the low bidder, Armco Steel Corporation in the amount of \$1,448.20.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to so award the contract and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

22. PURCHASE OF PROPERTY - AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-261

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-261 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

23. TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT INTERSECTION OF 190TH STREET AND ENTRADERO AVENUE. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval and adoption resolution authorizing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-262

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN REDONDO BEACH AND TORRANCE, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1963, FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 190TH STREET AND ENTRADERO AVENUE.

It was specifically mentioned that the maintenance will be shared between the two cities and Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-262. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

24. TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT INTERSECTION OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD AND CATALINA AVENUE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN REDONDO BEACH AND TORRANCE, DATED OCTOBER 1, 1963, FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD AND CATALINA AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-263 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-264

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-264 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-265

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 Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-265 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

27. EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER.

This is a request from City Manager Peebles for appropriation of \$800 for the purpose of making a soil test of ground under the planned structure (police wing basement) and approve L. T. Evans, Inc. to furnish the reports. There is some possibility of being able to obtain reimbursement of fifty per cent of this amount from the Federal Government.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to grant this request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

28. BELVIDERE WATER NEGOTIATIONS:

The City is awaiting a letter embracing the newly revised proposal from Belvidere Water Company and Mayor Isen moved that when the letter is received, the proposal be processed through the Water Commission and Management. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and there was no objection.

29. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Expenditures: \$414.00 plus tax for one IBM Electric 13" typewriter to International Business Machines for Central Services Department, a budget item.

Councilman Miller moved to approve the above expenditure and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

ADDENDA ITEMS:

30. Communication from City Manager Peebles re study of Police Department by Sheriff's office.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to proceed with a part time study by a specialist from the Sheriff's Department, there being no cost to the City. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

31. Report on Job No. 63026, Installation of traffic signal at Crenshaw Boulevard and Rolling Hills Road South.

This final account sets forth the amounts to be refunded to those sharing in the cost of this job: Ambassador Construction Co., Inc., American Engineering and Contracting Corporation. The amount is \$896.71 to each and Councilman Miller moved to approve such refunds. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

32. Report from Airport Manager Egan on Council Airport Committee meeting re various items held over from City Council meeting of October 1, 1963.

Mayor Isen commented the councilmen had not had time to read this communication and Councilman Miller explained there was a meeting of the Committee (Councilman Miller present only) and asked that Mr. Nestle who was in the audience present the situation.

Mr. Nestle represents Helicopters, Institute of 2777 Hollywood Way, Burbank told of the long wait after applying for sub-sub-tenancy under Van Aero. Finally, it was recommended to the Council by the Airport Commission for approval but there have been further delays. He offered to comply with whatever the requirements of the City are determined to be. He has written a letter to the Council and enclosed a check for the first quarter of the rent

on an estimated basis. All arrangements have been made for operations to start at considerable expense and he would like to start the business.

The "requirements" or "conditions" depend on establishment of a policy regarding revenue and control of Airport leases. Mr. Egan suggested that whatever disposition is made of this sub-sub-tenancy be subject to an Operating Agreement formulated with the tenant for whom space is available on the Aero Care leasehold.

Councilman Vico advised Mr. Nestle it might be well for him to acquire an original leasehold at the Airport and Mr. Nestle said that his company might entertain that suggestion later on. There are two phases of the business: primarily student training and secondarily, charter helicopter flights.

The sub-tenant, Mr. Vandenberg of Van Aero also outlined the proposed tenancy and the improvements he has made to the property. He complained of the delays in approval of his sub-tenancies of office space as well as the possibility that his sub-tenants will be charged an extra fee by the City as being a triplication of payment. He does not approve of any of the situation as it now seems to exist. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that this be brought to the Council at a later meeting, as a separate subject on which a decision has not and cannot be made now.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant Helicopter Institute the tenancy on a month to month basis until the policy is set and Councilman Miller seconded. Councilman Drale asked that Mr. Egan prepare some figures for the Council's information.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent).

33. City Manager Peebles stated the list of conferences and conventions to be attended by City department heads inadvertently omitted to mention the City Clerk to attend League of California Cities meeting, with appropriate expenses paid. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve and authorize his attendance. Councilman Drale seconded and roll call vote follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

34. Mayor Isen mentioned Item A of FOR INFORMATION ONLY and commented that Director of Finance Scharfman was undoubtedly aware of the maximum rate of interest paid by the banks on time deposits.

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that City Engineer Nollac speak on the Mayflower Trailer lease grading and drainage problems, so that he might know what the Council's wishes are with respect to lease provisions. The problem arises out of a difference of opinion between Mayflower Trailer Company and what the minutes of the previous Council meeting record as to grading of the site. After considerable discussion, Mayor Isen moved the matter be referred back to the Airport Committee of the Council, Administration, City Engineer and Mayflower for a compromise, keeping in mind the flood problem. Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

36. Councilman Drale asked for a report on the Torrance and Madrona signal status next week and City Manager promised it.

37. Councilman Drale asked Engineering to make a survey of the area between Caesar's Restaurant and South High School for a temporary sidewalk. The distance is about one-third mile. A report on costs will be furnished at the next Council meeting.

38. Councilman Miller stated something should be done about the property east of the Pacific Electric right of way where the tracks run down under the bridge and also on Sartori, he would like to have a report. City Manager Peebles answered that the Sartori-Dominguez problem as well as the other one mentioned are all tied in together in correspondence with Mr. Gray of Pacific Electric and are progressing favorably. He estimated three or four weeks would resolve it and Councilman Miller requested a report thirty days from now, or sooner, if possible.

39. Councilman Vico mentioned some person who had been turned down by the Planning Commission, although he understood one of the Planning Commissioners is trying to purchase the subject property. He also questioned some of the transactions which are processed through the Airport Commission.

40. Councilman Vico proposed a resolution honoring the Los Angeles Dodgers for winning the National League pennant, praising the management, coach, players and Mr. O'Malley and that the resolution be in perma plaque form. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN Beasley.

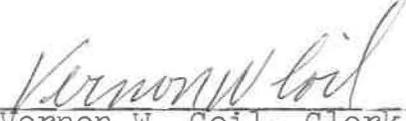
41. Mayor Isen called attention to Item G, FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli's letter re. MTA hearings, and moved the Council express itself by resolution to the Board of Directors to the effect that insofar as MTA and rapid transit should pay its own way unless Torrance is going to benefit by it by equal subsidy to the Torrance bus system - that there be no additional taxes. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and City Attorney Remelmeyer was instructed to prepare such a resolution.

42. Mayor Isen expressed complete disapproval of the radio, television and newspaper publicity on the so-called "Torrance bank robbery" in that this bank is not located in Torrance, but in the Los Angeles County strip. He proposed that letters go to all these news media to correct this. Councilman Miller did not believe letters would help and would possibly only add to the publicity.

43. Mayor Isen read aloud a letter received from Mrs. Ruth Herschfield of 3726 Boise Avenue, Los Angeles, complaining of a mink ranch operation (also in the Los Angeles strip) and of the local school system. Mayor Isen had answered the letter by wire stating the location is in Los Angeles, not Torrance and hoped for some sort of community movement to straighten out the confusing mailing addresses of Torrance and surrounding territory. Councilman Drale mentioned a great deal of clarification will come through the proposed incorporation of the City of Carson. Mayor Isen delivered the letter to City Clerk Coil and asked that Supervisor Chace be made award of the contents and that the lady who wrote the letter be answered to advise of the situation.

Councilman Drale expressed the belief that there are other results of the same situation which seem to balance the advantages and disadvantages.

There appearing to be no oral communications from the audience, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 10:00 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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