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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, November 5, 1963 at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Attorney Alfred Cagle led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 29, 1963, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. WAIVER NO. 63-36, K. R. Bragg, requesting waiver of the fence height to construct a 6' high fence along Paseo de la Playa, in Zone R-4. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated September 4, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 4, 1963, letter re waiver and plot plan for council use, also location sketch.

A letter had been received from Fred E. Brunner of 638 Paseo de la Playa and, when Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak, Mr. Brunner came forward in opposition to the proposed waiver for several reasons: added on-street parking, congestion of traffic at the gateway of this 87 unit apartment building, with attending dangers; and the lack of accomplishment of what is hoped to be accomplished by this block wall, vandalism and pilfering. Also to be considered is the obstruction of the view of residents on the other side of the street.

Mr. K. R. Bragg, 635 Paseo de la Playa spoke on behalf of the proponents, saying the principal problem is extremely repetitive access to the area and that would not be solved by raising the present guard rail fence. Signs posted have not solved the problem but on the contrary have been taken down by the several hundred beach-goers who use this as a way to the beach every weekend.

Councilman Drale was against the block wall as being an infringement on the rights of neighbors who have been very helpful in development of this area and believed a six foot cyclone type fence at the back of the parking area would keep people from going down through to the beach.

Mr. John Haidinger of 5506 Calle de Ricardo, Torrance, felt the problem could be solved by conference between the opposing neighbors and the proponents with some sort of compromise.

Councilman Vico did not approve the block wall as he thought it would obstruct the view and Mayor Isen proposed continuing the matter for thirty days in the hope of an amicable settlement.

Mr. Sol Mann of 635 Paseo de la Playa presented some pictures which he exhibited to the council and explained the various factors represented. He was definitely opposed to granting the requested waiver and suggested installing garage doors and hiring off-duty police during peak hours to obviate the surfer problem. A petition against the waiver was presented, containing eighteen signatures and ordered filed.

Mr. Bragg acknowledged there might be some solution short of the six foot solid block wall requested

Mr. P. E. Gordon of 639 Paseo de la Playa, who accompanied Mr. Bragg, described the electronically controlled gates proposed and the necessity of some sort of barrier in order to permit the residents of Cote d'Azur to enjoy their property.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

Councilman Beasley moved the matter be set forward for thirty days and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute that the block wall, or any type of fence with a six-foot height be denied. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Under the ordinance, a thirty inch fence would be permitted. If the waiver is denied, application could not again be made for six months from the time of denial.

Mr. John Christopher of 642 Paseo de la Playa asked where all the service people and visitors would park in event this block wall was put in.

It was noted the original motion is to hold the matter for thirty days and the substitute is to deny the waiver at this point.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion, the consent of his second, Councilman Benstead being expressed, and asked for the question.

Mr. Miller moved a substitute to the motion of Councilman Drale which is now the "original" motion, to hold the matter for thirty days for some sort of settlement by compromise, and Mayor Isen seconded it.

Roll call vote on the motion to hold for thirty days failed as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

Roll call vote on the motion to deny carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

9. WAIVER NO. 63-40, Jack Curtis request for waiver of use of more than one-third required rear area to construct a garage and workshop addition to existing garage on property located at 2514 West 170th Street in R-1 zone. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated October 16, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of October 16, 1963, plot plan and location sketch.

Mayor Isen expressed the fear there might be some commercial venture here and asked if anyone wished to be heard from the audience. Councilman Drale suggested holding the matter for one week so that Mr. Curtis could appear and present his case and so moved. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection. Mr. Curtis will be notified.

10. WAIVER NO. 63-41, J. H. Barton Construction Co. requesting fence waiver of three feet to construct a nine foot high fence and retaining wall combination of the rear property lines of Lots 13 through 24 of Tract 22536 and the rear property lines of four lots located on the east side of Taylor Court southerly of 166th Street adjacent to Tract 22536. Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department's recommendations to Planning Commission dated October 16, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated October 16, 1963, plot plan and location sketch.

The plan is to place three feet of grapestake fencing above a six foot wall to hide industrial area behind the property and Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

11. Letter from Alfred G. Cagle re Planning Commission Case No. 63-43, Jessie Lounsbury, requesting reconsideration of variance together with case history from Planning Department file.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said under the existing circumstances, it is not possible to reconsider without going through the procedure in Planning Commission again, after a six months period.

Attorney Cagle who lives at 22519 Susana Street, Torrance, thought there should be some way for the Council to reacquire jurisdiction in this hardship case and stated the people who had no objection had not appeared, only those in opposition. Councilman Miller said there appeared no reason for denying this case when it came up previously, although it was definitely turned down and there appears no way to change that decision now. Mayor Isen advised Attorney Cagle to study the statutes and ordinances of the City of Torrance and talk with the City Attorney about any possibility of regaining jurisdiction; otherwise wait out the three months which remain of the six from the time of previous hearing.

12. Removed from agenda.

13. Announcement of meeting of Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, November 7, 1963. This was informational only and the council took note of it.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

14. PERMIT REFUND FOR BLUE HAVEN POOLS: Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection McKinnon, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending that refund be approved: 80% of the \$18 total paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEER DEPARTMENT:

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - INSTALLATION OF SEWERS IN REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, PRAIRIE AVENUE, etc. Contractor: S & S Construction. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending acceptance of work on the subject project.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

16. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that Council accept the work, authorize contribution of \$14,785.74 to assessment district from sewer revolving fund, and accept assessments against City-owned property within the district.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

17. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - IMPROVEMENT OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE AND 234th STREET BY THE INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS THEREIN. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that Council approve and authorize changes in the work and accept the work on the subject improvement.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation above set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale carried unanimously by vote of those present, after Councilman Benstead was given assurance that the reinforcing bars were American made. Councilman Sciarrotta was absent at this point of the meeting.

18. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 42. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that developer who installed sanitary sewer in 235th Place easterly of Cabrillo Avenue be reimbursed a portion of his cost \$1,234.07 from the sewer revolving fund, and that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 42 be established to return cost to the sewer revolving fund.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

19. CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING FOR 190th STREET AND REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending City Council reaffirm employment of Arrow Engineering Co., Inc. for the subject services.

This, City Manager Peebles said, is to clarify the minutes of a previous Council meeting.

Councilman Drale moved to so reaffirm the employment and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

20. REPORT ON HAWTHORNE AVENUE FROM NEWTON STREET TO SOUTHERLY CITY BOUNDARY. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting subject report.

The communication from City Engineer Nollac recommended an alternate procedure to be followed and asked City Council approval so that the County Road Department could proceed. Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval and Councilman Beasley seconded, stating "in particular, the third paragraph" which sets out the alternate procedure. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

21. COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCE RELATING TO R-1 and R-2 PROPERTIES. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer which will be incorporated into an ordinance amendment. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta being absent).

22. TEMPORARY AC SIDEWALK NORTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY EAST OF SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL. Recommendation of the City Engineer with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Beasley stated he had talked with Jerry Russell of Mr. Telford's office (State Highway Department) and he felt this could be resolved. Mayor Isen suggested the matter be referred to Engineering for consultation with the State Highway engineering department and Councilman Drale suggested if it proves impossible to get approval as outlined that the property owners be contacted for permission to install blacktop.

Mayor Isen stated if there is no objection, the matter will be back on the agenda in two weeks, taking into consideration the remarks of Councilman Drale. There was no objection.

23. SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4 - COST OF WATER LINE RELOCATION. Communication from City Engineer Nollac with recommendation of City Manager Peebles.

The recommendation is that the City pay \$539.21 from the Water Department funds for relocation of water line in South Torrance Sewer Assessment District No. 4. Councilman Benstead so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

On second thought, Councilman Miller asked to show his vote as an abstention.

24. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE (including that listed in Item 45 - addendum.

Councilman Drale moved the following five easements be accepted:

1. Street easement deed dated October 22, 1963 for the widening of 236th Street and 236th Place over a portion of Lot 26, Tract No. 437, given by Robert E. Dennis, et al.
2. Street easement deed dated October 17, 1963 for the widening of 230th Place over a portion of Lot 84, Tract No. 639, given by Perez N. and Martha M. Cobb.
3. Street easement deed dated October 24, 1963 for the widening of 230th Place over a portion of Lot 85, Tract No. 639, given by Jim R. and Sharon Avis Allen.
4. Street easement deed dated October 25, 1963 for the widening of Van Ness Avenue and alley over portions of Lot 62, McDonald Tract, given by B. A. Wechsler.
5. Easement deed for the extension of the easterly one-half of Early Avenue, from Ordinance Associates, Inc.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

25. BID SCHEDULE B-63-76 - two 1964 tilt cab chassis. Garage Superintendent MacRae, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that Bid of Vel's Ford Sales Company in the amount of \$18,804.84 be accepted.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in awarding the bid to Vel's. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote, except Councilman Vico, who abstained, and Councilman Sciarrotta who was absent.

26. BID SCHEDULE B-63-68 - One Grader. Garage Superintendent MacRae, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation and summary of bids for grader for Street Department on lease purchase agreement from Shepherd Machinery Company in the amount of \$25,188.19, total price, including tax, be accepted.

Mayor Isen complimented Mr. MacRae on his lucid detailed explanation of his recommendation to accept the bid of Shepherd in the amount of \$23,940.19, payable \$3,591.07 down and 24 payments of \$847.88 payable monthly. Councilman Drale so moved and Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

27. AWARD OF BID - ATLAS DRILL TOWER SAFETY NET AND FRAME ASSEMBLY Request of Fire Chief Benner to purchase Atlas Drill Tower Safety Net and Frame Assembly from W. B. Equipment Company for the amount of \$3,449.68, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Chief Benner explained the reason for three bids in identical amounts and Councilman Miller moved to concur in the Chief's recommendation. Councilman Drale seconded the motion and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

28. Mr. Lawrence Townsend, Chairman of Civil Service Board, submitting for approval revised class specifications - Engineering Series, approved by City Manager Peebles and City Engineer Nollac.

Councilman Benstead asked if this would entail an increase in salary and was told not. Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

29. COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION - recommendation re North Torrance Library, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

The recommendation is that the Council appropriate the sum of \$82,000 for the purpose of engineering and construction of the new North Torrance Library to be built on the City-owned property at the corner of Artesia and Yukon, and stipulation that should the bids for construction cause the total cost of this facility to be exceeded by 5%, then the project would be returned to the Commission and Council for reconsideration. Further, that the Council authorize the architectural firm of Weldon J. Fulton and Associates as the architect and engineer for the project.

Councilman Drale moved to proceed as stated, in that it has been set up in the budget and Mayor Isen inquired as to the cost of the Isabel Henderson library in West Torrance and the one in WALTERIA. The figures were not readily ascertainable and Mayor Isen declared a recess during which they were to be determined.

Council reconvened at 6:55 and Councilman Sciarrotta joined the meeting.

Councilman Benstead contended that the agreement was that all four libraries were to be equal in size and cost. Exclusive of shelving, it was determined the Henderson library cost \$60,000 and the WALTERIA Library \$64,000.

Architect Fulton was present and explained that the North Torrance Library will be about 200 feet larger with a capacity of over 1500 more books, with some built-in shelving. Also some provision is being made for outside reading rooms for both adults and children. Comparatively, also North Torrance was alleged to have one-third of Torrance's population.

Councilman Drale's motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

An artist's colored sketch was shown of the proposed North Torrance Library and Councilman Benstead said all citizens are paying for these libraries and there is no reason to add expensive features to this one, when the others do not have them. There will be considerable parking on the Artesia side although limited on the other side, Assistant City Manager Johnson said.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

30. RESUBMITTAL BY COUNCIL AIRPORT COMMITTEE OF VARIOUS ITEMS FROM COUNCIL AGENDA OF OCTOBER 1, 1963. Airport Manager's report to City Manager dated October 29th, with Staff, Airport Commission and Council Airport Committee recommendations on each, with copy of blue book of Report re procedures dated in June, 1963, as follows:

- A. Consideration of Blue Book report.
- B. Consideration of policy statements numbered 1 through 4.
- C. Matter of Aero Advertising taking exception to John Hufft operations from T-hangar.
- D. John Wallace request for lease of six T-hangars.
- E. Palos Verdes Aviation request to lease 100 x 100 Plot A-21.
- F. John R. Nahas request to sub-sub-lease portion of Vegas leasehold.

The recommendation on Item A is that the Airport Commission not have a member on the administrative negotiating team and otherwise to concur in the Airport Commission's recommendations including revision of pages 23 and 24, and to adopt the report.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation on sub-item A and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The recommendation on sub-item B is to approve policy statement No. 1 without change.

The recommendation on sub-item B also includes establishment of policy statement number 2 and concurrence in the Airport Commission to the effect that policies as shown in policy statements numbered 3 and 4 be deleted.

The recommendation on sub-item C is to concur in the Airport recommendation that Mr. Hufft be allowed to remain in the T-hangar as long as he abides by the rules and regulations of the City, on a year to year basis.

On sub-item D, the recommendation is to grant the lease with usual terms and conditions and a specified graduated rent schedule set forth in the communication.

On sub-item E, the recommendation is to grant the lease to Palos Verdes Aviation, subject to usual terms, conditions, and a specified rental schedule set forth in the communication.

On sub-item F, the recommendation is to approve the sub-sub-tenancy of John R. Nahas on the Vegas leasehold.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations on sub-items B, C, D, E, and F and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

31. Request for appropriation of \$1600 from the Airport Bond Construction Funds for the purpose of clearing, grubbing and demolition of Airport Acquisition Area.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Manager and City Manager to so appropriate and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

32. PUC GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT CARSON AND MADRONA.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-281

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1963, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE CARSON STREET CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK, CROSSING NO. 2H-21.1-C.

The reconstruction of the tracks within the crossing area must be borne by the City, although one-half of the installation of the three flashing light signals at Carson Street will be borne by the Santa Fe.

Councilman Drale asked if something can be done about the odd division of Madrona close to Torrance Boulevard and Traffic Engineer Whitmer has a meeting scheduled to talk with the Santa Fe about it.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-281 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

33. PUC GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION - SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AT MADRONA.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-282

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT, DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1963, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK, CROSSING NO. 2H-21.5-C.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. ~~63-282~~ and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-283

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS UPON WINNING THE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD IN 1963.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-283 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-284

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMPLIMENTING THE LIONS CLUB OF WEST TORRANCE UPON THE PRESENTATION OF ITS CHARTER AND UPON THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-284 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. Mayor Isen introduced from the audience, Mr. Tom Rupert, the first Charter President of the West Torrance Lions Club and asked that the City Attorney's office prepare for Mr. Rupert one of the embellished resolutions with seal and ribbons. Mayor Isen is to make a presentation November 9th.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1429

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. 63-7.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1429 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

.ORDINANCE NO. 1430

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. 63-47.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1430 at its second and final reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1431

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. 63-52.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1431 at its second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1432

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. 63-59.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1432 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 4.10.3 TO ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," PROHIBITING NOISY ANIMALS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1433 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1434

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1434 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

42. TRAFFIC RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the request for traffic signals on Madrona Avenue at the private road to Chanslor Oil Lease between Opal and Eldorado Streets be denied.
- B. That the request for removal of one-hour parking signs on Border Avenue from Arlington Avenue to Portola Avenue be denied.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in denial of the two items listed and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

43. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

EXPENDITURES:

1. \$505.49 to IBM Corp. for 50,000 continuous form card water and rubbish bills for Finance Department.
2. \$455.05 to Industrial Wholesale Electric Co. for fluorescent fixtures and thermostat for new Engineering addition.
3. \$658.33 to Keuffel & Esser Company for tracing cloth for Engineering Department, a budget item.
4. \$433.68 to Artco Chemical Company for 150 gallons of amine to be used for weed control at Airport, a budget item.

5. \$904.80 to Equipment Repair Company for 6 single rollers and 4 double rollers for crawler tractor unit No. 686.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the five items listed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

44. FOR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION:

Letter from Frank G. Bonelli, Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, regarding MTA.

There was a suggestion in Mr. Bonelli's letter that the City direct a letter to the Los Angeles Times and the Herald-Examiner along the lines of support of nonsubsidized mass media of rapid transit. Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Peebles to write these letters.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

45. City Manager Peebles reported on the bus accident last weekend which damaged one of the newer buses to the extent of approximately \$4500. Eight passengers and the driver were injured, but not seriously.

46. Councilman Drale said he understands Fire Chief Benner is handing in his resignation and asked if the Chief would not stay until the first of the fiscal year, at least and moved to that effect. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

47. Councilman Drale said there are street lights needed on Artesia Boulevard between Yukon and Hawthorne. City Manager Peebles will see what can be done and make a report next week.

48. Councilman Miller referred to the regional park planned for the Santa Monica mountains and said he believes the Council should do more toward opposing it as if it goes through it will cause an assessment against each and every property owner in Torrance. He suggested the City Manager contact the other cities involved to cooperate in some program against this park which would be of no benefit to Torrance nor other cities in this immediate area. Councilman Beasley moved that the City Attorney prepare a strong resolution for the Council's consideration and that copies thereof go to pertinent cities, to the Los Angeles County Agency Commission and to the Board of Supervisors. Councilman Miller seconded the motion and there was no objection.

In case hearings are held on this subject, Torrance is to send representation and the matter was referred to the City Attorney for investigation and suggestions as to what further steps might be taken. The resolution and suggestions are to be presented at the next Council meeting.

49. Councilman Sciarrotta reminded the council the term of mayor pro tem expires and moved that starting with November 15, 1963 Councilman Vico be the acting mayor pro tem of the City of Torrance. for the ensuing six months period. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

50. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to re-open the matter of selection of Police Chief and that the City Attorney be instructed to draft a suitable ordinance to contain the following provisions: 1. The examination shall be open to all members of our Police Department who have attained the rank of Assistant Police Chief, Police Captain, Police Lieutenant, and Police Sergeant, including all those who have passed examinations in their ranks and are presently on the eligible list; 2. That the examination be open to outsiders in California cities of 80,000 or more, but only to present Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Captains and Lieutenants, and corresponding personnel in Sheriff's divisions; 3. That the Torrance applicants be given 1% for each five years they have served on the force and that the maximum points given in no case shall be greater than three; and 4. That any Torrance applicant who scores 87% or more, shall be given serious consideration by the City Manager.

City Attorney Remelmeyer objected to item 4 stated above, as being beyond the powers of the Council and Councilman Sciarrotta agreed to delete that item from his motion.

Councilman Benstead remarked there is a commission which takes care of such matters and there was no second to Councilman Sciarrotta's motion.

51. Mayor Isen said a decision must be reached about meetings over the Christmas and New Year holiday period in order that business may proceed and hearings be scheduled. December 24th is a Tuesday, as is December 31st. He moved the December 24th meeting not be held and that adjournment from December 17th be to December 30th, a Monday, at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

52. Chief Benner of the Fire Department stated at the request of Councilman Drale and the vote of six councilmen, he would remain for an indefinite period of time.

The meeting of the Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary