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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 12, 1963, at 8:00 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, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. William King, Past President of the Torrance Lions Club, led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Fred Shively, Assistant Pastor of South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 5, 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: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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 Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 63-30 - Change of zone - Petitioner, Dan E. Butcher Resubmitted. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1 to C-2 on property described as Blocks 13, 14 and 16, Walteria Tract, South of Newton and east of Hawthorne. Recommended for approval with conditions. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated June 5, 1963, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes dated September 18, 1963, etc.

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen called on the proponent to set forth his case.

Dan E. Butcher of 2371 Torrance Boulevard, described the site of his proposed development and the dedication of land for the extension of Hawthorne Avenue which will be required of him. However, his dedication would depend on the moving of Hawthorne to abut the balance of the property which is now about 40 feet distant.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Butcher his objections to a precise plan and Mr. Butcher said it is the time and red tape involved in presenting the plan to the Planning Commission and back to Council. He said there are eighteen acres and he does not at this point know what he would put on it.

In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer stated C-3 could be granted under this present application if the proponent consented. Most municipal lawyers hold that it is not possible to make conditions on a change of zone although if the applicant consents, he probably has waived any right of objection. A precise plan is not a condition to this rezoning, but would have to go back for hearings which would require about six weeks, assuming full cooperation on behalf of the proponent. If the Council does not want apartment houses on this land, Mr. Remelmeyer said they should make the change to C-3 rather than C-2 which permits apartments.

Councilman Beasley asked about the record of survey and City Engineer Nollac explained this has been requested because the boundaries of the property are not clear. There is discrepancy between the records of Meadow Park Tract and Walteria Tract. The present design for Hawthorne is the design of the Los Angeles County Road Department and represents their opinion of the most economical route from a construction standpoint. Further south would entail cut and fill and slope easements.

City Clerk Coil said thirty-three cards and three letters have been received, all opposing C-2 zoning and, there being no objection, they were ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked for speakers from the opposition and Mr. Wilson Butte of 3883 Bluff Street presented a petition against C-2 with 312 signatures of surrounding property owners and expressed opposition to anything but a precise plan for development of this eighteen acre plot of land.

Mayor Isen asked how many in the audience agree with the speakers who are protesting C-2 and a great many people responded.

Mr. Don Foyle of 2303 west 234th Place, representing the homeowners of the Southwood Riviera, said they are in full accord with the people from Walteria in objecting to a zone change without information as to what is going to go in, based on the population explosion and the necessity to use care in zoning.

Mr. Ted Baciu of 4201 Paseo de las Tortugas, a representative of a committee of the Riviera Homeowners Association, concurred with the other associations in asking for denial without a precise plan as being against the best interests of the City.

Mr. Jack Sisk of 4262 Newton Street representing members of the executive council of Ellinwood Homeowners Association, supported the views of the other homeowners associations in denouncing a blanket change to C-2 of what could prove to be a choice area of Torrance.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, but with the provision for precise plan, and acquiring of approximately \$90,000 worth of land for extending Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, but with the remark that the use of a precise plan, only puts off to some future time rezoning. He criticized the presentation of so many cases with requirement for precise plan and stated there would be access to any property adjacent to Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Miller moved a substitute to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission per se. Mayor Isen offered to second the motion if it were for C-3 zoning only with a precise plan and Councilman Miller consented and accepted the change suggested so that no apartments would go in and it was noted this motion includes the other provisions as to the dedication of the land for Hawthorne Avenue.

Mr. Butcher was asked if he is willing to stipulate to a C-2 zoning with a precise plan and the answer was "No". Councilman Miller thereupon withdrew his motion and Mayor Isen his second. Councilman Miller stated his motion now to be that the change be to C-3 with conditions as indicated in Item 8, other than eliminating the precise plan and Mayor Isen seconded.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. Butcher if he would accept such a decision and the answer was "No - if I get C-3, I want no conditions at all."

Mr. M. D. Stewart of 24456 Winlock Drive asked if it would be possible to get a postponement so the citizens could study the provisions of C-3.

Councilman Benstead questioned the advisability of changing to C-3 if the applicant does not want it and City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed under that circumstance, it should be denied.

The previous substitute motion having been withdrawn, Councilman Sciarrotta moved another substitute that Mr. Butcher be given time to consider C-2 zoning with the conditions stipulated and come up with a precise plan. There was no second.

Mr. John Haidinger complained in general of the zoning and variance practices of the City and said as many times as it is necessary for the people to come out and speak, they will do so. Councilman Miller asked for the question on Councilman Drale's motion and it was:

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

and the motion lost.

A recess was declared at 8:50 and Council reconvened at 9:00 p.m. following which Councilman Benstead suggested R-4 zoning be taken from the C-3 provisions. There was no formal motion. Councilman Beasley moved to repeal the precise plan ordinance and Mayor Isen and City Attorney Remelmeyer explained there is no such ordinance; it is a matter of policy only.

Affidavit of Publication on Case 63-30 was ordered filed.

8A. HEARING ON INTENTION TO AWARD FRANCHISE, SOCONY MOBIL OIL CO. INC. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting for approval at first reading proposed ordinance.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and there was no response. On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Benstead, the hearing was ordered closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1435

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO SOCONY MOBIL OIL COMPANY, INC., A NEW YORK CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PIPELINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1435 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

9. WAIVER NO. 63-40, Jack Curtis, resubmittal. Requesting 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 dated October 16, 1963, and location sketch.

This matter was held over so that Mr. Curtis might explain his plans and reason for requesting the waiver. He has a sight deficiency and his hobby of building cars makes it desirable to have more room for tools and equipment. This is not a commercial enterprise and the neighbors approve. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the waiver and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. Letter from Planning Director Shartle submitting letter from Sovereign Development Company re relocation of office building at 3300 West Carson to old Riviera Country Club, at Calle Miramar and Paseo de la Playa.

Discussion revealed this would be a temporary location and was denied by Staff as being premature and possibly setting an untoward precedent, as plans have not been processed through the building department.

Mr. R. D. Keillor, President of Sovereign, was present and stated his company is the title owner of the property which is zoned R-3 on which it is intended to build apartments. The building to be moved is the small office building now located on Carson where another 80 units are soon to be started on West Del Amo cooperative apartments.

Mr. Keillor said his company would know within six months what the plans will be for the Riviera location and Councilman Beasley moved that he be permitted to place the office building at that location for six months and then if his plans are not in, that he be required to move it from its temporary foundation. Mr. Keillor agreed there would be furnished a bond that it would be moved within that time. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale.

Councilman Vico asked that the building be made attractive by the use of plants and shrubs and Mr. Keillor promised to do so.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

11. Torrance Tournament of Roses Association, requesting the free use of one of the large buses of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to transport volunteers who will decorate the float to be entered in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

12. Major Roger C. Lance, requesting the use of City Council Chambers on November 18, 1963 for a special gathering of servicemen who are to be briefed re U. S. Air Force Reserve Program.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12A. In connection with the last above mentioned item, Mayor Isen enthusiastically proclaimed November 18th through 24th as AIR FORCE RESERVE RECRUITING WEEK.

13. CLAIM submitted by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for alleged damages incurred September 18, 1963 when cable was struck and damaged by a backhoe operated and owned by the City of Torrance.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

ELECTION MATTERS:

14. Recommendation of City Clerk Coil, with approval of City Manager Peebles, that contract for furnishing election supplies and services be awarded to Martin & Chapman Co., Ltd.

Mayor Isen questioned the City Clerk regarding the number of ballots to be used and Mr. Coil replied this is an estimate only and no more will be ordered than needed. Councilman Benstead did not think new flags would be necessary and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the award of contract as recommended, eliminating the purchase of flags. Mayor Isen seconded.

Councilman Drale asked what other bids were received and Mr. Coil explained there was a lower bid from Duane Wheeler which has recently changed ownership and its experienced personnel has gone to Martin & Chapman. Mayor Isen thought the matter should be held

for one week for detailed figures and rescinded his second of Councilman Sciarrotta's motion. Councilman Sciarrotta withdrew his motion and the matter will be on the agenda next week with full particulars.

15. City Clerk Coil, requesting that the Council establish fees to be paid for polling places and election officers for the General Municipal Election to be held April 14, 1964.

The fees were set forth in the City Clerk's communication in detail and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve them. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. Recommendation of City Clerk Coil that certain revisions be made in the Consolidated Precinct Map approved by Council for the General Municipal Election to be held April 14, 1964.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation set forth in Mr. Coil's communication and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

17. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 41. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that developer who installed sanitary sewer in Ocean Avenue south of Lomita Boulevard be reimbursed portion of his cost (\$4,672.58) from Sewer Revolving Fund, and that Sewer Reimbursement District No. 41 be established to return cost to Sewer Revolving Fund.

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

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

18. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND:

Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that \$26,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sanitary sewers in Spencer and Earl Streets.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

19. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN SOUTH TORRANCE AREA.

Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that \$16,000 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for proposed sanitary sewers in 234th Street and 235th Place between Haas and Cabrillo avenues.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried as follows:

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

20. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET - 170th Street. City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting for approval and adoption proposed resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-285

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES A PORTION OF LOT 36, TRACT NO. 14774 and NAMING SUCH ACCEPTED PORTION 170TH STREET.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-285 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked the location of this street and City Engineer Nollac said it was an oversight that this particular portion was never officially dedicated.

21. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE:

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following listed easement deeds:

1. Street easement deed dated October 21, 1963 to provide a corner cut off at the southeast corner of Arlington Avenue and Carson Street over a portion of Lot 1, Block 21, Torrance Tract, given by Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc.
2. Street easement deed dated November 4, 1963 for the widening of 233rd Street and 234th Street over portions of Lot 11, Tract No. 530, given by C. N. Cake, et al.
3. Street easement deed dated October 30, 1963 for the widening of 237th Street and Cabrillo Avenue over portions of Lot 50, Tract No. 437, given by Lewis S. and Kathleen D. Riley.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. STORM DRAIN CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that storm drain construction program delineated be implemented.

Listed are three projects which have been previously approved and are presented at this time to the Council for information on the next steps.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in approval and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote. No expense is involved from the General Fund, but they are all from previously set up assessment districts, Mayor Isen explained.

COMMUNICATION FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

23. PERMIT REFUND FOR RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Assistant Superintendent of Building Inspection McKinnon, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommendation that refund be approved, in the amount of 80% of \$12.00.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of the refund. 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.

24. COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Recommendation of Fire Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that radio be purchased from Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the purchase as described in the amount of \$827.84 including tax. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

25. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - COPPER WATER TUBE:

Recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that the low bid of Republic Supply Company in the amount of \$6,373.80 be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in awarding the bid as set forth above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried as follows:

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

26. Water Commission Chairman Ford, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles submitting Belvidere Mutual Water Company offer.

Councilman Benstead asked that the matter be held for one week although City Attorney Remelmeyer said it had been thoroughly negotiated and concurred in by the Water Commission and the City Manager. Councilman Drale thought a public hearing would be required.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the offer as set forth in the communication dated November 7, 1963. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the recommendation subject to a public hearing and his motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. This was a substitute motion to that of Councilman Sciarrotta and roll call vote was:

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

The original motion carried as follows:

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

COMMUNICATION FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

27. BID SCHEDULE B-63-68 - one grader, one tractor and loader, one tractor and mower, bucket for backhoe, vibrating roller, trailer for roller (Items 2 through 6 only).

Garage Superintendent MacRae, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles submitting recommendation to accept bids for Item 2, Tractor & Loader for Street Department, Southwest Tractor in the amount of \$6,494.80; Item 3, Tractor and mower for Airport, Southwest Tractor in the amount of \$3,963.44; Item 4, Bucket for Backhoe for Street Department, Harron, Rickard & McCone in the amount of \$158.08; Item 5, Vibrating Roller for Street Department, \$2,429.86 and Item 6, Trailer for Roller, \$318.24, both Essick Machinery Company. (Bid summary was attached).

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of awards as recommended on all items, 2 through 6 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Benstead initiated a discussion of bids, method of compiling specifications and selecting dealers which resulted in explanation by City Manager Peebles and withdrawal of the second by Councilman Vico. Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute that the lowest responsible bids be accepted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and failed as follows:

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

Roll call on the original motion to approve all items 2 through 6 was broken down and separated so as to take Item 2 separately. Roll call vote on approving the recommendation on Item 2 failed, as follows:

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

Roll call vote on Items 3 through 6 for approval, carried as follows:

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

Councilman Vico expressed confidence in the Garage Superintendent as shown in his full report on the items and Mayor Isen agreed.

Councilman Beasley moved the bids on Item 2 be rejected and the item be readvertised, with Management making up the specifications. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

23. Memo from Torrance Traffic Commission, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, regarding petition requesting STOP signs on Anza Avenue at 226th and 230th Streets. The traffic commission recommends:

1. Denial of request on petition.
2. Raising speed limit on this portion of Anza Avenue to 35 mph.
3. If overruled, installation of STOP signs on a temporary basis of one year when a study should be conducted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations set forth above. There was no second.

Councilman Drale moved to put in the STOP signs at 226th and 230th on Anza and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Miller asked that subitem 3 regarding a study after one year be added to the motion and Councilman Drale and Mayor Isen agreed.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to the STOP signs.

A recess was declared between 9:45 and 9:55 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

29. This item was deleted from the agenda.

30. City Attorney Remelmeyer's memo to Council re Malibu Park Assessment District, with attached resolution.

This is the second resolution to be presented on this situation and copies are to be sent as recommended by the City Attorney, as well as to the Local Agency Formation Committee by the City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-287

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING THE INCLUSION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN A PROPOSED PARK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT EXTENDING FROM THE VENTURA COUNTY LINE TO THE NORTHERN LIMITS OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-287 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Vico and Director of Recreation Van Bellehem were appointed to attend any meetings to be held on the subject.

31. PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-72, C. N. Cake.

City Attorney Remelmeyer's submittal of proposed resolution on this case. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-286

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PERMIT AN AUTOMATIC CAR WASH ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 20515 HAWTHORNE AVENUE AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-72, C. N. CAKE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-286 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 63-288

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 ON THE WEST SIDE OF CABRILLO AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET NORTHERLY OF 218TH STREET IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-65.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 63-288 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

33. Letter asking consideration of the installation of Standard Mercury vapor street lights on Artesia Boulevard from Hawthorne Avenue to Yukon Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation to request the City to start the necessary proceedings to complete this project as soon as possible since Artesia Boulevard is a major thoroughfare in the City of Torrance. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. Letter recommending that Howard S. Martin and Associates, licensed real estate appraisers, be authorized to conduct appraisal of former Water Department premises and two parcels of land sought to be acquired by Downtown Parking District, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100 and that necessary appropriations be authorized for payment of appraisal service.

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

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

35. Letter advising that Pacific Electric Railway Company is cooperating with the City to correct the Dominguez-Sartori Avenue problem and asking permission to consider this project as a priority one.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval of the requested priority. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

36. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

EXPENDITURES:

1. \$310.13 to Neptune Meter Co. for 60 R. R. Reg. Comp. 6 sp. 1 cu. ft. for Water Department.
2. \$326.56 to Ferry Morse for 800 lbs special mix grass seed for the Park Department.
3. \$1,725.09 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for 2 4" model CT meter, bronze case and with check valves on intermediate and main flows, a budget item.
4. \$21,184.25 to Southern California Edison Co. for installation of steel electroliers in conjunction with Street Lighting District No. 7 - 129 electroliers @ \$147.75 and 14 electroliers @ \$151.75. The first payment is to consist of one-half the total cost and is payable December 1, 1964. Second payment covering remainder is payable on December 1, 1965.
5. \$407.68 to Duncan Hunter Co. for one Ammco Model 8700 Wheel Alignment Tester., a budget item.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the five expenditures listed and his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Roll call vote was:

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

37. PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of November 18 to 25 as NATIONAL RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

38. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported on a letter which had been handed him by City Clerk Coil, asserting interest in some Torrance property by Mrs. Martha Riggle. He stated she would be obliged to file a quiet title suit to establish her claim and the letter was delivered to the City Clerk for filing.

39. Councilman Miller called attention to the letter marked item G for information only and suggested a meeting of the pertinent committee which consists of himself, Councilmen Benstead and Vico. It was set for 10 a.m., Monday, November 18, 1963.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta proposed a study of the City Treasurer's position with the thought of eliminating, if possible, the expense of that salary. City Manager Peebles was authorized to conduct a poll of comparable cities. Mayor Isen expressed the opinion that the present system is satisfactory as to elective and appointive positions.

41. Mayor Isen called attention to the letter received from Ted Olson offering the service of the South Bay District Boy Scouts of America in planting trees and supplying other "manpower" needed to beautify Torrance, and asked that City Manager Peebles reply that the City appreciates and will avail itself of the offer. The letter will be referred to the Torrance Beautiful Commission.

42. Mayor Isen asked that a letter of congratulation be sent to Charles Oates on his being elected as President of the Los Angeles Chapter of Police officers Research Association. City Manager Peebles will write such a letter on behalf of the Council.

43. Mr. William Uerkwitz of 23136 Anza Avenue read a letter on the subject of last week's item regarding the Airport and jet planes. Councilman Sciarrotta moved the matter be referred to the Airport Commission and City Attorney for study and report to the Council. There was no objection. Mr. Uerkwitz will be notified of the time the Airport Commission will consider this problem.

44. Mr. William E. Foster of 2572 230th Street reported on delays and frustrations regarding dealings on Case No. 63-59 through the Planning Commission procedures, especially the so-called work sessions of the commission.

45. Mr. Wm. W. King of 25930 Matfield Drive, asked about the proposed hillside park and the \$99,000 set aside for it. City Manager Peebles said the \$99,000 is still available. Mayor Isen suggested a committee of three citizens talk with Mr. Vico and his committee of the council.

46. Mr. B. W. Marsh of 22901 Anza Avenue, referred back to Item 28 under which STOP signs were ordered for Anza Avenue and stated he saw no reason for them. Mayor Isen reminded him that was not the consensus of his neighborhood. There was no motion to reconsider.

The Council meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance