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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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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, January 21, 1964, 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, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Peebles.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Lt. Fischer of Torrance Police Department led the salute to the Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend H. Milton Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minute Secretary noted a correction to the minutes of January 14, 1964, in that the word "Commission" in the last line of page 4 (Item 11, Waiver No. 63-50) should read "Department". With this correction, on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the minutes of the adjourned meeting of January 8 and the regular meeting of January 14, 1964 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 Miller 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 asked that the record show commendation by the Council and himself of what he called the marvelous job done by Edith Shaffer, the Minute Secretary, on the verbatim transcript of the January 8th adjourned meeting. It was noted that copies have been sent to the representatives of the Attorney General and the District Attorney and a copy will be sent to Attorney A. L. Wirin. 1000

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

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ORDINANCE 8. AIRPORT HEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE. Formal hearing on proposed Airport Height Limit Ordinance. Submittal by City Attorney of proposed ordinance establishing Airport hazard zoning restrictions for the Torrance Municipal Airport; adopting airport zoning regulations limiting the height of buildings, structures or other obstructions affecting the safety of aircraft operations within the area established. Preliminary report on the Airport Height Limit Ordinance prepared by the Planning Commission and Airport Hazard Zoning map attached.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated he and Airport Manager Egan would explain this matter fully so that at the second hearing, the proceedings would be a mere formality.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak and Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz asked if the entire ordinance would be read and explained. He was told it will not be read in its entirety, but will be explained. However, Mayor Isen told him a copy of the proposed ordinance will be available for him to study, if he wishes.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the City acquired its airport from the Government by grant deed by the principal provision of which the City agreed to maintain it as a public airport in accordance with Federal standards. The same commitment has been made to the government on the last three agreements: the fence, the tower, and the runway taxiway acquisitions. Basically, the Federal government has control of the airspace and the City has only limited control thereover; but the City does have control over the ground space. The Federal Government has requested that in accordance with the City's covenants and grant deed, the airport be made as safe as possible for both the pilots using the airport and the people who are in the flight pattern and approach zone. This has been approached in three different ways: 1. Acquisition of the clear zone; 2. by proper zoning (a year ago there was a report on zoning of the west end of the airport;) 3. the height limit ordinance. The Federal government has tried to obtain uniformity in the height of obstructions by promulgation of Technical Standard Order 18 which is the basis for the technical parts of this ordinance.

The State has passed some enabling legislation which enables the City by means of this ordinance to regulate the height of structures near the Airport. The City probably has an inherent right to do this but the State has affirmatively granted the right through this legislation, the Airport Approaches Zoning Law.

A map was exhibited of the various zones and Airport Manager Egan told exactly what height limitations are being imposed on the property near the Airport and the various formulae used in arriving at those limitations. The councilmen asked various questions of Mr. Egan regarding specific hypothetical instances and he answered. City Attorney Remelmeyer remarked that there is provision for variance through the Planning Commission to this ordinance, also.

Councilman Beasley moved to set the second hearing on this matter at 5:30 p.m., February 18, 1964, a regular Council meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. CASE NO. 63-93 - Change of zone - Torrance Planning Commission. Third and final hearing for a change of zone from A-1, R-1 and R-3 to R-3 and/or R-4 on property described as Lots 18 through 20 and ¹⁰³³ Lots 29 through 31, Tract 3458, located between Hawthorne Avenue ^{#63-93} and Amie Avenue, Spencer Street and Emerald Street, encompassing the following requests for change of zone from A-1 to R-3: Case No. 63-63 Petition of George G. Schwenk et al, on a portion of Lot 18, Tract 3458; Case No. 63-64, Petition of Abraham Levine and Joseph Sonns on a portion of Lot 31, Tract 3458; Case No. 63-88 Petition of James J. Cogley et al, on the west 90 feet of the south 305 feet of the north 330 feet of Lot 18, Tract 3458. Recommended for R-3 and R-1 as per attached location sketch. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated December 4, 1963, excerpt from minutes of Planning Commission meeting of December 4, 1963, location sketch.

There is also a petition signed by 56 property owners protesting Case No. 63-93.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak from the audience, this being a public hearing, and Mr. Gordon Phillips of 20545 Madison Street, came forward and objected to a change which has been made since the time of the hearing before the Planning Commission. He said the feeling of the property owners in the neighborhood is that the line should be placed on the westerly edge of the next lot, making 105 feet for a setback rather than 65 feet, it being the primary intention of the residents to avoid any apartment construction which might be contemplated, or have it as far as possible from the residences on Amie Avenue. He was talking about the northwest corner of Garnet and Amie.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Shartle about this and Mr. Shartle acknowledged the change was made by the Planning Commission. Councilman Bensteaad asked that a larger map be furnished which would show more plainly. Councilman Drale asked why the change was made after the hearing and Mr. Shartle replied that 120 feet would have split a lot down the middle and stated the Planning Department had no objection. Mr. Benstead asked for a large map again and Mr. Shartle said he had none.

Mr. James Thornton of 20544 Amie Avenue said he was called to come in and see the map. He understood the Planning Commission had approved the 120 foot depth, but found there was a setback against the property owners of 65 feet instead of the 120 feet they had expected. He felt this change was nothing but a stalling ruse. Mr. Thornton's lot is third from the corner.

Councilman Drale asked if the people present would have any objection to taking the two lots on the corner at 105 feet instead of the 120 and the balance 120. They did object, wanting all R-1. Mr. Thornton especially requested the case not go back to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission with the exception that the northwest corner of Garnet and Amie be 105 feet instead of 65 and be established as R-1. Councilman Vico seconded.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The case was discussed further. Councilman Miller asked if the change was made at a different meeting and Mr. Shartle said at a different meeting for clarification; there was not another hearing; the people were not notified. He added the people were told that the change was being made so that they could express their feelings at this meeting tonight. In answer to a question from Councilman Beasley, City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the Planning Commission does have the right to this without another public hearing. Once they have held the requisite public hearings, they could make recommendations not in line with the understanding of the people. It might be poor policy, he said, but it is legal.

Mayor Isen contended there should be some definite procedure as a matter of policy for orderly notification of the people affected, perhaps all those within the 300 feet originally notified. He suggested such a policy be established and Councilman Drale moved the policy be established that once a recommendation of the Planning Commission has been made by regular hearings that the recommendation be made as established at the last hearing and remain the same with no changes without another public hearing and notice to the people. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded that motion.

A different wording was made by Mayor Isen: That the Council be notified of the change and the way it was prior to the change, at the second hearing and, secondly, that there be the same notification to the people entitled within 300 feet and the same information as to changes be given to them.

Mayor Isen stated, however, after some further discussion that rather than vote on the motion, City Attorney Remelmeyer would be instructed to draft proposed policies "both ways" for study at a later date. He felt perhaps a month's time could be eliminated if the third hearing were held before the Council rather than the Planning Commission.

PLANNING MATTERS:

10. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 29098 - ADCO DEVELOPMENT CO. 39 lots located on west side of Madison at 228th Street in Zone A-1 (Case No. 63-94 A-1 to R-1). Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of letter from Planning Department and Engineering Department dated December 12, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated December 18, 1963, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes dated December 18, 1963, and location sketch.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in approval and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley asked if there is a drainage problem here and City Engineer Nollac answered that question to his satisfaction. However, Councilman Sciarrotta asked how far can deviation be permitted from the minimum square footage of lots. He said the bulk of these lots will not be 6,000 square feet. His calculations would indicate about 5940 or 5980 square feet for many of the lots. Mayor Isen said he would rely on the statement in the cover letter that all lots do comply and Councilman Benstead remarked that he was glad someone else was now questioning this particular factor.

City Engineer Nollac stated this is a tentative map and the lots are subject to compliance; they will comply and conform, or be readjusted. Councilman Vico asked who "ADCO" is and City Manager Peebles said he does not know.

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Councilman Drale said there have been many many discussions on this lot footage; that the people in there want R-1 and he would be in favor of conforming to the wishes of the people.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer for a definite statement and Mr. Remelmeyer said he could not be certain and to avoid the problem which has arisen, unless it is certain, the subdivider should be required to relocate his lots in such a way that there would be no doubt of conformance when it comes before the Council as a tentative map. City Engineer Nollac stated no tentative map is that accurate; not calculated to the nth degree. The subdivision map act says they must conform substantially. The requirement of certain size will be met. Nothing here precludes the Council from requiring the lots be of that required size.

Mayor Isen repeated faith in the statements of the cover letter; if the man does not have proper sized lots, he will not have a tentative tract map. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended the map be disapproved for return later.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the only thing the councilmen can go by is the map presented to them and City Manager Peebles stated in the future the Councilmen will get the proper map; the extra cost is small, considering the added advantage.

Roll call vote on concurring in approval was unanimously favorable.

11. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 29143 - H. Rodgers. 6 lots located at north side of 233rd Street between Arlington and Pennsylvania Avenues. A-1 Zone (proposed R-1 zone by Master Plan). Recommended for approval. Planning Director Shartle's transmittal of letter from Planning Department and Engineering Department dated December 5, 1963, Planning Department recommendations to Planning Commission dated December 4, 1963, excerpts from Planning Commission minutes dated December 4, 1963, and location sketch. ¹¹²¹ #29143

Councilman Sciarrotta asked if this does not pose the same question as the previous case and Councilman Drale answered this conforms to a policy established for this particular part of town and the fact that 27 feet must be dedicated from one end and two feet from another.

Councilman Sciarrotta then moved to concur in approval and Councilman Drale seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

12. PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-89, New Horizons, with proposed resolution as to garage doors and as to masonry wall where garages open onto a street. ¹⁶³¹ #63-89

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-6

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 2, APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-89.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-6 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried as follows:

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

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63-89 B. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 64-7

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION P, SECTION 15, APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 63-89.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-7 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1062 13. Torrance Family YMCA requesting permission to place a mobile office trailer upon the northeast front corner of the YMCA property at 2080 Washington Avenue, as temporary campaign headquarters for the YMCA's Building Drive, from January 21 to May 12, 1964.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the requested permission. Councilman Vico seconded and there were no objections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1337 14. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 45. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that developer who installed sewer be reimbursed portion of his cost from Sewer Revolving Fund, and that Sewer Reimbursement District 45 be established to return the cost to the Revolving Fund, with location sketch attached.

The amount involved in reimbursement is \$1,507.26 and Councilman Beasley moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

Prior to the vote, City Engineer Nollac explained to Councilmen Drale and Sciarrotta, that this is standard procedure.

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CHANNEL 15. SIGNAL MODIFICATION AT INTERSECTION OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that \$3,250 be appropriated for City's share of construction work from Project 102, State Gas Tax Funds.

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

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

This last item refers to the left turn arrow at Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue, and Mayor Isen commented that a green arrow is at least equally necessary at Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne. He asked that the City Manager continue pressing that point by periodically asking for a study - and at the right time of day.

16. REFUND OF FEES PAID INTO SEWER REVOLVING FUND TO MESSRS. RABUT AND HONETH. Recommendation from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles that \$142.50 and \$166.68 be refunded to Messrs. Rabut and Honeth respectively due to their participation in construction of sewer. 1272

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

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

17. TRANSMITTAL OF EASEMENTS:

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the following listed easements:

1. Street easement deed dated January 10, 1964, to provide a corner radius at the southwest corner of Park Street and 238th Street and widen alley over portions of Lot 17, Block 1, Tract No. 7519, given by Robert L. and Eveline E. Palmer.
2. Street easement deed dated December 4, 1963 for the widening of Victor Street over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 3218, given by The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. 1177
3. Street easement deed dated January 6, 1964, for the widening of Ocean Avenue and 227th Street over portions of Lots 2 and 3, Meadow Park Tract, given by Torrance Unified School District.
4. Street easement deed dated December 19, 1963, for the widening of Early Avenue over a portion of B. S. Weston, 1898.4 acres, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by Sperry Rand Corporation.
5. Street easement deed dated December 12, 1963, for the widening of Future Telo Avenue over a portion of B. S. Weston, 189d.4 acres, Rancho Los Palos Verdes, given by Standard Oil Company of California.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there were no objections.

COMMUNICATION FROM PARK DEPARTMENT:

18. BID SUMMARY - SPRINKLING SYSTEM FOR WALTERIA PARK. Recommendation of Park Superintendent Clemmer, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, that bid of Smith-Bennett Co., Inc. in the amount of \$7,671.55 be accepted. 1041 LANDSCAPING SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in accepting the low bid mentioned and rejecting all others. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

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19. Recommendation of Fire Chief Benner on bid for fittings for suppression use at all stations, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in awarding the bid to Halprin Supply Company of Los Angeles in the amount of \$325.78 and all other bids be rejected. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

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20. Civil Service Commission's request for authorization for three representatives to attend the 1964 Western Regional Conference of the Public Personnel Association, to be held May 24 - 27, 1964 in Sacramento.

Mayor Isen said this does not comply with policy in such matters and Councilman Beasley moved to authorize two, rather than three, in that the Personnel Director attends League sessions regarding personnel. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

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21. SHUFFLEBOARD COURTS IN WALTERIA PARK. Communication from Mrs. McVey, Chairman, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, submitting recommendation that City accept the donation of \$600 from Hollywood Riviera Sportsmen's Club toward the shuffleboard courts in Walteria Park.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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A recess was declared at 6:30 p.m. and Council reconvened at 6:40.

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COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCIL POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE:

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POLICE FIRE
22. Police Examinations: Recommendation of the Council Committee on Police and Fire regarding Police Department examinations.

The recommendation is to direct that the examination presently called to fill certain positions in the police ranks be halted immediately and suspended until such time as the differences existing between the ordinance referred to and the new specifications be resolved.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to speak on this matter and Assistant Police Chief Porter responded by requesting of the Council that the subject examinations be held up until the existing ordinance can be amended, and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary amendment.

Mayor Isen asked how long that would take and City Attorney Remelmeyer replied they would have to back to the Civil Service Commission and then back to the Council for a 5/7 vote, probably a couple of months.

What is being considered here is not the general Civil Service ordinance which has been in the hands of the Commission for some time, but a specific ordinance amendment of No. 588.

Councilman Benstead, chairman of the Council Police and Fire Committee, moved to concur in the recommendation set forth in the communication dated January 16, 1964, signed by himself and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Drale then moved that the City Attorney be instructed to amend Ordinance No. 588 to include the new specifications as approved by the Police and Fire Committee of the Council, with as much dispatch as possible. Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM GARAGE DEPARTMENT:

23. Recommendation from Ken MacRae, Equipment Superintendent, that the low bid of Southwest Harley Davidson, in the amount of \$3,327.22 for two new 1964 Police XLH Sportster Motorcycles, on Bid Schedule B-64-1, be accepted.

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MOTORCYCLES

Councilman Drale questioned the authority of Mr. MacRae to recommend this award of bid, but City Manager Peebles explained that this is worked out in conjunction with the Police Department and Chief Porter confirmed that statement.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried, it being agreed that all other bids would be rejected, by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. PALOS VERDES AVIATION AIRPORT LEASE. Proposed resolution authorizing execution of a lease which was explained by Mr. Remelmeyer to be merely a consolidation and addition to a previous lease.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT LEASE DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1964, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PALOS VERDES AVIATION CO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-8. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT RE USE OF TORRANCE AIRPORT BY JETS Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation to file the letter from District Airport Engineer as a matter of record to be used for further reference. Attached: copy of City Attorney's letter to Commission dated January 7, 1964, copy of Airport Manager's letter to Commission dated January 2, 1964, copy K. K. Kellner, District Airport Engineer, FAA, letter dated December 27, 1963, and copy of City Attorney's letter to FAA dated November 13, 1963; also copy of Southwood Riviera Homeowners' Association letter dated November 12, 1963.

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Mayor Isen said he had been advised the people wish to have this item postponed and called on Mr. Wm. Uerkwitz to confirm his understanding.

Mr. Uerkwitz stated his organization, Southwood Riviera Home-owners' Association had done extensive investigation and would like to present its results in order to prove to FAA the unsafe flying conditions out of this airport by jet aircraft. There was discussion, he said, before the Airport Commission, but no agreement was reached.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to set February 11, 1964 at 7:30 as a time for informal discussion. No action would be taken at that particular session although if some action is indicated, it would be considered at the first of the agenda after 8:00 p.m. The Minute Secretary was asked to attend and make a record of the 7:30 session also.

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AIRPORT
DAYS
26. AIRPORT DAYS 1964. Airport Commission President Morgan submitting Commission's recommendation re Airport Days 1964 and naming committee members.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the Council concur in the recommendation that the Airport Commission assume responsibility for running Airport Days-1964, with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion which carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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POLICE
PROTECTION
27. City Attorney Remelmeyer's memo re Police Protection for Public Meetings.

Mayor Isen asked if the interested people had been notified of this and Mr. Remelmeyer presented a copy of Mr. Brigham's reply to his memorandum, to City Clerk Coil for filing.

Mr. Aaron Lipton of 20544 Madison, spoke on what does or does not constitute a "disturbance" and the effect thereof, reading from the words of a Supreme Court Justice as quoted in Readers Digest. The purpose of Mr. Lipton's remarks was to state that a person should first be warned or asked to leave a meeting at which he is causing a disturbance, and if he does not comply, he could then be arrested by a police officer. While this is largely a matter of semantics, Mayor Isen and City Attorney Remelmeyer said in case of such an event, the rule of strict construction would apply to penal matters.

Mr. Lipton thought the policy is a big improvement over the previous statement of policy on this subject, and Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the policy as now set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and there was no objection.

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28. AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM FIRE CODE, with proposed resolution and ordinance to be read but not voted upon at this meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 64-9

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE "UNIFORM FIRE CODE" 1961 EDITION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-9 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

In accordance with procedure stated by City Attorney Remelmeyer, the City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 12 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" ADDING SECTIONS 11.19, 11.20, 11.21, AND 11.22 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 12 WHICH ADOPTS AND AMENDS THE "UNIFORM FIRE CODE," 1961 EDITION.

No vote was taken at this time.

29. COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION recommending approval of North Torrance Branch Library plans, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles. ^{1329.5}

Councilman Drale moved to approve the layout and rendering for the North Torrance Library and direct Weldon J. Fulton to proceed with the working drawings in accordance with his contract. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1455

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1399 TO ADD THE POSITION OF SENIOR DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, WITH ITS SALARY RANGE, TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN. ^{1004 SALARY}

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1455 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley asked Personnel Director Donovan why this was ordered as an open and promotional examination rather than promotional only and Mr. Donovan said four candidates are needed and there was some doubt if there were enough in the promotional category to qualify.

- 1034 31. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1456

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9 AND 10 OF, AND ADDING SECTION 15 R TO, APPENDIX 1 (LAND USE ORDINANCE) TO PROHIBIT THE CARRYING ON OF BUSINESS IN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LOCATED IN ZONES C-1 AND C-2 WHICH ARE OCCUPIED OR USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES UNLESS A USE PERMIT AND A BUSINESS LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1456 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote, although Councilman Benstead said he was not particularly pleased with it. Councilman Drale also repeated an indefinite reservation regarding the provisions of the ordinance.

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32. MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the following two expenditures which were explained by City Manager Peebles in a satisfactory manner, quoting Water Superintendent McVicar.

1. \$678.08 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 8" detector check for the Water Department to be used on Smith Bros. Fish Shanty Fire Service, a budget item.
2. \$407.68 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 6" detector check for the Water Department to be used on Wilcap Fire Service, a budget item.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

- 1026 33. Mayor Isen stated Mr. Richard Pyle had declined the appointment to the Planning Commission and moved that Leo Salisbury of 2619 Grand Summit Road (DA 6-8847) be so appointed. A poll of the Council members was unanimously favorable.

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 41039 34. Mayor Isen noted the informational item regarding notice of meeting of State Public Works Board on Monday, January 27, 1964 at 2:30 p.m., in Room 5168, State Capitol, Sacramento, California, regarding the State College site in the South Bay area, and Councilman Drale asked permission of the Council to attend that meeting and reiterate the conditions the City has offered previously, with appropriate expenses. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that Mr. Drale be authorized in accordance with his remarks and the motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Vico objected to further expenditures for this purpose as ~~waste~~ waste of time and money and Councilman Benstead asked City Manager Peebles for an exact statement of money spent on this project up to date. Councilman Miller also believes the Board of Trustees has been sufficiently apprised of the City Council's position and any further cost would be a waste. Councilman Drale said lack of unanimity will definitely dilute any possible effect on the Board; as long as no decision has been made, there is still a chance for Torrance.

Councilman Beasley said he believes there has been a good appraisal of the Palos Verdes site and that that appraisal far exceeds the money available for the purchase. He did not favor the effort necessary to compile a report of what had been spent when each item of expenditure had met with approval of the council at the time it was spent.

Mayor Isen made a statement on the subject to the effect that anything which has been spent has been spent to good advantage; even if the college is located in the hills, it will be greatly to the advantage of Torrance from all viewpoints. He outlined the various economic and cultural benefits which would accrue to the City of Torrance. He agreed with Councilmen Beasley and Drale that it would be preferable to have the college in Torrance, but if not there, certainly Torrance would be most fortunate of the surrounding cities if it were placed in Palos Verdes. To this time there has been an effective economic expenditure of money and the donation of time by some of the citizens and councilmen has been tremendous. One further trip might be just what is needed.

Councilman Sciarrotta agreed with Mayor Isen's statement and stated that seven members of the Council voted in favor of every cent that was spent to try to get the college located in Torrance.

Councilman Vico said if they don't know in Sacramento now that we want to have the college here, they never will. He asked if this trip is really necessary; who do the people who go see? What do they accomplish? Why is no report made on their return? However, he said if this trip is considered to be necessary, he would vote in favor of it, and called for the question.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable with the exception of Councilman Drale who abstained from voting.

Mayor Isen moved that the expense of several night letters be authorized and that City Attorney Remelmeyer draft and send night letters to the Board of College Trustees reiterating the City's position, to arrive prior to the meeting which is to be held on Thursday or Friday of this week in San Francisco. Councilman Beasley seconded that motion which carried as follows:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

35. City Manager Peebles mentioned Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. as get-acquainted hour and 7:30 as dinner time at The Palms for the Distinguished Service Award banquet.

36. Mayor Isen said the Council has also been notified that tomorrow evening is the public forum at the High School on the Youth Welfare Commission project.

37. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested permission to initiate a revolving fund for the cost of the amicus curiae briefs previously authorized in the amount of \$100 each. In effect this would make \$100 available at all times so that if there is not time to bring the request before Council, that would be on hand. A report will be made each time. Mayor Isen so moved and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

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38. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City has purchased and paid the money for ~~the~~ the Thelma Russell property. Miss Russell would like to have an amendment made to the agreement. Mr. Remelmeyer said the amendment would not affect the City because the money was put in trust for her and shd would like to obtain it from that trust, through her attorney. He recommended approval.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Council authorize City Attorney Remelmeyer to sign the amendment to the agreement on the Russell property and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried, there being no objection.

39. Councilman Drale asked for a time of meeting for the Drainage Committee of the Council, keeping in mind when he and Councilman Beasley would be in town. It was set for 3 p.m. Friday of this week.

40. Mr. Jack Ortman who has property on 233rd Street, the 8-A Sump district, complained of delays regarding this sump. Mr. Peebles promised some action on Friday and Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta said there had been many problems encountered. Councilman Drale said it will probably be necessary to go to condemnation to acquire the necessary property. Friday afternoon's meeting in the Conference Room will probably settle this problem, both as to size and location.

41. Councilman Drale said Mrs. Schreiver, in this same area, has been served with a notice of default. She sold her property to a builder who got a permit to build some houses which have been built and there is no sump. The City gave the permit but will not give the occupancy certificate and the contractor cannot finish the houses. She subordinated her land to the contractor and the contractor is in default with the Savings and Loan Company. He asked if it would be possible to release these homes now that the Council has an idea where the sump will be, so they may be finished and sold. The time is getting very short on the default. Six houses are involved and they are located in the restricted zone. Mr. Nollac outlined the history of this transaction. A report was submitted May 21, 1963 in which the builder asked permission to build which was granted on the basis that no occupancy would be given on the houses until the sump had been located, the property acquired and the digging started and he signed a statement to the effect that he so understood.

City Manager Peebles said he feels sure this will all be cleared up at the meeting on Friday for Council action on next Tuesday. The notice of default was as of November 1st and the time (90 days) has almost expired. Councilman Drale said he had called the manager of the Savings and Loan Company who had agreed if the City will grant the necessary relief, they would extend sufficient time to the contractor, Tony Cottone, to take care of the deficit. Mayor Isen said there should be a letter to that effect from the Savings and Loan Company. A solution must be found before January 27th so it may be brought before the Council January 28th.

1019 42. Councilman Drale appointed as a replacement of Mr. George Brewster on the Youth Welfare Commission, Mr. William Faulds of 22105 Redbeam.

1153 43. Councilman Sciarrotta asked City Manager Peebles what the reaction of Santa Fe had been to the complaint about Sepulveda and Madrona and Mr. Peebles called his attention to the letter marked C under informational items, promising investigation.

44. Councilman Vico said he had talked with Mr. John Robertson if Chandler's Sand & Gravel and they are still willing to cooperate, and give a little additional land to that in the borrow pit. Mr. 1001 Chandler is also willing to acquire the homesite up on the hill x1002 which has been referred to. Councilman Vico said some of the councilmen had talked with Mr. Chandler and were aware of this, but he would like to make it public knowledge.

45. Mayor Isen asked for a progress report on the Southwest District Superior Court from Supervisor Chace, with particular emphasis on when the county will be ready to go to bid and when it will be possible to have the groundbreaking. He would like to see something in writing. 1060

46. Mr. Aaron Lipton asked for a warning light at Sepulveda and Hawthorne and was told that has now been approved. He then asked if a similar green arrow could be placed at 190th and Crenshaw. His request was referred to the City Manager. 1050

47. Mayor Isen mentioned a bad spot at Western Avenue and the San Diego Freeway where it is almost impossible to make a left turn, he said. Traffic Engineer Whitmer stated that is within the City limits of Los Angeles, not Torrance. He was instructed to write a letter to Los Angeles and ask them to study it. 1050 CHANNEL

48. Mr. John Koudela of 225 Pasquale, representing Vickers on Lomita Boulevard asked about erecting a temporary directional sign at the intersection of Lomita Boulevard and Hawthorne. He was told this request was considered at Staff meeting yesterday, January 20, 1964 and Assistant City Manager Johnson said Staff approved it to the best of his recollection. Mr. Koudela who represents Purchasing at Vickers, was told to talk with Mr. Johnson following this meeting. 1050 SIG. & SIG. DIRECTIONAL

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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

APPROVED:
Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance