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Council Appoints John Bramhall New Temporary City Manager

\$3,000,000 PROJECT . . . Supervisors OK Torrance For New Superior Court

By a 4-1 majority, Supervisor, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn opposed, the Board of Supervisors Tuesday selected Torrance as the site for the proposed new Southwest District Superior Court complex.

In an immediate second action, the board allocated \$140,000 for preliminary designs and architect's fees. Elated councilmen and South Bay Bar Association members, who had spearheaded the drive to have the site location changed from Inglewood to Torrance, crowded the board chambers to hear the final decision.

FREE LAND

Mayor Albert Isen, one of the leaders in the fight, reported that the \$3,000,000 fa-

city will be located behind the present city hall, facing Maple St. He cited the generosity of the city in offering the land for the complex free of charges as the deciding factor in the board's decision.

"Location of the superior court in Torrance will be a tremendous advantage to the community," Isen stated. "In addition to the court several professional buildings will go up in nearby areas, financed by private capital. It will provide hundreds of jobs and bring quite a large amount of money into the area."

Isen stated that the odds against effecting the change of plans had stood at about 500 to one before the concerted drive by civic minded individuals.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Official announcement of the project was made Tuesday evening in the council meeting. Present in the audience were Boris Woolley, president of the South Bay Bar Association, Superior Court Judge John Shidler, Municipal Court Judge William McFayden, and Municipal Court Judge Otto Willer.

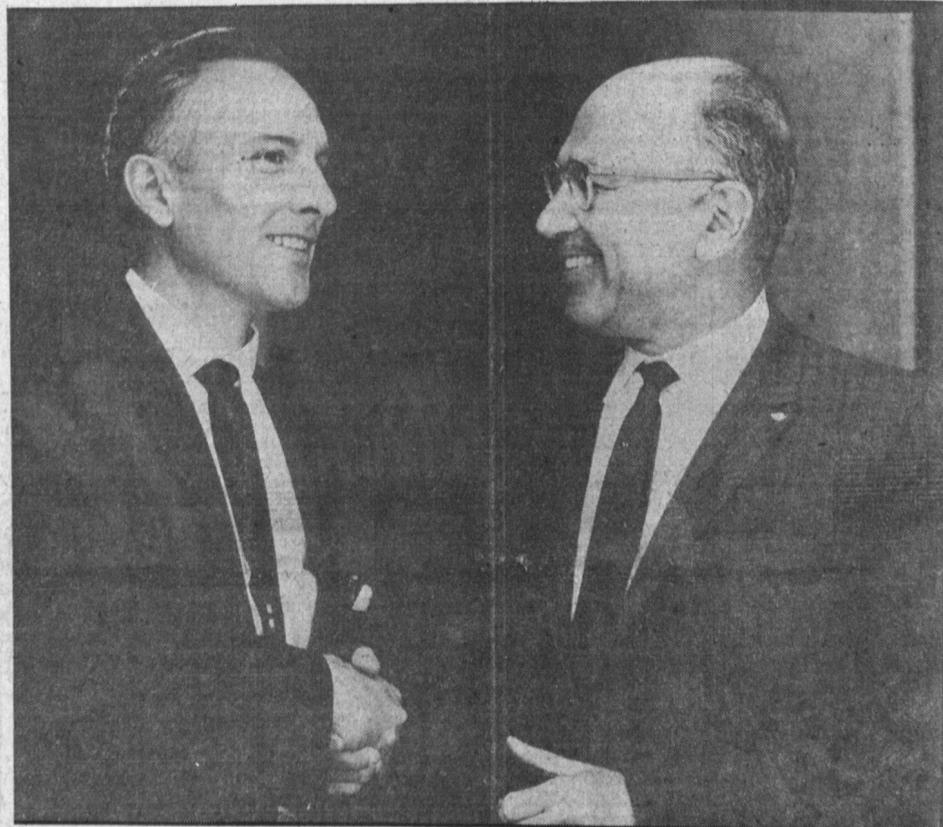
Funds for the project will probably be included in the county's budget for the coming year. Estimates indicate that it will take about a year to complete the complex.

Entry Blanks Available for 'Pooch' Show

Children in the greater Torrance Area are urged to get their free entry blanks in order to enter their dog in Border's Market's "Free Kid's Dog Show," set for Saturday, May 27, it was announced today by Bill Rogers.

"Forms are available at the markets that will be putting on the show, namely, 5305 Torrance Blvd and 223rd and Avalon," Rogers said.

"Numerous prizes will be awarded including one for the homeiest pooch in the bunch," Rogers further stated.



ELATED LEADERS—Boris Woolley, president of the South Bay Bar Association, and Mayor Albert Isen, leaders of the two groups that successfully campaigned to get the proposed new Southwest District Superior Court located in Torrance, warmly congratulate each other following final decision of the

Surprise Move Gets 7-0 Vote From Council

Torrance City Council Tuesday evening named Senior Administrative Assistant John A. Bramhall, 36, to the post of acting city manager, to become effective following the termination of present Manager George Stevens May 26.

Move came as a surprise following strong rumors last week that Director of Finance Jerry Scharfman unannouncedly would succeed to the post.

Councilmen, before voting unanimously on the appointment of Bramhall to the vital post, pointed out that he was one of the few administrative members of the city family who had no intention of seeking the job on a permanent basis.

Bramhall's brief tenure with the city, he joined the city staff on December 12, has been marked with outstanding service and commendations from co-workers and councilmen alike. In addition to his regular duties he has been serving, in a temporary capacity, as city clerk.

Before coming to Torrance he served as administrative assistant with the city of Pomona.

He, his wife, Alice, and four children make their home at 1317 Portola Ave.

Controversy has raged in the city since Stevens announced his resignation, over a replacement for the veteran city manager. Some councilmen favor replacing him with an experienced manager from outside the city, while others



JOHN BRAMHALL
Acting Manager

favor a "move-up" plan from present city administrative heads.

The temporary appointment of Bramhall to the post will see the city through the period between Stevens' termination and the appointment of a new manager. Need for an administrative head is vital, councilmen pointed out, during the coming budget sessions.



INVITATION TO DINNER—Torrance Chamber of Commerce tonight will sponsor a testimonial dinner for retiring city manager George Stevens at the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant. Prominent civic officials and leaders of service groups will attend to pay tribute to the outstanding administrator, who has

served in the community's top post for 13 1/2 years. Here Councilman J. A. Beasley is shown as he breaks the news to Stevens and invites him to take part in the festivities. Tickets available at the Chamber office or at the door.

Man Dead After Falling Under Loaded Truck

A 25-year old Buena Park man was killed instantly yesterday morning when he was run over by a loaded truck and trailer on a freeway construction site at the corner of 190th and Normandie.

William Irish Ryder, a checker on the site, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

Investigating officers said that Ryder apparently had tried to jump on the running board of the loaded truck when it was moving. His foot slipped on the running board and he fell under the wheels of the truck and trailer. Driver of the vehicle was not cited.

Second Jody's Opens In Redondo Beach

Because of the success of their first restaurant venture, Jody's at the corner of Torrance and Hawthorne Blvds., co-owners John Haretakis and Perry Corkos announced today the opening of their second restaurant at 1914 S. Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach.

Starting out in business for themselves in December of 1959 the pair worked hard to make Jody's number one a success. Amidst a friendly, pleasant, and clean atmosphere they served the most wholesome meals at attractive prices.

TV COVERAGE . . .

Half Million Viewers to See Annual AFD Parade

More than half-a-million persons will view Saturday's Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance it was estimated yesterday by committee chairman of coordinating groups.

Second annual parade and celebration in this city is expected to attract twice the number of entrants as last year's activity.

Line of march for the parade, which will be covered by television, will begin at the intersection of Cabrillo and Carson St., proceed west on Torrance Blvd. past the Torrance Civic Center, and terminate at Madrona Ave.

Following the parade, viewers are invited to visit displays of mobile equipment which will be parked along

side other displays of missiles, rockets, engines, weapons, instruments and devices in an area set aside at the Torrance Civic Center.

Trophies for parade entries have been donated by Harvey Aluminum, Horkey - Moore, Magnavox, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The Torrance Mayor's Perpetual Silver Trophy will be donated by the city for the best local unit entry.

Grand Marshall and keynote speaker for the event will be Joseph V. Charyk, under secretary of the U.S. Air Force. Assisting in the awards ceremonies following the parade will be Jewell Lain, "Miss Armed Forces Day."

BOARD HONORS

A resolution honoring George W. Stevens, retiring City Manager of Torrance, was approved Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors on a motion by Supervisor Burton W. Chace. Chace pointed out that Stevens was "Torrance's first and only city manager upon his retirement from service with more than 13 years of outstanding work."

MILLION DOLLAR HIKE . . .

School Board to Study \$12.7-Million Budget

A tentative budget study, showing a \$12.7 million budget for the 1961-62 school year was taken under consideration by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

As presented, the budget contains no new services or salary increases. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip reported. It provides for district growth, including some 1800 new students (about 9.3 per cent increase next fall). Total enrollment is expected to be nearly 29,000. Cuts of about \$440,000 were made in budget requests, the board was told.

The new budget compares with an \$11.6 million budget for the current year and would be about 9.1 per cent higher. Factors in the increase, he said, are:

INCREASE FACTORS

1. Hiring new teachers and other personnel to handle the 1800 increase in enrollment.
2. Buying needed supplies and equipment for the 1800 increase.
3. Buying supplies and equipment for two new elementary schools — Hickory and Victor — in addition to several other schools.
4. Step raises automatically given teachers and employees for continued service.
5. Increased costs of retirement and other fringe benefits as employees grow older and the number increases.

By budget categories, expenditures in the proposed budget are nearly identical with the current budget, Waldrip said. About 85 per cent would go for salaries. Percentages spent in each category include:

- Instruction, 70 per cent; operations, 10.4; fixed charges, 4.7; administration, 3.7; maintenance, 3.5; capital outlay, 2.6; auxiliary services, 2.1; transportation, 1.9; community service, .8; and food service, .2.

Local taxpayers would supply about 59 per cent of the total budget, according to estimates, while state aid would provide about 41 per cent. Federal aid at this point appears negligible because Public Law 874, which provided nearly 2 1/2 per cent of last year's budget, will expire in June. Congress still is debating whether to renew it.

LOCAL TAXES
Last year, local taxes provided about 52 1/2 per cent of the budget, while the state contributed 45 per cent. However, a legal formula set up by the State Legislature reduces the state proportion as the total amount increases.

The budget anticipates collection of the entire 50-cent override approved by voters last February, meaning a \$2.90 operating tax rate on local property. Assessed valuation of about \$230,000,000 also is estimated.

A tentative budget will be adopted next month, with final action in August, once assessed valuation totals are known. Final budget figures will depend on assessed valuation and any income from other sources.