

Children's Zoo on City Project List

Development of a major children's zoo in Torrance was added to the city's list of capital improvement projects last night by the City Council.

Acting on a suggestion from Councilman Ken Miller

and Mayor Albert Isen, city fathers established a children's zoo as a long-range capital project. No priority for the program was established.

Miller also asked City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to

meet with Ron Davis and a committee representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce to discuss possible ways of developing the zoo. In addition, it was suggested that a zoo advisory committee

be established to search for a possible site. The action was based on a report prepared by Deanna Manning, senior recreation supervisor. Miss Manning said a children's zoo "is a most attractive thing for the

public" and could add "materially to the value of the municipal recreational activities in Torrance."

Miss Manning said a zoo might be constructed for about \$215,000 and operated at an average cost of \$56,000

per year. Some money could be recovered through animal—and human—food concessions and a gift or souvenir shop.

"It does appear that such an undertaking is feasible," Miss Manning concluded,

"but it is unlikely that it could be totally self-supporting."

Miller asked that Ferraro meet with the Junior Chamber of Commerce representatives to pursue the subject.

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BREAKFAST PREVIEW . . . YMCA member Steve Jefferson (in chef's hat) and Gary Wardell, representing the firm constructing the new YMCA facilities at 2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd., get a sneak preview of the fire ring which will be the center of attraction at the 18th annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast Saturday from 6 to 11:30 a.m. High point of the morning will be the announcement of the 1965 "Good Neighbor."

\$12.5 Millions Sought For Torrance Schools

Councilmen Hoot At Tapered Cans For Home Trash

City Councilmen have scheduled a special pre-council meeting at 5 p.m. Nov. 16 to discuss proposed new rubbish container specifications.

The new specifications, submitted as part of a two-fold recommendation to improve rubbish collection service and cut down on the number of injuries to city crews, got something less than a warm welcome from city fathers last night.

"Next, you'll be telling me when to wash my hands," George Vico said. "I'm not in favor of this."

If the ordinance is adopted, new containers will have to be water-tight metal, plastic, or fiberboard with a lid. They must be tapered circular containers with a capacity of at least 20 gallons and not more than 40 gallons. A weight limit of 70 pounds now in force will be retained. New specifications will become effective one year after they are adopted.

The requirement for a lid and for a tapered container drew quick fire from Vico and Mayor Albert Isen.

Homeowners have been invited to attend the Nov. 16 meeting to discuss the new requirements with councilmen. Councilmen also will get a full report from City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

A second part of the recommendation won quick approval from the council.

It will establish two weeks each year—one in the spring and one in the fall—as "Home Clean Up Weeks." During that time, city crews will pick up

"anything and everything" which homeowners could put out on the curb.

City Aide Changes Delayed

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro will have to wait at least a week to get approval of a proposed reorganization plan for his office from the city council.

The plan, submitted last week to the council, was postponed for another week last night when councilmen and Ferraro disagreed over the effective date of the plan.

Ferraro had asked that it become effective on Jan. 1, 1966. Councilmen J. A. Beasley and H. Ted Olson wanted it delayed for another 30 days.

THE PROPOSAL would eliminate one assistant city manager's position and add an administrative assistant to Ferraro's office. A savings of about \$8,000 per year in the cost of operating his office will result, Ferraro said.

Ferraro said he has "a lot of chiefs but no Indians" in his office and wants to replace some of the "high priced" talent with "people who can produce drafts and do surveys."

The assistant's position being eliminated is now held

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COL. N. F. JAMIESON Memorial Scheduled

Rites Set For Early City Aide

Col. Natt F. Jamieson, who came to Torrance more than 50 years ago to serve the infant community as an engineer, died Tuesday in Long Beach at the age of 86 following a short illness. Col. Jamieson lived at 1804 Gramercy Ave.

A retired Army officer and West Point graduate, Col. Jamieson had made his home in Torrance since 1914 when he came here as one of the first engineers for the fledgling community. He was active in his own business and as a golfer until his final illness came last week.

He was born in Stannard, Vt., in 1879, and had resided in California for 54 years.

HE VOLUNTEERED for service in the Spanish American War in 1898 and obtained his commission as a 2nd lieutenant in the Artillery Corps after graduation from West Point in 1902. He served with Teddy Roosevelt.

The officer later resigned his commission and entered the engineering profession, settling in Nevada for a short time before coming to California in 1911. In 1917 he entered the service again and served overseas in the Artillery Corps. He returned to Torrance in 1920 and in 1921 married Dorothy Henderson, niece of the city's founder, Jared Sydney Torrance, and the city's librarian for many years. She survives him at the family home.

DURING THE building of the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct from the Colorado River to Southern California, Col. Jamieson was in charge of the employment office for MWD. After completion of this assignment, he began his own personnel management firm and was active until he retired last year at the age of 85.

Col. Jamieson was a member of the Spanish American War Veterans, Roosevelt (Continued on Page A-2)

Extra Million For Pools to Be on Ballot

Torrance voters will be asked to authorize \$12,500,000 in bonds for new school construction when they vote at a special bond election Feb. 8, 1966.

A \$1 million bond proposal to finance swimming pools for the city's four high schools also will be on the ballot.

The two measures are independent of each other and each will require a two-thirds affirmative vote to pass.

Trustees voted 4-1 to put the \$12.5 million figure on the ballot after nearly 90 minutes of debate Monday evening. Trustee Bert M. Lynn cast the only dissenting vote.

Items included in the \$12.5 million request include additional facilities at each of the high schools, funds for elementary school classrooms and equipment, and funds for the purchase of two additional elementary school sites. Also included is a \$3 million proposed vocational center to be located on land which the school district hopes to acquire from the United States Navy.

Chopped from the \$18 million list of projects submitted to the board by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, were auditoriums for North, South, and West high schools. Estimated cost of the

three buildings was \$2,250,000.

Trustees, however, included \$118,000 for the construction of a stage in a new classroom and cafeteria facility at West High. Both North and South high schools have stages in current facilities.

The board also used its ax on several projects which Dr. Hull had recommended for departmentalized programs at 33 elementary schools. Major cuts included the elimination of new music rooms (estimated to cost \$17,500 each) and pupil stations for elementary science laboratories. Instead, each school will get a science demonstration area.

Included in the bond request is \$293,200 for the remodeling of administration buildings at 10 elementary schools. In addition, each elementary school will get a conference room.

Trustees also voted not to ask for \$1,480,000 to reduce the size of classes to 30 pupils in all elementary schools. State law now requires that the number of students in a class be reduced to 30 in grades one, two, and three.

The \$1,480,000 would have accomplished the same thing in grades four through eight.

The board jumped into the cutting session quickly, taking each item individually. (Continued on A-2)

From Western Avenue City Entrance Will Receive Face Lifting

Plans to beautify the eastern entrance to Torrance and improve the flow of traffic from Western Avenue along Torrance Boulevard were approved by the City Council last night.

Under terms of the program, work will begin immediately on the area between Western Avenue and the railroad bridge which crosses Torrance Boulevard. Landscaping will be completed in the area and the bridge will be sandblasted.

An appropriation of \$14,000 for the landscaping was voted by the council. The sandblasting of the bridge will be financed by Southern Pacific Co.

In addition, the council instructed City Manager Edward J. Ferraro to initiate engineering studies for the redesign of Torrance Boulevard, Border Avenue, and Cabrillo Avenue in the area.

Ferraro said some preliminary work had been done on a similar project in 1960 and indicated redesign of the street also will improve the Cabrillo Avenue and 213th Street intersection, as well as the Torrance Boulevard and Cabrillo Avenue crossing.

Aim of the program, de-

veloped by the Torrance Beautiful Commission, is to make the Western Avenue area a major—and beautiful—entrance to the city.

Guest Series To Begin Here Next Sunday

In recent weeks the Press-Herald has asked a number of prominent civic and political leaders of the Greater Torrance area to comment on matters thought to be of interest to our readers.

Several excellent contributions have been received and others are being prepared for later publication.

Beginning Sunday, the Press-Herald will bring the first of the guest contributors and will publish them on succeeding Sundays.

Check the Press-Herald Sunday for the first in a series of comments on important matters of the day.



DRIVER KILLED . . . Police check scene of a train-automobile crash at Arlington Avenue near Lincoln Monday afternoon which took the life of 38-year-old Fausto H. Pabon, a Los Angeles insurance agent. Engineer Charles H. Tillquest said the engine was

traveling westbound at a low rate of speed. Pabon was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital a few minutes after he was removed from the smashed vehicle.

(Photo by Chet Bush)

Supervisors Honor Levy - - -

On motions submitted by Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Kenneth Hahn, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adjourned its Tuesday session following the regular order of business in honor of Sam Levy, pioneer businessman and civic leader who died suddenly Saturday. Mr. Levy had been active in many community projects which brought him into intimate contact with both Supervisors Chace and Hahn as well as other Southland civic and political leaders.

Vincent Thomas Honored - - -

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, (D-San Pedro), was honored by his colleagues in Sacramento Monday when the Senate unanimously passed an Assembly resolution congratulating Thomas on his 25th anniversary in the California Legislature. Thomas, who represents the 68th Assembly District, was first elected in 1940. He is the ranking member of the Assembly in years of service. The Assemblyman's district includes about half of Torrance, and the Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington, and San Pedro areas.

'Citizens' Congress' Here - - -

Preliminary plans for a "Citizens' Congress"—a one-day program with "powerful" speakers—are being discussed by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and Chamber of Commerce Manager J. Walker Owens. The program, Ferraro told councilmen last night, would be designed to involve leaders of all segments of the community in a general program and several seminars. The program, he added, probably will be scheduled in January or February if plans can be completed.