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been paid as therein directed, the balance of the money available from such "Gasoline Tax Fund", and set aside by the Council for the particular improvement being made, shall be paid and credited as a general payment on the costs of the entire work and improvement as called for in the Resolution or Ordinance of Intention ordering such work or improvements to be done or made.

(b) Improvement Cost—Assessment—Abutting Owner: After all payments referred to in sub-division (a) of this sub-section shall have been made, the balance of the costs of all work and improvements made under the Resolution or Ordinance of Intention directing such improvement, shall be assessed against the property benefited by such work or improvement, as such benefit district was established by the City Council when such work or improvement was ordered made.

ARTICLE XXI. BONDS

Section 1. Limit of Bonded Indebtedness:

The bonded indebtedness of the City of Torrance shall not exceed at any one time fifteen per centum of the assessed value of all real and personal property in the city subject to taxation for city purposes, based upon the last annual assessment; provided, however, that any bonded indebtedness created by the sale of any of the water bonds which were authorized on the 25th day of September, 1930, together with any bonded indebtedness which may hereafter arise from the sale of bonds hereafter to be authorized for any water purpose, including the acquisition and/or construction of a water supply or distribution system, or any part thereof, whether authorized by the City or any district thereof, or of which it is a part, shall be excluded when calculating said per centum of bonded indebtedness of the city.

Section 2. Creation of Bonded Indebtedness:

The general laws of the State of California establishing the procedure for the creation of bonded indebtedness in force at the time any bonded indebtedness is created by the City shall, except as herein otherwise provided, so far as applicable, be observed and followed. It shall require a vote of at least two-thirds of all the voters voting at any municipal election to authorize the issuance of municipal bonds, or the incurring, or assumption, of any bonded indebtedness. The requirements of this Charter in this regard shall be in addition to any other requirements of the laws of the State of California with reference to such matters.

Section 3. Sinking Fund for Payment of Bonds and Interest:

The City Council shall provide for, apportion and/or set apart, out of funds to be provided from taxes and/or assessments an amount or amounts sufficient to pay at maturity all sums coming due each year for principal and interest upon all outstanding bonds; and said amount shall be transferred into a special fund in the City Treasury to be designated by name indicating the nature, or purpose of such special fund and the money in such special fund, shall be used to make payments on the principal and interest of said bonds and for no other purpose. Any interest or increment received on the money from any such special fund shall be paid into such special fund and become a part thereof.

Section 4. Sale of Bonds By City Council:

(a) Whenever the electors of the City of Torrance have authorized the issuance of bonds for any public work or improvement or purpose, the City Council may at any time thereafter adopt a resolution requiring the immediate sale of said bonds, and file the same with the Clerk of the Council; thereupon it shall be the duty of the City Council to proceed without delay to cause said bonds to be issued and sold in the manner provided by law, and to cause the proceeds thereof to be deposited with the City Treasurer to the credit of the appropriate fund for the carrying out of the purposes and objects for which such bonds were voted.

(b) **Bond Interest and Redemption Fund:**

After the sale of bonds referred to in sub-section (a) of this section, and after the funds received from the sale of such bonds have been properly used for the purpose or purposes for which such bonds were voted, and after all obligations of the City in the use of such funds have been fully carried out, the City Council shall deposit any surplus moneys derived from the sale of such bonds, and not used for the specific purpose or purposes for which such bonds were voted, in a fund which shall have, by ordinance, been created to be known as the "Bond Interest and Redemption Fund."

(c) **Special Election—Different Use:**

And provided further, that whenever the City Council shall by resolution deem the expenditure of money raised by the sale of bonds for the purpose for which said bonds were voted to be impracticable or unwise, said City Council may call a special election to obtain the consent of the people of said City to use said money for some other specified municipal purpose, in which case the resolution calling such special election, shall recite the new object or purpose for which the said money is proposed to be expended, and shall fix the date on which such special election will be held, the manner of holding such election, and the voting for or against the expenditure of said money for said purpose, and in all particulars not recited in said resolution such election shall be held as provided by law for holding such municipal elections.

It shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast at such special election, to authorize the expenditure of the money for the purpose mentioned in the resolution calling such special election.

If by such vote the voters authorize the expenditure of such money for the purposes mentioned in said resolution calling such election, then the City Council may expend such moneys for the purposes so specified and after such purposes have been fully completed and paid then any remaining surplus shall be transferred to the "Bond Interest and Redemption Fund."

Section 5. Cancellation of Unsold Bonds:

At any time after three years subsequent to the date of any election hereafter held, at which an issue of any of the bonds herein provided shall have been authorized, the legislative body of the municipality may, by ordinance duly adopted by a two-thirds vote of all of the members of such legislative body, determine that no part of such bond issue shall be sold, or if a portion of the bonds so authorized at such election shall have been sold, that no part of the remainder of such issue then remaining unsold, shall be thereafter issued or sold, and upon the taking effect of such ordinance the authority to issue the bonds authorized at such election and described in such ordinance shall cease, and the whole or that portion of the bonds issued pursuant thereto and remaining unsold and described in such ordinance shall become void.

ARTICLE XXII. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Section 1. Board of Health:

There is hereby created a Department of Health which shall be under the management of a Board of Health. Said board shall consist of four members, namely: The Mayor, who shall be ex-officio a member and president of said

board, and the City Engineer and City Attorney who shall be ex-officio members of said board, and one doctor of medicine licensed by the California State Board of Medical Examiners, who shall be appointed by the Mayor. Said members shall serve without compensation, except the member serving as Chief Health Officer, who shall receive such compensation as the City Council shall prescribe.

If the appointed member fails to accept the appointment and qualify within ten days after his appointment, such appointment shall be void and a new appointment shall be made.

Section 2. Meetings:

Regular meetings of the Board of Health shall be held once every two months and special meetings shall be held when called by the president, or any two members, and all meetings shall be public. Three voting members shall constitute a quorum. The day on which regular meetings shall be held shall be fixed by the Board.

Section 3. Powers and Duties of Board:

Said Board of Health, subject to limitation and control by the ordinances of the City and the laws of the State of California, shall have supervision of all matters pertaining to the health department including sanitary condition of the city, and control and prevention of all communicable diseases.

Section 4. Enforcement of Orders, Etc. Expenses:

The Board of Health may adopt rules and regulations to carry out its powers. The City Council shall enforce the same by ordinance and may likewise confer upon said Board such other powers and duties as it deems desirable, even though inconsistent with the general laws. The City Council shall appropriate funds in the annual budget to meet the necessary expense of the department.

Section 5. City Physician and Chief Health Officer:

The licensed physician appointed by the Mayor shall be the city physician and chief health officer. Such chief health officer shall be a physician who shall have been licensed to practice medicine in the State of California for at least five (5) years prior to such appointment; shall be and continue to be a resident of Torrance during his appointment. He or his deputies shall exercise general supervision over the health, sanitation, and cleanliness of the City. The Chief Health Officer shall enforce all laws, ordinances, and regulations relative to the preservation and improvement of public health, including those provided for the prevention of disease, and the suppression of unsanitary conditions, subject to the general supervision of said Board.

Section 6. Assistants and Employees:

The Board of Health may appoint such other assistants and employees as in his opinion are required to properly carry on the duties of the department, such assistants and appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the appointive power. The compensation of such appointive officers, assistants and appointees, shall be fixed by the City Council.

Section 7. City Council to Fix Effective Date:

Sections 1 to 6 both inclusive of this Article shall not become operative until such time as the City Council of the City of Torrance shall have, by ordinance, so declared.

Section 8. County Health Department:

(a) **Administration By County:**
Pending such declaration of the City Council all necessary and advisable health activities including the care, advancement and preservation of health, proper housing, and sanitation supervision within the City of Torrance, may continue to be administered by the Health Department of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

(b) **Agreement With County:**
A written agreement, however, defining the scope, nature and extent of the work to be performed for the City by such County Health Department, and also the compensation to be received by such Department for such service, shall be entered into between said County and the City of Torrance, the terms thereof to be prescribed by the City Council.

Any agreement so entered into, shall be in effect for a period of one year only, at the expiration of which period the City may enter into a further agreement with said County Department for the same period upon such terms, and with reference to such work as may be designated by the City Council.

ARTICLE XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND PUBLIC WELFARE

Section 1. Personnel:

A Department of Social Service and Public Welfare is hereby created. The Mayor shall appoint a Board of Directors for such Department consisting of nine members who shall serve without compensation and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Mayor and until their successors are appointed. Such Board of Directors shall elect a president, who shall be the presiding officer of the Board, a secretary and such other officers as may be selected by such Board to assist in carrying on its various activities and in enlisting the active support and co-operation of the general public and the various religious, social and civic organizations within the city. Such other officers may be selected, from time to time, from the membership of the Board of Directors of the Department or may be drafted from the citizenry of the City.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of the Department:

The powers and duties of the Department shall be limited to the City of Torrance and shall be:

- (a) To investigate and endorse charitable or philanthropic corporations, associations or other bodies dependent upon public appeal or general solicitations for support.
- (b) To enforce through the police powers of the City the ordinances of the City regulating or supervising the solicitation of money or other valuable property for charitable purposes.
- (c) To encourage the formation of private charities to meet needs not already provided for.
- (d) To disburse funds set apart by the City Council for charitable purposes.
- (e) To study and suggest means of improving the conditions producing the need of relief.
- (f) To promote co-operation among all charities in the City.
- (g) To receive and disburse all gifts, bequests or devises to be used for charitable or philanthropic purposes and to administer any trust declared or created for any such purpose in accordance with the terms of said trust.

Section 3. Appropriations By the City:

The City Council may appropriate annually for such social service work, such an amount of money as such Council may deem necessary and advisable, but contributions of moneys or property for such work may be solicited and accepted by the officers or authorized agents of such Department of Social Service and Public Welfare and used by such Department in its official work, and whenever, in the judgment of the City Council, it shall be deemed necessary to the welfare of the city, and advisable, such City Council may, out of the funds of the City received for general taxation purposes or otherwise, provide suitable quarters with proper facilities for carrying on the activities of the Department and may request the Board of Directors of this Department to select, from among its membership or elsewhere, provided such person so selected shall reside

and be a citizen of Torrance, a suitable person to devote his or her entire or part time to the activities of the Department; the person so recommended by the Board of Directors for such position shall be appointed by the City Council, which body shall fix the compensation to be paid for such service. The duties of such appointee shall be fixed by the Board of Directors of the Department and such appointee shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board of Directors of such Department of Social Service and Public Welfare.

ARTICLE XXIV. CITY PLANNING BOARD

Section 1. Personnel:

A City Planning Board is hereby created and shall consist of the Mayor, a Councilman, to be designated by the City Council, the City Engineer, and two members to be appointed by and removed at the will of the Mayor. This Board shall serve without compensation, and the members shall hold office during their term of appointment or election.

Section 2. Duties:

(a) It shall be the duty of the City Planning Board to make studies and recommendations for the improvement of the City relating to the present and future movement of traffic, the convenience, health, recreation, general welfare, and other needs of the City which may be dependent upon or advanced by a general City Plan. All such matters coming to the attention of the City Council, or other department or division of City Government, shall be submitted to such Planning Board for report and recommendation. Such report and recommendation shall be made to the City Council for final action.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Mayor to present such matters as, in his opinion, should be studied by the Board. The representative of the City Council shall, from time to time, call to the attention of the Board such questions as have been presented to the Council for consideration. The City Engineer shall make such recommendations as, in his opinion, will assist in effecting a harmonious plan for future City development. The Chief Health Officer of the City, when such Health Department has been established, and until such time the Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles who shall have charge of such department for the City, shall advise the Board of any changes that, in his opinion, will improve the general health and welfare of the City.

(c) The Board shall from time to time report to the Council on any matters to which its attention has been called relative to its work, and shall submit annually a report of its activities, and shall present therewith its recommendations concerning a plan for future civic improvement, with an estimate of the necessary cost of carrying out such plan.

Section 3. Plats and Subdivisions:

(a) All plats or replats or subdivisions of land laid out in building lots, and the streets, alleys or other portions of the same intended to be dedicated to public use or for the use of purchasers or owners of lots fronting thereon or adjacent thereto, and located within the City or within three (3) miles of the boundaries thereof, shall be submitted by the City Clerk to the City Planning Board hereinabove created.

(b) The Board shall require that full information be furnished in connection with all plats, replats and subdivisions concerning all grades of streets, alleys, or other public ways, drainage and sewer facilities and all other public works and improvements, and said Board may require that certain public works and improvements be made or that bonds be furnished the City guaranteeing that all such works or improvements will be made. Such Board shall submit its report and recommendations to the City Council which report and recommendations shall be approved unless such recommendations are rejected by four-fifths vote of the said City Council.

ARTICLE XXV. PARK AND PLAYGROUND BOARD

Section 1. Personnel:

A City Park and Playground Board is hereby created and shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor, from among the electors of the City of Torrance, and hold office for three years and until their successors shall have been appointed and qualified; provided that the first members of the Board shall be appointed for one, two and three years respectively. This Board shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. Duties:

(a) It shall be the duty of the City Park and Playground Board to appoint a park superintendent (who shall also be City Forester), whose duties shall be prescribed by the Park Board. The Street Superintendent shall act in this capacity, without extra compensation, until his duties as Street Superintendent require his entire time.

(b) It shall be the duty of the City Park and Playground Board to conduct, operate, and maintain such parks, playgrounds, public ways, swimming pools, gymnasiums, stadiums, coliseums, museums, and/or other recreational or educational facilities, and adequate housing and buildings, tools and equipment, apparatus and paraphernalia necessary or useful in connection therewith, as shall be authorized, acquired and/or furnished by the City Council or the electors of the City of Torrance at a General or Special Municipal Election.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Board to prohibit injury to or interference with, trees, plants, shrubbery and ornamental growths in the public streets and ways of said City and to prescribe the punishment for such injury and interference. Said Board shall perform such other duties as may be conferred on it by the City Council not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

ARTICLE XXVI. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION FUND

Section 1. Annual Tax Levy:

The City Council shall propose and adopt annually a budget to effectuate the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and shall include in the annual tax levy provided for in this Charter, beginning with the fiscal year next succeeding the adoption of this Charter, and continuing until repealed by the initiative vote of the electors of the City of Torrance, a tax of five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all property within the City taxable for municipal purposes, to cover the expenditures included in said budget. Said tax shall be collected as other taxes of the City of Torrance are collected, as provided in this Charter.

Section 2. Purposes for Which Tax Used:

The proceeds of said tax may be used for any or all of the following purposes, to-wit: In the reception and entertainment of public guests; in the assistance of public celebrations held by the City at large; to aid in or carry on the work of inducing immigration to the City; to exhibit within or without the City, products manufactured, grown, or otherwise produced in the City; to advertise or otherwise call attention to the natural advantages, resources and enterprises of and within the City, and the adaptability of the City for industrial and residential sites, with the object of increasing its trade and commerce and of encouraging people to settle in Torrance; and generally to otherwise advertise, exploit and promote the City of Torrance.

Section 3. Creation of Fund:

A fund to be known as the Advertising and Promotion Fund is hereby created into which fund shall be paid all moneys received from the collection of the above tax.

Section 4. Agents of City of Torrance:

The City Council may perform the foregoing services, and or effectuate said purposes either by itself, or by its agents, duly appointed, or with whom it may contract for such purposes, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to delegate, and the City Council, shall not have power to delegate, any of the powers in this Article conferred on the City Council.

Section 5. Ordinance 139 Repealed:

Ordinance 139 of said City of Torrance, being "an ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, adopted on the 26th day of July, 1926, and providing for the levy and collection of a tax of ten cents (10c) on each One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation of all property in the City of Torrance taxable for municipal purposes which tax shall be used only for Parks, Music and Advertising purposes, and providing for an election to be held in the City of Torrance to determine whether this ordinance shall become effective," is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE XXVII. ELECTIVE OFFICERS:

The elective officers of the City of Torrance shall be elected at General Municipal Elections and may be elected at Special Municipal Elections, and shall be:

- A Mayor
- Five Members of the City Council
- A Police Judge
- A City Treasurer (See Finance and Accounting Department)

A City Clerk, who shall be ex-officio City Controller, and Clerk of the City Council.

The term of all elective officers shall begin to run from the date of the election, but the compensation of such officers shall not begin to run until he shall take the oath of his office. Any vacancy in any elective office shall be filled by the City Council and such appointee shall hold office until the next general municipal election.

ARTICLE XXVIII. THE MAYOR

Section 1. Qualifications, Nomination, Vacancy in Office, Salary:

The Mayor must be at least thirty years of age, an elector and resident of the City of Torrance for two consecutive years next preceding the date of his nomination, and must remain a resident of the City during his term of office, which shall be for four years.

The Mayor shall be nominated and elected at large.

A vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor, if the incumbent shall become a non-resident of the City, resign, or die. In event a vacancy should arise in the office of Mayor for any reason, including the above, such vacancy shall be immediately declared by the City Council by resolution, and unless a general municipal election is to be held within 180 days thereafter, the City Council shall thereupon call a special municipal election for the purpose of electing a Mayor to fill out the unexpired term, said election to be called for a date which shall be not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days from the date of the call thereof.

Pending the holding of said general or special municipal election, and the canvass of the vote thereat, the City Council shall appoint a Mayor, who shall possess all the powers and qualifications of the Mayor as herein specified, and who shall perform all the duties of said office.

The salary of the Mayor shall be \$100.00 per month, payable semi-monthly, commencing on the day this Charter becomes effective. The salary of the Mayor may be increased at any special or general municipal election, but no increase therein shall be effective until the beginning of the fiscal year next succeeding that in which such increase is granted.

Section 2. Chief Executive and Presiding Officer of City Council:

The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the City, and shall be the presiding officer of the City Council.

Section 3. Veto Power:

The Mayor shall have the right to veto any ordinance of the City Council, and in event he shall exercise such power, as herein provided, the same shall not become effective unless approved by a four-fifths vote of the City Council.

The Mayor may exercise a summary veto power or approve any ordinance in open Council meeting, stating orally his reason therefor to the members of the City Council, and in event said veto power is exercised summarily or his approval of any ordinance is given in open Council meeting, the reasons of the Mayor therefor shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting of said Council.

The Mayor may, however, exercise said veto power in the manner following: Upon the passage of any ordinance, the same shall thereupon be presented to the Mayor for approval and for his signature, if he approves it; if not so approved, he shall endorse thereon the date of its presentation to him, and shall within ten days thereafter present the same with his objections to the City Clerk who shall present the same to the City Council at its next regular or special meeting. Thereupon the City Council shall proceed to reconsider the passage of the same. If upon reconsideration, said ordinance is approved by a four-fifths vote of the members of said Council, the same shall become effective upon publication as herein provided despite the veto of the Mayor. If any ordinance shall not be returned to the City Clerk by the mayor, with his objections in writing, within ten days after it shall have been presented to him, it shall become effective upon publication as herein provided and be as valid as if the mayor had approved and signed the same.

If any ordinance is passed by the City Council after being vetoed by the Mayor, no further action is required to render it effective, except its publication, and its passage after reconsideration, shall be entered in the minutes of said meeting. If four members of the City Council are not present at the next meeting of the City Council after its veto by the Mayor, the Clerk may present said ordinance with said objections in writing, to the next regular or special meeting of said Council at which four members of said Council are present, and if at said first meeting, or said next regular or special meeting, said ordinance be not passed, after reconsideration, the same shall thereupon become null and void, and effective for no purposes whatsoever.

Section 4. Nominations By Mayor:

The Mayor shall have the right to nominate the following officers of the City of Torrance, and with the consent of three-fifths of the members of the City Council expressed in open meeting or by writing filed with the City Clerk, the same shall be appointed:

- (a) Chief of Police
- (b) City Engineer
- (c) Chief of Fire Department
- (d) Assistant Chief of Fire Department
- (e) Street Superintendent
- (f) All other officers and heads of departments not nominated and appointed by the City

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