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ROAD OPENED ... Supervisor Burton W. Chace (right) and County Road Commissioner I. L. Morhar inspect the recently completed section of Palos Verdes Boulevard at its intersection with Prospect Avenue in Redondo Beach and Torrance. The road was widened and improved with County gas tax funds allocated by Chace from the Fourth District road fund.

City to Get Tipplers, Utilities Users Taxes

Cuts in Some 'Very Vital' Areas Slated

A preliminary budget of \$25.3 million has been approved by the Board of Education for the coming Torrance Unified School District year, '69-'70.

In a regularly scheduled meeting Monday night, board members reported they had made more than \$1.3 million in cuts to original proposed budget cuts of \$1.5 million.

Board president Mrs. Kenneth Watts expressed displeasure at having to make cuts in existing programs before knowing exactly how much funding will be available from the state.

"We aren't even sure how much money they have approved for the last school year," Dr. Frank Mattox, assistant superintendent, business, told the board.

THE PROPOSED budget is based on the existing tax base, and on the same employee salary scale as last year. Both of these factors are likely to change before a final budget is approved on Aug. 4.

Also approved in this preliminary budget are the building fund, \$3,450,116; the cafeteria fund, \$138,081; and the children's center fund, \$28,244. These programs, although approved for the coming year, are not reflected in the \$25,373,321 budget figure.

The budget was approved exclusive of any certificated or classified personnel salary changes, although more than 100 employees have been trimmed from the personnel roles.

SITE PLANS have been approved at 231st Street and Arlington Avenue, which is to become a second pilot middle school (6, 7, 8th grades) with the transportation of class-

rooms from the phased-out Madison Elementary School.

The new middle school will service children now attending Wood and Adams elementary schools, projected as kindergarten through fifth grade plants.

Nine buildings will be moved from the Madison site, and nine more buildings will be constructed, although plans for the new structures have not yet been presented.

IN OTHER board action, the trustees approved boundary descriptions for Towers and Flavian schools. There are no changes in the boundaries, explained Board President Mrs. Kenneth Watts, but the board's approval "formalized" the existing descriptions.

The northern boundary of Towers Elementary School is from the western city boundary east along the city boundary to Entradero Avenue; the eastern boundary is south on Entradero Avenue to Del Amo Boulevard; the southern boundary is west along Del Amo Boulevard to the city boundary; and the western boundary is north along the city boundary to the northern city boundary.

For Flavian Elementary School, the northern boundary is east from the intersection of Entradero Avenue and the city boundary to Anza Avenue, south on Anza to the drainage ditch in back of the homes on the north side of Halison Street, east along this drainage ditch and its prolongation to Hawthorne Boulevard; the eastern boundary is south on Hawthorne Boulevard to Del Amo Boulevard; the southern boundary is west along Del Amo Boulevard to Entradero Avenue; and the western boundary is north along Entradero Avenue to the city boundary.

BOARD MEMBERS were presented with the elementary administrator reassignments for the coming '69-'70 school year.

Changes include (principals) Carl Wallner, Adams; William Leahy, Calle Mayor; Mrs. El-

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Registration For Choir Class Set

The El Camino College summer chorus — otherwise known as Music 55 — will be organizing this month, with the start of the first summer session at El Camino June 25.

The group will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with the first session set for Wednesday, June 25.

"Singers are invited to join in performing a variety of choral music including many musical comedy favorites," said Crist L. Mikkelsen, director of the summer chorus.

Registration for this and other classes in the summer session will be held June 23 and 24.



PHIL SHEAFFER

Sheaffer Is Top Jaycee

Phil Sheaffer has been named Outstanding Jaycee of the Year for 1968-1969 by the Torrance Jaycees. Sheaffer was presented with the award at the annual Jaycee installation.

Sheaffer has held the offices of external vice president and director, and has chaired several projects.

He is currently Lt. Governor for District 12, California Jaycees, with the responsibility for chapter service, chapter management assistance, spoke-and-spark programs, speak-up-and-write-up programs, and interdistrict visits.

Sheaffer has lived in Torrance for the past 13 years and is employed by Garrett-Airsearch.

Funds Earmarked For Street Work

Funds have been allocated to resurface Milton Street between Normandie and Kenwood avenues and on Mariposa Avenue near Milton Street.

Supervisors allocated \$2,500 for the work.

New Post Office Open House Set

Open house will be held Thursday at the brand new North Torrance Post Office, located at 18080 S. Crenshaw Blvd. The public is invited to drop by, tour the new facility, and meet with postal employees between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., according to Postmaster Carl L. Backlund.

City Gets \$81,000 in Road Funds

SACRAMENTO — Torrance has received \$81,710 as its share of the May apportionment of highway users taxes in California, Houston I. Flournoy, state controller, has announced.

Los Angeles County received \$3,372,622, Flournoy said.

A total of \$11,766,796 was distributed to counties in the state, while another \$8,750,347 was divided among the cities in California. The state highway fund got \$110,763,000, the controller reported.

\$1 Million in New Revenue Eyed by City

Torrance beer, wine, and martini drinkers should be worth about \$184,000 to the city during the coming fiscal year, the City Council figured last evening.

A new ordinance setting up an Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Tax — popularly known as a tipplers' tax — was adopted during discussions of the 1969-70 budget, and the 5 per cent levy on all alcoholic beverages sold in the city's bars and restaurants should bring in the projected \$184,000, councilmen were told.

The tipplers tax — along with a 5 per cent levy on all utilities except those used in the manufacture of products for sale — is expected to bring a total of more than \$1 million in new revenue to the city.

EFFECTIVE date of the new pay-as-you-drink tax was set at Aug. 1.

Last night's formal action on the new tax followed work sessions last weekend on the city's budget which governs spending beginning next month.

Councilmen had completed preliminary hearings on the proposed \$16.5 million budget Saturday, making sharp cuts in police, recreation, bus, and library department allotments.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro had been instructed to present his recommendations concerning where the \$400,000 in cuts should be made. City Councilmen ordered the \$400,000 in cuts to make up for the amount the city would lose in not charging a 5 per cent utility tax on producing industries within the city.

FERRARO'S proposed cuts amounted to \$429,971 — somewhat more than the council had ordered. But councilmen decided Saturday to reinstate

four items to the budget, totaling \$34,686. The remainder of Ferraro's recommendations were accepted by the council.

Main budget cuts are as follows:

• \$40,000 from the police budget (elimination of many new programs);

• \$37,025 from the library budget (postponement of the opening of the new main library to July 1, 1970, deferring the hiring of 28 new employees until the following fiscal year);

• \$50,000 from the bus department (elimination of certain routes found economically unprofitable during the year);

• \$45,172 from the Recreation Department (elimination of most new programs);

• \$7,245 from library budget (delay hiring until opening of new Civic Library);

• \$12,125 (eliminate purchase of two-ton sewer cleaning truck);

• \$9,000 (turn down Chamber of Commerce request for an additional annual contribution, over and above the \$36,000 it now receives).

Final public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 24.

Salary Boosts Okayed

City Councilmen and representatives of the Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA) ironed out wage, salary, and fringe benefit differences last night, resolving an impasse in negotiations between the TPOA and city management officials.

For a few tense moments before councilmen announced their decision, it looked as if the dispute might have to be settled by outside mediators.

TPOA President Phil Joseph presented a list of modified demands, announcing that the requests were the group's final offer. After a brief personnel session, councilmen announced they would accept six of the demands, referring a seventh back to city management officials for a recommendation.

Granted requests included:

• A 5½ per cent across-the-board raise, effective July 27;

• A clothing allowance increase of \$2.50 per month effective Jan. 1, 1970;

• Vacation plan agreed upon with the miscellaneous employees effective Jan. 1, 1970;

• A 5 per cent adjustment in captains' pay, effective July 27;

• Repayment of two days lost in 1966-67, to be paid back in 1970-71;

• Annual raises to begin on the anniversary of the employee's hiring, instead of on the first pay period following the anniversary.

The seventh request was the reinstatement of the position of assistant chief of police, which

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Prospect Avenue Work Completed

Completion of a \$900,000 road improvement project in the Redondo Beach-Torrance area has been announced by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Motorists are now traveling over Prospect Avenue and Palos Verdes Boulevard, the two streets which were widened and improved as part of the highway project.

Prospect was improved from Knob Hill Avenue to Irena Avenue, as was the stretch of Palos Verdes between Shadycroft Avenue and Irena.

THE WORK was funded out

of county gas tax revenues. Construction was done by Rush Engineering Co. of South El Monte under a \$490,494 contract awarded by supervisors last September.

Total cost of the project, including engineering and purchase of right-of-way, was approximately \$900,000.

The work consisted of rebuilding the existing two-lane roads to four lanes, parking lanes, curbs and gutters. In addition, extensive road drains were installed, as well as a sewer line on Palos Verdes to just north of Avenue D.

A TRAFFIC signal system with intersection lighting was installed at Palos Verdes and Prospect.

"While portions of the improvement are within Redondo Beach and Torrance, the county funded the project because it is vital to the over-all traffic flow in this area," Chace said.

AFS Student Chosen from Torrance

Karen McKim, a junior at Torrance High, has been selected as that school's representative in the Americans Abroad phase of the American Field Service program.

Miss McKim was chosen from a group of more than 20 candidates and won this honor on the basis of scholarship, citizenship, and the high ability to reflect and honor America while living in a foreign home.

The high school has been involved in the Americans Abroad program for several years and each student who has returned for his senior year, following a summer abroad, has contributed greatly to the school community, as well as profited personally from a fine opportunity.

Miss McKim has not as yet been notified to what country or city she will spend her summer in, but she anticipates it might be somewhere in Asia.

New Hours Set for Libraries

Special summer hours are now in effect at all Torrance libraries, Russell J. West, city librarian, has announced.

The libraries will be open additional hours throughout the summer to provide additional services for youngsters, West said. In addition, special programs are planned, including a "reading for fun" program at each branch.

New summer hours are:
Post Avenue Branch, 1345 Post Ave.: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Isabel Henderson Branch, 4805 Emerald Ave.: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Thursday.

North Torrance Branch, 3604 Artesia Blvd.: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Wednesday.

El Retiro Branch, 12-A Vista del Parque: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Friday.

Walteria Branch, 3815 W. 242nd St.: Monday and Wednesday, noon to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesday.

All libraries will be closed on Sundays.



WORK TO BE DONE ... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (fourth from left) pitches in with Torrance city officials to help with the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard between Torrance Boulevard and 190th Street. Armed with hard hats and shovels are (from left) Mayor Albert Isen; Torrance Chamber of Commerce Manager J. Walker Owens; and Councilmen William J. Uerkwitz and Ken Miller. Hahn commended the city officials for their support of better roads. "By the fine cooperation of the City of Torrance," Supervisor Hahn said, "all the motorists will have a better road and better traffic safety."