

Torrance, California  
February 10, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Blount.

Mayor Schwab announced this was Boy Scout Week, and in recognition of the Boy Scouts he requested the four scouts in the audience to lead the salute to our Flag. The four scouts also recited the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

As first order of business, Councilman Drale moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 1953, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place to receive bids for the rental of police cars. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger opened and read the following bids:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Amount of Bid</u>
Schultz & Peckham	6 cyl, 101 h.p. engines	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile
	8 cyl, 110 h.p. engines	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per mile
	8 cyl, 125 h.p. engines	7 ¢ per mile
	8 cyl, 125 h.p. w th add. equipment	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile
Paul's Chevrolet Co.	115 h.p. engines	7 ¢ per mile
	108 h.p. engines	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile
Western Auto Leasing Co.	1953 Pontiac 8 cyl.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile

Councilman Blount arrived at 8:10 p.m.

Councilman Spelman moved these bids be given to the City Manager and Chief of Police for further consideration and recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place for the hearing pertaining to the vacation of a portion of Illinois Court between 164th Street and 166th Street. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had the Affidavit of Publication. Oral protests were called for. Mr. John Gist inquired if they can go over the property at any time. City Manager Stevens advised him we retain the right for utility easements, which is the normal way of vacating any street or alley.

There being no other comments, Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this was the time and place for the hearing of Planning Commission Case #255, rezoning of property on Delia Avenue from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-1 (Single-family Residential). Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had the Affidavit of Publication.

There being no written or oral protests, Councilman Benstead moved Case #255 be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale. City Manager Stevens stated he thought it would be well in each case, not only to close the hearing but to decide on what the Council is going to do.

Councilman Drale then moved the vacation of Illinois Court be granted as the Planning Commission recommended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the rezoning of the property on Delia Avenue be changed to the new classification of rezoning. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger advised one of the Council members was ill and had requested the letter from the Recreation Commission, recommending appointment of Mr. Frank Carpenter, be given precedence over all other communications. The Council granted this request and Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following:

Letter from the Torrance Recreation Commission recommending that Mr. Frank H. Carpenter be appointed from the Civil Service eligible list as Director of Playgrounds and Recreation, as he was one of two candidates who were successful in passing the examination. Councilman Benstead stated he thought the Commission was entirely out of order in making this recommendation and that the Commission was not set up to tell the Council who to hire or fire; it was set up to furnish recreation for the children of Torrance.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman, and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount left the Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Statement from General Petroleum Corporation of gross receipts under franchises during the period November 1, 1951 to Oct. 31, 1952, accompanied by their check in the amount of \$646.81.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed and the check deposited with the City Treasurer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from Tide Water Associated Oil Company advising no receipts or earnings under Franchise Ord. No. 127 for the period February 1, 1952 to February 1, 1953.

Councilman Benstead moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Claim for property damage by F. J. Rooke, 433 Calle De Aragon, Torrance, California, in the amount of \$3,105.47.

Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Claim for damages by James B. Herbinson, 5446 Linda Drive, Torrance, California, in the amount of \$125,000.00.

Councilman Spelman moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter from the Civil Aeronautics Administration approving the proposal to lease a parcel of airport land to the Little League Baseball Association at the Torrance Municipal Airport, if the lease contained a clause making it revocable at any time it became necessary in the interest of aviation.

Mr. James Hawkins stated the Little League Baseball Association had presented their case previously and it was then thought best to find out how the C.A.A. felt about it before the Council reached a decision; that the League still wants the field; and that the project has the approval of the Recreation Commission. There was further discussion on the leasing of the land.

Councilman Benstead moved the members of the Little League Baseball Association meet with the Council one week from tonight at the next Council Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by all those present.

Letter from the Salvation Army requesting permission to conduct its annual "Salvage Week" campaign in Torrance during the week of April 13 to April 18.

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Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter from Eagle Aviation requesting lease at airport for construction of hangar.

Councilman Spelman moved this be referred to the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter from the Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4 requesting a representative be sent to participate and cooperate with this Board in the investigation and survey of the proposed industrial waste survey of Athens Area, which area includes Torrance. City Manager Stevens stated this had already been taken care of.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Letter from Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation requesting approval of proposed Tracts 15880 and 16607 in accordance with the terms and conditions as set forth in the hearings before the Planning Commission. That the possibility of the proposed State Freeway cutting off a corner of proposed Tract 15880, which is located at the northwest corner of Yukon and 182nd Street, and also the lower portion of proposed Tract 16607, lying north of 182nd Street and just east of the Edison Company power lines east of Yukon, would cause them undue hardships.

Councilman Drale inquired if a policy had been set up to handle these tracts. City Manager Stevens stated Tract 15880 was approved, subject to the provisions for the freeway. He said Mr. Wilson and Mr. Koenig of the Milton Kauffman Construction Corp. were in the audience, as they had been told the proper way to seek relief would be to appear before the Council. Mr. Koenig advised it was his understanding the letter from the State Highway Department was received the last of January, and prior to that time there had been action by the Planning Commission. He was of the opinion any action taken by Commissions should be backed up by the Council, and that is why they had gone ahead in good faith; the property has been purchased and they feel it is only fair that they be allowed to continue in the way they have it set up.

Mr. Wilson stated he checked with the Los Angeles Planning Commission and they assured him that, in their particular instance, that sub-dividers are protected by the State Map Act for a period of one year after the date of the Planning Commission hearing. Mr. Stevens advised that actually this freeway alignment has not been approved to date; it is expected to be sometime in February. Mr. Hall asked what was their specific request.

Mr. Stevens advised the freeway is a State project and the route shown on the maps is only tentative. Mr. Wilson's and Mr. Koenig's point is that they had already completed their subdivision before this route for the freeway has been approved.

Councilman Benstead inquired if this Tract had been approved before the letter came from the State. Mr. Stevens replied that the Planning Commission had approved the tract before the State's freeway route came in.

City Attorney Hall advised he was of the opinion that legally it could be approved; the State will either then have to condemn it or revise its plans. Councilman Drale inquired if the Tracts could be approved subject to the communication from the State. Mr. Stevens stated on the other case we approved the map with the stipulation the builder did not build on these lots for a period of ninety days, and if the State did not intervene before, they could go ahead. He said he thought if the tracts in question could be handled in the same manner it would fulfill any obligation we have to the State; and in the future all sub-dividers will be notified before they go before the Planning Commission. He also stated that unfortunately the State cannot assure these people they are going to act. The route has not been adopted yet, although it is expected to be this month.

Councilman Spelman asked what our position would be if we told these gentlemen to go ahead. City Attorney Hall stated there is nothing binding as far as the State is concerned; it is a matter of cooperation; the State will have to pay more money. He thought Mr. Stevens' suggestion the best one.

Councilman Drale inquired if this was the only tract map presented to the Planning Commission before we received the letter from the State. Mr. Stevens stated there were three, two belong to the Kauffman Company. He stated he thought the Council might, because these things had advanced so far, grant approval of these tracts, and from now on be governed by the location, and advise everyone what was proposed so they could be governed accordingly.

Councilman Drale moved Proposed Tracts 15880 and 16607 be approved as presented by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Spelman inquired if the State should be advised of our action. Mr. Stevens stated we will inform the State of our action and what our future policy will be.

Recess was declared by the Mayor at 9:10 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Application before the Public Utilities Commission for rate increase by the Southern California Edison Company for electric service.

Councilman Spelman moved the application be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Councilman Benstead stated it seemed that Torrance was paying the highest rates in the area, that the people are taking a beating in their power rate, and moved that the matter of Torrance producing their own power be brought up at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letters from Raymond V. Darby, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and Forrest G. Murdock, Superintendent, both advising against the City of Torrance annexing the Alondro Park area.

Mayor Schwab stated that, in appointing the Fact Finding Commission, he had merely asked them to get all the facts and present them to the Council, which he felt they had done. There being no other comments, Mayor Schwab asked that a letter of thanks be sent to this Commission for the work they have done.

Letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, recommending that the necessary resolutions be prepared for submission at the next meeting for the purpose of asking the State for \$1,900.00 to be applied on the preparation of plans and specifications for the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1, Revised, and \$1,020.02 to be applied on the preparation of plans and specifications for the Seaside Ranchose Sewer District.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of the Engineering Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, submitting petitions for the creation of a sanitary sewer district in a portion of the Hollywood Riviera section, which has been re-named "Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1, Revised"; also submitting the following letter from the County Health Department:

"January 29, 1953"

"Honorable City Council  
City of Torrance  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Attention: Mr. John R. Patrick  
Assistant to City Engineer

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Sanitary Sewers - Hollywood Riviera Sanitary  
Sewer District #1 Revised.

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I, the undersigned, Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, and who have been officially designated by the City Council to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the construction of sanitary sewers in that portion of the Hollywood Riviera, City of Torrance, known as the Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District #1 Revised, as shown on the attached map. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

This department has made an investigation of this Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District #1 Revised, as outlined in red on the attached map. During the course of this investigation 219 house-to-house calls were made. Of this number 39 were not at home or did not answer the door. Out of the 180 property owners or tenants actually contacted 80 or 44.4 per cent reported that they have had trouble with their private sewage disposal systems. They complained of the seepage pits filling up or caving in; also the necessity of frequent pumping of the pits, and the installation of new seepage pits. One contact reported that they had to pump their seepage pit every three months; another reported that they had installed three new seepage pits in three years.

The nature of this trouble is inherent with the use of seepage pits in areas such as this where the soil does not provide good leaching action. The soil is a fine beach sand. This fine sand sifts into the pits through the spaces between the brick lining of the pit and either causes the pit to fill up with sand or cave in. Out of the 80 property owners or tenants contacted during our investigation, four were not in favor of installing sanitary sewers.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.  
ROY O. GILBERT, M. D.  
County Health Officer"

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of Asst. to City Engineer Patrick and the County Health Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, recommending the subdivider, Beverly Construction Company, be permitted to set aside Lot 48 and Lot 49 of Tract 16701 as a basin which will be excavated to a depth to properly retain water, and then construct seepage holes to a depth that will encounter a granular soil that will allow for percolation from the basin. It is understood that this would be only a temporary set-up until other easements may be obtained.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Asst. to City Engineer Patrick on Tract 16701. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Harry G. Drake, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be promoted to serve his probationary period as Engineer in the Fire Department, effective February 16, 1953, at the compensation set forth as the fourth step for the classification.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That the City Council authorize the expenditure of approximately \$5,000 for the installation of extra-size water main in Tract No. 15272, so that other areas in the vicinity may be served in the future. (Water Department Funds)
2. To James Montgomery for engineering services during the month of January 1953, the sum of \$1,436.02. (Water Bond Funds)

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from City Manager Stevens reporting damage to center portion of Adult Recreation Center, caused by fire of unknown origin, the loss of which is fully covered by insurance.

Councilman Spelman moved this letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Transmittal Form submitted by Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, for approval of subdivision of Tract No. 18852, consisting of 96 lots, to be developed by Henry Albachten, at the east of Crenshaw Blvd., north of 170th Street, south of Dominguez Blvd.

Councilman Drale stated this subdivider had built a tract at 171st and Glenburn in Torrance and had never fixed the parkways. He moved to concur with the recommendation for approval of Tract No. 18852, with the provision that Henry Albachten complete the parkways as agreed in Tract at 171st and Glenburn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Transmittal Form submitted by Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, for approval of subdivision of Tract No. 16554, consisting of 48 lots, to be developed by Watt Development Company.

Councilman Drale inquired if the original tract map which was held up for ninety days should not be given the same consideration. City Manager Stevens agreed and stated that in the future all subdividers will be advised of the proposed freeway site.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, of Tract No. 16554. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending the City Attorney be instructed to file a formal complaint against Mrs. Eva Smith, 1521 Crenshaw Boulevard, charging violation of the Land Use Ordinance, as well as the City Building Code.

Councilman Benstead inquired if Mrs. Smith had obtained a permit to operate a beauty parlor at this address. City Manager Stevens stated he was not sure but thought it was being held up, that the building permit was denied and the building was built anyway.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and that a check be made to be sure that no license was issued to operate the beauty shop. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2356

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND FAIRBANKS, MORSE & CO. IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2356. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2357

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PEERLESS PUMP DIVISION, FOOD MACHINERY & CHEMICAL CORPORATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2357. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2358

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2358. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2359

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING CONSTRUCTION OF A SERVICE CONNECTION BY METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA UPON THE PALOS VERDES FEEDER; GRANTING EASEMENT FOR SUCH CONNECTION.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2359. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2360

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

City Manager Stevens explained that about five months ago we contacted Coates & Herfurth Company to make a survey to determine the cost to amend our contract, with all the latest amendments. The employees want these benefits added he said and the results of the survey show the amendment bases the final compensation for any retiring employee at the highest salary of any five years of his employment. He gets a percentage for his years of service and it does not increase any employees contribution, unless he makes over \$416.66 a month. The amendment saves the city \$10,861.00. In other words, it would save the city \$10,861.00 and next year it would be even more. In order to make that amendment, a resolution of intention must be made and twenty days later an ordinance. It results in a savings to the City and the benefits are increased.

Councilman Drale inquired if this would bind the City more than a contract. City Manager Stevens replied it is a contract, but it would be amended. Councilman Drale stated some of the employees would like to be covered by social security and asked if this couldn't be held up until we find out what can be done about social security for the employees. City Manager Stevens said the Police and Fire departments cannot be covered by social security and this contract has to go on in any case, and it would result in a savings of nearly \$11,000.00. This matter is under consideration and after two or three general meetings we appointed a committee of about ten employees, representing every department in the City, and they in turn selected two employees out of each department, one young and one older employee, and sent their records to Sacramento to get an accurate record of benefits to be derived so that a comparison could be made. When we receive those we are going to compare them and present the facts to the people. Mayor Schwab said that regardless of what happens to social security this will benefit the employees.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2360. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of all those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2360. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of all those present.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 626

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 625 BY ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF HEATING AND VENTILATING PERMITS.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 626 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 627

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 627 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Benstead stated that on several occasions it has been brought to the attention of the Council by the Civil Service Commission that only three Council members serve on the Police and Fire Committee.

Councilman Benstead moved that all five Council members serve on the Police and Fire Committee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale stated we have temporary employees that are appointed where there is no eligibility list. The Civil Service Board would like to eliminate this so that before a position is filled they could call for an examination. I move that all temporary appointments be made through the Civil Service Board after an examination. Councilman Benstead said that in some cases they do not have an eligibility list and there was no excuse for this. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

City Manager Stevens advised he did not think that would be practical. He explained that this is a condition of the times and that ultimately we will have no problem. Employment is tight today, but eventually we will have a list; at present we can hardly keep a list, only one or two qualify after an examination and then they do not want the job.

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Mr. Henry Guenser requested the Council to reconsider their decision taken at the Regular Meeting held January 27, in denying him a permit to build a cesspool for a three room quonset hut, located on property near 178th Street in North Torrance. After a lengthy discussion Mayor Schwab advised he would like to take this up at the next Agenda meeting.

Mr. W. E. Kilgore inquired what was going to be done about Earl Street. City Manger Stevens advised he had informed the property owners to bring their deeds into the office but to date none of them have. City Attorney Hall told Mr. Kilgore he would not get anyplace until a title search was made, and again requested him to bring his deed to Mr. Stevens and himself and they would see what could be done for him.

A gentleman in the audience inquired why the Dicalite Company did not control the dust. He did not think the property owners should have to put up with this, and asked if the Council could not do something to remedy the condition, as well as controlling the speed of trucks and trailers. He said the City has cleaned up the ditch and piled up the weeds which were going to be burned when they get a permit from the Smog Control. He questioned why the City must have a permit from the Smog Control when a private individual can get one. City Manager Stevens thought the weeds had been burned by this time. He explained that as a matter of policy he talks to the Air Pollution Board and they work with the City. He said the Dicalite Company is in the County and we have no control over it, however, the matter has been reported to the Smog Control.

The same gentleman reported how the water came out of the new tract onto Newton Road and asked if the ditch could not be cut down to retain the water. City Manager Stevens advised this was an open cross gutter and that this was the only place for the water to run.

Mayor Schwab said another letter would be sent to the Smog Control regarding the Dicalite Company, and that the speeding trucks and trailers should be taken care of by the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Mark Fox, who was in the audience, protested that the benefits derived from the Retirement System were not adequate and was dissatisfied with the plan. A lengthy discussion followed on the Retirement Plan and Social Security as they would benefit the employee. City Manager Stevens explained that we are trying to obtain further information on the Retirement and Social Security Plans, and as soon as received the facts will be presented to the employees.

There being no further business, Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 10:45 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE