

Torrance, California  
December 4, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, December 4, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

Councilman Blount, Acting Mayor while Mayor Isen was away from the City, expressed his most sincere thanks to the gentlemen of the Council who made presiding over the Council so pleasant, and formally requested the Chair be turned back to Mayor Isen.

At the request of Mayor Isen, William Alexander led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen said he did not intend to give a report now on his trip, but in reading the Minutes of the meetings held while he was away, he thinks the Council did a good job, and that Councilman Blount did a wonderful job as Acting Mayor.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 1956 meeting of the Council, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A November 16, 1956, request from the Girl Scouts, Los Angeles Council, signed by Irene Puhlman, Public Relations Director, requesting permission for the Girl Scouts to hold their annual Cookie Sale in Torrance from February 8, 1957, through February 23, 1957. The letter enclosed a permit card such as will be carried by each adult who accompanies the girls during the sale, and requested that this be used within our City's jurisdiction.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.  
There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. A petition dated November 5, 1956, which bore 19 signatures, opposed the future extension of Fonthill Avenue, which would have a terminus at 190th Street, was presented by the "Residents of Fonthill Avenue".

A memorandum from the City Engineer reported that the Staff, at their meeting of October 18, 1956, recommended that Fonthill not be extended southerly to 190th Street, but should not be blocked.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Staff.

City Attorney Remelmeyer told the Council that this is part of a Case now under consideration, and should not be acted on tonight; but should be put on the Agenda of the next meeting.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen instructed this held over for the Agenda of the next regular Council meeting.

3. A letter dated November 20, 1956, from Albert G. Kovach of 21730 Barbara Street, Torrance, protested the location of "Stop" signs on the streets of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved Mr. Kovach's letter be referred to the Traffic Commission.

There were no objections and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen suggesting to Chief of Police Haslam that the Traffic Commission reply to Mr. Kovach's letter.

4. A request presented by James D. Archer of 319 Calle de Andalucia, signed by himself and three other property owners in Block C, Tract No. 10306, that the easement between their properties be eliminated, and gave their reasons for making this request.

A memorandum from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, dated November 20, 1956, recommended that we concur in the request of Mr. Archer, et al., in eliminating this easement, with the exception that easements be retained for drainage, sewage, and utility use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation by Mr. Patrick, with the easements to be retained for drainage, sewage, and utility use, and the necessary Resolutions to be prepared.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. A letter dated November 16, 1956, from Wilburn E. Baker, President of the Inter-City Highway Committee, protested against the hazardous conditions which exist in the tunnel on Sepulveda Blvd. between Imperial and Century Boulevards, and urged the City Council of Torrance to join them in protesting to the departments of the City of Los Angeles having the authority over said highway and asking them to initiate remedial action.

Councilman Drale moved the necessary communications be sent by the City Manager.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen directing that Councilman Drale, as a member of the Inter-City Highway Committee, also sign the letters.

6. A letter dated November 20, 1956, from the Torrance Dental Health Association, signed by Donald J. Hitchcock, President, submitted to the City Council a Resolution endorsing fluoridation of all public water supplies within the City of Torrance, and urged immediate installation of fluoridation without delay.

Mayor Isen pointed out that a Public Hearing should be held before any action can be taken on such a Resolution.

Councilman Benstead said there was someone present who would like to speak to the Council tonight on this subject, and said he would like to hear them.

Mr. Hitchcock was present, and in reply to questions from Mayor Isen, said he would be glad to come back at the time of a Public Hearing.

Councilman Benstead said he could be heard tonight.

Mr. Hitchcock said he would be glad to wait.

Mayor Isen set the date of the Public Hearing as January 8, 1957, at 8:00 P. M.

Mayor Isen had with him a St. Louis paper dated November 27, 1956, which contained an article on this subject. The Mayor handed this to the City Manager for information.

7. A letter dated November 27, 1956, from the Torrance Unified School District, signed J. H. Hull by S. E. Waldrip, informed the Council that a Resolution initiating condemnation proceedings against Grand Construction Co. in their Tract No. 20944 at 166th and Arlington, was filed with the County Counsel on October 26, 1956. A copy of the School District's letter to the Planning Commission under date of October 17, 1956, was enclosed for the Council's information.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

8. A letter dated November 28, 1956, from I. J. Hallanger, submitted his resignation from the service of the City, effective December 15, 1956.

Councilman Jahn moved Mr. Hallanger's resignation be accepted with regret, and that a letter be written to him by the City Manager to thank him for his service to the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

9. An invitation signed by J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Torrance Fire Dept., asked the Councilmen to be present at the dedication ceremonies for Fire Station No. 4, at 5205 Calle Mayor, at 2:30 P. M. Saturday, December 8, 1956.

Chief Benner was present, and said the invitation was also extended to the wives of the Councilmen.

Mayor Isen thanked the Chief for the Council, and said those who could arrange to attend the ceremonies would do so.

10. A letter from John V. Russell, Supt. of Bldg., recommended an 80% refund to Jean A. Sahs, 2626 Dalemead, of a \$24 fee paid for permit #14779 on August 13, 1956. Mr. Russell reported that the plans were changed, and a new fee paid on October 19, 1956.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation that the refund be made to Mr. Sahs in the amount of \$19.20.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. A letter dated December 3, 1956, from S. E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, submitted a proposed Ordinance providing for licensing canvassers and solicitors, and recommended that the license fee provision be changed to read as follows:

"(g) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of this Section 16.53, the licensee as a condition of the issuance of the license shall pay to the City (1) the license fee as required for a resident business by Sections 16.66 and 16.67 of this chapter 16 and (2) in addition thereto, an annual fee of Sixteen Dollars (\$16.00) for each person acting as a canvasser or solicitor in the City."

Councilman Drale asked whether license fees for salesmen would be pro-rated, and the City Attorney said no.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if a sales person were invited to a home whether a fee would apply.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said each case would have to be considered on its merits. He said there is little question that the Ordinance as presented will require changes later, but said it is a good working start.

Mr. Frank Frohnhoefer, who had written a letter to the Council with regard to this Ordinance, asked if the licenses would be on a calendar or fiscal year basis.

The City Attorney said they would be on a calendar year.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector and City Attorney on the Ordinance as corrected.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 846

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING OF CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 846, as corrected, at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

12. A request from Boy Scout Troop No. 241 for a free license to operate a Christmas Tree lot at the corner of 220th and Western Ave. in Torrance, signed by D. Boone Kirks, Committee Chairman, Boy Scout Troop No. 241.

A memo from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, recommended that the free license be granted, and that Fire Permit be obtained and the \$25 clean-up fee be deposited.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, dated December 3, 1956, and signed by Dick Fitzgerald, Mgr., asking for permission to land "Santa Claus" by helicopter in the City parking lot at the corner of Cravens and El Prado at 9:00 A. M. on Saturday, December 8, 1956. The letter asked for police protection to be furnished, saying that "Santa" would remain on the ground for approximately one-half hour distributing free gifts of candy to the children. The letter assured the Council that the company is fully insured and the City would be under no obligation whatever.

Chief of Police Haslam, who had received a copy of the letter, said his department would have to have help in keeping the parking lot clear during the morning traffic hours.

Mr. Fitzgerald was present, and said they would furnish plenty of men to help, but would need policemen there for authority.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request of the Chamber of Commerce, with the City to be protected by a 'hold harmless' clause.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney whether the City would not assume responsibility by allowing the helicopter to land on City property and furnishing police protection.

The City Attorney said yes.

Mayor Isen said the City should have a waiver from "Santa" and the people who furnish the plane.

Councilman Drale amended his motion as follows, "to concur with the request of the Chamber of Commerce, with the City to be protected by public liability insurance to the approval of the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

#### Recommendations of the City Manager:

##### PERSONNEL:

1. John R. Kirkpatrick was employed as Draftsman in the Engineering Department, in a temporary capacity in the absence of an eligible list, effective November 26, 1956, at the first salary step. An examination for Draftsman is scheduled for December 8, which will be the third examination held this year for this classification.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager under "Personnel".

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

##### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To K & K Body Works for alterations and additions to the Paint Department truck, the sum of \$821.60. By properly arranging this truck with steps, storage racks and boxes, it will be possible to greatly improve the efficiency of the Paint Crew, as well as to protect the equipment that is stored on the truck. Three bids were taken with the K & K Body Works submitting the lowest bid indicated above.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, No. 1 under "Appropriations".

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. That final payment be made to R. E. Payne, General Contractor on the City Hall and Police Station, in the amount of \$7,286.05. This payment was held up pending certain corrections which have been made.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager if all the necessary improvements have been made.

City Manager Stevens said Mr. Payne will have to have men coming back for minor jobs for quite a while.

Councilman Blount said he does not feel the ventilating system is right, has been right, or will be right. He pointed out that although it was rather a cool evening, the thermometer in the Council Chamber read 83°. He said he did not feel the final payment should be made until the system is working properly.

Councilman Blount moved to table the City Manager's recommendation that final payment be made to R. E. Payne.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked what the City's responsibility is under the contract.

City Attorney Remelmeyer replied that he would have to read the contract to be sure.

Mayor Isen asked for a report from the Attorney on this point at the next meeting of the Council.

Motion to table carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if he has looked into the possibility of general maintenance in all the City's buildings.

City Manager Stevens said it has been investigated, but a price has not yet been set. He said he would have to get the figure before this is referred to the City Council for their decision.

#### CONTRACTS:

1. That lease contracts be made with David A. Cook, William R. Lewis and Archie L. Jackson for leasing motorcycles for the period of October 1, 1956, to September 30, 1957, in accordance with the terms of the lease.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if any studies had been made as to the possibility of it being cheaper to purchase motorcycles.

City Manager Stevens said no; he said his Department is now making a study on police cars, and will call for bids for them in January.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to have his Department make a similar study on motorcycles as well, and make a recommendation to the Council. He asked Councilman Benstead if he would amend his motion to make the contracts listed here expire simultaneously with the automobile leases.

Councilman Benstead accepted the amendment to his motion.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion as amended, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale suggested that the Police and Fire Commissions consider adding more motorcycles, and repeated this is a suggestion only.

#### Rental for Farm Lease at Torrance Municipal Airport:

A letter from the City Manager on the above subject read as follows:

"At the regular Council meeting held on July 31, 1956, the City

Council extended the Farm Lease at the Torrance Municipal Airport to Ardanaz Bros., terminating approximately May 1, 1959. Under the terms of the lease adjustment is to be made each year for lands that are removed from farming and placed into other uses. Based on the land removed for various causes since the inception of the lease, the farmable area has been reduced 33.5%. Therefore, the lease rental should be reduced by a like amount, reducing it from \$6,000 per year to \$3,990 per year.

Based on the above facts, I would recommend that the rental due for the year ending September 30, 1956, be fixed at \$3,990.

In past years, when the rental was \$6,000 or slightly less, the Lessee paid \$3,000 in advance with the remainder being paid after the crop was harvested, usually in November or December. Due to the fact that the lease has been reduced to approximately \$4,000 per year, I recommend that the advance payment be reduced to \$2,000 with the remainder being paid at the end of the crop year.

During the remaining period of the lease, which will expire May 1, 1959, there will be additional land withdrawn from agricultural use for industrial, commercial and aviation purposes. However, the removal of such land will bring higher payments to the City than the present agricultural lease produces. The agricultural lease has been very useful during the period of development of the Airport."

Councilman Drale moved to refer this to the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said this has been before the Airport Commission, and in fact was before them when he was still on that Commission.

City Manager Stevens said the change in the lease terms was made because the amount of farmable land has been cut down.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said the Airport Commission should receive copies of this letter with the information that this is not a change of lease terms, but simply an arithmetical process.

#### AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated November 30, 1956, signed by Jack White, President of the Airport Commission, requested a meeting with the City Council and the City Manager at their earliest convenience to discuss the Master Plan for the Airport.

The meeting was set for 7:00 P. M. Thursday, December 20, 1956, at the City Hall.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Manager to inform the Commission of the appointment, and the City Clerk to remind everyone concerned of the meeting ahead of time.

#### ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Final Tract Map No. 16884 (Resubmitted): Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Dept. recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 16884, located southerly of Spencer St., easterly of Henrietta Street and westerly of Victor St., containing 60 lots presented by Watt Construction Co. Attached: (a) letter from City Atty. dated Nov. 30, 1956; (b) transmittal form; (c) pages 5, 6, and 8 of Planning Comm. Minutes of Nov. 7, 1956; (d) letter from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engr., dated Nov. 6, 1956; (e) letter from So. Calif. Edison Co. dated Aug. 17 1956; (f) L. A. County Flood Control District letter dated July 17, 1956; (g) sketch.

Councilman Blount called the attention of the Council to a note dated Nov. 30, 1956, from Mr. Patrick, at the bottom of the transmittal form. The note reported that the lots abutting Spencer St. have been changed from the tentative tract map and now face Spencer Street.

Councilman Blount moved the entire matter be sent to the Planning Commission, as this change has not been acted on by them.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Ray Watt, of Watt Construction Co. told the Council the Planning Commission had acted on this. He said the map was submitted to them at their last meeting.

Planning Director Powell was present, and replied to a question from Mayor Isen by saying he believed City Engineer Bishop was in his office at this moment, and said he would be glad to have this checked.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed Mr. Watt to go with Mr. Powell to check this point.

2. A letter dated Nov. 30, 1956, from City Engineer Bishop recommended the release of the bond in Tract No. 21246, No. 16-116471, Anchor Casualty Co., in the amount of \$39,000, subdivider, Dartmouth Homes.

Attached was a memo dated Nov. 21, 1956, from C. W. Clemmer, Park Supt., advising that the trees planted in the parkways of the subject tract comply with Park Dept. tree planting specifications and Ordinance No. 677 of the City of Torrance.

A sketch of the tract was also attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer that the Bond in Tract No. 21246 be released.

Councilman Benstead asked if anyone could tell him when the trees were checked.

City Manager Stevens said Mr. Clemmer was away last week, and he had not been able to contact him yesterday or today, so he could not say. The City Manager said he would have the answer by next week.

Councilman Drale's motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold this over for the next meeting of the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

3. A letter dated November 30, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engineer, submitted a Resolution of Intention for the vacationing of the westerly 65 feet of Palos Verdes Boulevard between Catalina Ave. and Pacific Coast Highway. A location sketch was attached. The letter from Mr. Patrick advised the Council that the City of Redondo Beach has vacated the 65-foot strip which lies within its city boundaries.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD IN TRACT NO. 10300, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3061.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. A letter from John R. Patrick dated Nov. 30, 1956, submitted a Resolution of Intention of a part of the Felker Alley, reserving permanent rights of way in accordance with the vacationing procedures for that

for that portion of the alley northerly of this portion and adjacent to Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12. A sketch showing the location of this alley was attached.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN ALLEY IN TRACTS 2381 AND 2807; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of this Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3062.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. A letter from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to the City Engineer, submitted street easements in Tract. #3458.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3063

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM HAFFER G. DICKSON AND MAY S. DICKSON.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3063.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3064

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM HAROLD L. RITKO AND KATHALEEN D. RITKO.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3064.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. A letter from J. R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engineer, submitted Street Easements on Garnet St., in Tract #3458.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3065

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM DONALD S. HAMILTON AND DORIS J. HAMILTON.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3065.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3066

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM RALPH E. MORELAND AND MAE B. MORELAND.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3066.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3067

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM DOUGLAS J. HORLANDER AND JOANNE L. HORLANDER.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3067.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. A letter dated Nov. 30, 1956, from John R. Patrick, submitted street easements in the La Fresa Tract, on a part of 170th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 3068

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
FROM LEWIS & SONS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3068.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3069

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM EUGENIA KIRAMIS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3069.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. A letter from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engr., submitted street easements in Tract 22842, Mansel Avenue, cul de sac.

RESOLUTION NO. 3070

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM B & B CONSTRUCTION CO.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3070.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Letter from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engr., dated Nov. 30, 1956, submitted street easements in Tract 10185.

RESOLUTION NO. 3071

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM DEVERYLE T. WEISS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3071.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3072

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM  
DEED FROM STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, A DELAWARE  
CORPORATION.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3072.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. CASE NO. 413: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of Case No. 413, petition of Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone from R-3 to R-1, in portions of Tract 18416.

Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Third and Final Hearing on this Case as 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, December 26, 1956, in the Council Chamber at the City Hall.

11. CASE NO. 414: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 414, petition of Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone from M-2 to C-3, 9.9 acre parcel near northwest corner of Madrona Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard.

Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Third and Final Hearing on this Case as 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, December 26, 1956, in the Council Chamber at the City Hall.

12. CASE NO. 415: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of Case No. 415, petition of Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone to R-3 in portion of Tract 19626 and 18911.

Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Third and Final Hearing on this Case as 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, December 26, 1956.

REPORTS:

1. Mayor Isen recommended that the City pay the annual dues of \$100 for the fiscal year of 1956-57 for membership in the Committee of Mayors of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Mayor Isen and pay the \$100 dues payable September 1, 1956.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A report was received that the October-November, 1956, report of the Air Pollution Control District, County of Los Angeles, is now on file in the office of the City Clerk for anyone who wishes to examine it.

3. The office of the City Clerk reported that they now have on file in that office the new Taxpayers' Guide, Los Angeles County.

RESOLUTION NO. 3073

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH LOUIS KROEGER, DBA KROEGER AND ASSOCIATES.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3073.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 3074

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF LEASE DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1956, BY AND BETWEEN GEORGE BINDER AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead asked where the land involved is located.

City Manager Stevens said it is behind the Chamber of Commerce building toward Sartori Ave., and the City is getting this land so they can light it, police it, etc.

Motion to dispense with further reading carried unanimously by roll call vote

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3074.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that the voters of the El Nido District will be going to the polls to vote on the question of annexation to the City of Torrance on December 11, 1956. He said the next Resolution is being

presented so that the voters of the El Nido District will know how glad the Council of the City of Torrance will be to have them join our City. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3075

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INVITING THE ELECTORS OF EL NIDO TERRITORY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3075. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett reported to the Council that the results of the El Nido vote on annexation would be available after 7:00 P. M. on December 11, 1956, in the office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Isen suggested the newspapers copy this Resolution, and that a sufficient number of copies of it be mimeographed so that it may be freely circulated in El Nido to let the voters there know the sentiments of the City Council in regard to the annexation.

Councilman Jahn said he understood there will be a homeowners' meeting in El Nido next Thursday night to discuss this question, and that the Councilmen would be welcome guests.

City Manager Stevens's assistant, Don Mansfield, said this was true; he reported that Planning Director Powell will have a brochure ready for distribution to the voters in the area, as well as this Resolution. Mr. Mansfield said Mr. Powell has done a great deal of work on this.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 845

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY, DESIGNATED AS "KNOLLS ANNEXATION NO. 1", IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939."

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 845 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 847

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 847.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 847 at its first and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of December 9-15, 1956, Bill of Rights Week in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the Proclamation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.

Planning Director George Powell and Mr. Watt returned to the Council Chamber at this time.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Powell about the Resolution concerning the El Nido annexation, and suggested that he take a large number of copies with him when he talks to the voters of the El Nido territory.

Mr. Powell told the Council about the meeting Thursday evening, and the brochure he will distribute, and said any members of the Council who can attend that meeting will be most welcome.

Planning Director Powell then reported on Final Tract Map. No. 16884. He told the Council this was submitted to the Regional Planning Commission before the area came into the City of Torrance, and that was why the map was originally passed, but that with the changes that have been made, it is recommended the new Revised Tentative Map and Final Map go back to the Planning Commission before being acted on by the City Council.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Jim Hall, acting as the City's representative in their negotiations with the Moneta Water Co., and Mr. McCall, the attorney for Moneta Water Co., have tentatively agreed, subject to Council approval, to employ Stone & Webster to make an appraisal of the Moneta Water Co., with half the cost of the appraisal to be paid by the City and half by the Moneta Water Co.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager and the City Attorney be authorized to negotiate with Stone & Webster for the appraisal of the Moneta Water Co.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion.

Councilman Blount objected to the motion.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his second to the motion, and moved the City Attorney be authorized to negotiate with Stone and Webster to get a price on the appraisal of the Moneta Water Co.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked for a report from the Traffic Commission as to their action on the petitions for traffic lights at 182nd and Prairie and 182nd and Crenshaw. He said the people in the area would like to know what disposition was made of their requests.

Mayor Isen said he has a communication from the City Clerk to the effect that the term of K. Bloomfield as a trustee of the Library Board has expired.

Councilman Blount, as a member of that Board, said Mr. Bloomfield has moved from the City, and any suggestions as a replacement for him would be most welcome.

Mayor Isen said he would welcome suggestions for the appointment, which he will make at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Isen appointed Mr. Lawrence A. Gitschier of 1303 Acacia St. as a new member of the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill an existing vacancy.

Mayor Isen said the brochure about Torrance which was used in Memphis was very fine, and pointed out that it was very hurriedly prepared here in the City Manager's office. He said everyone who saw it in Memphis was interested in it, and most complimentary. There are about 50 copies of the brochure left, he said, and he thinks each member of the City's Commissions as well as the heads of the Departments should be furnished

copies of it, and the Mayor so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen said he was in the East immediately after the tragic fatal accident at the sump here in Torrance, but he wanted to express his personal sympathy. He said the sumps present a difficult problem. It seems to him, he went on, that it would be in order for an inventory of the location and condition of each sump in Torrance to be presented to the Council, with recommendations for further safety measures where necessary, and the City Council can set up regular inspections of the sumps, with the City Attorney to look into the possibility of an Ordinance that will establish criminal liability for non-attendance at these sumps when work is being done, or for negligence. He said there should be something spelling out what would be called criminal negligence.

Mayor Isen pointed out that there was no negligence on the part of the City at the time of the accident at the sump recently.

Mayor Isen so moved.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager how many sumps there are in Torrance.

City Manager Stevens said he thinks there are about 10, which are frequently inspected.

Councilman Benstead seconded the Mayor's motion.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to have the responsibility for inspection given to someone after the first survey.

Mayor Isen said he feels the survey and inspections should be made by the Land Use Investigator.

Mayor Isen asked for a full report, and directed the City Attorney to look into such an Ordinance as outlined here by him.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen spoke to the Councilmen about the strike now going on at National Supply Co., and said he understands that Federal mediators have failed to work out a solution to the problems involved; with the consent of the Council, the Mayor said, he intends to write a letter offering his services, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, to mediate this dispute.

The Council concurred with the Mayor's suggestion.

Councilman Drale asked that a letter of sympathy and best wishes for his recovery from injuries received in an auto accident be sent to Mr. Lawrence Wing, a member of the City's Planning Commission.

Planning Director Powell reported to the Council that Mr. Wing is almost fully recovered, and will be at the Planning Commission meeting of Wednesday, December 5, 1956.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

APPROVED:

*A. H. Barthel*

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance