

Torrance, California
July 13, 1954

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, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 13, 1954, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Drale presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Cmdr. Wm. A. Mason led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. James P. Lowen, pastor of the Four Square Gospel Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of July 6, 1954, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Mayor Drale announced this is the time and the place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 2582, North Torrance Sewer District No. 2.

The hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 2582 for the Improvement of North Torrance Sewer District No. 2 was opened at 8:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California. The Clerk filed his affidavits as to publication of Resolution of Intention No. 2582 and also as to mailing notices to property owners regarding adoption of this resolution and time of hearing. The Street Superintendent filed his affidavit as to posting notices of improvement.

Councilman Blount moved they be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed, or both. The Mayor then inquired if any written protests had been filed with the Clerk. City Clerk Bartlett reported that no written protests had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing.

Mayor Drale then asked if anyone present desired to be heard from the floor. No protestants desired to be heard, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a fair and impartial hearing having been granted, and the City Council having before them full and complete information as to the proposed work to be done and the extent of the district proposed to be assessed and the estimated cost of the proposed improvement, and having considered no written protests or objections were filed, and having given attention that no verbal protests were received from the floor, the following action was taken:

Councilman Blount moved that the hearing be declared closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2600, Ordering the Work Done, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2600

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2600. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2601 fixing the Minimum Wage Scale, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2601

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

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

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2601. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2602, Direct-

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ing Engineer to Make and Sign Assessment, entitled:
RESOLUTION NO. 2602

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2602. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Petition signed by 14 residents residing on Dalemead Street between Weston Road and Tandem Way, requesting the City Council to have Dalemead Street widened to a full and standard width street.

Councilman Benstead moved this petition be turned over to the Engineering Department for study and that they report back to the City Council at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Home Owners Ass'n. for permission to hold a street dance on Saturday evening, July 24, 1954, on Felbar, south of Torrance Boulevard, and that the Police Department be authorized to block off the street from Torrance Parkway to Opal Street.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Clerk Bartlett, said the Council had requested him to contact the State Board of Equalization inquiring if the City could have access to their sales tax records in order to ascertain instances in which they have found taxes to be due, in addition to those self-declared by local retailers.

Clerk Bartlett stated he has been advised by the State Board of Equalization that they are precluded from divulging such information by the provisions of Section 7056 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, which makes the data confidential.)

Councilman Benstead moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, so ordered by Mayor Drale.)

Claim of Ernest J. Robinson in the amount of \$59.00 for damages to trees on his property located at 24735 Winlock Drive.

City Manager Stevens advised these trees were damaged by the City crew when they were cleaning out the Walteria-Pacific Hills drainage ditch. He said Mr. Clemmer has tried to contact these people about replacing the trees as the City would be willing to replace the trees with the best trees we could get.

Councilman Isen moved the claim be turned over to the City Attorney, together with any other claim that may be filed within the next several weeks, and that in the meantime Mr. Stevens try and work out a settlement. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of Fox and Sons, Rides, that they be allowed to extend their time of operation one hour, or until 9:00 p.m., during daylight saving time.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from Director of Recreation Van Bellehem regarding a nominal charge to non-members of the Adult Club for use of Adult Center facilities.

City Attorney Hall said it was his understanding the Adult Club wanted authority to charge so much per hour for non-members of the Club using the shuffleboard courts. He stated legally it cannot be done; these facilities are not under lease to the Club; he thought the City itself could charge but not the Adult Club.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Isen moved this request be referred to the Recreation Commission for their recommendation. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion with the suggestion the Recreation Commission contact Mr. Hall as to the legality of this action. So ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Civil Service Board advising they have received a notice of "Change of Employee's Status" from Director Harry Van Bellehem, transferring Barbara Billings from the position of Steno-Clerk to acting Director of Womens and Girls Activities.

The Board advised if this is to be a permanent position it will be necessary to establish this classification and assign a pay scale in order that an examination may be requested.

Councilman Benstead moved this classification be established, a pay scale be assigned, and an examination requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from Horace Appel, attorney-at-law, advising his client, Walter O. McLanigan, is in no way responsible for the collection of refuse and garbage at the rear of a building at 1954 W. Carson Street.

City Clerk Bartlett advised he had a communication from the County of Los Angeles Health Department advising this trash is not from the liquor store but from the apartments upstairs, and that they have notified the owner of these apartments to correct the situation immediately.

Councilman Blount moved these communications be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of N. A. Artukovich Construction Company, 723 Union Street, Montebello, California, for refund of Twenty-five Dollars on Sewer Permit No. 5783, in which saddle permits were included for houses located at 18721, 18713, 18707, and 18705 Yukon, for which saddle permits were not needed.

Councilman Benstead moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said Longren Aircraft is one of the three industrial leases we have been negotiating and that the lease has now been cleared with the C.A.A. Mr. Stevens presented the plans to the Council for inspection.

Mayor Drale referred this lease to Mr. Stevens and requested him to secure a firm building schedule from Longren and report to the Council at the next meeting.

City Manager Stevens presented plans for T-hangars and the lease agreement with E. G. "Slim" Kidwell.

After a general discussion of the plans, etc., Councilman Blount moved the lease be granted, with the stipulation they be painted and made presentable. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said he would like to report that the C.A.A. has approved both the Sheridan-Grey, Inc. and Hi-Shear Tool Company airport leases. We have the three years rental in advance paid up and he thought that Sheridan-Grey will very soon start construction. Mr. Stevens said he had a request today from Hi-Shear to lease another four acres as they intend to add another operation to their plant. He said the acreage is available. Mr. Stevens said he would like some authority from the Council regarding the additional four acres.

Councilman Isen moved the additional four acres be leased to Hi-Shear Tool Company on the same terms as their original lease. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

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City Manager Stevens said there is one other matter regarding the airport which he would like to bring out tonight, and that is the matter of leasing an area for a driving range on the easterly end of the airport runway. The C.A.A. some months ago granted permission to have such a driving range and they recommended that the lease be limited to five years because it is directly in the path of the airplanes and probably before long, at the end of five years or maybe very much sooner, we will have lighting there and the activity will greatly increase and they do not want to tie something up for any longer than that that might actually hinder flying. Mr. Stevens said he had talked with Mr. Flaherty today, who is the District Engineer, and he strongly recommended that the City limit this to a five year lease. Mr. Stevens stated two people have proposals before the City Council, one is Mr. Ronnie Moran and the other is Mr. James G. Crawford; they are both in the audience and he suggested if the Council would hear from them they might be able to dispose of this matter tonight; he said their rentals are about even, approximately \$200 per acre per year.

Mayor Drale inquired about the old lease the Council had worked out. Mr. Stevens said this gentlemen had never come back and he naturally assumed he had lost interest. He stated he has received several inquires about a driving range but has received only the two proposals he mentioned.

Councilman Isen inquired how many acres were involved. Mr. Stevens said there were about 8 acres.

Mayor Drale requested the two gentlemen to present their proposals to the City Council.

Mr. James G. Crawford stated his plans are to establish a driving range for this community and surrounding communities, he said the only driving range in the area is on Carson Street, and it is not in a good location, there is not much area and the range as a whole is pretty run-down. He stated he intends to put up a driving range that will attract the golfers in this area. He said he has submitted a drawing and his proposal to the Council for consideration. Mr. Crawford stated he is a resident of Torrance, was born in Torrance, and would like very much to have a chance to start a business in Torrance.

Mayor Drale inquired if he had the necessary capital. Mr. Crawford stated he has \$7,000 and could go way beyond that in credit.

Mr. Ronnie Moran, representing the South Bay Property Management Corporation, stated when he submitted his proposal it was on the basis of a lease to extend over a period of 15 years, for the simple reason that when you invest the kind of money we anticipate investing it would be impossible to amortize it over a five year period. He said that since the C.A.A. has not seen fit to accept the proposal of a 15 year lease he would have to amend his proposal and they could not invest \$25,000 or \$30,000 as they had planned, and amortize it over a five year period.

Mr. Moran stated they are perfectly willing to co-operate in any way to get this thing settled. Their proposal, if necessary, would go on the basis of five years; it would also have to go on the basis of approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ the expenditure on that anticipated length of time. He stated if there was any possibility that this range could be worked on a recapture clause they would immediately spend the anticipated \$25,000 or \$30,000.

Councilman Isen inquired if these might be put out for bid. Mr. Moran stated he would drop out if this goes to bid. He stated he wanted to go on record as wanting it for 5 years but they would have to modify their plans.

Mayor Drale inquired for the record who was the first applicant. City Manager Stevens said he had a letter in from Mr. Moran about four months ago, and Mr. Crawford has been interested about two months.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Benstead moved these two gentlemen present their proposals to City Manager

Stevens and that he have a recommendation for the Council at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of I. J. Hallanger to transfer \$100,000 from the Motor Vehicle License Fund to the General Fund.

City Clerk Bartlett recommended the transfer.

Councilman Schwab moved the funds be transferred as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett stated he had received communications, pledging support of the City's Resolution No. 2591 regarding contamination of ocean waters in the vicinity of the Hyperion Treatment Plant, from the following: State of California Department of Public Health, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4, Los Angeles Region.

Councilman Benstead moved these letters be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation requesting the necessary Resolution be adopted by the City Council in order that they may make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors; and advising the Board of Supervisors has appropriated funds in the amount of \$4,822 in order that a Community Recreation Contract might be initiated with the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1954-55.

Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney be authorized to draw the necessary Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Certified copy of Resolution No. 2573 approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach on June 28, 1954, granting to the City of Torrance jurisdiction over certain streets in connection with the proposed Hollywood Riviera Sewer District.

Matter of record.

City Clerk Bartlett stated he has received approximately 700 post cards from citizens of Torrance, stating they want to go on record as approving the request of the Torrance Area Youth Bands for the sum of \$4800 for the promotion of music for the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1954-55.

Councilman Benstead moved these be referred to the Budget Committee. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Statement from Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan requesting initial payment of \$1,768, which must be paid by July 15, 1954.

City Manager Stevens recommended the bill be paid.

Councilman Isen moved the initial payment of \$1,768 be paid to the Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:15 p.m., Mayor Drale declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens.

PERSONNEL:

1. That Majorie P. Lee, having passed a promotional examination for Stenographer-Clerk, be appointed to serve her probationary period, effective July 2, 1954, at the second salary step.

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2. That Annie I. MacDonald be employed as an Account Clerk in the Bus Department on a temporary basis, during the illness of Adele Francois (all persons on the Eligible list having refused a temporary appointment) effective July 6, 1954, at the first salary step.
3. That Barbara Billings be temporarily employed as Acting Director of Women's and Girl's Activities in the Recreation Department, effective July 6, 1954, at a compensation of \$1.90 per hour.
4. That Mrs. Violet L. Whittington, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be employed as a Stenographer-Clerk in the Recreation Department, effective July 6, 1954, at the first salary step.
5. That Bobbie G. Franklin, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be employed as a Fireman in the Fire Department, effective July 2, 1954, at the first salary step.

Mayor Drale inquired if Item 3 was that person as the Civil Service Board wrote about, calling for a classification.

City Manager Stevens said that now this is part of Mr. Van Bellehem's summer activity, however, if the Board recommends a reclassification it would be a permanent position.

Councilman Benstead stated this is what he is opposed to, someone being on the job for several months before an examination is called for, naturally they have the advantage over other applicants. However, apparently this classification is urgently needed and if Mr. Van Bellehem doesn't get Mrs. Billings he will have to get someone else.

City Manager Stevens said that in talking with Mr. Van Bellehem he had indicated that this was his most important need, he is trying to have someone on the job during the summer program, however, this will be a permanent job. Mrs. Billings is a recreation graduate from the University of Illinois and this is her profession, she has been a stenographer-clerk in the Recreation Department in the hopes that a better opening would be available. Mr. Stevens stated she is very well qualified to do the job.

Councilman Isen moved, in view of the necessity of securing a Director of Women's and Girl's Activities, that all five of the recommendations of City Manager Stevens be concurred with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Tentative Tract Map No. 20504. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 20504, consisting of 41 lots located easterly of Palos Verdes Blvd., southerly of Calle Mayor and Via Anita, westerly of Paseo de los Reyes and northerly of Palos Verdes City limits, to be developed by the Don-Ja-Ran Construction Company.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and City Engineer in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 20504. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CASE NO. 312. Application of J. L. Walker for a Variance to establish and operate an 80 unit trailer park, per Exhibits "A" and "B", on 236th Street near Arlington Avenue, between Arlington and Pennsylvania (Lot 34, Tract 15.) Exhibit "C" presented July 17, 1954, to Planning Commission.

City Manager Stevens said this Case had been approved by the Planning Commission and sent to the City Council, it was held up while the trailer ordinance was being adopted. At the last meeting it was referred back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration because a petition of protest had been received and also

a letter of protest from Dr. Hull, Supt. of Schools.

Mr. Stevens said at the Planning Commission of July 7, 1954, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to grant this Variance. Nine of the original signers of the petition have requested their names be withdrawn from the petition. He said Exhibit "C" has also been added as a stipulation by Mr. Walker that when the number of grammar school age children living in the Park reaches the number of 25 a "No Children Sign" will be posted, and that Dr. Hull's suggestion of a play yard will be carried out allowing 20 square feet per child.

Councilman Schwab said he was opposed to this park in the past as he did not think it was the place for a trailer park, however, as the Planning Commission has unanimously approved it and the objection of the School Board has been withdrawn he would change his mind. Regarding the limit of 25 children he said he would have to see this to believe it.

Councilman Isen moved the decision of the Planning Commission in approving Case No. 312 be concurred with, including Exhibit "C". Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab, and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 699

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE USE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES UPON SUCH PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISIONS, REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF PARKING METERS; DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING THAT REVENUE RECEIVED FROM PARKING METERS SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE SAME; FOR THE POLICING OF SAID ZONES AND FOR THE USE OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 699 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IMPOSING AN EXCISE TAX ON THE USE OR OTHER CONSUMPTION OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Councilman Isen said he did not think the ordinance was adequate enough. City Attorney Hall said he was directed to prepare an ordinance and was told to have it ready sooner than he could have prepared a studied ordinance. He suggested if the Council wants the ordinance redrafted that they direct him accordingly.

Mayor Drale said that as long as the budget has been adopted

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and we have not had any additional taxes, and as a member of the Council at this present time he was against the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ increase in sales tax, as well as the use tax, until such time as it is a necessity.

Councilman Blount said those were his sentiments also. Councilman Schwab said as far as he was concerned the City Attorney would be wasting his time preparing such an ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved the Use Tax Ordinance be tabled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens said he had received a letter from the State which states that in compliance with our request for a study on speed on Highway 101 that they were establishing a 45 MPH speed limit between Hillworth Avenue and the westerly limits of Torrance, this zone has been established and will be effective with the posting of signs in the immediate future.

City Manager Stevens said the State has tentatively set the date of Tuesday, July 20th, at 2:00 p.m. for a brief ribbon cutting ceremony on 174th Street and inquired how many of the Councilmen could attend. They all indicated they would be able to attend.

Mayor Drale inquired if the sidewalk could be put in by that time. Mr. Stevens said we must get the final clearance from the State to put the sidewalk in, however, he did not think it should take over two or three weeks.

City Attorney Hall said there is an old franchise which expired several years ago which ran in favor of National Supply Company, he said he would like authority to readvertise in order to have the records brought up to date on it.

So ordered by Mayor Drale.

Councilman Benstead said it is well established that we are going to have a Special Election in September or October and moved that no further action be taken on parking meters and that the proposition be placed on the ballot asking the opinion of the people regarding these meters.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount said Harvey B. Spelman, Jr., a very recent former Councilman sends greeting to the Council and requests that a four-year fight of his be taken up once more now that we have some money to do something about 101 Highway with regard to protection at the turn-out of Roberts Road and other intersections.

Mayor Drale said the Traffic Commission has recommended a stop signal at Calle Mayor and 101 Highway, which is East about a block, which will aid in slowing down the traffic.

City Manager Stevens said the State has told us, on at least two occasions, that the money had been made available and that it would be done.

City Attorney Hall said he would check on this matter again.

Councilman Schwab inquired if Mr. Stevens had heard anything regarding the development on the beach.

Mr. Stevens said he has contacted the State man and he will try and arrange a meeting with the Council in the very near future.

Councilman Isen inquired where on 174th Street the ribbon ceremony would be held. City Manager Stevens said he thought that probably the best place would be just West of Crenshaw, beyond the West bound lane in the North lane.

Councilman Isen said Fire Chief Benner has discussed with him the problems of necessary equipment and requested City Mana-

ger Stevens to arrange a meeting with Chief Benner and the Council regarding this matter.

Councilman Isen inquired what happened to the temporary light that was to be installed at Crenshaw and 101 Highway, so the turn could be identified at night.

City Manager Stevens said the Edison Company has been ordered to put in the lights, they have to bring the power in from quite a distance.

Councilman Isen said he was happy about the 45 MPH speed limit in the WALTERIA district and he was also happy to report he has an appointment with Assemblyman Vincent Thomas to review the whole situation and at least get some white safety zones painted so the people could cross the street.

Councilman Isen said he was questioned by a resident of Plaza del Amo as to when the proposed improvement, putting the street through to Western Avenue, was going to be undertaken.

City Manager Stevens said he did not have a date but it is on the schedule for this coming year.

Councilman Isen said he believed there was supposed to be furnished another estimate of the costs of the Hollywood Riviera drainage problem, he said he has heard \$30,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. He also inquired of City Attorney Hall how far an assessment district could be spread and what the situation would be.

City Attorney Hall said it is primarily an engineering question. As to the area to be benefited that will be determined by the spread of the assessment. Councilman Isen requested City Manager Stevens to follow through on this, as there are a lot of people interested.

City Manager Stevens said he would get another up-to-date engineering estimate on this and that would be the basis of the cost.

Councilman Isen said the next thing is that someone will have to find out how far it could be spread.

City Manager Stevens said that was a problem--how to determine that--he said it can go all the way from everybody that is in the water shed down to the people who are immediately affected.

Councilman Isen requested City Manager Stevens to get several break-downs so the Council could decide what should be done.

Councilman Isen said he had been unable to contact the Civil Service Board and wondered if anything had been done about the length of time it takes to establish an Eligible List, once an examination is called for.

Councilman Schwab said at the last Civil Service meeting this was discussed at length. At the present time it takes approximately 60 days from the time the examination is called for until the Eligible List is ready, the Civil Service Board has been promised this will be cut down to 42 days.

Councilman Isen inquired of City Manager Stevens if he had been able to look into the general City insurance policy to see how well it covers City Councilmen.

City Manager Stevens said he had a letter on the way which he would have for the next meeting which will state what we are covered for and what the possibilities are for certain other types of protection. He said it was his understanding that to get protection against anything that only Lloyds of London would consider such a thing.

Mr. Stevens said he had inquired from the State about the light at Crenshaw and 101 Highway, they have replied that they are not interested in such a light but they will permit us to put one in

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and will grant us a permit. It will go in with the others.

Councilman Isen inquired if there was a report from the P.E. Railway about cleaning the weeds. Mr. Stevens said they have not only promised to do it, but they are working on it now.

Mr. Schoonover said that on Denny Road, a narrow street going off of Newton Street, the people are driving over the top of the island. He requested this island be removed or the street widened, or make this a one-way street.

Mayor Drale referred this to the Traffic Commission for a recommendation.

Mr. Schoonover inquired about the ordinance requiring trees to be planted in all tracts. He stated the trees had never been planted in the old Weston tract, which was built in 1952.

Councilman Isen moved the City Attorney check this and write a letter directly to the Pacific Hills Homeowners Association.

City Attorney Hall inquired what the tract number was, Mr. Schoonover did not know the tract number but he thought the tract was on Denny Road.

Mr Schoonover said there were two homes in the January tract that have not been graded properly, one is on the corner of Dalemead and Bryan and the other is 2719 Normallin.

Mayor Drale requested City Engineer Bishop to investigate this.

William Mason said that in regard to the estimate for the drain for the submerged portion of Paseo de Gracia, he stated it was the former engineer, Mr. Jacobs, who estimated it would cost \$100,000 to drain that area out to the ocean. He said he had a copy of the report in his files.

Anthony Belotti inquired if something could be done about addresses in the area East of Crenshaw and 192nd Street, he said there was a jumble of addresses that are very confusing to the residents of the area.

City Manager Stevens said these numbers are issued by the Building department, following the County Plan. Mr. Stevens suggested these people have a representative group come in and meet with the Building Department, he said it would take cooperation on the part of the people as the Building Department followed the County plan.

Mr. Belotti inquired about the Ashley Street condemnation, he said he had been told it was postponed because of commitments of the other attorney and Mr. Hall told him tonight it was being held up for an appraisal. He inquired which is the correct report.

City Attorney Hall said the City had another condemnation suit, Kardashian, which had been set for trial. The Ashley Street condemnation has been filed and he was instructed to proceed to take immediate possession, which entails an appraisal. We have to deposit the funds with the Court. We cannot make a move until we deposit the money and we can't deposit the money until we get an appraisal.

Mayor Drale inquired if Councilman Blount and Councilman Schwab had their appointments to the Airport Commission.

The Appointments were as follows:

Councilman Blount:	Jack E. White 4308 West 178th th 1. Torrance, California Telephone: FR 2-4568
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Councilman Schwab: R. C. Herrick
109 Paseo de los Delicias
Hollywood Riviera
Torrance, California
Mailing Address: Redondo Beach
Telephone: FR 5-1103

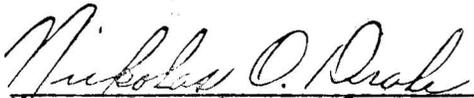
Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited by paid.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll
call vote.

At 10:30 p.m., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn to 8:00 p.m.,
July 20, 1954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried
unanimously.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

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