Torrance, California
August 24, 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, August 24, 1954, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Drale presiding.

Those reponding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Mr. John McCall led the salute to our Flag.

Father Patrick McGinnis of the Nativity Catholic Church

opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 3, Regular Meeting of August 10, and Adjourned Meetings of August 11 and August 17, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab carried unanimously.

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids for performing work on improvement of 174th Street from Glenburn Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

Kast Construction Co., Inc. 1210 Second Street, Manhattan Beach	Total Bid $2,288.00, Accompanied by Bidders Bond.
S. A. Cummings 821 West Rosecrans Ave. Compton	Total Bid $2,340.00, Accompanied by Bidders Bond.
Warren Southwest, Inc. P. O. Box 419 Torrance	Total Bid $2,600.00, Accompanied by Bidders Bond.
Harrison Bros. 1953 West 148th Street Gardena	Total Bid $2,438.80, Accompanied by Bidders Bond.
Roland J. Struve 7411 Ira Street Bell Gardens	Total Bid $2,210.00, Accompanied by Certified Check.

Councilman Blount moved bids be referred to City Manager for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale announced this is the time and place for the hearing to discuss the feasibility of the Torrance Municipal Water District serving Tract No. 15926 (Arlington Plaza), in place of the Moneta Water Company.

City Clerk Bartlett stated he had a communication from John E. McCall addressed to the City Attorney, stating that the Board of Directors of the Moneta Water Company were unanimous "in bowing to the wishes of the residents of Arlington Plaza, if it is their wish, that they be furnished water by the City of Torrance instead of by the Moneta Water Company." Mr. McCall's letter suggested that if the Council wishes its Water Department to take over the water service for this area "that it be done either by Resolution or Ordinance in which it agrees to protect the Moneta Water Company from any loss, cost or damage, or lawsuits which might grow out of the discontinuance of the Moneta Water Company to furnish water."

Mayor Drale asked if there were any oral communications, and the following persons spoke in favor of changing the water service to the Torrance Municipal Water District:

Mr. Ralph Jacobowski, 18825 Wilton Place, Arlington Plaza, spoke of a petition which he had previously presented. This petition states that the majority of people want service from Torrance Municipal Water District. Petition signed by 51 homeowners in Arlington Plaza which is a majority. They have been serviced by Moneta Water Company for two and a half years-close to three years-and have had many grievances which have not been corrected.

Mayor Drale asked Mr. Jacobowski if these grievances originally mentioned in the petition were still continuing, and he replied that they were. Mr. Jacobowski further stated that a representative of the Moneta Water Company had been down the evening before and he stated that he didn't know this condition existed. Mr.

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Jacobowski felt that he should have familiarized himself with these conditions since they had been like this for almost three years.

Mr. Frederick J. Roebuck, 18919 Wilton Place, Arlington Plaza stated that the water service is poor and pressure very low and had caused considerable trouble. He stated he believed they could get better service from the Torrance Municipal Water Company. He further stated that the Moneta Water Company had made promises which they had not fulfilled.

Mr. John Roth, 18820 Arlington, stated that his automatic washer had gone to repair shop because the water service had not been right.

Mrs. J. H. Greenstreet, 18826 Wilton Place, stated that her washer could not be run properly because the water pressure was not heavy enough, and when she complained to the Moneta Water Company she was told she had the full pressure the law required.

Mrs. Arline Lyon, 11814 Wilton Place, stated she had the same condition with her washing machine and that it also took too long to water her lawn and the water coming from the water pipes was unclean.

Mr. C. H. Belinda, 18913 Haas Avenue stated that he felt the present water they received was a detriment to public health.

Councilman Blount stated that he thought this matter had been discussed before, and inquired if the Torrance Municipal Water Company couldn't just take over.

Mayor Drale asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to this water service change.

Mr. Robert Forsythe, 18814 Haas Avenue, asked if the Moneta Water Company had a fair chance to correct the conditions mentioned and if they were represented at the hearing. He said he felt that the little companies should not be crowded out, but should be given a chance. Mayor Drale explained that the Torrance Municipal Water Company is owned by the citizens of Torrance, and that the Moneta Water Company had forwarded a letter stating that they were willing to make this transfer without any trouble.

There being no other oral communications, Councilman Benstead moved the hearing be declared closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. McCall made the statement that when this matter came up they were very busy, as they were furnishing water for celery crops in the daytime when they should have done so at night, which brought the pressure down. He further stated that they were ready to cooperate, but he wants to be sure the Moneta Water Company is protected.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following resolution in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2617

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO SUPPLY WATER SERVICES TO TRACT NO. 15926.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2617. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place for the hearing to discuss the Paseo de Gracia Sump drainage.

Councilman Blount suggested that since they all had a copy of the City Engineer's report, it would not be necessary for City Clerk Bartlett to read it.

Mayor Drale asked if anyone was present who wished to speak on the matter.

Mr. Forrest Baughman, 118 Paseo de Gracia, asked if sinking these sump holes was supposed to take care of the water.

Mayor Drale explained that it was a temporary solution.

City Engineer Bishop further explained that it was just to take care of part of the very bad rain water until it could be pumped out. It will properly take care of most of the rains, and when a very bad storm comes it will just take care of it so that the pumping can be done in a clean manner, but that a thirty-inch pipe is the only real solution. This measure will afford some relief for most of the rains, but no drainage system takes care of the worst of the rains.

Mr. Baughman stated that the sump would breed mosquitoes. He also asked if the County has anything to do with this.

Mayor Drale replied that we have never received benefit from the County and he is trying to see what can be done in this respect.

City Clerk Bartlett read two letters from Mr. Frank P. Bartley, Chairman of the Lower Hollywood Riviera Group. One, dated August 8, 1954, requested the immediate cleaning of the filled drain. The other, dated August 20, 1954, stated a reply from the County Road Commission has been received in answer to their request that a drain be installed in the 100 block of Paseo de Gracia, in which they were informed that this was the responsibility of the City of Torrance.

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

Mayor Drale asked for opinions on sinking of seepage holes.

Councilman Isen asked if the City of Torrance would be liable for damages and City Attorney Hall replied that in a similar situation a drainage pipe burst and the City was liable, but was covered by insurance. Councilman Schwab asked if this held true even if it was put in with the understanding that is was a partial relief. City Attorney Hall said that the City would be responsible, unless we had a written authorization from the property owners affected in the nature of a waiver.

Councilman Blount moved this matter be studied further. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, was so ordered.

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William M. Keller, presenting claim for damages in accident on Ainsworth near 168th Street on August 9, 1954. The accident was caused when car hit hole filled with water. Amount of claim is $44.50.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and turned over to the Legal Department for the insurance carrier. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and so ordered.

Superintendent of Building Russell, requesting that a deviation be granted from the precise wording of the Uniform Building Code as pertains to Building No. 223 of the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Company, in order to permit them to build the structure without having to construct it in Type I construction. He explained that full consideration of the problem was given by two members of the Board of Appeals of Los Angeles County and by the Torrance Fire Marshall, all having concurred with this suggested deviation.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request of Superintendent Russell. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Division of Highways, requesting approval of change in the alignment of Sepulveda Freeway, at Prairie Avenue and at 182nd Street.

City Manager Stevens presented plans of the Freeway, which were studied by the Council members.

Councilman Blount moved the change be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Felix H. McGinnis, representing the Ellinwood Corporation, requesting cooperation from the City of Torrance in reopening the streets terminating on the boundary line of Palos Verdes Estates.

Councilman Blount moved the Council send a letter to the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates, pointing out that if we should follow their example, and if other cities should follow their example, it wouldn't take long before every city in Southern California would be so hemmed in by blocked streets that they would need a helicopter to get out of town.

Councilman Blount further moved that the Council write a letter to the City of Redondo Beach and ask them to remove a road-block they have recently put in, pointing out to them that should we choose to close Torrance Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard and a few other streets, it would make it a little rough to get in and out of Redondo Beach; the letter to further point out that we are trying to act like sister cities and settle things amiably.

Councilman Isen suggested that it might be better to ask for a meeting to discuss mutual problems.

Councilman Benstead seconded Councilman Blount's motion, which was so ordered and City Manager Stevens was instructed to write the Council of Palos Verdes Estates and the Council of Redondo Beach.

City Engineer Bishop, reporting on the filling of the unused portion of a clay pit with solid materials, located just south of the Edison right-of-way and west of Western Avenue, as requested by Walentz Graniczny.

A communication from Police Chief Haslam stated he saw no reason why this permit should not be granted, as present health ordinances should be sufficient to control all activities of the permit.

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the recommendations of City Engineer Bishop and Police Chief Haslam. He further moved that in issuing this license and permit for dump operation, all the requirements contained in the letter of August 20 from the City Engineer be strictly complied with and that the permit as issued have stated on it all the requirements and be kept in a prominent place on the premises. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

✓ Longren Aircraft, requesting lease of Airport property for industrial building and operation.

Councilman Isen moved that reading of the letter be waived and a brief outline be given by City Manager Stevens. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and so ordered.

Mr. Stevens stated that this was the final letter from Longren requesting the lease of certain Airport property; that their intention is to start immediately with a 20,000 square foot building and plan ultimately to have a 90,000 square feet of building. Mr. Stevens recommended their request be granted.

Councilman Benstead moved the Longren request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale asked City Manager Stevens to report on any other Airport matters. Mr. Stevens said representatives for the firm of Coldwell, Banker and Company are very anxious to meet with members of the Council to discuss the terms of developing the 35-acre triangle. The date set for the meeting was August 26 at 11:30 a.m.

R. C. Herrick, Chairman of Torrance Airport Commission, re proposal of Messrs. Kemp and Albright, representing Coldwell, Banker and Company on leasing Airport property, stating the Commission recommended the Council open negotiations on a six-month option.

Councilman Benstead moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, was so ordered.

At 9:05 p.m., Mayor Drale declared a ten-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:19 p.m.

City Engineer Bishop, advising that the Division of Highways proposes to establish a 35-mile-per-hour speed zone on 174th Street from Inglewood Avenue to Normandie Avenue.

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

City Engineer Bishop, submitting Resolution of Modification on Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2618

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, ALTERATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER IN THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 2592.

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Councilman Isen moved further reading of Resolution No. 2618 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2618. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

George Binder, offering certain properties to the City to be used as parking lots.

Mayor Drale said he thought this should be made a matter of record and filed for further study.

Councilman Isen asked for an estimate from the Engineering Department on the cost of paving the lot referred to and for putting in bumper strips. He also moved the matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for further recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mayor Drale and so ordered.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

(1) That Robert Kibby be appointed to serve his probationery period as Draftsman in the Engineering Department, effective August 16, 1954, at the first salary step.

(2) That Fernand DeLoume be temporarily employed as a Draftsman in the Engineering Department, effective August 16, 1954, at a compensation of $2.25 per hour.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, items 1 and 2 under Personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Benstead asked if the second man's name was taken from the eligible list and City Manager Stevens explained that he is an Instructor at El Camino College and will only be able to work during the summer months. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

1. That the bid of Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., for furnishing radio equipment for the Fire Department, be accepted as the lowest respondible bid complying with the requirements, and all other bids be rejected. This recommendation is concurred with by Chief Benner.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

City Clerk Bartlett, presenting arrangements of Special Precincts for Special Election on October 19, 1954, which consolidated them into thirty-two precincts. He advised that by the August 31 meeting he would have all of the Boards arranged.

Councilman Blount moved the report be received. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

George C. Powell, Planning Commission Secretary, forwarding the following matters, which have been studied and recommended by the Planning Commission for Council approval:

Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation, requesting approval of a fifteen-foot front yard set-back on Lots 40, 41, 42, 52, 120,121, 122, 123, 124, 136, 360 and an eighteen-foot set-back on Lot 361, all in Tract No. 19103.

Councilman Isen moved that recommendation of Planning Commission be concurred with. Motion was seconded by Mayor Drale. Councilman Schwab asked for further information and City Manager Stevens presented maps showing lots in question. Mr. Don Wilson, representative of the Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation, explained their reason for this request, pointed out the curved streets and the grading problem. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Fred Schweisinger: Requesting permission to build a garage on front property line adjoining a store building on 187th Place near Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Isen moved the recommendation of Planning Commission be concurred with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

J. R. Garner: requesting a waiver of front and rear yard set-back to allow a building to be moved onto the rear of the lot at 803 Amapola Avenue, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached.

Councilman Benstead moved that recommendation of Planning Commission be concurred with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CASE NO. 324: City Clerk Bartlett read Transmittal Form for Variance from the Planning Commission approving Case No. 324, requested by John Brooks, 16100 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, to develop an industrial site to house the Western Air Compressor Company at 2002 West 174th Street, Corner of Gramercy, A-1 Zone.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with recommendation of Planning Commission on Case 324. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Final Tract Map No. 19626: Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 19626 consisting of 114 lots, located westerly of Crenshaw Blvd., northerly of 182nd Street and easterly of Tract No. 16607, to be developed by Stanford Construction Company, 134 West Beach Street, Inglewood, California, subject to the subdivider paving additional 15 foot width along 178th Street if and when City acquires said portion of Edison Right-of-way.

Councilman Isen inquired as to when this matter had previously passed the City Council on preliminary approval. Councilman Blount replied that it was on June 15.

Mr. Harry Apter, Attorney representing the Stanford Construction Company and the processer of the subdivision, assured the Council that if the City of Torrance acquired the 15-foot right-of-way from the Edison Company the Stanford Construction Company would pave it in accordance with the requirements of the City.

Councilman Isen inquired of Mr. Apter if the Stanford Construction Company would pay what the 15-foot strip was worth.

Mr. Apter replied that the Stanford Construction Company would not own this land.

Mr. Apter referred the Council to Ordinance No. 437, Section 9, Paragraph B, Survey and Preparation of Final Map or sale by Metes and Bounds, stating that this law had been followed.

Councilman Blount read minutes of June 9 in which it was stated that the Council would not act as agent for companies to get easements when they could get their own easements.

Mr. Tony Parravano presented map of Tract No. 19626 to Council and explained what work his company would do.

Councilman Isen moved that final approval of Tract Map No. 19626 be granted subject to the special conditions as already set out in the letter of transmittal of August 20, 1954, from the Planning Commission and upon the further special condition that without obligation to the City of Torrance in any way whatsoever, if and when the City acquires a right-of-way from the Edison Company, that the Stanford Construction Company, as subdivider, and Mr. Parravano personally, pay to the City of Torrance the reasonable fair market value as of this date of that portion of the right-of-way in this tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Tentative Tract Map No. 18911: Letter of Transmittal from Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 18911 consisting of 80 lots located northerly of revised 182nd Street, easterly of Faysmith Avenue, westerly of Crenshaw Blvd., and southerly of Tract 19626, to be developed by the Stanford Construction Company, 134 West Beach Street, Inglewood, California.

Councilman Isen moved for tentative approval of Tract Map No. 18911, under the same motion in its entirety as made on Tract Map No. 19626. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Tentative Tract Map No. 17866: Letter of Transmittal from Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 17866, consisting of 10 lots, located on 161st Street, easterly of Arlington Avenue and westerly of Tract No. 16504, to be developed by Bill McKay.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the City Engineer to grant approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 17866. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 704

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1954.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Urgency Ordinance No. 704. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 704 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 705

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 631 AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 437.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 705. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilmen Blount moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 705 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens recommended the bid of Shell Oil Company, who submitted the lowest responsible bid for supplying Diesel type fuel in accordance with the specifications, be accepted and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended the City place on order one TDH--4512, 45 passenger, transit-type coach from General Motors. Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended the City Council place on order one piece of fire equipment, the exact type to be determined by next Tuesday. Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall recommended the Council adjourn to August 31, there being two matters to be acted upon at that time, (1) the Special Election and (2) the matter of disposing of the park property as discussed. It was decided to adjourn to August 31, and to meet at 7:00 p.m. for discussion on the salary survey.

Councilman Isen referred to the petition received from residents on Dalemead Street and asked City Engineer Bishop if he had anything to report on this matter. Mr. Bishop replied that he had talked to several persons, who had indicated they were not in favor of deeding any of their property to be used for curbs and sidewalks and one property owner, Mr. Nichols, wanted to sell. Councilman Isen asked if Mr. Bishop could give a further report, and suggested the Traffic Commission take up the advisibility of making this a one-way street. Mayor Drale advised that this matter would be put on the next agenda of the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Isen asked what had been done about the center-of-street parking on Torrance Boulevard and Mayor Drale replied that it had been decided to hold this matter up until the parking meters have been installed.

Police Chief Haslam reported on a survey of the parking situation on Torrance Boulevard which he made this past week as follows:

	Unoccupied Parking Spaces		
	North Side	South Side	Total
Torrance Boulevard between Sartori Avenue and Cota Avenue			
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.	38	42	80
Torrance Boulevard between Sartori and Portola:			
Friday, 11 a.m.	32	38	70
Friday, 4:30 p.m.	32	36	68
Saturday, 2:00 p.m.	46	42	88

Parking lot for Food Market was about one-third occupied during these times.

Chief Haslam indicated that he did not favor center-of-street parking on Torrance Boulevard at this time.

Councilman Isen moved that the Braff system of parking be studied by the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale and so ordered.

Councilman Isen said several weeks ago he had suggested to the City Attorney that we amend the Business License to conform with the Los Angeles Ordinance except on percentages which would still be on a flat rate. This would provide for the licensing of solicitors who call on businesses in such situations where it is illegal to license the delivery. Mr. Isen said he thought those types of businesses that have been free from licensing, because of restrictions in the State Constitution, can be reached by requiring a licensing of their solicitors here, not the deliveries. He asked for an opinion from City Attorney Hall and, if he is borne out on this matter, an amendment to the City licensing laws to license these businesses.

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Councilman Isen asked Mr. Stevens for a report at the next meeting on the cleaning up of the Santa Fe right-of-way on Madrid Avenue and on Madrona and Maricopa Avenues. He said he would also like to bring up the possibility of planting those areas to keep out the weeds in the future, and asked if there were any plans for such planting. City Manager Stevens replied that the Santa Fe had planted their area on Madrid with ice-plant. Discussion was held on the advisability of planting these areas and Councilman Isen moved that areas, insofar as City property is concerned, be planted just as soon as possible with something that may be lasting. Further discussion was held on the matter, with no second on the motion.

Councilman Isen said that two weeks ago the Mayor, deciding for this Council, said the first thing to be done was to get the bids in for parking meters. He said he was again moving that this Council at once make a tentative decision on what property we want to acquire as parking lots, and if necessary, to meet on a committee as a whole, "Let's do it, and secondly, that a competent appraiser be hired to give us what appraisals are necessary, and figures on properties that are available." The motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mr. Charles Moore of Pacific Radionics inquired if there were any supporting figures to explain why his company's bid on radio equipment had been turned down. City Manager Stevens reviewed the bids received and stated that Motorola was the low bidder on the equipment, in accordance with the specifications, and that Fire Chief Benner had made a thorough investigation and found that the bid of the Pacific Radionics Company did not meet the specifications.

Mayor Drale announced that Councilman Blount's appointee to the Planning Commission was Mr. Laurence C. Wing, 516 Via Monte D'Oro, to fill the place vacated by James Minter, Jr.

There was an inquiry from the floor as to what progress was being made on Denny Road, as to making it a one-way street. Mayor Drale replied that this matter has been referred to the Traffic Commission and no meeting had been held on it yet. Chief Haslam said he believed the only solution was to remove the little island on Newton Street and also to put a stop sign on the intersection of Denny Road and Dalemead.

Mr. Harry Comer, 1201 South La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, spoke on the Edison Company zone rates.

Councilman Isen moved the City Manager study the problem of off-street parking and report at the next meeting, as to how this problem should best be handled. Motion declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Drale moved the City Manager and Police Chief enter into negotiations on a lease agreement for two motorcycles on a trial basis. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen asked why he could not get a second to his motions on the parking problem and Mayor Drale replied that this matter could best be handled at the Traffic Commission meetings which Councilman Isen had not been attending. Councilman Isen said he had only missed one meeting and suggested he resign from the Commission and another member be appointed.

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

At 10:55 p.m. Councilman Benstead moved the meeting adjourn to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Nikolas O. Drale
Mayor of the City of Torrance