

Torrance, California  
August 31, 1954

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, Tuesday, August 31, 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. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: None. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Mr. Freeman led the salute to Our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Since this was an Adjourned Regular Meeting the regular order of business was dispensed with.

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids for the improvement of Ashley Avenue between 182nd and 186th.

City Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

LeRoy Forsythe	Method B - Total Bid	\$5,528.00
	Accompanied by Check for \$553.00	
McAmis & Baker	Method A - Total Bid	\$7,389.57
15808 S. Broadway	Method B - Total Bid	8,494.55
Gardena, California	Accompanied by Bidders Bond	
Contractors Asphalt Sales	Method A - Total Bid	\$8,685.45
18101 Hawthorne Blvd.	Method B - Total Bid	9,268.29
Redondo Beach, California	Accompanied by Bidders Bond	
Warren Southwest Inc.	Method A - Total Bid	\$ 9,273.77
P. O. Box 419	Method B - Total Bid	10,793.35
Torrance, California	Accompanied by Bidders Bond	
Griffith Company	Method A - Total Bid	\$7,220.19
1060 South Broadway	Method B - Total Bid	8,667.39
Los Angeles 15, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidders Bond	

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

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place for the hearing on Resolution No. 2607.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2607

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ANNOUNCING ITS INTENTION TO ABANDON CERTAIN PROPERTY GRANTED TO IT FOR PARK PURPOSES: DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY AND FIXING A DATE AND TIME WHEN IT WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON.

City Clerk Bartlett read the description of lot referred to in Resolution No. 2607.

Lot P-5 of Torrance Tract as recorded in Map Book 22, Pages 94 and 95 of Records in the office of the County Recorder in and for said County

Mayor Drale asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against said resolution; then asked for objections.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny all objections. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Councilman Blount moved the interest in property be sold. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale asked if anyone in the audience wanted to make an offer for Lot P-5 of Torrance Tract.

Mr. Mothersell stated that his organization (the Masonic Lodge) would like to acquire this lot. He had the impression that when a Municipality abandons property it reverted to original owner. He further stated that he was empowered to offer \$1,000 for it.

Councilman Blount moved to accept the offer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Marion J. Varner, Architect, presented plans for the Central Fire Station at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Carson

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Street. Mr. Varner asked the Council to consider rendering to this point and approve the preliminary process so they can continue with working drawings and specifications necessary to present this job for bid. Mr. Varner stated the design was made in close cooperation with Chief Benner and the drawings meet with his approval and will meet his every requirement. The building is designed within the allocated budget for this project. He felt they had developed a design that was simple and restrained. It is dignified and should be a definite benefit to the City and particular community where the station will be located. Mr. Varner invited questions from the Council.

Councilman Isen would like an alternative design as he felt design presented was too boxy.

Mr. Varner replied that because of the nature of the building it would necessarily have a box-like appearance. He tried to avoid too many breaks in structure because it was a comparatively small building and they were trying to create the right proportions.

Councilman Benstead asked what the dimensions of the building are.

Mr. Varner replied that the total floor area is about 16,000 square feet. That includes the first and second floor and the maintenance garage. There is a small basement planned principally for furnaces and ventilating.

Councilman Benstead inquired if the building was planned so it could be added to in case it was needed.

Mr. Varner replied that they were trying to plan for future expansion without alterations to existing building, and they could also add a second story wing if necessary. It is the opinion of those who understand the requirements that as the city grows the section of the building that will have to be added to will be the office space. It is Chief Benner's opinion that if the City grows to such size and proportion that additional facilities will be needed it would be better to separate these facilities rather than add to the existing building.

City Manager Stevens stated that this station will hold eight pieces of equipment. Chief Benner thinks that is all that will ever be necessary. He suggested the Council look over the floor plans.

Councilman Benstead asked City Manager Stevens if he had studied the plans.

Mr. Stevens replied that he had worked on them and thought it was a very functional design with nothing wasted and as nearly perfect as possible for a station of this size.

Mayor Drale inquired if the Architect could tell whether or not the City would save any money.

City Manager Stevens replied that at this stage they could not tell but \$200,000 had been budgeted for this and also budgeted for North Torrance and South Torrance.

Councilman Isen asked for alternate rendering showing parallel lines in windows.

Mr. Varner explained architecture of building to Councilman Isen.

A discussion was held about the architecture of building. City Manager Stevens showed the Councilmen the floor plans of the building.

Mayor Drale asked if there were any further questions. There being none, Mr. Varner was seated.

Councilman Isen again requested an alternate rendering with parallel lines in windows instead of horizontal. Councilman Benstead agreed with Councilman Isen on his request for another rendering.

Councilman Schwab moved that the Architect be instructed to proceed with his drawings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Award of Contract on Auditing Services for the Year 1954-55  
City Clerk Bartlett read letter from Cotton & Francisco,

Public Accountants, 106 Emerald Street, Redondo Beach, California, in which they stated their qualifications, which included performing auditing services for the City of Torrance for the past twelve years.

City Clerk Bartlett read letter from C. J. Meadway, C.P.A., 1624 Gramercy Avenue, Torrance, California, in which he stated qualifications and experience.

Mayor Drale asked Mr. Stevens if he had anything to add to this.

City Manager Stevens stated that he felt there was no substitute for experience and he believed a Municipality was different from private business and Mr. Cotton had done our work for twelve years completely satisfactorily.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Stevens if he would recommend that the contract be given to Cotton & Francisco.

City Manager Stevens replied that he thought it should be because they were an experienced firm.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:42 p.m., Mayor Drale declared a recess. The Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Coldwell, Banker & Company, offering to enter into a fifty-year ground lease on the property owned by the City of Torrance, located at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, comprising approximately thirty-four acres, on certain terms and conditions.

Councilman Isen moved that the offer contained in the letter of August 30, 1954, from Coldwell, Banker and Company be accepted and the City Attorney prepare the appropriate documents. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer, asking permission to hire Margaret Guttenfelder until such time as the Civil Service list has been replenished.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mrs. Harriett Leech. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

J. H. Paget, Chairman, Recreation Commission recommending that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$17,000 for night lighting the infield of the Torrance Ball Park, and \$5,000 for the construction of a recreation building patio at Walteria Park from the money derived from the \$100 per-acre Tax Fund set aside for Recreation Capital Development.

Councilman Isen asked if the money had been appropriated out of this fund as yet.

Mayor Drale replied that to his knowledge it had not.

Councilman Benstead asked where would we get the money to pay back if we spent this money and then something came up.

City Manager Stevens replied that it would have to come out of Capital Outlet Fund.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of J. H. Paget, Chairman of the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition signed by three homeowners asking the City Council's consideration of two very bad conditions as follows:

- "1. The corner of Martina Ave. & 220th St., at which spot there is always an accumulation of stagnant water caused by the watering as far away as the high school. We feel this is a definite health hazard.

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"2. The paving on the residential side of the street between 218th and 220th is such that axles have been broken and persons have fallen."

Councilman Isen stated he had checked the first condition and the water is stagnant.

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

A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent, recommending that the City Council take the necessary action to approve and implement the Interim Agreement and Petition for the voluntary curtailment of pumping from the West Basin.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

James M. Hall, City Attorney, questioning the validity of Ordinance 291 which regulates the hours of dancing. It is his opinion that this Ordinance is "subject to challenge as being unconstitutional in that it does not clearly confine its prohibition against dancing after certain hours to public dance halls or other public places as distinguished from dancing in private residences. It would appear to be a very simple matter to amend the Ordinance so as to remove any doubt as to its validity, if the City Council so desires."

Councilman Blount moved that the City Attorney be given instructions to clarify the ordinance to take care of the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Drale said he personally felt there should not be dancing on Sunday.

Chief of Police Haslam stated there was a type of dancing known as "Jam Sessions" that are very anxious to get in here. In his opinion, they are very detrimental to the youth of the community. He would like extreme care used in the amendment of this Ordinance as he has had a hard fight to keep these places out and urged caution in the remodeling and repealing of this Ordinance, as clubs here are very anxious to put on this type of affair.

Councilman Isen inquired if these clubs would need a license to start up.

Chief Haslam replied that a license would not restrict what occurred in these clubs.

Mr. Anthony Belotti, 18528 Ashley Avenue, inquired if this would restrict wedding receptions which were held in a public hall rented for the occasion.

Mayor Drale replied that in the past the Chief of Police has given permission for such events when requested.

Councilman Isen stated that the definition of "private" should include any organization or service club or patriotic organization or lodge that is conducting dances.

Councilman Isen requested that the motion be repeated before being voted on.

Councilman Blount repeated his motion - moved that the City Attorney be instructed to clarify the Ordinance as appeared in his letter of August 23, 1954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by roll call vote with Councilman Isen abstaining from voting. Councilman Isen explained his reason for abstaining from voting was because he felt the matter should be further explored.

The Metropolitan Water District, enclosing certified copy of Resolution 4477 levying a tax for the fiscal year 1954-55 upon property taxable by said District, total tax rate of 23¢. Last year's rate was 25¢.

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

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1610 Acacia Avenue, Torrance, requesting permission to erect signs at four locations.

Councilman Schwab suggested there might be more requests along this line.

Mayor Drale replied that Council had already given two churches approval to erect signs.

Chief Haslam affirmed that two churches had been given permission, and said that he had received requests from four other churches and he believes there will be many more and soon the City will be plastered with signs if all requests are granted.

Councilman Schwab suggested the matter should be referred to the Ministerial Association so they could get together on it and work something out.

Councilman Isen moved the matter be referred to the Planning Commission so they could take it up with the Ministerial Association. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, so ordered.

Whitney Insurance Agency, 1401 Sartori Avenue, Torrance, requesting permission of Council to operate a Used Car lot at 2000 Torrance Boulevard.

Mayor Drale asked Chief Haslam for his recommendation.

Chief Haslam replied that he had no objection, but asked if the City had this lot in mind for a parking lot.

Councilman Isen moved that the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Russell M. Clawson, Philip H. Wilson and Melvin G. Bennett, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve their probationary period as Police Officers, effective August 1, 2 and 3, 1954, respectively, in the first salary step.
2. That Albert Selby, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve his probationary period, effective August 17, 1954, as a Janitor at the first salary step.
3. That Richard Garcia and Richard E. Newby, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve their probationary period as Laborers in the Street Department, effective August 16, 1954, in the first Salary Step.
4. That Dolores Z. Olson be temporarily employed as a Stenographer-Clerk in the Administrative Department, effective August 23, 1954, on a temporary basis pending a Civil Service examination, at the first salary step. (There is no existing eligible list for this classification.)

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with recommendations of the City Manager on items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS:

1. That the Bid of Roland J. Struve in the amount of \$2,210, for performing work on improvement of 174th Street from Glenburn Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2619

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1954-55.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2619. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2619. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Blount.

Mayor Drale appointed Mr. Schwab to represent the City of Torrance as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, with Mr. Isen as alternate.

RESOLUTION NO. 2620

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 19, 1954.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2620. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2620. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2621

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY DEMAND THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND MAKING FINDINGS RELATING THERETO.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2621. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2621. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read a communication from O'Melveny & Myers, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, California, in which they accept employment in connection with proceedings for the authorization and issuance of two bond issues for the City. These consist of \$700,000 for a municipal building and \$250,000 for a swimming pool and bathhouse.

Councilman Blount moved to accept the services of O'Melveny & Myers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, 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 Isen moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 705. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 705 at its' second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2622

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ~~THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK~~ AND DIRECTING TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROLAND J. STRUVE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2622. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2622. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 706

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA ORDERING, CALLING PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1954, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY TWO PROPOSITIONS TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 706. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 706 at first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Manager Stevens had a recommendation to change the airport plans to save frontage on the highway and save on maintenance costs later.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with City Manager's recommendations. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended the City Council authorize transfer from Municipal Water District No. 3 to General Fund in the amount of \$100,000, repayable when taxes are collected.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended the City Council authorize the purchase of a Monroe adding machine for the Recreation Department, to replace an obsolete machine, in the amount of \$367.75.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. Mayor Drale declined to vote.

Councilmen Schwab inquired about the signs on Crenshaw Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard and stated that every pole had a sign on it. He would like to know who authorized these signs.

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City Manager Stevens replied that no one authorized it. The G. & G. Company requested permission to put up these signs and were told they could but they were subject to removal.

Councilman Benstead moved that an investigation be made of these signs with a report to be made at next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered.

Councilman Isen reported that he had checked the Right-of-Way on Sante Fe and Madrid and there are just as many weeds as ever.

City Manager Stevens said he had written to the Santa Fe Railroad asking for permission for our Street Department to clean it up.

Councilman Isen mentioned that there is a very bad situation on the northeast corner of Carson and Cabrillo adjacent to the Chinese Restaurant. Somebody ran into the stop sign and with the traffic anybody can be pushed over to the curb and there is a culvert there.

Councilman Isen moved that the Engineering Department take over this matter and bring up a recommendation to correct this matter as soon as possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered.

Councilman Isen stated that at the Old Waste Products Company where there had been a fire, there was an extreme amount of rubbish and he felt somebody should do something about cleaning it up.

Councilman Isen moved the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered.

Councilman Isen had a letter dated August 20 from Mr. Hall regarding City Sales Tax, which states that information of delinquencies was not available to us as confidential information. He had suggested that the Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 7056, be amended and the League of Cities take it up as part of their projects. The League answered Mr. Hall through their Associate Counsel, Louis Keller to the effect that on a contract basis it might be possible for the State Board of Equalization to make the audits and, without disclosing the results also let the contracted cities know delinquency so they could be assessed through the City Sales Tax.

Councilman Isen moved that Mr. Hall and Mr. Stevens should be authorized to investigate this possibility. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered.

Councilman Isen read an article on the Braff Parking System which had appeared in Los Angeles paper within the last few days.

Mayor Drale read Proclamations declaring September 3 to 9 as Registration Day and September 25 as Kiwanis International Kid's Day, and called on all citizens to cooperate in making these events a success.

Mr. Hassell from January Drive asked if the Council had any information about when Crenshaw Boulevard South of Highway 101 will be paved, as it was presenting quite a dust problem.

City Manager Stevens replied that plans are being prepared and are almost complete.

Mr. Hassell asked if it could be watered down and Mr. Stevens said that it was not feasible to water down adobe as it made mud which hardened and was almost impossible to remove from sidewalks.

Mayor Drale inquired about the shoulders on Crenshaw Boulevard and Madrona Avenue.

City Manager Stevens replied that they had to wait for funds.

He said they are scheduled to do Crenshaw first from Carson to Sepulveda and then Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. Anthony Bellotti, 18528 Ashley Avenue, said he had heard that bids were being taken for the removal of the retaining wall on Ashley Avenue, and asked if the Council knew that in Plan A and Plan B there is no continuation of either the sidewalks or curbs as part is asphalt and part cement. Mr. Bellotti inquired why bids were proposed on that basis instead of cement sidewalks and curbs.

Mayor Drale replied that normally the property owners put in the sidewalks and curbs.

Mr. Bellotti inquired if the subdivider could be compelled to come back and put in these sidewalks and curbs since the subdivider was willing to put them in at the time the houses were built.

City Attorney Hall replied that the subdivider could not be compelled to do this.

City Manager Stevens said that the City policy was to treat everyone the same.

Mr. Bill Simons, 16718 Patronella Avenue, stated that they had received cooperation from the City Council in the past about the condition of their homes. The contractors promised to do work on the homes and came out and did some things, but none of the homes are finished. Some people have plaster that is not painted; some have wallpaper that is torn off; others have vents off furnaces. The walls around the showers do not have waterproof plaster. Mr. Simons asked if the City Council could do anything further to help them.

Mayor Drale asked if the subdivider had said he was through.

Mr. Simons said the contractor would not give them an answer.

City Attorney Hall said we should call for a written report from those in the City directly concerned with repairs to determine to what extent this situation exists.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney on this proposition and that a report be made by next Tuesday night. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, so ordered.

Councilman Isen reminded Mr. Hall that he was going to read his opinion of the hospitalization and medical insurance as to its legality.

Attorney Hall replied that in his opinion the action the Council took was valid.

Mayor Drale asked City Manager Stevens if he would like to have a meeting this week to study the salary survey.

City Manager Stevens replied that he thought it should be done since it would take time to study.

Mayor Drale set a time for Friday, September 3, at 5:00 which was accepted by City Manager Stevens.

Mayor Drale inquired about the absence of a stop sign at the corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard.

City Manager Stevens said he thought it had been ordered but he would check again.

Councilman Isen asked if there was anything new on the lights and marker on Crenshaw Boulevard and Highway 101.

City Manager Stevens replied he had been told that it would be put up immediately.

Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Blount absent from room.

At 10:05 p.m. Councilman Isen moved the meeting adjourn to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 7, Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered,

*A. H. Benstead*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

*Nicholas O. Drale*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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