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October 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 Wednesday, October 13, 1954, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Mayor Drale presiding.

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

At the request of Mayor Drale, Chief of Police Haslam led the salute to our Flag.

Mayor Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28 and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of October 5, 1954, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by those present.

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids for Water Department equipment.

City Clerk Bartlett said he had the Affidavit of Publication and opened and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>ITEM</u> <u>TRACTOR &amp; DOZER</u>
Shepherd Tractor Equipment Company	\$3302.08
Electric Tool & Supply Company	4158.00
Turner & Chapin, Inc.	3175.00
	<u>AIR COMPRESSOR</u>
Warnock-Bancroft Equipment Company	1995.00
Brown-Bevis Industrial Equipment Co.	2580.00

Smith Booth Usher Company  
Crook Company

\$1940.00  
1780.00

3/4 TON PICKUP TRUCK

Paul's Chevrolet  
Walter G. Linch

\$1282.16  
1511.98

UTILITY COMPARTMENTS

Jumbo Equipment Company - Model U-48  
Model 191  
Fullerton Sheet Metal Works

\$179.50 pair  
177.00 pair  
180.00

Councilman Schwab moved the bids be referred to City Manager Stevens and the Water Department for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Drale announced this was the time and place set for the opening of bids to sell and award a franchise to construct, operate and maintain certain water pipe lines in the City of Torrance.

City Clerk Bartlett said he had the Affidavit of Publication and opened and read a bid from the California Water Service Company for said franchise.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2635

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY FOR A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN WATER PIPE LINES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2635. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Application of Stanley W. Watts, 4069 Bluff Street, Torrance, to operate a taxicab service in Walteria.

City Clerk Bartlett stated this application has been approved by the Police Department, and the application complies with all restrictions of the ordinances of the City.

Councilman Isen moved this application be approved, subject to the opinion of the City Attorney as to meeting all the requirements. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from the Superior Oil Company inquiring if they could be exempt from the Torrance retail tax ordinance if the property purchased is immediately taken from and used outside the City of Torrance, as they are exempt from the City of Los Angeles sales tax under similar conditions.

Also City Attorney Hall's reply advising the City of Torrance has a retail tax ordinance which differs in its provisions from that of the City of Los Angeles.

City Attorney Hall explained this was a request to amend our ordinance and the reason for referring it to the Council was for consideration.

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

Communication from the Don-Ja-Ran Construction Company, Inc., setting forth the solution they have arrived at in trying to solve the problem on Monte de 'Oro. They stated the thought they have tried to accomplish was to open up the view down Monte de 'Oro and to obtain a gradual rise from street to house, the front area will now be planted in lawn which will add to the beauty of the entire area. They said they felt this solution would greatly enhance the aesthetic values of their development and the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Wing, representing the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners group stated he had agreed that this was the best solution to the problem.

Councilman Isen moved a copy of this communication be supplied to the Engineering Department and the original filed as a matter of record for future reference if necessary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.

Communication from the following organizations endorsing Bond Propositions 1 and 2:

North Torrance Voters, Inc.  
 Central Labor Council of San Pedro and Wilmington  
 National Supply Unit of Local 128, Oil Workers International Union, CIO  
 International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union

Councilman Schwab moved they be filed as a matter of record and that the City Clerk forward a letter of thanks. He also requested Clerk Bartlett to forward letters of thanks to other organizations that have endorsed the bond issues. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried by those present.

Request of John Adams, 932 East 25th Street, Los Angeles, for a license for palmistry.

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

Councilman Isen moved the City Clerk be instructed to inform Mr. Adams that there is no room in the City of Torrance for palmistry. Motion, died for lack of a second.

Communication from Captain R. R. Lucas, Fire Marshal, setting forth fire code violations found at St. Stephens Chapel, 4162 Sepulveda Boulevard, Torrance.

Also communication from C. T. Walberg, minister of the Congregational Church of Christ, Inc., Emerald at Broadway Streets, Redondo Beach, requesting permission to use this building for Sunday school and one evening a week for youth activities while they are making the necessary repairs to correct these violations, which they estimate will take approximately six months to complete.

Henry West stated he was protesting the use of this building due to the fact that the building is partly on his property; also he said the building would not pass inspection and he thought now that it was changing hands they should be required to put this building in shape to pass the building restrictions before they are allowed to use it.

Fire Chief Benner said the violations listed are only violations of the Fire Code. It would also be necessary to check the building for Building Code violations. He stated he would not recommend the building continue under its present operation.

Councilman Benstead moved that City Manager Stevens notify the interested parties that due to the feelings of the Building Department and the Fire Department, it would be impossible for the Council to grant their request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

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Communication from Meriwether Investment Company, 1833 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles 6, California, forwarding to the City Clerk for recording, assignment from Bob Bosnyak to Meriwether Investment Company, Ltd., of proceeds due under the contract for the North Torrance Sewer District No. 2, Falda Avenue.

Councilman Isen moved the request be granted and the letter filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.

Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from the Allied Gardens Home Owners Association:

"We, the homeowners residing in Allied Gardens, tract numbers 17330, 17920 and 17921, have petitioned the Edison Company for a plan and cost estimate for ornamental street lighting in our tracts. There are four hundred seventy-six (476) homes in this group, and as the petition shows, it is the wish of the majority that we have ornamental lighting. Furthermore, it is our desire to consider only overhead installations. This gives rise to a problem, as we desire such an installation to be paid for by assessment or bond issue.

"We respectfully submit this letter to clarify and elaborate the petitions already tendered by us, and request the City Council to take two courses of action:

"First, to arrive at some satisfactory arrangement whereby homeowners may obtain overhead lighting installations by assessment or bond issue.

"Secondly, to protect the interests of homeowners in the future, establish as the policy of our City the requirement for all new subdivisions to have ornamental lighting of some type included in their plans before permission to build is granted."

Clerk Bartlett also read the following communication from City Engineer Bishop regarding the street lights in the Allied Gardens, Tract Nos. 17330, 17920 and 17921:

"Street light petitions have been received from the Allied Gardens Homeowners' Association, containing 297 signatures, requesting the Edison Company to furnish an estimate for street lights in the above-mentioned tracts. The petitioners want ornamental steel poles with overhead 'invisible' wiring. (Approximately 65 lights are involved here). This office respectfully submits this request for these lights for your approval.

"Attached is a copy of the letter received from Philip Baxter, President, Allied Gardens Homeowners' Association, explaining that the people of Allied Gardens want the installation paid for by assessment or bond issue. They do not want to go through a long process of collecting the cash from the homeowners, according to my understanding. However, they do not want underground conduit and this causes a difficulty as I am informed by the Southern California Edison Company that said company will furnish overhead wiring only where they own the street lights themselves. A 1911 Act assessment or a bond issue would result in the street lights being owned by the City of Torrance. In such a case, the power company would bring the energy in to one point and disconnect. The lighting circuit would have to be owned and maintained by the City of Torrance and this would result, practically speaking, in underground service since the City is not likely to install and maintain overhead themselves.

"Summing up, it is necessary that Allied Gardens agree to underground service in connection with bonded street lights."

Mr. Herbert Lieberman, 5428 Palos Verdes Boulevard, explained at length the letter written by the Allied Gardens Home Owners Association.

Councilman Isen moved regarding the first request that the matter be referred to City Attorney Hall as to what can be done to cooperate with them in obtaining overhead lighting installations by assessment or bond issue, and that a report be made by the Attorney at the next Council meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mr. Herbert Lieberman requested their association be furnished a copy of this report.

Regarding their second request, Councilman Isen moved this be referred to the Planning Commission for their study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from City Engineer Bishop advising the contract for the improvement of a portion of Grenshaw Boulevard, southerly of Dalemead Street, was awarded to Oswald Bros. Company on October 5, 1954, as they submitted the lowest bid.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2636

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR  
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND OSWALD  
BROS. COMPANY.

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2636. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Drale declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 16701, consisting of 53 lots to be developed by the Arlington Development Company, Inc., at the northeast corner of 186th Street and Arlington Avenue; subject to the following special conditions; Mr. Gianni has agreed to pay all legal costs and expenses involved in connection with condemnation by City of certain land for street and drainage purposes. The transmittal form was accompanied by the following letter signed by John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer: (to the Planning Commission).

"I am submitting herewith Tract Map No. 16701, located easterly of Arlington Avenue and 600 feet southerly of 182nd Street, containing 53 lots presented by Arlington Development Co. (Al Gianni Tract).

"This map was first approved by the City Council on June 13, 1950. It was re-submitted to your Honorable Body on May 7, 1952, and approved on May 21, 1952, and re-approved by the City Council on May 27, 1952. It was re-approved by the City Council on October 13, 1953, and due to a change caused by the alignment of the free-

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way it was re-approved by your Honorable Body on June 2, 1954. At a meeting of the City Council on June 9, 1954, they referred the map back to your Honorable Body, and at your meeting of June 16, 1954, the map was filed for future reference.

"The main hold-up on this tract has been the drainage, and it is my understanding that the City Council has discussed your recommendation of condemnation of 186th Street easterly of this tract, subject to the subdivider paying the necessary costs, which he has agreed to do, and we will receive a letter from him that he will comply.

"If it is at all possible I would like to receive final approval from your Honorable Body because of the length of time that this has been under study and the subdivider is now desirous to go to record as soon as possible. I believe that this may be done, since this map was started in 1950 and at a time when one approval only was necessary from your Honorable Body and the City Council.

"It was first planned for a sump to be constructed at the northerly part of this tract, but due to the agreement for condemnation, this may be done away with and the drainage will flow easterly along the proposed 186th Street to St. Andrews Place, thence northerly to 182nd Street, thence easterly across Western Avenue. Sanitary sewers are available and the necessary curbs, gutters, base and paving will be constructed in accordance with the Sub-division Ordinance. This office would like to recommend approval from an engineering standpoint."

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and City Engineer in approving Final Tract Map No. 16701. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2637

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A PUBLIC STREET OVER AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2637. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 20263, consisting of 48 lots to be developed by the Stanford Construction Company, westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard, southerly of Southern California Edison Company Right-of-Way and northerly of Tract 19626. The form was accompanied by a letter addressed to the Planning Commission, signed by John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, as follows: "\*\*\*\*\*There are no drainage problems on this tract. It is planned that the water will flow westerly on 176th Street to Falda Avenue, thence southerly to 178th Street, thence westerly to

Glenburn Avenue. Hence the flow of water is northerly along the northerly prolongation of Glenburn Avenue across the Edison Company Right-of-Way to Glenburn Avenue."

Councilman Schwab inquired about the widening of 178th Street to Glenburn Avenue.

City Engineer Bishop said this was the LaFresa sub-station, and the tract ends there. The street will be widened to Glenburn by the acquisition of a strip from the Edison Company, according to a tentative promise made by Lew Jenkins, and the subdivider has agreed to pay all costs and to improve it. Mr. Bishop said it was up to the Edison Company or the City would have to condemn it; however, he believed that they will grant it.

Councilman Isen said they had agreed to pay the fair market value for this.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and City Engineer in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 20263. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and City Engineer Bishop recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 17150, consisting of 31 lots to be developed by John E. Kettler, westerly of Western Avenue and northerly of Tract 15915. The transmittal was accompanied by the following letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, addressed to the Planning Commission:

"At your meeting of September 1, 1954, Mr. Whitcomb, who is chairman of the committee appointed to study Tract no. 17150, stated that he was concerned with the drainage sump and asked that the tract map be held over so that City Engineer Bishop could make a report on the drainage basin.

"This is to inform you that Tract 17150 lies easterly of the proposed sump that was on the over-all layout for Tract 15915, Huber Avenue as shown on said Tract 17150 will drain southerly across Huber Avenue, as dedicated under Tract 15915, to 243rd Street, thence easterly to Western Avenue. Therefore, this tract is not dependent upon this sump.

"In the street improvements of Tract 15915, at the northerly end of Falena Avenue, which is a clu-de-sac street, a drainage structure was placed so that if the sump becomes filled the water will overflow into Falena Avenue, thence along 242nd Street, Huber Avenue and 243rd Street to Western Avenue, thereby giving adequate protection to the houses in this area."

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and City Engineer in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 17150. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

CASE NO. 326. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 326, application of Robert and Edward Sahdale for a variance to construct and operate a drug store and other shop at 18721 Crenshaw Boulevard, Land Use Zone R-3, Tract No. 16099.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Case No. 326. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

CASE NO. 328. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending disapproval of Case No. 328, application of Harold D. Rebadow for a Variance to construct and operate a real estate, insurance and contractor's office at 1227 Crenshaw Boulevard, R-2

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Zone, Tract No. 4070.

Mr. Walter Weidman, 1225 Crenshaw Blvd., stated he lived right next door, he said Mr. Rebadow is in Florida and it is a real estate man from Torrance who made this application. He stated that before he built his house he had asked the Planning Commission for permission to build a medical building there for doctors' and dentists' offices, and he had been advised he could not get a permit in that Zone. He objected to the granting of this Variance. He said everyone would be in favor of it if the whole street was rezoned.

Mrs. L. Young, 2355 El Dorado, stated she owned the houses at 1323 Crenshaw and complained about the size of the signs on Crenshaw and Torrance Boulevard, she said she had read there had been a new sign ordinance enacted, and she requested that it be enforced. She said this area should either be zoned for business or left commercial but she did not approve of spot zoning.

Mr. Howard Percy said he was interested in this. He stated that within 37½ feet there is an accordian studio. He said there would not be a clutter of signs like there is on Crenshaw Boulevard. He said the Planning Commission has stated they intend to rezone this area within the next year or so, Mr. Percy said the property is now in very poor condition and he would improve it.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in disapproving Case No. 328. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, was a tie vote by the following roll call: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Benstead moved that the people having illegal signs be notified immediately to take them down. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Planning Commission advising a public hearing was held on October 6, 1954, to determine the advisability of changing certain street names. As there were no serious objections the Planning Commission recommended the following street name changes:

- (1) 228th Street to 227th Street, Tract No. 19108
- (2) 179th Street to 180th Street, Tract No. 19237
- (3) 180th Street to 180th Place, Tract No. 19237
- (4) Hickman Drive to 180th Place, Tract No. 15880
- (5) Clark Lane to 181st Street, Tract No. 15880
- (6) Cimarron Avenue to Wilton Place, Tract No. 17483
- (7) 229th Street to 230th Street, Tract No. 19245
- (8) Ladeene Avenue to 230th Street, Tract No. 19245

Councilman Isen moved the street name changes recommended by the Planning Commission be concurred with and the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending the request of John Russell, Superintendent of Building, to amend Land Use Ordinance No. 612, regarding overhang of eaves, be granted. Matter of record.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 708

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612.

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

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 708 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 709

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

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 709 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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City Manager Stevens reported on the tire and tube bids. He stated everybody didn't bid on the same items on the list but in analyzing and compiling the lists it was found the bid of Good-year Service Store was low in the amount of \$3347.68. He recommended the contract be awarded to the Goodyear Service Store.

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

City Manager Stevens said he would like to report to the Council that on Monday of this week he had met with the City Manager of Redondo Beach, representatives of the County Road Department and Mr. Chace's field man and they investigated the condition at Avenue "E". He said they came down with a plan to widen it to 80 feet which would cost approximately \$300,000; and an alternate plan to widen it to 50 feet which would cost \$50,000. Obviously both these plans were in the future. He said the County men felt the blockades should be left up until something was worked out in the future. Mr. Stevens stated he thought there was a very simple solution and that was for the Maintenance Department to widen the roadway and put a double stripe line down to create a sidewalk, and they agreed to do that and follow up on it as fast as they can and then the barricades can be removed. Mr. Stevens said he felt that possibly in two weeks there would be no parking on one side and that a solution would be arrived at quite soon.

City Manager Stevens reminded the Council that Mr. Sheblack had requested a Councilman to introduce the professors at their forum. He stated the first meeting was to be held October 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Schwab said that he would attend on the 20th.

City Manager Stevens said that looking ahead and working on the retention basin at the Walteria Lake he had asked the Title Company to make a search of what we intend to condemn on the East side of Hawthorne. The Title Company advised him there has never been any title work done on this tract and it would cost approximately \$3600 for a title search. Mr. Stevens said since then he has met with the Walteria group and they feel that possibly this should be west of Hawthorne, so that this matter could be held up until more information is obtained to see what develops on the possible Walteria recreation development.

Mr. Lieberman said that the widening of the Street (Avenue "E") and the painting of the lines would be a help, but it would not please the residents in that area. He stated they would like

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a four way STOP sign and load limits established.

City Manager Stevens said the widening and the painting of the lines was in addition to the stop signs and establishing load limits.

City Attorney Hall said he had one matter that relates to a condemnation action which the City filed sometime ago to condemn .0589 acres of property on Hawthorne Avenue in the Meadow Park Tract. This was appraised at \$1500. City Attorney Hall said he would recommend to the Council in order to settle the condemnation action that they pay \$2000; however, he had been asked by the opposing counsel to submit their offer of \$2500 to see if the Council would authorize that amount.

Mayor Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall to pay \$2000 to settle this condemnation action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Attorney Hall said that for the Council's information, he had met this afternoon, and would probably meet again tomorrow, the attorneys representing Store Properties, Inc., and also the representative from Coldwell, Banker & Company, both with respect to the airport lease details and also as to the programming for removing the recapture clause from the City's deed, which will probably necessitate a follow-through in Washington to eliminate it. He stated he would report further on that at a later date.

Mayor Drale inquired when the City ordinances would be codified. City Attorney Hall advised him it would be late November or the first part of December, according to the last report he had received.

City Attorney Hall requested that the records show that all Councilmen present have been served with Petition for Writ of Mandate filed on behalf of James S. Dresser and Cecil W. Smith.

Councilman Isen said the Council had been meeting each and every Tuesday, and it looked like they would have to continue to do so. He suggested that rather than these special meetings, that the Council consider an amendment to the ordinance making each Tuesday of the month a regular meeting, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday being a meeting at 8:00 o'clock p.m., and the other meeting at 5:00 or 5:15 p.m., and arrange the meetings so that matters of routine would come up at the 5:15 meetings and matters of public interest at the 8:00 o'clock p.m. meetings.

Councilman Isen moved this matter be referred to the City Attorney for his consideration and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.

Mr. Lieberman inquired if the Council would take any action on the petition submitted to the City Engineer's office requesting an assessment district for installation of street lighting in Allied Gardens. He said he had been led to understand that any petition to the Edison Company to make an estimate has to go through the City Council to get their acknowledgement that they will pay at least the power bill.

City Manager Stevens said he was sure the Edison Company would make the survey. It did not require any Council action.

City Engineer Bishop said he had presented it because it was a large tract and he thought the Council would authorize in some way the payment. He said he thought Mr. Patrick had done this on two or three other large tracts, so the City would be advised there is going to be a big increase in the power bill.

Mr. P. J. Keefer said it was his understanding the Edison Company would not do business with them unless they had permission from the City Council.

City Manager Stevens said that was not true. They want authorization from the City but a letter from the City Engineer is sufficient.

City Engineer Bishop said these petitions are to the Edison Company but they have not been forwarded.

Mayor Drale moved City Engineer Bishop ask or request the Edison Company to make a survey in this particular tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.

Mr. John Wehrman stated that he had applied to the Health Department, under the City Business License Ordinance regulations. He stated he was a peanut vendor by trade. He said he had a truck in which he had about \$1500 invested. It was very clean, but the Health Department had informed him that the City Council ordered all licenses of that nature be revoked.

Councilman Isen said that was for fruit and vegetables.

Mr. Wehrman said the Health Department was going on the assumption the Council meant anything of that nature.

Mayor Drale inquired if his request was for a license or business permit.

Mr. Wehrman said his request would be that the Council request the Health Department to inspect his equipment and either issue or deny the license in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances of the City and County, and, that if all his papers are approved and in order when he presents them to License Inspector Weber will they be approved immediately without having to come back before the City Council.

Mayor Drale said he thought so if they comply with all our ordinances and the Health Department gives approval. He advised Mr. Wehrman this was done with everybody-that he was no exception in this case. He stated as soon as the Health Department approves it our license man will approve it.

Mr. Wehrman inquired if the Health Department would be notified of this action. Mayor Drale advised that they would be so advised.

Mr. Frank Burkley said there was a bad situation in the western section of Torrance and it is getting worse day by day. He said the Police Department has been called several times to check the motorcycle hill climbing in the vacant properties out there. He said they are using the only place where the children coming from Seaside Elementary can come across to Victoria Terrace and Seaside Heights, and it was a very dangerous situation for the children. They used to just meet out there on Sundays but now, it is getting to be every day. He inquired if the Council couldn't adopt an ordinance banning groups of motorcycles or hill climbing in the City of Torrance.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding this matter and ways of stopping it. It was brought out that the City of Los Angeles prohibited any "hot-rodders" from using the public streets by an ordinance requiring that any racers be transported to and from any racing events.

Mayor Drale requested Chief of Police Haslam to investigate this matter thoroughly and if he was unable to solve it the Council would have to take some action in the matter.

Mayor Drale moved all Council members be authorized to attend the League of California Cities Convention to be held October 17, 18, 19 and 20; and that all department heads who would normally attend be authorized to do so, with the permission of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by roll call vote of those present. *see Minutes 10/26/54 Page 1*

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

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At 10:00 P.M., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried by those present.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance

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Mayor of the City of Torrance