

Torrance, California
November 30, 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 Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, November 30, 1954, at 5:30 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, Captain Lucas led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of November 23, 1954, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

- (a) Messrs. Kemp and Albright regarding lease for airport property.

City Clerk Bartlett read letter from Mr. Kemp and Mr. Albright dated November 29, 1954, setting forth the terms on which they want an option to lease the 250' x 300' parcel of land fronting on Crenshaw Blvd.

City Manager Stevens advised that at the last meeting the City Council authorized him to meet with Mr. Kemp and Mr. Albright and work out the terms of the lease, and the terms set forth in their letter of November 29th is the result of their conference. Mr. Stevens said they did not feel it possible to operate on a percentage basis so they had increased the rentals. He stated he felt this was a lease which was acceptable to the City.

Mayor Drale inquired what was going to go in there. Mr. Stevens said they propose to lease a plot 250' North of the proposed Hody's lease and on that they intend to build some shops and professional quarters for doctors, dentists, etc. He stated the usual procedure has been followed, this was approved by the Airport Commission with the terms to be negotiated by the City Council.

Mr. Kemp stated the exact tenants cannot be pinned down until they have something to negotiate, but their plan is to work out the stores for the tenants, stores that will not be in the triangle, shoe stores, dress shops and the type of shops that there will not be room for in the triangle, plus some professional buildings, these would all be minor tenants. He said their idea was to have it such that in having this many stores built at one time they would have architectural control and have it look much better. He said this investment would amount to approximately \$100,000.

Councilman Schwab inquired if they had provided for parking. Mr. Kemp advised him that on their drawing they have allowed for ample parking facilities, and explained these facilities to the Council.

Mayor Drale said the only question he had was that this was the first lease that has been proposed through a broker where the Council did not know what was going on the property or who was leasing it.

Mr. Kemp advised they were acting as principals in this transaction and not as brokers.

Councilman Isen said this was only an option, but, assuming the triangle is developed by Coldwell-Banker he wondered if this schedule of land rent is fair and reasonable or if the value will go sky-high.

City Manager Stevens said if the triangle is developed it is very obvious the values will go up, but how much, he did not know. He said that based on today's conditions he thought this was a fair proposal.

Mr. Kemp said their figures were very definitely not based on today's market value, he said if the triangle does not go they will still want to develop, but definitely not at the figures given, they would want a chance to renegotiate.

Councilman Isen inquired if they would be interested if the Council would give them a first right of refusal to that area, to be negotiated on and after the exercise of the option of the triangle.

Mr. Kemp said if this lease is granted they will start tomorrow to get tenants, they feel the triangle is going to go, if it doesn't go they will have wasted money but they want the six months option to give them time to get tenants.

Mayor Drale stated that if they could guarantee the type of businesses to go in there he would be in favor of this lease. Mr. Kemp advised him the type of businesses would be within the zoning regulations.

Councilman Isen thought it might be in order to have an appraisal made of that area, possibly by the same appraiser who is appraising the triangle, with the question specifically asked that if the triangle is developed what, in his opinion, the fair land rental would be on the other areas. He said if the triangle is developed there would be an immediate demand there and he did not think it fair for the Council to tie up all the land with options.

Councilman Schwab suggested the Council wait until the triangle deal is settled and until that time not to give any other options.

Mayor Drale said he thought this should go back to the Airport Commission for further study as he did not believe the Council should tie up the property without knowing what is going to go in.

Councilman Isen inquired if, as a matter of policy, this Council should go on record as granting no more options until after the triangle development option has been exercised. Mayor Drale said no, but he did think the Council should know what was going in before they approved them.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the Airport Commission for further study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Isen moved the Airport Commission be authorized to hire an appraiser to determine the fair market value in the event the triangle option is exercised. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen, Schwab and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

(b) Subdividers in Rolling Hills area regarding annexation.

Mr. Edward F. Koenig of the Engineering Service Corporation, representing the property owners interested in developing the Rolling Hills area, inquired what the City's attitude was towards annexing certain property comprising approximately 350 to 400 acres of land. He said the Capital Company owns a portion of this and their clients owned the balance, and they are both interested in annexing to the City.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding this annexation. The Council advised that all the ordinances would have to be complied with. Mr. Koenig said this would present no problem to the developers but they would have to insist on the Palos Verdes Water Company furnishing the water. The Council indicated they wanted more information on this matter, such as the potential yield from taxes if this area was developed, the estimated cost for services required, etc.

Mayor Drale suggested that Mr. Koenig outline what they want and meet with City Manager Stevens. Mr. Stevens could then give the Council a concrete proposal and at that time a future meeting could be arranged.

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(c) Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil regarding application for a cafe and cocktail lounge at 1118 Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mrs. McNeil stated it was their understanding the City Council had forwarded a letter to the State Board of Equalization, recommending a denial of a liquor license to their tenant, the Wiljac, Inc., for a cocktail bar at 1118 Crenshaw Boulevard. Mrs. McNeil stated the property in question is zoned for business, with schools and churches beyond the required legal distance, and, inasmuch as they did not know that a group of citizens opposing the application, for personal reasons, had appeared before the Council, she requested the Council to reconsider this as they did not have anyone representing them at the meeting when their request was denied.

City Clerk Bartlett read letters from Dale Isenberg, Reed H. Parkin, and Mrs. Frances Rubeo, requesting the Council to do everything in its power to expedite the issuance of this license. Mr. Bartlett said he also had a petition signed by approximately 25 owners, or managers of businesses, and property owners in the immediate vicinity of the proposed cocktail bar and cafe, stating they wish to go on record as having absolutely no objections to this business.

Mrs. McNeil stated they had given this a lot of thought before deciding and that they definitely would not do anything they did not consider would be for the good of Torrance. She said they had thoroughly investigated the Wiljac, Inc., and many of their establishments. She stated they have established 88 very high class bars in this vicinity.

Mr. Jack Flint, 1763 American Avenue, Long Beach, president of the Wiljac, Inc., said he thought this whole thing had been caused by the petition previously presented to the City Council, which was a misrepresentation of the matter. Mr. Flint explained the type of cafe and cocktail lounge they planned on having and advised they would have ample parking facilities.

Councilman Isen said as this was zoned for business they would not have to provide off-street parking. He said he would be very interested in seeing this particular corner improved.

Councilman Blount said the City Council was not in a position to deny an application for a liquor license.

Mr. Flint stated the Council had recommended to the Board that this license be denied.

City Clerk Bartlett said he had talked to the Board of Equalization and they had advised him the procedure would be for the Board of Equalization to hold a hearing in the City of Torrance. He said they had advised him it would be at least two months before the hearing could be held.

Councilman Isen moved to rescind the previous action of the Council without prejudice of the rights of any interested parties. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved that this matter, copy of the minutes, and all the various correspondence presented to the Council tonight, be forwarded to the Board of Equalization so they will have both sides of the case. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:55 P.M., Mayor Drale declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 P.M.

(d) Mr. Fitzgerald, Manager, John Wiley Jones Company, Inc.

Mr. Fitzgerald referred to the agreement entered into January 12, 1954, between the City and his company, whereby it was agreed in substance that the company would continue in the operation of its present plant on Border Avenue for a period of two years, ending December 31, 1955, after which it would remove all facilities for the filling of chlorine cylinders and utilize the premises only for general offices and the storage of filled tanks. Mr. Fitzgerald inquired as to how the City Council might feel about his company's maintaining their present plant and operation at the Border Avenue location. He said their plans would be to construct a spur track onto the property which would be behind

locked gates, the location for unloading the cars is planned to be approximately 150 feet from the Border Avenue property line and the company would also plant and make extensive improvements on their property. Mr. Fitzgerald referred to his letter of November 3rd addressed to Mr. Stevens in which he had outlined the plans of his company. Councilman Blount read the letter to the Council.

Councilman Blount said that unfortunately he thought this company was an undesirable company in the location it is in and that if the Council should rescind their previous action without proper releases from the people who pushed the action the Council would be laying themselves wide open for a lot of criticism.

Councilman Benstead said he did not think the Council should go on record to rescind their previous motion, he said the Council's duty was to protect the City.

Councilman Isen said he thought this should be cleared through the Fire Department and the Health Department.

Councilman Schwab said when the agreement was made it was agreed this company would move and he has not changed his mind.

Mr. Fitzgerald advised the Council they have tried to purchase another suitable location for their company, and they have tried to sell their present place, but have been unable to do so.

Mayor Drale requested a report from the Fire Department and the Health Department regarding this company.

Mr. Fitzgerald referred to paragraph IV of the Agreement, he said it seemed as though their company is unduly limited and he did not think that was the intent of the Council. He said that in the agreement, which they accepted, it states that beyond January 1, 1956, their premises could be used for office and the storage of chlorine cylinders only, he said he did not think it was the intent of the Council to limit the use of their property, beyond including the filling of chlorine cylinders.

City Attorney Hall advised him the Council should have an opportunity to discuss these details and go over the Agreement before giving an answer. Mr. Fitzgerald asked that this point be clarified. Mr. Hall stated this would be clarified.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Claim for damages filed on behalf of Jeanne Robertson against the City in the amount of \$22,100.

Councilman Schwab moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Recreation Commission recommending the request from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for free use of the auditorium be denied and the usual fee of \$35.00 be charged. They stated they recommended denial of this request because it is believed the purpose of the automobile show is for advertising products and the granting of such a request could conceivably lead to many more requests of a similar nature.

Communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce urging the City Council to grant free use of the auditorium for the automobile show,

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Recreation Commission in denying this request for free use of the Civic Auditorium. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce advising that, according to the Council's instructions, they have chosen two possible sites for the erection of their Safety Sign Project, and requesting the Council's approval of these two sites, the first location is

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the triangle at the intersection of Torrance Boulevard and Cravens Avenue and the second location is the triangle park at the intersection of Torrance Boulevard and Sartori.

Mayor Drale moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to write a letter advising the Council concurs with either site. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from Superintendent McVicar, Torrance Municipal Water District:

"The widening of Hawthorne Boulevard from Lomita Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway leaves us with a serious problem. Our existing 8-inch cast iron main will have a location in the middle of the street under the paved roadway and will be ten feet deep for some distance. We cannot install a new line or remove the old one until their new grade is established, though some work will have to be done to get existing hydrants and crossings under the new west roadway before it is paved.

"We would like authorization to install a new line in the west parkway, salvaging and reusing what we can as the job progresses, and to let the balance of the salvage job go until both sides of the highway have been completed in order that the cost of salvage be not excessive.

"Enclosed are estimates of the cost of laying a complete new line, together with the estimated cost of removing the old and its salvage value. We expect to purchase only the pipe and fittings which are absolutely necessary to get the job done economically, but it is impossible at the present time to schedule the entire job and get an accurate estimate. Because of the time factor it will not be wise to take formal bids on the pipe, though it will be available at standard prices in the quantities needed.

"Your authorization to proceed with the necessary work at a cost not to exceed \$17,000 should be sufficient in the emergency. In all probability it should cost less."

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the requests. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of Axel Nisha for refund on his building permit #31050 covering a single family residence and attached garage at 3756 W. 168th Street. Superintendent of Building Russell recommended that 80% of the permit and inspection fee in the amount of \$16.00 be refunded, the plan checking fee in the amount of \$10.00 to be retained as this work has been done.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Russell's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from William and Eileen Hardesty commending the City Council for their action thus far in the matter of banning sex, horror and crime comic books.

Matter of record.

Communication from Chief Benner regarding violations existing at Heibert's Cabinet and Fixture Company located at 17001 Yukon Avenue.

City Attorney Hall advised that Captain Lucas had furnished him with a breakdown as to the owner-tenant responsibility and the matter is being referred to the City Prosecutor for action.

Mayor Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to proceed in this matter and to take whatever action is necessary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Recreation Commission recommending pay raises to certain hourly employees of the Recreation Department.

City Manager Stevens stated he was having a survey made.

Councilman Isen moved this matter be held until Mr. Stevens has completed his survey. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

- 1. To California Brush Company for fibre and steel brush filler material and drag brushes, the sum of \$1,445.58.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item 1, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 2. To Motorola Communications and Electronics Corporation, Radio Equipment for Fire Department, the sum of \$3,636.93, in accordance with their bid.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item 2, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Recreation Commission recommending the Girl Scouts be granted free use of the Civic Auditorium for a Christmas Carol Sing.

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

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of front yard waivers requested by G & G Construction Company in Tract No. 18406 (outlined in letters dated November 1st and November 12th from the G & G Construction Company) as follows:

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| Lot 1 front yard of 15' | Lot 135 front yard of 17' |
| Lot 21 front yard of 15' | Lot 140 front yard of 15' |
| Lot 24 front yard of 15' | Lot 153 front yard of 15' |
| Lot 45 front yard of 15' | Lot 183 front yard of 17' |
| Lot 48 front yard of 15' | Lot 188 front yard of 15' |
| Lot 50 front yard of 15' | Lot 189 front yard of 15' |
| Lot 61 front yard of 15' | Lot 193 front yard of 15' |
| Lot 131 front yard of 15' | Lot 169 front yard of 15' |

City Manager Stevens said all the above requests are on corner lots and recommended the request be granted.

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and City Manager Stevens in granting the requested set-backs in Tract No. 18406. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 18911, consisting of 81 lots to be developed by Hipoint Homes, Inc.; Rosa Linda Homes, Inc.; and Grande Vista Homes, Inc., northerly of revised 182nd Street, easterly of Faysmith Avenue, westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard and southerly of Tract No. 19626, subject to the following Special Condition: Item 14.

"14. Special Condition: Final Tract Map No. 18911 recommended to the City Council for approval with the recommendation that the alley-way adjacent to Crenshaw Boulevard, marked "NOT A PART OF THIS SUBDIVISION" be acquired through condemnation."

Edw. Rosendahl, attorney for the subdivider, explained this tract map and said that the parcel of property marked "NOT A PART OF THIS SUBDIVISION" is not their property and the property is not for sale. He said what the Planning Commission was talking about was a matter of future policy and was merely brought to the attention of the Council so they would be aware of this situation. He stated his clients had not requested the City to condemn this, however, if the City feels it should be condemned they will pay for the condemnation.

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Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of Final Tract Map No. 18911, providing that the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Special Condition No. 14 be made a part of the approval; that the alley-way be acquired through condemnation be made a part of this agreement, the subdivider agreeing to pay the expenses, and by that he stated he meant to reimburse the City of Torrance for all expenses that it is "out-of-pocket", that to include the time of the City Attorney, the court costs, the value of the land, the appraisers fee, in other words all expenses incurred in this condemnation action. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen inquired about an advance deposit of funds. City Attorney Hall said he would not know the value until the land has been appraised, the amount deposited with the Court is based on the appraisers report.

City Engineer Bishop advised there is a strip of land between the tract and the position of the alley which should also be acquired. Mayor Drale instructed City Attorney Hall to include this strip in the condemnation action.

Councilman Isen inquired if this arrangement was satisfactory to the subdivider. Attorney Rosendahl stated they would be happy to do this as they had tried to acquire the land but the owner would not sell.

Communication from the Metropolitan Water District advising the Board of Directors had voted to change the present price of \$10 per acre-foot for unsoftened Colorado River water, and \$20 per acre-foot for softened water, effective December 1, 1954.

City Manager Stevens said they have set a policy that during the winter months it will sell at \$18 per acre-foot and during the summer months it will sell for \$22 per acre-foot. He said it would cost a little more but the water rate would not go up.

Councilman Schwab moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2654

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF NEWTON STREET; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2654. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2655

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF 242ND STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2655. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 713AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 677.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 713 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett stated that at the meeting of November 23rd Councilman Blount had suggested that "THIS BUSINESS LICENSE IS NON-REFUNDABLE" be printed on all business licenses. He requested authority to have this printed on the business licenses.

City Attorney Hall advised the ordinance has a refund provision and if the policy is changed the ordinance should be amended.

Councilman Blount moved Business License Ordinance No. 624 be amended as suggested. Motion; seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen suggested that all the amendments suggested be included in the amendment. He requested Mr. Hall to check with Mr. Weber regarding the licensing of certain trucks.

City Clerk Bartlett said that the following communication from the Planning Commission regarding the Pride of Torrance Hotel had been held over from the last Council meeting:

"The Planning Commission approves the Pride of Torrance Hotel be built, carrying the stipulation that approval of a cross-deeding procedure be approved by the City Attorney, to guarantee off-street parking. A vacant lot has been purchased and will forever be used for parking purposes only.

"The Planning Commission approved the 5' waiver of front yard to permit the Pride of Torrance Hotel consisting of 41 units to be built, carrying the stipulation that the building shall be moved five feet North to allow a 15' area between the two buildings and further, that the City Attorney approve a cross-deeding procedure whereby the parking lot purchased by the builder shall for all time be used as a parking lot."

City Attorney Hall said he did not know what they meant by a cross-deed procedure, what they meant was a Declaration of Use so that there would be a definite deed restriction.

Councilman Isen said it seemed to him they should enter into an agreement with the City, binding the property and the heirs and successors. Mr. Hall said this could be done on a declaration.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving the Pride of Torrance Hotel, subject to a correct Declaration of Use covering this property involved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Isen said he also thought they should furnish the City, at their expense, a title company report showing the City has this restriction. Mr. Hall said he would take care of this.

City Attorney Hall reported on the Freitas-Ormonde drainage matter, he said he had a report from City Engineer Bishop advising a proper drainage pipe has been installed by the City across this property and that the City will remove the pipe if this land is subdivided.

City Attorney Hall recommended the City Council authorize him to reply to Attorney Hibbert's letter regarding this matter, to the effect that the City will not ask for any permanent drainage easement across this property so the title will not be clouded.

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

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City Attorney Hall said there had been turned over to him for handling a claim of the City against one, Mrs. Maggie Durazo, for damages to a City owned vehicle in the amount of \$295.89. Mr. Hall said that investigation has disclosed this is a case where there was no insurance, the husband is unemployed and they have five children. Under the circumstances the Council should either authorize him to file suit or abandon any efforts to collect.

Councilman Blount moved to abandon efforts to collect this claim. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall advised the Council this is not done in all claim as within the past month he has collected over \$500 in claims.

City Manager Stevens reported that recently Sgt. Evans of the Police Department has worked with a representative of the Duncan Parking Meter Company on a survey for the placing of parking meters. It has been found that a number of additional parking spaces may be obtained by changing the angle parking lines on Sartori, Marcelina, Cravens and Post from an angle of 30° to 35° from the curb line. Also consideration should be given to the latest development in parallel parking--the Braff System.

City Manager Stevens recommended the above two changes be made at this time so that meters may be properly installed.

Councilman Isen moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Manager Stevens requested the Council to approve the construction of the Mayflower Trailer buildings on the Airport. He said they wanted to start construction immediately and that the front of the buildings will be stucco, there will not be a great deal of architectural design but it will be a conforming use.

Councilman Blount moved approval be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens advised he had received a reply to the letter he had been directed to write to the State of California Department of Social Welfare regarding the Guys and Dolls Nursery. He said that in his letter he had pointed out the possibility of a personality conflict and suggested if that was the case that the personnel be changed. They reported this was still under consideration and Mrs. Bergmann had been requested to appear before the Board with her attorney; that they had assigned two supervisors to the case, and that although local authorities might have approved this there were still State laws.

Mr. Stevens said that Mrs. Bergmann had called him today and stated that the State had indicated they would not renew her license on December 10th and that all these children would be without a place to go, however, she said she had a plan to sell the nursery to several parents and they would apply to the State for a license. She inquired if there was anything the City could do to assist them in operating this nursery from December 10th until they received their license.

City Manager Stevens said he thought this matter was out of the hands of the City Council but he wanted to report on it.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Attorney Hall reported on the matter of the triangle portion of the airport property. He said there was not a great deal to add to the record, it is in process, our application has reached the Department of Defense formally from the Civil Aeronautics Administration. He said it was easy to refer to it as an attempt by the City to have the recapture clause removed from the deed, however, this is only one part of it, there is also the reverter clause, oil and gas surface rights to be clarified and certain technical questions in the deed itself as to the applicability as to keeping landing rights and ways clear. He said he was optimistic that we will eventually get a majority of our requests granted, based upon formal approval by the C. A. A. and also through the

Department of Defense. He said there are several things yet to be done, the most important thing is to clarify surface rights, which will have to be done through San Francisco. He said it would take approximately five weeks to get the clearance from the Department of Defense, if we can clear the surface rights within that five week period he thought the City should have their answer within two months.

Councilman Isen inquired what has happened to date in the Civil Service action. City Attorney Hall advised him he let it go for the issuance of an Alternative Writ, which means it will go to an Order to Show Cause hearing. To date he has not heard from Mr. Prichard when this hearing will be held.

Councilman Isen inquired if Mr. Stevens had received a reply from Dr. Hull regarding their cooperation in paying for school signals. Mr. Stevens said he had not as yet received a reply, however, he felt the City would not receive any financial aid.

Councilman Isen inquired what could be done to make them cooperate, he said this was a State law. City Attorney Hall said he would check into the matter and advise the Council.

Councilman Isen asked when the Council would receive recommendations regarding one hour parking on streets where there would be no parking meters and also recommendation regarding one-hour parking on Torrance Boulevard.

Chief Haslam said as soon as it was decided whether they wanted one hour or two hour parking, he said the original request was for one hour parking on one side and two hour parking on the other side and he did not think this was a good plan.

Councilman Isen advised him it had been agreed there would be one hour parking in the business district where there were no parking meters.

Mayor Drale requested Chief Haslam to give these recommendations to City Attorney Hall. Councilman Isen said this should also include changing all the two hour parking signs to one hour.

Councilman Isen moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance as soon as he receives the recommendations from the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Councilman Isen inquired when the City was going to take over the services in Arlington Heights from the Moneta Water Company. He said the Council's instructions to Mr. McVicar was to take over this service.

City Attorney Hall said he had talked to Mr. McCall before he left for Washington, and they were to get together on this as soon as possible regarding the hold harmless clause.

Councilman Isen suggested Mr. McVicar be requested to meet with the Council next Tuesday at 7:30 regarding this matter.

Councilman Schwab inquired if there wasn't something the Council could do to relieve the parking problem during the Christmas season. He suggested the City Manager and the Chamber of Commerce try and work something out to get at least one or two lots in shape for parking during this season. He suggested the lot next to the Legion Hall as one lot to be used.

City Manager Stevens said this should not be too big a job and that on prior occasions we have had a policy if the area was to be donated as public parking the City would do the grading and work. He said he would see about getting at least one of the lots surfaced as a public lot and the City could do the grading with the idea it would help the public.

Mayor Drale stated that President Eisenhower had proclaimed December 15th, S-D, or Safe Driving Day, to initiate a general educational program for safe driving, prevention of accidents and saving of lives. He requested City Attorney Hall to prepare the necessary Resolution proclaiming December 15th as S-D Day in Torrance.

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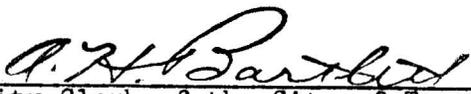
Mayor Drale proclaimed Saturday, December 4th as Boy Scouts Good Turn Day and December 10th as Human Rights Day.

Mayor Drale appointed Mrs. Herma Tillim to the Recreation Commission to fill out the unexpired term of Darwin Parrish.

Mayor Drale said that Chief Haslam has come up with a fine recommendation, he suggested we try and straighten out Carson Street in front of the High School. Mayor Drale requested the Engineering Department to look into this matter and report their findings to the Council.

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

At 8:30 P.M., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously.


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

APPROVED:


Nicholas O. Drale
Mayor of the City of Torrance