

Torrance, California
February 15, 1955

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, February 15, 1955, 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. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Drale, Mr. Harry Van Bellehem led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of February 8, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab. No objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

HEARINGS: CASE NOS. 334 and 335.

Mayor Drale inquired why it was necessary to set another hearing date as February 23, 1955, had already been set as the date for these hearings.

City Attorney Hall advised the reason is technical. It was announced in open Council that February 23, 1955, was the date for the hearing. The Notice of Publication stated February 22, 1955, was the date for the hearings. Mr. Hall stated that it is true that in matters where normally a holiday will interfere it goes over to the next regular date, but in this instance there is a specific date and a Change of Zone and it is extremely technical and extremely important that our notices are absolutely correct. Mr. Hall said he thought that rather than incur any legal question we should go ahead and set another hearing date and republish.

Councilman Isen moved to accept City Attorney Hall's explanation of this particular situation and that the Mayor reset March 8, 1955, as the date for the public hearings on Case No. 334 and Case No. 335. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mayor Drale set March 8, 1955, at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of the City Hall as the date and time for public hearings on Case No. 334 and Case No. 335. This will be the third and final hearing on these cases.

DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

City Engineer Bishop presented the "Debt Limit Report" on the proposed improvement of Del Amo Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to 1740.33 feet East, in the Del Amo Boulevard Improvement District, by the construction and installation therein of curbs, gutters, driveway aprons and sidewalks, to the Council and gave a brief explanation of the same and answered questions regarding it.

Councilman Isen moved the report be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

City Engineer Bishop presented Resolution No. 2689.

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City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2689

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD TO 1740.33 FEET EAST, IN THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CURBS, GUTTERS, DRIVEWAY APRONS, AND SIDEWALKS, PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2824 TO SECTION 2830, INCLUSIVE, OF DIVISION 4 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING OF SAID REPORT.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2689. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MEETINGS:

Mr. Woollett, Architect, and Mr. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, regarding the park improvements.

Mr. Woollett explained the plans and specifications to the City Council in detail, stating there would be 19 or 20 alternates included in the bids. Mr. Woollett stated these are the construction plans and they should be accepted by the Council so they can go to bid.

Councilman Isen moved to approve the final plans and specifications and that advertising for bids be authorized. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Request of Mike Ramljak Company for an extension of 60 days in which to complete the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1.

City Manager Stevens advised the Council that Mr. Ramljak would not delay the completion any longer than absolutely necessary as it was to his benefit to get the job completed.

Mayor Drale moved the request be granted. Councilman Blount seconded the motion providing: that Mr. Ramljak be instructed that a part of their extension is his respect of the personal rights of the citizens, and that included trespassing. Mayor Drale amended his motion to include Mr. Blount's provision. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of Elias Zelan, owner of Zelan's Liquor Store, 1300 Sartori Avenue, for a refund of his business license, as the business is now under new ownership.

Councilman Blount moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from the Pacific Coast Little League of Riviera, Ellinwood and Walteria, inviting the City Council to attend a "Get Acquainted" meeting on Wednesday evening, February 16th, at 8:00 P.M., at the Walteria School Auditorium, 24456 Madison Street.

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

Communication from the Los Angeles County Road Department regarding Crenshaw Boulevard between the southerly boundary of the City of Torrance and Sepulveda Boulevard, transmitting a resolution for adoption by the City Council of Torrance so that the County of Los Angeles may

may relinquish jurisdiction over a portion of this street within the City of Torrance.

Councilman Blount moved the communication and resolution be received and filed and the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

At 6:05 P.M., Mayor Drale declared a recess. Councilman Schwab requested that he be excused at this time. The meeting reconvened at 6:10 P.M.

Communication from Victor J. Green, 1800 South Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach, California, requesting the City Council to take action to eliminate weeds around apartment building located at 300 Calle Miramar.

City Manager Stevens stated the Fire Chief had advised him that this matter was now taken care of.

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

Communication from Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Webb, 1003 Cota Avenue, advising they would like to donate a Franklin upright piano to the Recreation Department, to remain in the Adult Center located at 1318 Cravens Avenue.

Councilman Blount moved the donation be accepted and a letter of thanks forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. Webb. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from Mabel G. Crossman, Public Relations Chairman, Girl Scouts of the Torrance Area, advising the Girl Scout Annual Cookie Sale begins on February 18th and requesting the backing of the City Council.

Councilman Isen moved Mayor Drale proclaim the week of February 18-25 as Girl Scout Cookie Week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mayor Drale proclaimed February 18-25 as Girl Scout Cookie Week.

Request of the Salvation Army for permission to place placards on the light standards in the business district announcing its annual Salvage Week campaign in Torrance, the week of April 18-23.

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

Communication from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the usual rental fee for the use of the civic auditorium be waived for their annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Installation of Officers to be held on March 3, 1955.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed and the Chamber of Commerce notified the rental fee will be waived. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 requesting the City Council to waive the usual fees for building permits in connection with their proposed expansion program.

City Manager Stevens stated that to his knowledge building permit fees had never been waived, except for the Board of Education.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Request of the Torrance Babe Ruth League, Inc. and the Torrance Little League for permission to place advertising on the fences surrounding their ball park on Plaza Del Amo Street.

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Councilman Isen moved their request be granted subject to the advertising matter being placed on the inside of the fences. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

12. Communication from the Division of Highways relative to the installation of traffic signals at 174th Street and Casimir Avenue, as follows: "The City's share of construction costs will be one-half and is estimated to be \$6,000 for installation of traffic signals and \$300 for installation of electrical interconnect to the existing traffic signals at 174th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. Before proceeding further with the financing arrangements, we desire to know whether or not you plan to use gas tax funds for financing."

City Manager Stevens said that before authorizing expending this \$6,000 that he would prefer to look at the Budget.

Councilman Isen moved this matter be tabled until the City Manager refers it back to the Council, within the next three weeks. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mayor Drale inquired about the request for a signal at 174th and Yukon.

City Manager Stevens stated he had written about this but they have not as yet made a survey, and that the City would also have to share in the cost of this installation which would probably be \$6,000.

Mayor Drale requested City Manager Stevens to write to the Safety Committee of the North Torrance Civic Association and advise them just what has taken place to date.

Communication from the Regional Water Pollution Control Board No. 4, Los Angeles Region, enclosing their Resolution No. 55-1, entitled "Adopting Objectives for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution with Respect to Disposal of Waste on Land in the South Coastal Basin within the Los Angeles Region."

Councilman Isen moved the communication and resolution be referred to the City Attorney for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from Sweeney & Stearns regarding premises leased and demised to Vegas Air, Inc. and requesting Council approval of the sub-lease of a portion of the demised parcel to Mrs. Arlene Schaeffer of Redondo Beach, and the construction of a structural steel hangar thereon.

Mr. Stearns presented the proposed sub-lease and the plans and specifications for the building to be erected to City Clerk Bartlett for the records.

After a general discussion, Councilman Isen moved the matter be referred to the Airport Commission with the request this be placed on their next Agenda if possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Manager Stevens said he would like to call to the Council's attention that there is a moratorium on all leases at the airport and that this particular site is one that the U. S. Army is investigating and Mr. Stevens said he had no idea when this would be cleared up.

Communication from Stanley C. Stearns recommending that all gardeners working in this vicinity be licensed.

Councilman Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the communication and the matter referred to the License Department of the City Clerk's office. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from Virgil C. Kasiah, 2301 Ralston Lane, Redondo Beach, California, suggesting that the cities in the South Bay area work together for a better community life.

Councilman Isen moved Mr. Kasiah's letter be acknowledged by City Clerk Bartlett thanking him for his interest and advising him that the City of Torrance is striving for the same interests. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from License Inspector Weber advising he has received a request for a business license to operate a "Credit & Collection" business, from C. W. Giltner, 368 Paseo de Gracia.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be referred to Chief of Police Haslam for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. Walter Unger was appointed to serve his probationary period as Park Maintenance Man, effective February 1, 1955, in the first salary step. (Selected from eligible list.)
2. Charles M. Waite was employed as a Park Maintenance Man in a temporary capacity, effective February 7, 1955, in the first salary step. (No eligible list.)
3. James H. Webb was employed as Electrician's Helper on a temporary part-time basis, effective February 7, 1955, at the rate of \$1.90 per hour. (No eligible list.)

A general discussion was held regarding the fact that there were no eligible lists.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens; items 1, 2 and 3 under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Schwab.

Councilman Benstead moved the Civil Service Board be reminded all eligible lists should be kept up. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company, for engineering services during the month of January, the sum of \$1,099.80.

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

2. For the purchase of an electric typewriter for the City Clerk's office, the sum of approximately \$400.

Councilman Benstead asked City Clerk Bartlett what kind he was going to buy. City Clerk Bartlett stated they were going to try out three or four different ones, all in this price range. Councilman Benstead said he thought the typewriters should be standard throughout the City Hall to enable one serviceman to service all typewriters. City Clerk Bartlett said they have one service man to take care of all of them.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item 2, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by

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Councilman Isen, providing it is purchased in Torrance, at this price. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens gave an oral report to the City Council on the improvement of Anza Avenue and Palos Verdes Boulevard. He presented plans to the Council and explained them in detail, stating they provided paving one additional strip on each side of the unpaved area of both Palos Verdes Boulevard and Anza Avenue, in the center. Mr. Stevens said that coming up Anza Avenue, from Lomita to Sepulveda, there will be a sewer and that he had talked to Mr. Don Wilson today and it is their hope that they can get the sewer in before we get the paving in. Mr. Stevens said these two combined jobs will cost approximately \$11,000 which does not include the grading and preparation of the grading, which the Street Department will do. City Manager Stevens showed the Council, by use of a map, the section involved, so there would be no doubt in anyone's mind.

City Manager Stevens said they plan to advertise and take bids on this job on March 8th, also bids on laying water mains to supply the Union Carbide Company.

Councilman Blount moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to call for bids on March 8, 1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from City Manager Stevens regarding the status of Calle Mayor from Pacific Coast Highway to its northerly terminus:

"Presently the southeasterly half of this boulevard is dedicated for improvements to City standards for a length of approximately 2500 feet. The northwesterly half of the boulevard has been indicated on our City maps as a future street. The status of this portion is as follows: The first 300 feet from Pacific Coast Highway is private property with no indication of dedication for public purposes. The next 650 feet lies within the boundaries of Tract No. 15397 and has been dedicated for public use as follows:

"We also hereby dedicate to the public use for street purposes that strip of land designated as future street, shown on said map within said subdivision, reserving to ourselves any and all ordinary uses of said land, except the erection or construction thereon of any structure not ordinarily placed in public streets, until such time as the proper legislative body shall open said street for public use." The remaining portion of the proposed street lies within Tract No. 15570. The tentative map for this subdivision has been submitted to the Planning Commission and offers for dedication the northwesterly one-half of Calle Mayor as required.

"At some future date Calle Mayor will be extended to Anza Avenue and will at that time become a through street of major importance. Until that time the street will carry only local traffic and would not justify the development of the roadway to its ultimate requirements.

"It appears that within the near future the City will have a major portion of the street dedicated for public use. The Street Department could then clean the right-of-way, post "No Dumping" signs and maintain it until the time of improvement to major street requirements.

"NO DUMPING signs have been ordered for this area."

Mrs. Pace, Mrs. Kessler and Mrs. Shanks of Macafee Road all protested the condition that exists in this area.

City Manager Stevens said about all the City could do is to have the Street Department go through and clean it up.

Mayor Drale moved the Street Department clean up this area. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from City Engineer Bishop submitting Agreement with Division of Highways for the San Diego Freeway (formerly Sepulveda Freeway), through the City of Torrance.

Mr. Bishop explained the maps and agreement to the City Council, after a lengthy discussion, Councilman Blount moved the Engineering Department be asked to study inter-changes of the freeway--off of Arlington Avenue. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following communication from City Engineer Bishop:

"I am requesting permission to advertise for bids for the proposed improvement of Palos Verdes Boulevard from Linda Drive to Susana Avenue, and of Anza Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to 229th Street.

"The plans and estimate are not quite complete at this writing but will be ready for study Tuesday. The plan will show that the present 18-foot wide paved roadway on either side of both these streets will be widened to 30 feet, leaving a 20-foot wide center planting strip on Anza Avenue and a 16-foot wide center planting strip on Palos Verdes Boulevard.

"A rough preliminary estimate indicates that the paving contract may go to bid at around \$10,000. It is planned that city forces do the grading, the planting of the center parkways, and install guard railing across the foot of the steep streets leading down to Palos Verdes Boulevard from the North."

Councilman Isen moved the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for bids. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission 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 Fay-smith Avenue, westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard and southerly of Tract No. 18626, subject to SPECIAL CONDITION: Alley, as requested by City Council at meeting of November 30, 1954, has been obtained and is shown on the Final Map.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Map No. 18911. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from the Planning Commission submitting the following matters for the Council's consideration:

LeRoy Johnston: 2760 Gramercy Avenue, requesting permission to divide Lot 5, Tract 1952, Block 298. The Planning Commissioners unanimously recommended this request of LeRoy Johnston be denied because he does not have the required area.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denying request of LeRoy Johnston. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Leo S. Girard: 17102 Prairie Avenue, requesting permission to divide portion of Lot 24, La Fresa Tract. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended denial as the total area is only 1,000 square feet which is not in conformance with the Land Use Ordinance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denying the request of Mr. Girard. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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Keiji Yata: 3708 Garnet Street, requesting permission to build another house on his property. The Planning Commission advised an ordinance is now being considered by the City Council to permit a second dwelling on an agricultural lot where it has an excess of 5,000 sq. ft. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request, subject to the passage of this ordinance.

Councilman Isen moved this request be tabled until such time as such an ordinance is before the City Council for action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

R. C. Grace: Requesting approval of a new type of house plan. The Planning Commission recommended denial due to the fact the plans do not meet standard requirement of 850 square feet.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Vacation - Tract No. 10307: (Proposed Tract No. 18379) The Engineering Department recommends that vacationing be approved since these streets have never been used by the City of Torrance, and since the construction of proposed Tract 18379 would necessitate the vacationing of these streets. Mr. Mason stated that none of these streets have been in existence, they were only on paper. The Planning Commission concurred with the Engineering Department in recommending the vacationing.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the Planning Commission and Engineering Department in approving this vacationing. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Setbacks on Proposed Tract Map No. 21173: Requesting a Variance on the front setbacks of the houses located on the perimeter of the cul-de-sac so that they be in line with the other houses on the street. In extreme cases this will be approximately a seven foot (7') setback. The Planning Commission recommended approval as long as the houses keep in line with the other houses.

A short discussion was held as to why this was not treated as a regular Variance.

Councilman Isen moved the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission without comment. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of CASE NO. 337, request of Kelton & Bollenbacher for Variance and Conditional Permit to use a parcel of land 30' wide, adjacent to the South line of Sepulveda Boulevard, extending approximately 160' easterly from Palos Verdes Boulevard, for commercial purposes, excepting therefrom the easterly 25' which shall be dedicated as a service road. This property is in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

Mayor Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving CASE NO. 337. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of CASE NO. 331, request of Dominguez Estate Company for a Change of Zone on 7 parcels of land within the boundary of 190th Street on the North; 203rd Street on the South; Hawthorne on the East, and western City boundary on the West, from A-1 to C-2; with the stipulation that any structure be set back in line with the houses on the North on parcels "A" and "B" on Exhibit "A", page 1.

Mayor Drale set March 8, 1955, at 8:00 P.M., as the date and time for the third and final hearing on CASE NO. 331.

Communication from the Planning Commission submitting proposed amendments to Land Use Ordinance No. 612 for the Council's consideration and approval.

Councilman Blount moved the amendments be received and held over two weeks from tonight for the Council's action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick submitting easement given by Walter B. Perez and Margaret Perez for the construction of sanitary sewers from 182nd Street northerly to the southerly boundary of Tract No. 19626.

Councilman Blount moved the easement be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2690

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM WALTER B. PEREZ AND MARGARET PEREZ.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2690. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

29. Communication from City Engineer Bishop submitting an easement given by John Wm. Bill and Martha T. Bill for a storm drain to be constructed on the westerly 4 feet of Lot 11, Tract 18594, and advising this storm drain will convey the water from the northerly fill slope of the Newton School to the Pacific Coast Highway Service Road.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2691

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM JOHN W. BILL AND MARTHA T. BILL.

Councilman Isen moved this particular proposed Resolution No. 2691 be tabled for a period of two weeks and brought on the Agenda at that time, providing, the City has a proper letter from the proper school authorities to be bound, stating in writing exactly what they will do with the construction of this storm drain. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2681

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE OWNERS OF RECORD OF TRACT NO. 16133 OF ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS RESERVED IN ORDINANCE OF VACATION NO. 636 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

City Clerk Bartlett advised this Resolution has been held over from the January 25, 1955, February 1 and February 8th meetings for clarification.

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City Manager Stevens explained that the freeway is to go right through this area, that sometime ago, before we knew the freeway was going through, we did vacate the alleys and this portion of the street, retaining certain easements. The Community Airports, Inc. now request the City to quitclaim all the easements. Mr. Stevens advised this was right in the path of the freeway and that all the City would be doing would be to increase the price to the State. City Manager Stevens recommended this Resolution, No. 2681, be held up.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2684

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO VARIOUS OWNERS OF RECORD.

City Clerk Bartlett advised this Resolution has been referred from the meetings of February 1st and February 8th, 1955, for clarification.

City Manager Stevens explained that when the City acquired the old Quandt Water Company they also acquired a lot of miscellaneous easements and in order to clear the title and develop the property the owners of the property have requested this quitclaim deed. Mr. Stevens stated he thought this should be done so the owners will be able to develop the property.

Councilman Blount inquired if this property was owned by Kissel. City Manager Stevens said it was. A discussion was held as to whether this property was the same as the tract the Planning Commission has requested Mr. Kissel to set aside an area for a park. City Manager Stevens advised the Council this was not the same property.

Councilman Blount moved to table Resolution No. 2684 for an indefinite period, for further investigation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2692

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE.

Councilman Blount moved Resolution No. 2692 be tabled until corrected or checked by the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Mayor Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

ORDINANCE NO. 730

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 367 AND 406.

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

Councilman Isen moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 730 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 732

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN PORTION OF LOT C, TRACT 1427, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 732 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2693

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT DEED TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM MILTON KAUFFMAN COMPANY.

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. 2693. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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City Clerk Bartlett stated he had a communication from Sgt. G. S. Evans regarding the maintenance and control of the parking meters.

City Manager Stevens advised that Sgt. Evans retires as of March 1, 1955, that he has discussed this position with both Sgt. Evans and Chief of Police Haslam and they all agree some arrangement could be worked out very satisfactorily.

Councilman Isen moved City Manager Stevens be instructed to work with Chief of Police Haslam and Sgt. Evans and to submit as soon as possible a formal recommendation and a type of agreement. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

Mr. Varner presented the floor plans and the elevations of the new Civic Center buildings and explained them in detail to the Council. City Manager Stevens stated these should be approved, if the Council so desired, so Mr. Varner could proceed with the working drawings.

Councilman Benstead moved the floor plans and elevations, as submitted by Mr. Varner, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 7:25 P.M., Councilman Isen asked to be excused from the meeting.

City Manager Stevens reported he had received a proposal for the leasing of approximately 12 square acres at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, term of the lease proposed was 52 years, the people propose to build a Torrance Town and Country which would correspond to the San Diego Mission Town and Country; however, Mr. Stevens said the terms are almost impossible. They want more land than is available, the proposed lease is for 52 years and they must have a firm answer in 15 days time, all conditions which the City could not meet. Mr. Stevens stated he brought this up so the City Council would be aware of the proposal and why it could not be accepted.

City Attorney Hall remarked it was very obvious the writer of the letter had never dealt with a municipality.

Councilman Blount moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to advise the writer of the letter that the terms they suggested are impossible; however, if they wish to discuss this further Mr. Stevens would be happy to meet with them. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

City Manager Stevens advised that we are in escrow with CCMO for the purchase of the Civic Center site, however, there is a stipulation that the money must be in by a certain date. Mr. Stevens said he would recommend we transfer money from any and all sources and put this money,

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\$188,492.75 *See Minutes Feb. 23, 1955

~~\$125,000~~, in escrow so the City will not default in any way. Mr. Stevens said we might have to take this money out of different funds but the only other alternative is to sell the bonds and be paying interest on all the money. This money must be in by April 1st.

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

City Attorney Hall advised he had arranged a luncheon with Myles Blaine, Thursday noon at the Fish Shanty, and he was hopeful all the Council members would be able to attend. The meeting will be informal but very informative.

City Attorney Hall said that regarding the Airport Commission Ordinance, the question was raised as to the power of removal, at that time he commented it was in the ordinance. Mr. Hall said he has since rechecked the ordinance and Section 2 provides the power of removal and he will re-submit the ordinance at the next meeting.

Mr. Edward Schwartz, 2227 Torrance Boulevard, stated his wife was opening up a beauty shop on the 1st day of March and they requested permission for an advertising campaign which will consist of a horse and buggy and an automobile with show people driving it around announcing the opening, they requested permission to stage this on February 26, 1955.

Mayor Drale moved his request be granted, subject to the approval of Chief of Police Haslam. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Drale.

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

At 7:45 P.M., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by those present.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance