

Torrance, California
May 17, 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 May 17, 1955, at 5:30 P. M., Mayor Isen presiding.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Baxter Omohundro led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger suggested that two corrections be made in the minutes of May 10, 1955, as follows: Under personnel, page 7, paragraph 8, it should read \$1.50 per hour instead of \$150 per hour; and on page 8, the last line, the word should be regulation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the meeting held May 10, 1955, be approved as corrected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen announced that City Attorney Hall had a resolution to present to the Council. The Council expressed the desire that Mr. Hall explain this resolution.

City Attorney Hall stated that this particular resolution terminates the proceedings that the Council instituted with reference to annexing under the Inhabited Territory Act and sets forth the factual findings to support such termination and it is anticipatory of another resolution being presented for consideration on the assumption that another petition will be filed with the City. Further, it relates generally to the matters as discussed by the City Council at their last regular meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2739

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE TERMINATING ANY AND ALL PROCEEDINGS
HERETOFORE COMMENCED WITH REFERENCE TO THE
ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE
GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION OF INHABITED TERR-
ITORY AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2708.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2739. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. David Evans presented to the Clerk a petition for annexation under the Uninhabited Territory Act, signed by Palos Verdes Properties.

Councilman Drale moved the petition be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall stated that in view of the past action which has terminated proceedings under the Inhabited Territory Act and the fact that a new petition has been filed the resolution just handed to the City Council initiates proceedings under the Uninhabited Territory Act and sets a date and time and place for a hearing. Mr. Hall advised the territory is appended to the original handed to Mr. Hallanger, that is, the boundary of the property is appended to the original resolution.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2740

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GIVING NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 35305 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; DESIGNATING SAID TERRITORY BY THE NAME OF "ROLLING HILLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE", SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF PROTESTS THEREON AND PROVIDING THAT SAID TERRITORY SHALL BECOME PART OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2740. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

As Mr. W. P. FitzGerald, Manager, John Wiley Jones Company, Inc. was present, at the request of the City Council, Mayor Isen requested Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to read his letter of May 9, 1955, in which he denied charges of 17 violations and advised the Council it was their intention to remove their filling operation from Torrance well in advance of the agreement with the City.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed as a matter of record, as there were no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead requested a report from the Fire Chief regarding this matter. Fire Chief Benner stated he has on file in his office a few occasions where they received reports of chlorine being released but he had no record of 17 violations and that in his opinion the present situation is in very good condition.

Mr. FitzGerald introduced Mr. Seeley, chemical engineer for the John Wiley Jones Company. Mr. Seeley reported that the tank car lines are connected, however, they are bled each night and requested that the Fire Chief correct his reports to show this.

Mr. FitzGerald said they hoped to have their permit by the end of this month and they will start moving immediately.

Mayor Isen thanked them for their cooperation in this matter.

Dr. Burt Easley, 3306 Eldorado Street presented a sworn affidavit from their engineer testifying that there is a drainage problem in this area. He also presented affidavits regarding this matter from Robert Clayton, David Mosher and Donald Hitchcock.

Councilman Drale moved these affidavits be received and filed and turned over to the Engineering Department. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

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Councilman Drale moved that construction of the homes in Tract No. 18747, namely the row of houses in this tract that back up to the homes on Eldorado, be stopped until the Council has a clarification of this drainage problem, and that Supt. of Building Russell be ordered to stop construction on these homes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from R. T. Barrett, Chairman, Save the Trees Committee, protesting removal of trees along Sepulveda Boulevard, west of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Mayor Isen stated this matter was gone into very thoroughly at the last regular Council meeting.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed. No objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Letter of appreciation from City Clerk Bartlett and advising that he will soon be back on the job.

No objections, letter ordered filed by Mayor Isen.

Letter from Senior Assistant Chief Engineer, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, relative to sewage drainage, Ballona Creek.

No objections, letter ordered filed by Mayor Isen.

Letter from the Riviera Parent Teacher Association requesting use of facilities at El Retiro Park to hold parent education classes as a part of the California Adult Education Program relative to child nurseries.

Councilman Benstead moved this letter be referred to the Recreation Commission for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Identical Resolutions from the Walteria Civic Organization and the Pacific Hills Home Owners, Inc., regarding the matter of suitable school sites being guaranteed in each and every tract map before approval of tract maps are given by local authorities.

After a short discussion of these resolutions, Councilman Drale moved that the words "without cost" be stricken from the resolutions and that a communication be forwarded to Vincent Thomas and Richard Richards expressing the Council's compliance with these resolutions and that a copy of the resolutions, as corrected, be forwarded to them. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale requested these letters be signed by the Mayor.

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to have these letters prepared for his signature.

Request of Stanley W. Watts, who holds City license to operate under the name of Walteria Cab Company, to change the name to A-1 Taxi Service.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had examined the insurance policy and there would be no change of insurance necessary and it was practical as far as the Clerk's office is concerned.

Mayor Isen moved the request be granted subject to Mr. Watts filing and publishing a fictitious name certificate. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Letter from the Los Angeles Center, California Industries for the Blind, requesting permission to sell their products for a period of three months, under a free license.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Chief of Police for a recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Communication from Mrs. Louis P. Corso urging compulsory vaccination of dogs against rabies.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated they had received nine other such communications.

Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney be authorized to draft an ordinance making the vaccination of dogs against rabies compulsory, for the Council's study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Letter from Mrs. William Trollinger approving compulsory rabies vaccination law and the proposed law requiring stricter oil field measures.

As there were no objections Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed.

Letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association requesting permission to hold a parade at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 4, 1955.

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

Communication from the Retail Merchants Association submitting proposal for additional off-street parking facilities.

Mayor Isen stated he had been requested to have this matter placed on the agenda for next week and if there were no objections he would so order it.

Councilman Blount said he objected to this and requested that the communication be read.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the communication in full. The proposal was as follows: That the lot directly back of the City Hall and the interior area of El Prado Park be used for off-street parking, if legally feasible, and that the trees and grass be retained on the perimeter of El Prado Park.

Mayor Isen requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for the meeting next week as several of the interested parties wanted to be present.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of April, the sum of \$1,543.95.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with item 1, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. For the purchase of a Rotavator tractor attachment for the Park Department, the sum of \$800 plus tax. (From the Park Department Budget)

Councilman Drale moved to concur with item 2, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. That the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase kitchen equipment and furnishings for the Central Fire Station. (From Fire Department Budget Funds)

Councilman Benstead moved to advertise for bids on Item 3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Schwab inquired how much money this involved. City Manager Stevens stated it would be several thousand dollars. He stated

that because of the difficulty in drawing specifications a good way might be to have the different people bring in typical samples of their wares and have a committee look at it, that way it would be on a competitive basis and still actually see what the furniture is like and permit an inspection of it. Mr. Stevens said that in advertising for a certain type of desk it was possible to receive bids from \$89.00 to \$472.00.

Councilman Benstead said we are going to have to buy a lot of furniture pretty soon and he thought the only way to do it is to call for bids.

Councilman Schwab inquired how he would proceed--would you have them bring their samples in?

Councilman Benstead said he thought it would be all right to bring the samples in and the bids would be awarded, that way we could have the dealers bring in their samples and display them before we called for bids.

Councilman Drale said he thought the departments involved know about what they want; they could determine the type of furniture and the quality and send the bids out with a recommendation.

Mayor Isen called for roll call vote on Councilman Benstead's motion, to advertise for bids on Item 3, which was seconded by Councilman Drale. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

BIDS:

1. That bids be taken for the construction of an 8" sewer line on 247th Street to serve the Airport industrial properties. (From Airport Funds)

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Item 1, under Bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS: (City Manager Stevens)

1. I recommend that the sum of \$75,000 be transferred from Municipal Water District No. 3 to the General Fund, said sum to be returned to the Water District on or before June 30, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens in transferring funds from the Municipal Water District No. 3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. I recommend that O'Melveny and Myers be authorized to make the necessary preparations for the sale of the Civic Center and Municipal Pool Bonds. The date for taking bids to be on or near the first Tuesday in July.

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

TRAFFIC CONTROL MATTERS:

The following traffic regulatory measures are recommended by Police Chief Haslam and myself:

Stop Signs:

- (a) At Cabrillo Avenue on alley between Sartori and Gramercy Avenue.

- (b) Four-way STOP on the intersection of alleys between Arlington, Engracia and Cravens Avenues.

Parking:

- (a) Parallel parking on East side of Abalone Avenue between 220th and 223rd Streets.
- (b) Center-line parking from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. only on Cabrillo Avenue south of Carson Street with a 2-hour parking limit.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the items under Stop Signs and Parking and that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Speed Limits:

- (a) That a 35-mile speed zone be established on Western Avenue from 190th Street to Torrance Boulevard and on the westerly side of Western Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to southerly City Limits; and that the street be so posted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation under Speed Limits, subject to the approval of the Los Angeles Police Department coordinating their policy with ours, and that when this is coordinated, that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p. m.

Communication from City Manager Stevens recommending that Section 10 of Ordinance No. 699 be amended to read as follows:

"For the purchase, development, operation and maintenance of off-street parking facilities, and for the patrolling of the parking meters and off-street parking facilities."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens and that the City Attorney be authorized to amend Ordinance No. 699. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Request of Donald G. Hunt for variance on Tract No. 19723 in regard to top of slab above finished grade. The present code requires 12" above finished grade and we would like to have 8" above finished grade.

This request was approved by Supt. of Building Russell on April 19, 1955. The Council referred this matter to the Planning Commission for recommendation, at the Council meeting of April 26, 1955. At the May 9th Planning Commission this request was recommended to the City Council for approval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving this request, subject to the approval of City Engineer Bishop and Supt. of Building Russell. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

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2. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 21645. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 21645, to be developed by R. A. Watt, containing 63 lots, subject to certain special conditions as listed. (Held over from the meeting of May 10th)

Mayor Isen said this was held over, more or less, at the request of Councilman Blount. Councilman Blount said he knew that and nothing has happened yet.

City Attorney Hall advised we are waiting for an appraisal from Mr. Bowen which will constitute the demand on Mr. Watt. The appraisal was to determine the value of a particular piece of property for street purposes. Mr. Hall stated that directly this has no connection but indirectly it may lead to a quicker solution.

Councilman Schwab said if it will lead to a quicker solution he would move this tract map be held over for one week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Ralph Garland, speaking on behalf of the Watt Construction Company, stated this Girard matter has no direct connection with the proposed tract map. He stated Mr. Girard brought an action against the Watt Construction Company, it was defended in a civil court action and Watt won the case.

Mr. Garland inquired if the Council could approve Tract Map No. 21645 and hold over their other Tract Map No. 21588.

City Attorney Hall advised if Watt Construction Company will hold the City free and harmless from any cost of any condemnation action.

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Garland both tract maps would be held over until next week and that in the meantime he could secure the document from Mr. Watt as Mr. Hall had suggested.

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 18379. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 18379, to be developed by the Don Ja Ran Construction Corporation, containing 170 lots, subject to special conditions as listed.

Councilman Drale moved this tract map be held over until next week and that City Manager Stevens request a representative of the Don Ja Ran Construction Corporation, and City Engineer Bishop, to be present at the meeting. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

4. Communication from City Engineer Bishop recommending that Bond Nos. 01-B-41086 and 01-B-41085, covering water distribution system in Tract Nos. 19305 and 20504, be released as the water installations are complete.

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

5. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick requesting permission to advertise for bids on the furnishing of approximately 7,000 tons of Plant-Mixed Surfacing laid in place, and 1,200 tons of Cold-Mixed Patching Material to be furnished during the year beginning July 1, 1955 and ending June 30, 1956. Copy of the proposed Notice to Contractors was attached.

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

6. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick submitting two easements, one for street and highway purposes across the Southern California Edison Company right of way on Entradero Avenue, and the other for Anza Avenue, both in Tract No. 19103. These easements are granted by the Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2741

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 MILTON KAUFFMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2741. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2742

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 MILTON KAUFFMAN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION.

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. 2742. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated May 13, 1955, Re: Vacation, Palos Verdes Boulevard, Tract 10300 and submitting the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD IN TRACT NO. 10300, 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 Drale inquired if we were vacating for a tract. City Manager Stevens stated this matter came before the Planning Commission and was recommended by them in order to permit development in the area, then it just died, and the other day it came up again. The Redondo Beach Planning Commission worked with the Commission here and they agreed they would also vacate.

Councilman Blount inquired if there shouldn't be some consideration for vacating 65 feet.

After a short discussion, Councilman Drale moved this matter be tabled until clarified. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

REPORTS:

- 1: City Manager Stevens--Trash Receptacle Survey.

"At the City Council meeting held April 26, 1955, I was requested to make a survey of the trash receptacles in the business district and determine where additional ones should be placed.

"The attached map indicates the location of the present trash receptacles and the proposed locations. It is difficult to properly locate them from a map or by actual survey on the streets. Therefore, the proposed locations might be changed to better serve the actual need."

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Councilman Drale suggested City Manager Stevens use his good judgment in placing these receptacles in the proposed new locations.

Mayor Isen moved City Manager Stevens call for bids for ten (10) commercial refuse boxes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. City Manager Stevens--Loading Zone Survey.

At the request of the City Council I have made a survey of the practice used by various cities in handling loading zones on streets which are metered. The results of the survey are as follows:

1. Most cities maintain unmetered loading zones and penalize all vehicles other than commercial ones which use the zone.
2. Some cities meter the zone, but offer free use for commercial vehicles until 10:00 a.m., which takes care of most deliveries.
3. Some cities meter the zones and only commercial vehicles can use the space, but the meter charge must be paid.
4. Some cities maintain unmetered zones with the business house affected paying \$6 per month and anyone being permitted to use the zone.
5. Many cities have unmetered taxi zones with the taxi company paying a fixed fee per month for the use of the zone.

Mayor Isen inquired if City Manager Stevens had a recommendation. City Manager Stevens stated it was his belief that the best way is that we do not meter the yellow zone. He stated there was some disadvantage to this but he did not know the perfect solution. The Council had requested this survey and he thought they should come to some conclusion on the problem.

After a lengthy discussion Councilman Blount moved this matter be tabled. Mayor Isen so ordered.

Councilman Schwab said he objected, the Council had requested this survey and then they will not take any action.

Mayor Isen stated it was a case where there was a problem but no solution.

Councilman Blount stated he thought it was a manufactured problem.

3. City Attorney Hall--Recommendation, Compensation for Deputy City Attorney.

City Attorney Hall stated he has not received communications from some of the cities regarding a survey of this matter.

4. Chief of Police Haslam--Added Police Protection in Waleria-Pacific Hills Area.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated this had been received too late to make copies for the Councilmen.

Councilman Drale moved this be held over until next week. No objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

5. Letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, regarding back fill and resurfacing of sewer trenches in Hollywood Riviera. (Additional report as requested by the City Council).
Report ordered filed.

6. John V. Russell--Old Japanese Church, Waleria.

Communication from Mr. Russell submitting report of H. M. West regarding this building and advising they have a verbal agreement with the tenants that they will vacate the premises within 30 days.

Councilman Blount moved the communication and report be filed. No objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Proposal of U. S. Corps of Engineers for locating a NIKE site at the easterly end of the Airport.

City Manager Stevens reported that the C. A. A. felt that they could not oppose the portion of an airport that could only be used for farming, however, that does not mean the City has to take any stand except the one they think is the proper one to take. Mr. Stevens stated the Corps of Engineers have requested the City Council to study their proposal and to make a decision.

After a general discussion of the NIKE site as proposed, Councilman Blount moved the proposal be sent back to the U. S. Corps of Engineers notifying them it would interfere with the City's plans for the development of the airport and request that they restudy their proposal. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

2. Providing site for the California Employment Office.

City Manager Stevens: We carried on negotiations, or conversations, and we find that basically they never recommend a site which is near a playground, a school, a church, or recreation area. I gathered that their mind is not closed on the present location, that the site they propose to build would have at least 17 to 20 parking spaces, but they have a feeling that the piece of property they paid \$26,000 for is now worth twice that much and they could not be too free in swapping that for just anything. It was suggested we give them a site and they in turn would sell the present site to the Parking Authority at their cost. We considered an alternate site which I believe would be acceptable to them. I think, however, that they would want that, plus the difference in value of the two sites as they exist today. It leaves us with a problem. We also found out that our idea of a State Building was not what we would get; we would get only an Employment Office. If the Division of Motor Vehicles went in, that would require another building, etc. In other words, we would end up with several state buildings. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has advised us there is an attempt being made to provide a type of State building like we had in mind; however, that is in the future.

Councilman Drale thought that the Parking Authority should be advised as to what is transpiring and requested Mr. Stevens to advise them.

Councilman Schwab moved that the City Council do not consider the Employment Office being located at the Civic Center site. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote; AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale said he was not in favor of donating the State two acres of land and then having to sell the lot for \$26,000 to the Parking Authority.

Councilman Schwab inquired if Mr. Stevens wanted the Council to go any further with this matter in making recommendations.

City Manager Stevens said he thought he could convey the message to them that the Council, in general, felt that if it is possible they would like to save that parking lot at the expense of the Parking District.

Mayor Isen moved to go on that recommendation and that they be notified the Council would like to cooperate with them for another selection for their purposes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported that he has received two suggestions for changes in the jail in the new Police building, from the State Department of Correction. They do not recommend we have the day room and exercise room, however, Mr. Stevens said they have found there is no jail in Southern California who does not have them. Mr. Stevens said he thought these suggestions should be ignored, as every other City has done.

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Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

City Manager Stevens said that the other change suggested was that the multiple cell construction in the Juvenile Section is not acceptable to the Youth Authority Department. They ask that we have a cell for every juvenile. Mr. Stevens recommended that we do not follow these corrections, we can't build a hotel and no other City in California has been able to.

Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Stevens said that Chief Haslam will contact this Department when he goes to Stockton and can report that the City Council does not feel they can build a hotel and that the Council does not choose to do what no other City has ever done.

City Manager Stevens stated that when we took the bids on the Central Fire Station we left off Alternate "B", the concrete wall around it, until we saw how we would make out, not only in the Central and the South Torrance stations but the program as a whole. Mr. Stevens recommended that Alternate "B" be added to the department program.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens reported that Assembly Bill No. 1459 is now in the Legislature, which Bill permits the County or Sanitation Districts to go into the business of collecting and disposing of refuse. It also permits cities who are within that District not to go in unless they so choose. In order that the Sanitation District can go into this business they are supporting this legislation and request our City Council to also support it, they forwarded copy of an appropriate resolution to be adopted by the City Council if they so choose.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the resolution and forward it to the State Legislature. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the resolution in full.

City Attorney Hall stated that if the Council would so authorize he would complete the resolution and forward it on.

Councilman Drale so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said that it had been suggested a joint meeting of the Torrance City Council and the City of Palos Verdes City Council be arranged.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager and the Mayor set up such a meeting. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Blount.

City Attorney Hall stated that as a part of the acquisition of off-street parking facilities he would like to recommend the City engage the firm of Marshall & Stevens to handle the appraisal of the property proposed to be acquired for off-street parking purposes. They have quoted the fee of \$525 for their appraisal, which the City would have to pay.

Mayor Isen said that in connection with this appraisal he thought the legal description of the State lot should also be included.

City Attorney Hall said that could be added in; however, before we can act on our petition we have to get a tentative spread of the assessment, the appraisal has to be completed, there are engineering matters to be concluded, etc. This is just another step.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall, (provided the State lot is included.) Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved the City Council take positive steps to acquire either an Assistant City Manager, an Administrative Assistant, or whatever you might call it, but give our City Manager some help, he needs it badly. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen proclaimed May 27th and May 28th as Poppy Days in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen read a communication from United Cerebral Palsy requesting a permit for their campaign in the City of Torrance during the month of May.

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

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

At 7:50 p.m., Councilman Drale moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

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A. H. Bartlett
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

By J. Hallanger
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance