

Torrance, California  
June 7, 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 June 7, 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. Salm led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the meeting of May 31, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. CASE NO. 346. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 346, request of H. M. Guenser to excavate clay to be used in the manufacture of common wire-cut clay brick, subject to 12 stipulations attached to the form and made a part of the case.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated that in connection with this Case he had received a communication from Mr. Guenser in which he stated that if the Council approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission he was willing to abide by and be bound by each and all of the 12 conditions and stipulations.

Councilman Benstead moved the Variance requested in Case No. 346 be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Petitions bearing 42 and 44 signatures respectively, on the oil subject.

Mayor Isen requested these be filed with the other material received with reference to the oil wells.

3. Communication from the Civil Service Board recommending that the present contract with the County of Los Angeles for civil service functions be cancelled and a new contract entered into with Louis J. Kroeger and Associates.

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

Mayor Isen moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary resolution to cancel the contract with the County of Los Angeles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Petition bearing 103 signatures urging the City Council to adopt a compulsory rabies vaccination ordinance for dogs.

City Attorney Hall said the Council had been presented with a draft of a proposed ordinance; however, his department was still checking with people who will be actually concerned with the enforcement and administration of the ordinance to see if it could be improved on.

Mayor Isen said he thought a public hearing should be ordered at the time the ordinance would be heard. He suggested that, if possible, this ordinance be presented two weeks from tonight.

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Deputy City Clerk Hallanger said that in this connection he would like to suggest that matters that come up at one meeting be referred for two weeks instead of the next meeting, as the minutes are not out until Thursday following a Council meeting and it is difficult to schedule everything for the next meeting.

Mayor Isen advised the Council would keep this in mind.

5. Communication from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors regarding the collection of combustible rubbish within cities and the County of Los Angeles after July 1, 1955.

City Manager Stevens advised the Board of Supervisors intends to pass a regulation banning single chamber incinerators on July 1, 1955. He stated the cities could request an extension of time to October 1, 1955; however, the necessary resolution requesting the extension would have to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors before July 1st.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary resolution, requesting an extension to October 1st. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

6. Communication from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, requesting authorization to install an automatic booster station to serve the high area west of Hawthorne Avenue on Sepulveda Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur, subject to the usual procedure in calling for bids on the pumps and installations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Communication from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, dated June 3, 1955, requesting permission to replace certain trucks in their department and purchase another truck for their expanding operations.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request, subject to the usual procedure of calling for bids for all the trucks. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Communication from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent, Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3 forwarding an Agreement with West Basin Municipal Water District.

No objections; Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2751

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECU-  
TION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL  
WATER DISTRICT, DATED MAY 20, 1955.

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2751. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Memorandum from City Engineer Bishop recommending the \$400 deposited by Mr. Parravano, to guarantee acquisition of an easement for widening 178th Street, NW corner of Tract No. 19626, be returned, inasmuch as it was determined by the Edison Company that this easement could not be granted and the tract was approved on the basis of a narrower parkway on the southerly side of 178th Street in order to have a reasonable width roadway.

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

10. Communication from the Home Savers League protesting the granting of a Variance to Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, Case No. 338. Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed with Case No. 338. The Council members presented Deputy City Clerk Hallanger with a number of post cards they had received, protesting Case No. 338. Mayor Isen ordered these filed with Case No. 338.

11. Communication from Clark and Kathryn Brundage protesting the granting of a Variance to Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, Case No. 338. Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed with Case No. 338.

11. Communication from Harry J. Early suggesting that the southerly boundary of the drilling area be moved northerly from Lomita Boulevard to a point 300 feet southerly of Tract No. 2200, with the easterly terminus being Union Tank Farm and the westerly a projection of Madison Street.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

12. Communication from the Division of Highways advising they are continuing with their studies of an additional interchange with the proposed San Diego Freeway at Arlington Avenue. Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

13. Communication from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the following information: "What is the status of the development of additional off-street parking in downtown Torrance and what is the time element involved so far as accomplishment of the project?"

City Attorney Hall stated he would reply to their letter and bring them up to date. He reported briefly to the Council as follows: We have engaged the appraiser, the appraisal is being made; we have requested from the Engineering Department a tentative spread of the assessment and as soon as that is available the petition can be drafted.

Mayor Isen requested a report from City Engineer Bishop. Mr. Bishop stated that nothing had been done on this as yet but he would attend to it immediately.

Councilman Schwab requested Mr. Hall to reply so the Chamber would have their answer in time for their meeting on Monday. Mr. Hall said he would be unable to answer them on the time element as this would depend on the Engineering Department.

14. Communication from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the repair and maintenance of the neon sign at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue.

City Manager Stevens said he thought this matter should be studied further as this is going to be an expensive sign to maintain.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication referred to City Manager Stevens, to be placed on the agenda when he has a recommendation regarding this particular sign.

15. Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of a Butler Truck Loader, the sum of \$4,475.00 plus sales tax.
2. For the purchase of a 16 cubic yard Gardwood Load Packer, the sum of \$5,102.00 plus sales.
3. For the purchase of a heavy-duty, 7 cubic yard Dump Body with hoist, to be used with the Butler Truck Loader, the sum of \$1,515.00 plus sales tax.

4. For the purchase of a Secretary Copying Machine, the sum of \$329.00 plus tax. This will be used in duplicating letters and printed material used in the preparation of agendas and for other purposes.

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

16. Communication from City Manager Stevens, dated June 7, 1955, Subject: Equipment, purchases and fare increases for the Municipal Bus System. Attached to his communication was letter from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, dated May 19, 1955, and letter from GMC Truck & Coach Division, dated May 23, 1955.

Mayor Isen ordered the letters incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, regarding purchase of buses and fare increases, as set forth in his communication dated June 7, 1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. Communication from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick advising the Engineering Department has had a request from the Pacific Western Oil Corporation for permission to install a 3-inch line from a brine treatment works located southerly of Sepulveda Boulevard along the westerly side of Crenshaw Boulevard within our right-of-way to a point between 236th Street and 236th Place, thence across Crenshaw Boulevard to an existing sanitary sewer manhole.

Councilman Blount inquired if this permission was granted if the City could grant it subject to the condition that adequate back-fill will be put in and that the pavement be put back in as nearly as possible the way they found it.

Mayor Isen moved the request of Pacific Western Oil Corporation be granted, subject to Mr. Blount's recommendation that adequate back-fill be done in the event they do tear up the pavement. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. The matter of Vacation of a portion of Palos Verdes Parkway.

City Attorney Hall stated that he had discussed this matter with Cdr. Mason. Mr. Hall thought that any costs of moving the gas company lines should be borne by the property owners.

Mayor Isen said that in exchange for getting the Vacation in the front the property owners should dedicate the City an area in the rear for the widening of the alleys as Cdr. Mason had suggested.

Councilman Drale inquired if the City of Redondo Beach would follow the same pattern regarding this Vacation.

City Manager Stevens reported that he was meeting with the City Manager of Redondo Beach this week and that maybe they could arrive at something regarding this matter.

Councilman Drale moved that City Attorney Hall present to the City Council a plan for the Vacation of a portion of Palos Verdes Parkway, in which he will include that the City will not bear any cost of moving any gas lines, and that the property owners dedicate 30 feet in the rear for an additional alley. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:15 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 17958, located northerly of proposed Tract 20829, easterly of Walnut Avenue and westerly of City boundary, consisting of 69 lots, to be developed by J. E. Kettler; subject to the Special Conditions as listed on the letter of transmittal dated June 3, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 17958. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

2. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of REVISED TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 20944, located southerly of 166th Street, westerly of Arlington Avenue and northerly of Dominguez Channel, consisting of 18 lots to be developed by the Grand Construction Company; subject to the Special Conditions as listed on transmittal form dated June 3, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Revised Tentative Tract Map No. 20944, 18 lots, subject to the special conditions as listed. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Blount.

3. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 20773, located northerly of 230th Street and easterly of Ocean Avenue, consisting of 50 lots to be developed by Harry Kissel, subject to Special Conditions: (1) That an ornamental fence be erected between Kent and Galva Avenues. (2) That 229th Street be paved to a 30-foot width.

Councilman Drale inquired about the drainage in this tract. City Engineer Bishop said there is a sump, it is designed to take the 30-day, 10-year maximum. Councilman Drale remarked that there was no sump shown on the map. City Engineer Bishop stated it should have been shown. The sump is partly in Lomita Boulevard and partly on the westerly side of the tract.

Councilman Schwab said he noticed this was to be a wire fence and inquired if they were going to plant trees.

City Engineer Bishop said he didn't think of it in time; it probably should be stipulated.

Mayor Isen inquired if he desired this held over for one week.

City Engineer Bishop stated the subdivider has agreed to put in the new type fence.

Mr. Harry Kissel, subdivider, stated that they had taken the specifications just as Mr. Patrick and Mr. Bishop had given them. They already have bids from several wire fence companies but he would be happy to put in a board fence. Mr. Kissel said that one of the stipulations was that they were to plant the area around the sump. He said he was also anxious to hide this sump as he wanted to sell these houses.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and City Engineer in approving Final Tract Map No. 20773 subject to the recommendations of the Engineering Department that the area be planted and the sump be decorated; also subject to the two special conditions listed on the transmittal form dated June 3, 1955. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale: One of the subdividers brought it to my attention, these sumps would only be used two or three months out of the year, and the feasibility of using them as extra playgrounds or Little League parks was mentioned. If we had advance information our Engineering Department could put those sumps on a level where they could be used for Little League practice fields in these particular areas. I think this should be investigated to see if this would work out.

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Councilman Drale moved that the matter of using these sumps for play grounds, etc., be referred to the Recreation Department for a recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen requested that a transcript of this portion of the minutes be furnished to the Recreation Department.

4. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick submitting an easement given by A. Schwartz, et al, for the widening of Atkinson Avenue southerly of 174th Street. The granting of this easement was a condition of Council approval of the Variance for Foods Market, Inc.

Councilman Blount said he would like to see the sketch which was supposed to accompany the communication. City Engineer Bishop said the sketch was inadvertently omitted; however, Mr. Patrick had checked the easement and it is the proper width for Atkinson.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2752

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 SCHWARTZ CRENSHAW INVESTMENT CO., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, AND ABE SCHWARTZ, BEN SCHWARTZ, SARA SCHWARTZ, MAX SCHWARTZ, FLORENCE SCHWARTZ, AND FREIDA SCHWARTZ, INDIVIDUALS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2752. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2752. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, providing it is the actual easement for the widening of Atkinson southerly of 174th Street. Councilman Drale amended his motion to include the provision. Motion, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. CASE NO. 347: Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending disapproval of Case No. 347, application of George W. Thomas for a Variance to operate a retail store for the sale of bread, milk and allied items in conjunction with poultry ranch which has operated six years, between Bailey Drive and Prairie Avenue in Land Use Zone R-2.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in disapproving Case No. 347. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

6. Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, dated June 3, 1955, Re: Drainage - Tract 18747, in which he explained the solution of the drainage problem in connection with Tract 18747 and the houses facing Eldorado Street; with copy of letter from Home Savings and Loan Corporation, dated June 2, 1955, attached.

Mayor Isen ordered the communications incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's letter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens reported that Dr. Easley has put up the funds with the engineering company, the engineers have been ordered to prepare the plans, and the subdivider has asked that the restriction be lifted so they can proceed with their building.

Councilman Benstead moved the restriction be lifted, subject to the City receiving an easement for drainage purposes along a portion of the northerly line of Tract 18747 and along the side lines of various lots to allow for construction of the pipe. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. Communication from City Engineer Bishop reporting on the status of the Yukon Avenue Improvement District - from 177th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard, advising a Resolution adopting the Debt Limit Report will be presented to the Council for approval as soon as possible.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

8. Communication from City Engineer Bishop resubmitting drainage easement for Tract No. 18911, this easement to be graded and surfaced with 4 inches of standard untreated rock base, and with a surface treatment of light oil. All this will be done by the subdivider, Tony Parravano.

Councilman Drale said he thought as long as this is going to be used as an open drain he did not think the rock base would be any good. He was not opposed to the easement but he thought there should be a better way of controlling the water.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Drale moved this matter be tabled until the drainage problem is settled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

#### REPORTS:

1. Communication from El Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation dated May 23, 1955, requesting consent to construct, furnish, equip and operate the Delicatessen and Liquor Store on the site now leased for their Ultra-Modern Motel Unit, the portion of this project to cost approximately \$45,000. (At the meeting of May 31st this request was referred to City Attorney Hall)

Communication from City Attorney Hall advising that whether or not to permit the proposed changes in the lease is simply a matter of policy to be determined by the City Council, and if approved by the Council the lease should be amended accordingly.

Mayor Isen inquired if City Manager Stevens had a recommendation regarding this request. City Manager Stevens said he would recommend the request be granted.

Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 747

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,  
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950,000.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 747 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 748

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 649 AND 707 AND  
ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF OFFICE MANAGER (WATER  
SYSTEM), RECREATION ATTENDANT AND SUPERVISOR OF  
MEN'S AND BOYS' ACTIVITIES.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 748 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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ORDINANCE NO. 749

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 335.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 749 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 750

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN WALKWAY IN TRACT NO. 18416, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 750 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had just been handed a letter from the Delta Y-Teens, requesting the dates for their peanut sale be changed from June 6, 7 and 8th to June 11th and the 18th.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens said he had been asked by the American Legion to inform the City Council that they will offer an opportunity to the City to build a basement under their new addition. Mr. Stevens stated he had explained that in our new Civic Center buildings provisions have been made for disaster control in the basement.

City Manager Stevens reported that he had received, much too late to get on the agenda, a letter addressed to the City Council and submitting plans of tentative maps for Tract Nos. 21269 and 21169, in the area proposed to be annexed and which the owners, through their engineers, asked that they be processed.

Councilman Drale moved the maps be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens reported that he had submitted to the Council his budget estimate for the year 1955-1956, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and the Charter requires that two hearings be held on the budget estimate. Mr. Stevens recommended that budget hearings be set for June 21st and June 28th.

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

City Manager Stevens said that Mr. Varner was present and would like to present the final plans for the City Hall.

Mr. Varner presented the plans and explained them in detail to the City Council.

City Manager Stevens recommended that the final plans for the Civic Center be approved and accepted.

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

City Attorney Hall reported, as a matter of information, that we have received the instrument of release from the C. A. A. on the Airport triangle. We have also received a quitclaim deed to the surface from General Services Administration. Mr. Hall stated there would be a Resolution and these documents would be formally presented.

Mr. Hall stated that Dr. Clinton H. Thienes was in the audience and might want to comment on our proposed rabies Ordinance. Mr. Hall stated the Ordinance presented to the Council was merely a draft and any suggestions regarding it would be welcome.

Mr. Ralph Gompertz introduced Dr. Thienes, President of the Citizens Committee for Better Health. Dr. Thienes spoke at some length regarding the advantages of a rabies Ordinance.

Mayor Isen thanked him for appearing before the City Council.

Mayor Isen stated that Captain Smith of the National Guard had advised him that in the main Armory building there will be a hall which is regarded as a Recreation Hall for the community and may be used by different groups by making application for its use.

Councilman Benstead said he wished the Mayor would investigate and see whether Captain Horlander is authorized to sign a contract with the City for the \$300 the Armory or National Guard has been granted. Mayor Isen said he would rely on the City Attorney for this information.

Mayor Isen appointed Mr. Anthony Belotti, 18528 Ashley Avenue, to serve on the Recreation Commission for the unexpired term of Mr. Robert Waegner. All Council members present concurred in the appointment.

Mayor Isen reported that in accordance with a request he had received from Governor Goodwin J. Knight, he was appointing the following committee to evaluate existing facilities and programs and to study the local aspects of delinquency and delinquency prevention:

Committee: Frances Lee, Helen Leichtweis, Ruth Rogers, Dr. Kurt Shery, Rev. Nathan Bond, D. C. Cook, Al Turner, Ray Griff, Frank Kristufek, W. E. Walton and Robert E. Waegner.

Mr. Harold Newman, 407 Anita Street, Redondo Beach, California, said he would like some information regarding the drainage of two lots in the Hollywood Riviera section. He was planning on buying one of the lots and he understood the City was going to put in some kind of a drainage ditch. He stated City Engineer Bishop was aware of this problem. The one street is higher than the other.

City Attorney Hall said he thought that there was litigation on this matter but he would have to check to be sure.

Mayor Isen requested Mr. Newman to check with City Attorney Hall and if this was not the same property, that Mr. Newman put his request in writing and address it to the City Council.

(Mayor Isen requested the following portion of the Council minutes verbatim, to be given to Supt. of Building Russell for his information)

Mr. Schoonover: "I am representing the Pacific Hills Home Owners Assoc. Those homes down in that tract, I hate to bring this up again, but those driveways, they went in and repaired them, took the grade out without any preparation at all. They went in there and put maybe an inch-and-a-half or two inches of black-top on that adobe soil. My understanding is that there must be some preparation on adobe soil for any driveway. I think it is pretty funny a company would go in and put in a black top

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like that on adobe soil. It is an eyesore and it is not good engineering. Why wasn't this inspected when they put that in."

Mr. Bishop: "It is on the lot, the Uniform Building Code doesn't require any driveways at all, any pavement at all. They were supposed to put back what they had when they originally lowered the driveways. As far as I know and as far as I can see, they did that; they didn't have any base under them originally. Mr. Russell tells me it is something extra, we can't require it. As far as I can see, it is just not an engineering requirement."

Mayor Isen: "I think the individual property owners should fix them up and file a suit in the Small Claims Court. The Council can't stop all those things and you say yourself it is not required by the Code."

Councilman Benstead: "I think somebody should prepare the proper ordinance to protect these things, gravel or rock base or whatever is required. I think we should have that."

Mr. Schoonover: "I think it is well taken, I think something should be done. Some of these building codes we have the property owners are not properly protected under our present codes."

Mayor Isen: "Do you think Mr. Russell should recommend to us what would be proper?"

Councilman Benstead: "I do your Honor and I so move."

Mayor Isen: "I think it is a good idea. There are so many things going on all the time it is impossible -- do you second that Mr. Drale?"

Councilman Drale: "I will wait for Mr. Schwab; if he doesn't want to I will."

Councilman Schwab: "I don't know as though I care to second it or not, It sounds to me like you are doing something here you have no legal right to do. You are trying to draft an ordinance here to tell these people and our engineers that certain things have to be done when the ordinance doesn't even call for it. They got something that wasn't even called for in the first place and now they expect the City Council -- those driveways weren't even called for."

Councilman Drale: "From now on, Mr. Schwab. I think if it is in the Building Code we can do it from now on."

Councilman Schwab: "Either put in no driveway or put it in right--I'll go along with something like that."

Mr. Bishop: "I thought the last complaint, -the last house-had just been fixed. I was thinking that every single one was cleared up, and actually as far as I know they have been."

Mayor Isen: "Considering the trouble and Mr. Schoonover's tenacity and your diligence in the matter, Mr. Bishop, I thought everything was working pretty good down there."

Councilman Drale: "I second Mr. Benstead's motion."

Mayor Isen: "If there are no objections the motion carries and may Mr. Russell be furnished with a verbatim transcript of this portion of the meeting, and we suggest an Ordinance so that matters like this will not occur in the future."

Mr. Ralph Gompertz, Managing Editor of the Torrance Press, stated that the Torrance Press has for some time endorsed a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs. In an effort to determine the wishes of the people they published a coupon in their June 2nd edition asking their readers to support such a measure. Mr. Gompertz presented the City Council coupons bearing 78 signatures and a petition with 36 signatures, totaling 114 signatures in favor of the law. He submitted one coupon in opposition to the measure.

Mayor Isen ordered them filed with the rabies ordinance file.

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

At 7:45 p.m., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

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

By J. H. Hallanger  
 Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance

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