

Torrance, California
December 13, 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 Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on December 13, 1955, at 8:00 P. M.

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

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

The Reverend Norton opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held December 6, 1955, as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place set for the opening of bids for the modernization and alteration of the Water Department Offices.

City Manager Stevens said one of the bids had come in about two and one-half hours late. A representative of the builder said this had been filed in compliance with the time announced in the "Green Sheet," which had carried the wrong hours in its announcement.

Councilman Benstead moved this bid be considered with the others. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

The following bids were opened and read by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>LUMP SUM PRICE</u>
Ames Construction Co.	\$18,246.00
R & S Construction Co.	\$21,650.00
R. E. Payne	\$18,432.00
Don B. Wolf	\$19,704.00
A. H. Dohrman Co.	\$20,496.00

All of the above bids were accompanied by Bidders' Bonds of 10% of the amount bid.

Councilman Drale asked if any of these bidders were local contractors, and was told that they are not.

Councilman Schwab moved these be referred to the City Manager and the Manager of the Water Department for study and recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place set for the opening of bids for one gasoline motor driven air compressor. The following bids were opened and read by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger:

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BIDDERLUMP SUM PRICE

Essick Machinery Company	\$3,358.60
Smith Booth Usher Company	\$3,395.00
Brown-Bevis Industrial Equipment	\$3,568.95

Councilman Benstead moved that these bids be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation at the next regular meeting of the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place set for the opening of bids on one Servi-Car,--The following bids were opened and read by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger:--for the Police Department.

BIDDERLUMP SUM PRICE

Rich Budelier	(Tax included)	\$1,513.74
R. B. "Bob" Walker	(Tax included)	\$1,496.74

City Manager Stevens was asked for a recommendation, and replied that all things being equal, he would recommend this be awarded to the low bidder.

Councilman Drale moved the bid be awarded to R. B. Walker if the machines were equal in all respects. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

The City Clerk's office notified the Council that it was found impossible to effect publication for the required ten days in advance of Hearing on the proposed street name changes set for December 20.

Mayor Isen set the new Hearing date for the proposed street name changes for December 27, 1955, at the Regular Meeting of the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following:

1. A request from the Cookie Coordinator, Girl Scouts of the Harbor District, for free use of the Civic Auditorium on January 26, 1956, between the hours of 5:00 P. M. and 9:30 P. M., previously cleared with and approved by the Torrance Recreation Department. The request was dated December 7, 1955, and signed by Mrs. E. C. Osterlind, and agreed to pay the customary custodial fee.

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

2. A letter dated December 2, 1955, signed by Thomas and Jean McDonald, protesting the use and condition of the property adjoining their home at 23123 Arlington Avenue as being both a nuisance and a health hazard.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read this letter in full.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed, and instructed the Clerk's office to refer copies of this letter to the Health Department, the Building Department, and the Land Use Department for investigation.

City Manager Stevens was asked about this property, and said he believed it had been put to its present use for many years.

Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney write a letter to the owners of the property being discussed here and inform them of the action being taken by various City Departments. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

Councilman Blount asked to have a date set for receiving reports from the investigating Departments.

Councilman Benstead moved the reports be received by the City Council at the regular meeting of December 27. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen ordered a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Whitcomb, and said that in the interests of friendliness and neighborliness he hoped this would be settled without any official action having to be taken.

3. A letter dated December 6, 1955, signed by Richard L. Newton, Field Deputy, for Burton W. Chace, of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. This letter had reference to the establishment of a Municipal Court in the City of Torrance.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read this letter in full.

Councilman Drale, as a member of the Steering Committee, asked to go on record as saying that the various civic organizations and service clubs of the City had been sent copies of the Resolution pertaining to the Court, and the response has been very gratifying. He said the groups were solidly behind the Committee in its effort to obtain the Court in Torrance. As soon as these Resolutions are received from the Clubs by the Steering Committee, Councilman Drale continued, they will be compiled and sent on to the proper parties. The Councilman asked that those Clubs and organizations still having the Resolution take the necessary action and send in their copy of this Resolution as soon as possible.

4. A request from the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, Southern California Chapter, signed by Howard King as Executive Director and dated December 2, 1955, for information. Mr. King explained that it is their intention to ask for permission to conduct a fund raising campaign in the City early in 1956, and wanted to know the necessary procedure.

The Deputy City Clerk said this letter was on the Agenda because he felt the Council could act on whether or not the permit is to be granted to this organization now, and save considerable time and work. He said the organization had been extended the courtesy of such a permit early in 1955.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, and the Clerk be authorized to notify the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation that it has been granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

5. A claim for damages for crop loss by Frederick Hiroshima. The claim is dated September 21, 1955, and notarized December 6, 1955, and was received in the office of the City Clerk December 6, 1955. Supporting documents were attached.

Councilman Blount moved the claim be denied and referred to the City's insurance carrier and the Legal Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

6. A letter from John Russell, Superintendent of Building, dated December 13, 1955. This letter concerned a request from Howard Miller for a modification of Ordinance No. 669 for construction to be located at 17575 Yukon Avenue, a forty-eight unit apartment house.

Mr. Russell expressed the view that in this particular location and for this specific use the Council could approve this request because of the problems of grade encountered in such a large building.

Councilman Drale said he was familiar with this location, and feels that the modification would be justified.

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

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7. A letter dated December 13, 1955, from John Russell, Superintendent of Building, regarding an application to erect two ground signs on property on which Richfield Oil Company is building a service station. This letter explained that under Ordinance No. 781, they would not be allowed to erect such signs permanently or without posting bond. Mr. Russell explained further that erection of such signs is standard procedure at service stations and that they will be on the property owned by the station and will not be traffic hazards. These signs will be erected in accordance with all regulations on safety and engineering, but will require a grant of modification by the Council on the setback required by Ordinance No. 755.

Councilman Benstead expressed the fear that the signs as described might be a traffic hazard. Councilman Schwab said he had talked to Mr. Russell about these today, and that the signs would not be traffic hazards.

Councilman Benstead questioned whether it was good practice to allow exceptions to our Ordinances.

Councilman Schwab said approval of this request would not be breaking the Ordinances.

Councilman Schwab said these measures covered in Ordinances have been taken to allow the Council to control the erection of signs which would be undesirable.

Councilman Drale said such signs as are being requested are standard operational procedure with service stations.

Councilman Benstead asked if Planning Director George Powell, who was in the audience, could tell the Council what the signs will be, and Mr. Powell replied that he did not know.

Councilman Drale moved this be tabled for a week to allow the Council to get complete information.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

8. A request from George Green, dated December 3, 1955, for an extension of two years from the expiration date of his present contract for garbage disposal for the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager for his recommendation on this. City Manager Stevens replied that he would like to have a little time to make a study of this and find out what other cities are doing. He said he thought two weeks would be enough time.

Mayor Isen ordered the request tabled for not more than two weeks to allow the City Manager to investigate and make a recommendation to the Council.

9. A letter from John Wiley Jones Company, dated December 2, 1955, and signed by W. P. FitzGerald, Manager. This letter explained to the Council that due to the sand and gravel strike they have not been able to proceed with the construction of their new facilities. They implored the Council to extend their deadline for moving until such time as their new plant can be finished. This letter promised that the minute the strike is over they will make every effort to proceed with construction and moving without delay.

The Council discussed this request, and the circumstances surrounding it.

Councilman Drale moved the John Wiley Jones Company be granted an extension of time for moving until thirty days after the sand and gravel strike is settled. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

10. A communication dated December 9, 1955, from A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of the Water Department, requesting permission to change the contract with the State Employees' Retirement System to improve the coverage of the employees of the Water Department.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked City Manager Stevens about this, and the City Manager said this action would bring the insurance of the employees

of the Water Department up to the level of that now in force for other City Employees. He explained to the Councilman that there had always been two contracts, and that he did not know the reason for this as both had been in effect when City Manager Stevens first came to the City.

Councilman Drale asked whether this should be sent to the Civil Service Board, and was told by Councilman Benstead that they have no jurisdiction in this matter.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. A request from the Civil Service Board, dated December 8, 1955, and signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, that action on the proposed civil service ordinance be withheld until January 17, 1956.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request of the Civil Service Board. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

12. A transmittal from George M. Vermillion, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, dated December 5, 1955, having to do with the tidelands question. This letter enclosed a statement by Norris Poulson, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles on this subject and a statement by Mr. Richard Carpenter, Executive Director and General Counsel, League of California Cities on the same question.

There was no objection and the letter and enclosures were ordered filed.

13. A letter from Oscar Maples, Inc., dated December 8, 1955, and signed by Velko Miletich, President. They requested permission for the operation of a new and used car sales and service business at Hawthorne Boulevard and Highway 101.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked if this will be in the proper zone, and was told by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger that this request has been approved by the Planning Commission, Fire Department, Building Department and the Chief of Police.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. Emmett J. DeBennett has been appointed to serve his probationary period as Park Maintenance Man, effective December 6, 1955, at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)
2. Edgar F. Polston and Jay V. Nielsen are being promoted from Fireman to Fire Engineer, effective December 16, 1955, at the second salary step.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Items 1 and 2 under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of a Remington Electric Typewriter for the Administration Department, the sum of \$395.00. (This typewriter will replace a manual machine which is being transferred to the Street Department.)

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

Oral Communications from the City Manager:

1. A recommendation that the Park Department be authorized to plant screening planting around the settling basin at Seaside Ranchos, at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

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

2. A recommendation that the City Council authorize the taking of bids for sewer installations to serve the new Civic Center facilities. The City Manager said this would be within the boundaries of the Civic Center.

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

3. The City Manager said he has received from Walker and Murphy, contractors for the City's new swimming pool, a proposal to go ahead with the work on the pool, with the City to pay premiums on the concrete and related materials. The City Manager said he was not ready to make a recommendation on this, but asked if the Council would like to hear the letter.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to hold this for a week and put it on the Agenda for the next meeting along with his recommendation.

Councilman Blount asked if the City Attorney would give the Council at the same time a legal ruling as to whether or not it is legal for the City to pay these premium prices. He expressed the opinion that it is not.

4. The City Manager said that several contractors are studying the City with the idea of building two post offices, one in the central section of the City and one in the west section. City Manager Stevens said he has received from Earl R. Torrey, one of these contractors, a query as to the feeling of the City Council on parking for these postoffices. Mr. Torrey's plans include one post office at the southeast corner of Gramercy and Carson, and another at the northwest corner of Torrance Boulevard and Amie.

Upon being asked by the Mayor, the City Manager explained that the Federal Government does not erect or own their post office buildings, but authorizes proposals for building them, and then leases the buildings from the person who builds them.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Hall if the City would have any control over these buildings or if they would be controlled by the Federal Government.

City Attorney Hall replied that this question would require a great deal of time and study to answer.

Councilman Drale asked if it was planned to move the present post office or if these would be additional stations. The City Manager told Councilman Drale that they would be additional post offices.

City Manager Stevens said if off-street parking is not provided when the buildings are put up, the time will come when the residents of the area would have to ask for correction of the conditions which will prevail.

Councilman Benstead went on record as saying the contractor should provide parking space.

Mayor Isen told the City Manager that he felt it would be in order for the City Manager and City Attorney Hall to answer the question from Mr. Torrey and point out to him the existing regulations covering parking problems.

The City Manager agreed to do so.

5. The City Manager recommended the transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund to the Motor Vehicle License Fund, to repay monies used out of that Fund for General Fund purposes.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A request from R. C. Herrick, President of the Torrance Airport Commission, that the Council require a report from the Manager of the Torrance Airport as to certain specified conditions at the Airport requiring correction.

Councilman Blount moved that the City Manager write a letter to Mr. Dietrich and tell him the Council would like to have a report on these items at the next regular meeting on December 20, 1955.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:50 P. M., the Mayor declared a five-minute recess, and the Council reconvened at 8:55 P. M.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Transmittal form from Torrance Planning Commission for Variance in CASE NO. 365, application of General Telephone Company to construct one-story addition to existing building located at 650 Palos Verdes Boulevard, recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to be heard on this Case. No one came forward.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that Mayor Isen had appointed a Committee to study and negotiate this Variance, and said he would like to hear from some of them.

Mayor Isen said the negotiations had been carried on by the various appointees and the results had been approved by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Benstead reiterated his desire to hear from some of the Committee.

Mr. J. C. Morrison was present, and addressed the Council. Mr. Morrison said his address is 660 Paseo de los Reyes, and that he served as the representative of the homeowners in the area on the Mayor's Committee. Mr. Morrison said the present plan is suitable to all concerned.

Councilman Benstead thanked Mr. Morrison and said that was what he had wanted to hear.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Letter from R. W. Bishop, dated December 9, 1955, submitting petition for proposed street lighting assessment district for Tract No. 18594 - Ellinwood. The City Engineer recommended that the Council authorize proceedings on the basis of this petition, since the district will have to go through a Debt Limitation Act.

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

3. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated December 7, 1955, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond on Tract 18406, with letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Superintendent, and sketch of Tract attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to release the Bond on Tract 18406. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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4. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated December 7, 1955, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond on Tract 19626, with letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Superintendent, and sketch of Tract attached.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to release the Bond on Tract 19626. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated December 9, 1955, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond on Tract 20623, with letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Superintendent, and sketch of Tract attached.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to release the Bond on Tract 20623. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22109. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, RESUBMITTING letter of transmittal with attachments, and reporting on a solution to the flood hazard in this tract, as requested by the Council at their meeting of December 6, 1955.

Mayor Isen asked City Engineer Bishop if he was now prepared to recommend the tract for approval.

The City Engineer replied yes, that he felt this was a very good grade plan.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report dated December 5, 1955, signed by A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of the Water Department, on the \$5 deposit which was at one time required from water users. The letter outlined the present status of the deposits and the fund created by them.

Councilman Blount moved this report be filed. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 786

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 2 (CONSISTING OF SECTIONS 2.37 TO 2.55 INCLUSIVE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION TO DIRECTOR OF RECREATION.

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 adoption of Ordinance 786 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Police Haslam reported he had a request from the City of Redondo Beach for authority to paint stripe in center of 190th Street from Western limits of Redondo Beach to Hawthorne Boulevard. 190th

Street lies one half in Torrance and one half in Redondo Beach, and is of various widths due to the development of various tracts on each side of the street. Chief Haslam recommended that the request be granted.

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

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director George Powell for his report on oil well sumps, derricks, etc., as requested December 6, 1955.

Mr. Powell replied that the City's Ordinance becomes effective on December 23rd. He said the report would be made at that time on the various hazardous conditions found which might be in violation of the Ordinance. He believes the report will be made on December 27th at the regular meeting of the City Council. Mr. Powell said the owners of properties were given a 90-day period to correct violations at the time the Ordinance was passed, and this grace period will expire on December 23.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Powell if he is aware of any violations, and was given an affirmative reply.

Mayor Isen said he felt that the Council will want to "get tough" with violators, and expressed to Mr. Powell the belief that when his report comes to the Council, the Council will instruct him to take legal action at once.

City Manager Stevens said that the Walteria Businessmen had submitted a request for permission to sell Christmas trees for Boy Scout Troop No. 240 last week, and that on the addenda there was a request for Troop No. 241 to sell Christmas trees. Believing that Troop No. 241 was the Troop supported by the Walteria Businessmen, their request for permission to sell Christmas trees had not been submitted.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Hall when the Council may expect the petitions on the off-street parking district for signatures.

The City Attorney replied the work on an exacting and complete legal description and a detailed boundary description had just been completed.

City Manager Stevens said he had ordered a re-appraisal.

City Attorney Hall said this would all become part of the petition. The City Attorney said he believed this would be presented to the Council shortly after Christmas.

Councilman Benstead said he had observed two ramshackle buildings almost ready to fall down on some property south of Sepulveda Boulevard and east of Hawthorne Boulevard, and said he was concerned lest some child be injured playing around these buildings.

Planning Director Powell said he had today contacted Mr. Killingsworth, who owns that property, and Mr. Killingsworth had agreed to demolish the buildings immediately.

Councilman Benstead moved that Mr. Powell make a report on this at the next regular meeting of the Council on December 20, 1955. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

Councilman Blount said a lady had asked him to present to the Council the petition of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Gardena Ward Bishopric, Redondo Stake, to sell Christmas trees from now until Christmas without purchasing a business license, the funds to be used for the purpose of construction of their church building at 2100 West 174th Street, Torrance.

Councilman Blount explained that these trees were to be sold on their own lot, so a clean-up fee would not be necessary in reply to a question from Deputy City Clerk Hallanger on that point.

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

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Councilman Blount asked City Attorney Hall if Store Properties, Inc., had, as yet, made a release of prospective tenants, saying that Brody Investment Company had made such a release. The City Attorney replied that no such release had been made to date. Councilman Blount then requested the City Council to direct City Attorney Hall to supply that information to the City Council by the next regular meeting.

Councilman Blount then asked whether all Title matters had been clarified and what Title questions, if any, still remained.

The City Attorney replied that work was being done towards clearing Title.

Councilman Blount asked the City Council to direct City Attorney Hall to report at the next Council meeting as to what Title problems still remained unsolved.

There was no objection to either request of Councilman Blount, and the City Attorney was so instructed.

Mayor Isen said, in connection with that, he thought it should be stressed that the rental on the property is to be \$2400 a month and not \$2400 per year, as erroneously published in a newspaper of local circulation.

Councilman Blount asked the Chief of Police for a report on the stop signs at 220th Street and Cabrillo Avenue.

Chief Haslam said the signs are up now, and that they were not put up sooner because of the street construction going on there.

Mayor Isen asked the Chief of Police for a report on the recent institute he attended.

Chief Haslam said this had been conducted on the very highest level, for Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs of the State of California. He said the attendance had been excellent, with an enrollment of about 265 persons. The Chief said the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company had turned over to the group the twenty-sixth floor of their building in San Francisco, and allowed them to use the cafeteria facilities as well. Chief Haslam said the sessions had begun at 8:30 in the morning, and continued on until 5:00 P. M or later each day, with the only interruptions being for lunch and refreshments. He expressed the opinion that he and the other representative of his Department who attended had gained a great deal from the instruction, and thanked the City Council for making it possible for them to attend.

Councilman Schwab expressed pleasure at the publicity the current clean-up campaign in the City is getting, and asked if there have been any arrests to date.

City Manager Stevens said he thought not.

Councilman Schwab said a good job is being done by the City crews.

Mayor Isen suggested that the street sweeper clean the middle of the streets where cars park as well as along the sides of the streets.

Mayor Isen asked if the Police want any civilian arrests.

The Chief of Police replied that it would be satisfactory with the Police Department if they were made. He said the Police Department has made two arrests, but could not follow through because positive identification could not be made of the offenders.

Councilman Blount left the meeting at 9:22 P. M.

Mayor Isen said that Councilman Dralle has already commented that the service clubs and various civic organizations are working for the Court in Torrance. The Mayor said the Redondo Beach newspaper indicates that Redondo will fight for the Court, and will adopt a Resolution and send it to Governor Knight to that effect. The Mayor pointed out that this was not a fight at all. He said, in that connection, we do not want to cause Redondo Beach to lose their Court, we only want a Court here,

The Mayor added that with regard to the Superior Court, it is an entirely different issue.

City Engineer Bishop asked the Council if it would be willing for him to invite the investigating section of the Flood Control District to meet with him and the City Council on the Walteria Lake District. He suggested that, as such a meeting would necessitate the Flood Control employees taking such a long trip, they be invited to meet with him and the Council for a dinner meeting. The City Engineer said he felt much would be gained from such an informal, person-to-person meeting.

After some discussion between the Councilmen as to the most convenient time, it was agreed to authorize the City Engineer to arrange such a meeting to take place immediately after the Council meeting of December 20, 1955.

Mr. Henry Wagner, of North Torrance, spoke from the floor, asking the Council for a free license for Boy Scout Troop No. 753 to sell Christmas trees at Prairie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard. Mr. Wagner said they have a building permit, fire permit, clean-up deposit, etc.

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

Mayor Isen suggested to City Attorney Hall that he review the so-called "Taxi Ordinance" and outline to the Council at the next meeting the correct procedure to follow in the issuance of taxicab licenses in the City.

Mr. Ted Koletis of 23609 Ward Street told the Council he has had an offer from some people who want to rent land from him between 234th Street and 236th Street for new car storage. He asked the Council to change the zoning of the land.

Mr. Koletis was told that he should present this to the Planning Commission.

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

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

By I. J. HALLANGER
Deputy City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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