

Torrance, California
April 24, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance, California, convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, April 24, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall were also present.

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

The Reverend Wenske opened the meeting with an invocation.

No action was taken on the Minutes of the meeting of April 17, 1956, because the Councilmen had not yet received copies of them.

BIDS:

1. Bids on Sporting Equipment for the Recreation Department.

The bids on sporting equipment were opened at the regular meeting of the City Council held on April 17, 1956, and referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation.

City Manager Stevens reported that the Torrance Cycle & Sports Shop was found to be the lowest responsible bidder for the complete line and quality. He recommended that their bid be accepted and all other bids be rejected; the amount of the bid being \$2,092.49.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Bids on Office Furniture and Equipment.

These bids had also been opened at the meeting of the Council held April 17, 1956, and referred to the City Manager's office for study and recommendation.

City Manager Stevens reported that due to the great volume of the bids, it was suggested that a committee be formed to study the bids and prepare a recommendation, with the committee to consist of Councilman Jahn, Marion Varner, the architect for the new Civic Center, and City Manager Stevens and his assistant.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

HEARINGS:

Yukon Avenue Improvement District: Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 2888.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the affidavits of publication, of Resolution of Intention and of mailing notices of passage of Resolution of Intention and time of Hearing, and the Street Superintendent's affidavit of posting Notices of Improvement.

Councilman Benstead moved these be accepted and filed.

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

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of all protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the District to be assessed or both.

The Deputy City Clerk reported he had five written protests.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the Debt Limit Report in full, except as to map and tabulations.

Mayor Isen directed Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to read all of the written protests.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full protests from the following:

Fred A. Brown and Rose E. Brown, 3535 W. 168th Street
 Andrew Bartok and Dollie E. Bartok, 3541 W. 168th Street
 Edward Moras and Gilberte Moras, 3553 W. 168th Street
 Alfred Marasse and Augustine Marasse, 3559 W. 168th Street
 Jack H. Obuchon and Violet Obuchon, 3547 W. 168th Street

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard from the floor.

Andrew Bartok of 3541 W. 168th Street came forward and supported the protest he had written. He added that when the sidewalks and curbs were installed by the residents in his area, they had been installed at the level proposed by the City Engineer, which is lower than the present level of the surroundings. He went on to describe the dangers and discomforts of this.

A question was raised as to whether the multiple-dwelling units in the area were to be assessed, and City Engineer Bishop addressed the Councilmen about this. He said they are to be assessed for two man-holes and for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks for the entire frontage of their property.

The debt incurred by such assessments was discussed by the Council with the City Engineer.

Mr. Bishop explained that the sewers used by the apartment houses are non-participating sewers. He added that in the long run their sewers would cost them more than the ones in the District. He explained they could be assessed only on the benefits received.

Councilman Blount asked City Engineer Bishop if this would mean there would be a duplicating line in the street, and Mr. Bishop said there would be on 168th Street. Mr. Bishop explained in detail the circumstances.

Councilman Drale asked about the apartment buildings facing on Yukon.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Bishop to assess the apartment buildings to bring the charges up to par, and to include everyone, and to find out how everyone in the District is affected, and ordered the Hearing continued for another week.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated April 6, 1956, from the Pioneer Theatres, Inc., at 2500 Redondo Beach Boulevard, requesting a permit to keep a trailer on their property as a shelter and sleeping place for their caretaker and nightwatchman.

Councilman Blount moved that a 90-day permit be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

2. Resignation from the Planning Commission of Beverly B. Smith, dated April 11, 1956, and effective at once.

Councilman Drale moved that a letter be sent to Mr. Smith thanking him for the service he has given to our City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

3. A request from Boy Scout Troop No. 201, dated April 16, 1956, asking permission to stencil house numbers on curbs for free-will donations. This money will be used to purchase field equipment.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.

4. A request dated March 10, 1956, from Southern California Micro Racing Association, Inc., signed by Sam Johnson, Secretary, for permission to solicit the local merchants for trophies.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

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5. A request from the Southern California Edison Company dated April 13, 1956, signed by G. L. Blanchard, District Manager, asking for an easement to cover overhang on City property west of Lots 21 and 22 of Tract 20829.

Councilman Drale moved the easement be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.

6. A letter dated April 12, 1956, signed by four crossing guards, asking for an increase in pay and one day of sick-leave a month.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the City Manager for his consideration and recommendation in connection with the new budget.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. A protest from Warren T. and Nancy Shallies against the proposed resort hotel at Torrance Beach. This was dated April 16, 1956, and the home address was given as 625 Paseo de los Reyes.

Councilman Jahn moved this be held for the public hearing before the Council on this hotel.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objection, so ordered.

8. A letter dated April 18, 1956, from the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1138, signed by Glenn A. Price, President, and B. C. Slonecker, Secretary, asking for permission to hold their meetings in the Torrance Fire Department stations.

Chief Benner was asked for a recommendation, and said he did not believe doing this would serve the best interests of the Fire Department.

Councilman Benstead said he was in favor of granting this request, and named numerous cities where this practice is followed.

Councilman Benstead moved the request of Local 1138 be granted.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen instructed the Deputy City Clerk to notify the firemen of this action.

9. Letter dated April 19, 1956, from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce signed by Tom Watson, Manager, containing the Chamber's recommendations on various traffic problems.

Councilman Blount moved this be referred to the Traffic Commission and the Chief of Police for consideration.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

10. A request dated April 16, 1956, signed by Sherman Miller, Secretary, from the Government & Civic Employees' Organizing Committee, Local 1135, to meet with the City Manager and members of the City Council to discuss conditions and wages prior to the adoption of the budget for the coming fiscal year.

City Manager Stevens was asked for information, and replied that the Coordinating Council of the City Employees wishes to meet with the Council May 8, 1956, and suggested that this group also be present at that time.

It was agreed that these two groups should meet with the Council at the Pre-Council meeting at 7:00 P. M. May 8, 1956, and City Manager Stevens was instructed to notify them of this time and date.

11. A petition dated April 19, 1956, bearing 90 signatures, asking for "Stop" signs on all four corners of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Carson Street.

Chief of Police Haslam was asked about this corner, and said he and the Traffic Commission are working on a long list of recommendations to be presented to the Council at their next meeting, and that he and the Commission would consider the area mentioned here during the next week.

Councilman Benstead moved that the stop signs at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Carson Street be included in the recommendations which Chief of Police Haslam and the Traffic Commission are preparing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mrs. Shirley Weeks of 5106 Carson Street asked to be heard, and told the Councilmen that cross walks are also needed in the streets of the neighborhood under discussion.

Chief Haslam said these would be painted when the streets in the area are all done so the City crews can come in and do the work at one time.

12. A request from the Torrance Mounted Police and Lions Club to coordinate the dedication of the new Civic Center with a parade and rodeo on the weekend of August 11th and 12th. This letter was dated April 16, and signed by Sgt. D. C. Cook, and addressed to George W. Stevens, City Manager.

Mayor Isen said he believes that Governor Knight will be present for the dedication of the Civic Center on August 11, and that National Guard Day will also be observed at that time, so he expressed the hope that this celebration will be one of the largest and best the City has had.

There were no objections, and August 11 and 12 were designated as the dates for the dedication of the Civic Center.

City Attorney Hall was directed to prepare Resolutions covering the dedication of the Civic Center, and naming August 11th as National Guard Day and another Resolution naming August 11th as Governor's Day if the Governor can be here. Mayor Isen said he would check on this latter point.

13. An April 19, 1956, request from the Boy Scouts of America that the Council cancel charges to them for the use of the Auditorium and custodial fees on March 23, 1956. The Scouts based their plea on the grounds that a financial loss was incurred by them because of the condition of the Auditorium floor on that date, which was such that they had been forced to change their dance to a "sock hop".

Councilman Benstead suggested this go to the Recreation Commission for their consideration.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the request for cancellation of charges.

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

14. A communication dated April 19, 1956, from Charles T. Rippey, attorney for George Probert, who resides at 1428 El Prado, Torrance. This letter re-affirmed Mr. Probert's wish to purchase the lot situated between his home and the Torrance City Hall, and asked that he be notified if and when the City wishes to sell this lot.

Councilman Drale commented that if the lot is sold, it will be by bid.

Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Stevens to make an appropriate reply to this letter, advising Mr. Rippey that it is not the intention of the City at the present time to sell the lot in question.

15. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full a letter from the Milton Kauffman - Don Wilson Construction Company dated April 17, 1956. This letter referred to trees for the new Civic Center, and offered to give the City 13 specimen trees, guaranteed to live for one year, instead of moving the 13 old trees from Sepulveda Boulevard to the new site.

A letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Foreman, was also read in full. Mr. Clemmer's letter, dated April 19, 1956, expressed the opinion that it would be well to accept the offer of the Kauffman-Wilson Company. Mr. Clemmer's opinion was based on his inspection of the trees on Sepulveda Boulevard which have been considered for moving to the Civic Center.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger also read in full a letter dated April 9, 1956, from Marion J. Varner, Architect, to Mr. Clemmer. This agreed with Mr. Clemmer's letter regarding the trees on Sepulveda Boulevard, and expressed the belief that it would be wise to accept the specimen trees from the Kauffman-Wilson Company.

City Manager Stevens told the Council that the City had asked Mr. Varner for his opinion because he has had considerable experience as a landscape architect.

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Councilman Benstead said that in the future, as Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, he would like to be notified before trees are removed so he can inspect them and have first-hand knowledge of their condition and suitability for transplanting.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park Foreman.

Councilman Jahn seconded, with the condition that it be specified that as the palm trees under discussion are removed from Sepulveda Boulevard, they be carefully handled so the City can move them if it is desired.

Councilman Blount accepted the amendment to his motion.

Mr. Wilson was present, and said he company would be happy to conform to this wish of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Wilson if he would notify the Council when it is time to remove the palm trees, and Mr. Wilson said he would. He said the palms usually stand moving.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

16. A letter dated April 14, 1956, signed by Robert H. Bright, William W. Johnson, Conrad Berwanger, and Keith J. Secord, asking the City to take corrective measures in the matter of erosion at 2755, 2749, 2743 and 2737 Portobello Drive.

Mayor Isen moved the City take care of this matter and the bill be sent to the G & G Construction Company.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

City Manager Stevens asked the import of the motion, and Mayor Isen replied that if City employees are used for the work, their time should be kept and G & G billed for the work, but if the work is hired done, the bill for it should go to G & G.

City Manager Stevens asked what the Council had in mind to do at these locations, and Mayor Isen said work not to exceed \$500.00.

Mayor Isen rescinded his motion and Councilman Benstead his second to it.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Engineer make a survey and report to the Council at their next meeting on what can be done to correct this situation for \$500.00.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said if the City starts changing the slope, they might have a real problem, but if this is restored to the slope originally planned, it might not be too difficult.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

17. A letter from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, signed by Don G. Kinsey, Assistant to the General Manager. This letter advised of the formation of a "Southland Water Committee", and asked that one man and one woman from our community be appointed to serve as members.

It was agreed that City Manager Stevens would make recommendations to the Council relative to these appointments.

18. A request from the Mental Health Foundation for permission to solicit contributions in the City of Torrance,* This was dated April 20 and signed by Robert V. Titus, Campaign Director. * during the month of May

This was referred to the City Clerk and Chief of Police for their recommendations to the Council.

Communications from the City Manager:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following recommendations from the City Manager's letter of April 13, 1956:

PERSONNEL:

1. Sewell Murrell employed as Park Maintenance Man April 9, 1956, at the first salary step. No. 1 on the Eligible List.

Elbert Lindley and Richard J. Cosgrove employed as Laborers in the Park Department April 12, 1956, for a three- or four-week period; no one on the Eligible List was willing to accept temporary employment.

2. The following persons were employed as Laborers in the Departments shown on the dates given. Standings on the Eligible List as shown:

1. Raymond L. Ramsey, Street Department, April 6, 1956.
2. Charles C. Butler refused offer of employment.
3. William E. Sheets refused offer of employment.
4. Philip F. Wall, Water Department, April 2, 1956.
5. Richard L. Spear, Street Department, April 6, 1956.
6. Joseph C. LaPorte, Street Department, April 6, 1956.
7. Don G. Sciarrotta, Street Department, April 6, 1956.

3. Clifford M. Ovist employed as Janitor at the first salary step commencing April 16, 1956. No. 1 on the Eligible List.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, 1 through 3 inclusive.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. That a delegate from the Fire Department be authorized to attend the conference at Fresno May 21 through 25, 1956, with appropriate expenses of approximately \$112 allowed.

Councilman Benstead asked who would go, and Fire Chief Benner said Captain Northington.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of March, 1956. \$ 968.38
2. For the purchase of 1500 feet of 1" Forestry hose with rocker lug couplings (A budget item) \$ 847.50
3. For the purchase of ribbons and trophies for the Recreation Department (A budget item) \$ 873.40

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the Appropriations 1 through 3 inclusive.

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

The Deputy City Clerk then presented from the letter of the City Manager dated April 20, 1956, the following:

PERSONNEL:

1. Jesse D. Cahill, who has been employed in a temporary capacity as Bus Attendant, having passed a civil service examination, was appointed to start his probationary period as Bus Attendant commencing April 16, 1956, at the first salary step. Mr. Cahill stood No. 2 on the Eligible list.

Councilman Benstead asked why the No. 1 man on the Eligible List was not chosen, and the City Manager replied that this was a temporary position, and while he was not fully cognizant of the circumstances, he presumed that the No. 1 man on the list did not want a temporary job.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

2. I recommend that the following added items to the contracts for altering Fire Station No. 3 and the Water Department offices be approved. Both of these jobs were alterations and additions, and as the work progressed the Fire Chief and Water Department Superintendent found added improvements that were necessary to obtain the full utility of the buildings.

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| 1. Additions to Fire Station No. 3 | \$ 823.61 |
| (From Bond Issue Funds) | |
| 2. Additions to modernization of the | |
| Water Department Offices | \$ 818.88 |
| (From Water Department Funds) | |

3. In designing the Municipal Swimming Pool, Mr. Davies provided for plain concrete scum gutters in an attempt to keep the cost of the pool within the budget, with the hope that at a later time it might be possible to install tile. Construction is progressing to a point where it must be decided whether the tile will be installed or not. An estimate has been obtained from the contractor for the cost of installing a 2-1/2" double-nose ceramic tile on the gutter and one row of 6" x 6" wall tile below the gutter, the cost estimated to be not more than \$1480.00. Although the cost of the pool and the extras have already exceeded the budget, I recommend that the tile be installed to improve the appearance of the pool and to greatly facilitate the maintenance of the gutter. The cost would come from the General Fund or the Park & Recreation Improvement Fund.

Councilman Benstead asked how many feet of copper pipe were used in the water offices, and the City Manager replied that he did not know the exact footage, but that it was used throughout the water department offices.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager 1 through 3, inclusive, under Appropriations.
Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 9:10 P. M., with the Council re-convening at 9:20 P. M.

City Manager Stevens made the following oral recommendation:

That the bid of G. G. Fisher for furnishing base and paving for Fire Station No. 4, in the amount of \$1531.00 be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. A letter dated April 5, 1956, from the Civil Service Board, advising that they had, at their regular meeting held April 4th, approved the request of Charles A. Fulton for a leave of absence of two weeks, the leave to be without pay.* The request carried the approval of Mr. Clemmer, Park Foreman, and Mr. Perkins, Park Superintendent.* from June 18 - June 29.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

2. A recommendation dated April 13, 1956, from the Airport Commission approving transfer of Altitude, Inc., hangar lease to J. D. Hand. The letter from the Commission recommended that the transfer carry an option of renewal not to extend more than 10 years from the date of transfer.

Councilman Benstead asked why the stipulation of the option was made, and Councilman Jahn explained that the Commission believed the lease has only a short time to run.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. Recommendation from the Airport Commission, dated April 13, 1956, signed by Jack White, President, regarding action on a model Resolution presented to them by the Council for study.

City Manager Stevens told the Council that the State Legislature has already acted favorably on this bill.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

4. A request from the Airport Commission under date of April 13, 1956, that the City Attorney investigate and report to the Council on new Codes or Ordinances which could be adopted to prevent misbehaviour on the part of flyers at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

City Attorney Hall told the Councilmen he has already written to the Commission on this question.

There were no objections and the letter was ordered filed.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22762. Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22762, located southerly of 237th Street, westerly of Cypress Street, containing 44 lots, presented by Kauzok and Sellan. Attached (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes; (b) Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer; (c) Sketch of tract.

There was some discussion of this tract, and it was pointed out that the subdividers had agreed to change the location of the sump in the tract at the behest of the neighbors. They had also agreed to turn the houses around on two of the lots for the convenience of the people in the adjoining tract.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred back to the Planning Commission for their next meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

2. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22771. Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22771, located southerly of 168th Street and easterly of Kornblum Avenue, containing 14 lots presented by Mr. Wayne Nelson. Attached: (a) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer; (c) L. A. County Flood Control District report; (d) Sketch of tract.

Councilman Benstead asked where drainage from this tract would go, and Mr. Spahn of Barclay Engineering said the natural drainage is to 168th Street and west to Redondo Beach Boulevard and then across the golf course. He said the flood report was made on the land before filling, and the flood hazard will be removed.

Mayor Isen asked why this does not show on the letter of transmittal, and directed that in the future these bear more information.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Nelson had letters from the owners of the adjoining property.

Mr. Spahn presented the letters to the Deputy City Clerk, after reading aloud the one from Mary Stewart. Mr. Spahn said the letters all expressed complete satisfaction with the plans for this tract.

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The Council did not approve of the street layout shown on this map, and expressed dissatisfaction with the dead-end streets.

Councilman Drale moved this tract be referred back to the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered

3. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22821. Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22821, located on the southeasterly corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue, containing 15 lots, presented by G & G Construction Company. Attached: (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes; (b) Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District; (c) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer; (d) Sketch of tract.

Councilman Benstead moved to return this to the Planning Commission, saying the lots are too small.

Mr. George Powell, Planning Director, was present, and said the dates of purchase and filing were prior to February 15, 1956.

Mayor Isen ordered this back to the Planning Commission, with the comment that such information should be furnished to the Council.

4. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22795. Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department, recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22795, located on the southeasterly corner of 168th Street and Fonhill Avenue, containing 11 lots, presented by Mr. Wayne Nelson, Attached: (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes; (b) Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District; (c) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer; (d) Sketch of tract.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this back to the Planning Commission for the same reasons given on Tract No. 22821.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

5. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22905. Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22905, located northerly of Sepulveda Boulevard and westerly of Anza Avenue, containing 22 lots, presented by Wilson-Kauffman Construction Company. Attached: (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes; (b) L. A. County Flood Control District; (c) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer; (d) Sketch of tract.

City Engineer Bishop told the Council that Kauffman-Wilson Construction Company has asked that this map be withdrawn.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

6. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22696. Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 22696, located northerly of the westerly prolongation of Maricopa Street, westerly of Madrona Avenue and southerly of Emerald Street, ^{presented} by Bert M. Lynn. Attached: (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes; (b) L. A. County Flood Control District letter; (c) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer, dated April 4; (d) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer, dated April 20; (e) Sketch of Tract. Presented by Bert M. Lynn.

Mr. Spahn of Barclay Engineering assured the Council that this map conforms exactly with the Tentative map except for the fact that this is based on the survey.

City Engineer Bishop was asked about drainage, and said he would recommend two drainage wells and one de-silting well. The City Engineer volunteered the information that the sewer from this tract would tie to the sewer near the Civic Center, and said this would be very satisfactory.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission subject to City Engineer Bishop's statements on drainage.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

7. A letter dated April 10, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer, submitting to the Council street projects for consideration and approval, and outlining the status of the City's 1955-56 gas tax monies.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with recommendation 1 and 2 submitted by Mr. Patrick.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

After a short discussion, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

REPORTS AND OPINIONS:

1. An opinion from City Attorney Hall dated April 12, 1956, in response to a question from Councilman Blount. Mr. Hall said it is his opinion that the City is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of all sewer lines in the City's streets.

There were no objections and the letter was ordered filed.

2. An opinion dated April 23, 1956, from the City Attorney in reply to a question from the Council with respect to the request of the Micro Race Track to use certain property located at 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard for parking purposes in connection with the operation by that company of automobile racing in Redondo Beach.

The City Attorney gave his opinion that parking would be an integral part of the primary use of the land contemplated by the company in Redondo Beach, and on this basis recommended the request be denied.

The letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

3. A report from City Manager Stevens regarding the improvement of Western Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and 256th Street, dated April 10, 1956, was the next item. City Manager Stevens recommended that Torrance await the cost estimate and negotiations proposed by the City of Los Angeles at the time they suggested this improvement; the City Manager enclosed with his letter an estimate from the City's Engineering Department of the cost of the proposed work to the City of Torrance.

The letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

4. A report from A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, regarding the apportionment of License Fees (in lieu tax), being dated April 19, 1956. City Clerk Bartlett reported that the City's share is \$365,100.00.

The letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

5. A report dated April 19, 1956, from City Clerk Bartlett, containing an excerpt from the Minutes of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, wherein it is shown that City Manager Stevens of Torrance was appointed to serve on their Agenda Committee.

This was ordered filed as a matter of record.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2909

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR THE OFFICE MANAGER OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 TO REPRESENT AND APPEAR FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT OF THE SOUTH BAY JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

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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 adoption of Resolution No. 2909.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2910

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO MAKE A STUDY AND TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN HIGHWAY EXPANSIONS AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO BUDGETING FUNDS TO ACQUIRE NECESSARY RIGHTS OF WAY AND TO MEET SUCH OTHER EXPENSES AS MAY BE INCURRED IN THIS DEVELOPMENT.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2910. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger was directed by the Mayor to transmit this Resolution to the proper authorities.

RESOLUTION NO. 2911

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM WILLIAM D. ROGERS AND HELEN B. ROGERS.

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 adoption of Resolution No. 2911.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2912

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM LLOYD A. LARSON

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2912.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2913

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM JEAN E. GANTNER AND DONALD W. GANTNER.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2913.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 802

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25, TO SAID CODE RELATING TO EXCAVATIONS, FILLING AND OTHER GRADING OF REAL PROPERTY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Jahn questioned the ordinance, quoting the County's ordinances and practices of inspection.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 802 at its first reading.

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

City Attorney Hall was directed to clarify the point of who could make inspections for the City under this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 803

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MAKING AND REFILLING OF EXCAVATIONS, CUTS AND FILLS IN STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 803 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported that the ballots are now stored in a vault at the Bekins Company.

City Attorney Hall said the City has authorized payment of \$200.00 for a drainage easement in the Riviera section, and that two other property owners have given easements. He recommended that they be paid \$100.00 each for the easements to the City.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

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

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City Attorney Hall asked to be authorized to present a request to the CAA for documentation to clarify the title of the Triangle.

There were no objections, and he was authorized to proceed.

City Attorney Hall advised that the District Court of Appeal had denied a motion for a re-hearing in the Smith-Dresser case, but at the same time modified its judgement. He said that in his opinion this means that the entire matter will be sent back to the Superior Court for a trial De Novo. Under these circumstances, City Attorney Hall said he sees no point in petitioning the Supreme Court for a hearing. He asked to have authority to negotiate a settlement of the controversy.

Councilman Blount moved to instruct the City Attorney to act at his discretion in the matter.

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

Councilman Blount asked City Manager Stevens if the drainage program is still under way, and the City Manager replied that it is.

Councilman Blount asked about the excavation that has been in the street at the intersection of Torrance Boulevard, Carson Street and Cravens for a lengthy period of time.

City Manager Stevens said it was necessary to cure the concrete in such an excavation for about three weeks before covering.

Councilman Jahn tendered his resignation from the Airport Commission. The resignation was accepted.

Mayor Isen announced that he would represent the City of Torrance at the League of California Cities, and appointed Councilman Drale as the alternate.

Mayor Isen said that he would attend the County Sanitation District as the representative from Torrance, and appointed Councilman Jahn as the alternate. The Mayor instructed City Attorney Hall to prepare the necessary Resolution for the County on this latter appointment.

Mayor Isen appointed George W. Schnider of 636 Calle Miramar to fulfill Councilman Jahn's unexpired term on the Airport Commission, and asked for confirmation of the Council.

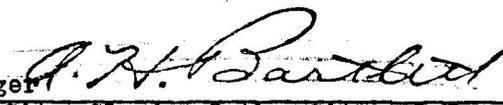
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale explained his vote by saying that he felt this meant there were too many appointees on the Airport Commission from one section of the City, and also on the grounds that the other Councilmen had not been consulted on this appointment.

Mayor Isen said he would have full information of the Committees of the Council at the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

By Irvin J. Hallanger 
DEPUTY City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance