

Torrance, California.  
June 12, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting at 8:00 P. M. June 12, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. City Manager Stevens and Assistant City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Attorney James M. Hall led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held May 29, 1956, as written.

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

Resurfacing of Monte D'Oro from Calle Miramar to Via Alameda:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening of bids for resurfacing of Monte D'Oro from Calle Miramar to Via Alameda.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.

City Manager Stevens opened the following bids, and City Clerk Bartlett read the total of each.

OSWALD BROTHERS (accompanied by Bidders' Bond in the amount of 10% of the bid)	\$ 7,434.85
WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC. (accompanied by Bidders' Bond in the amount of 10% of the amount bid)	\$ 6,675.70
CONTRACTORS' ASPHALT SALES CO. (accompanied by Bidders' Bond in the amount of \$1,000.00)	\$ 7,531.25

Councilman Jahn moved that these bids be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation.

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

Crushed Rock and Screenings for Street Paving Work for the Fiscal Year of 1956-57

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening of bids for Crushed Rock and Screenings for Street Paving Work for the Fiscal Year of 1956-57.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication, which was received and ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be opened publicly to see if the bonds are present and that the bids then be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council and that the bids be open for inspection.

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

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the following bids:

OWL ROCK PRODUCTS CO. (accompanied by Bidders' Bond in the amount of Box 187 10% of the bid)  
Monrovia, California.

Section "A" - Price for material delivered and spread on road:

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>Large #3</u>	<u>Small #3</u>	<u>#5 Cr.</u>
37C	\$2.48	\$2.48	\$2.68
37D	\$2.56	\$2.56	\$2.76
40D	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$3.00
41A	\$2.63	\$2.63	\$2.83
41B	\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.75
41C	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$2.90
41D	\$2.61	\$2.61	\$2.81

Special Zone bounded by Pacific Coast Highway on North, Hawthorne Avenue and Newton on West, City Boundary Line on South and East, add 10¢ per ton per mile to Zone 41C Prices.

Add 15¢ per ton for spreading on oil.

Prices are Net. Sales Tax to be added.

Section "B" - Price per ton for material placed in stockpile at City Yard:

<u>Large #3</u>	<u>Small #3</u>	<u>#5 cr.</u>
\$2.55	\$2.55	\$2.75

CONSOLIDATED ROCK PRODUCTS CO.

A bid from this firm was opened, but was not accompanied by either bond or certified check, and was ordered filed.

YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time for the opening of bids for the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, cross gutters, curb returns, driveway aprons, outlet structure, corrugated metal pipe drain, and a sanitary sewer system in the Yukon Avenue Improvement District.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavits of publication and posting.

Councilman Blount moved these be received and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the totals only of the following bids:

Oswald Brothers Co. (Bidders' Bond of 10% enclosed)	\$ 57,496.85
Sanitary Construction & Engineering Co. (Bidders' Bond of 10% enclosed)	\$ 35,157.18

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McAmis & Baker (Bidders' Bond of 10% enclosed) \$ 46,393.25

M & J Construction Co. (Bidders' Bond of 10% enclosed) \$ 39,467.02

Mayor Isen instructed Assistant City Attorney Remelmeyer to check the bonds to determine their sufficiency.

After examining these, Assistant City Attorney Remelmeyer reported orally that all deposits accompanying the proposals were proper in form, sufficient in amount, and in conformity with the stipulated requirements.

Councilman Blount moved the bids be received and filed.

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

Councilman Benstead moved the bids be referred to the City Engineer for study and recommendation at the next meeting of the City Council.

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

FURNISHING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 1956-57:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening bids for furnishing gasoline and diesel fuel for the Fiscal Year of 1956-57.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication, which was received and ordered filed.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read bids from the following bidders:

BIDDER	Regular Gasoline		Premium Gasoline		Automotive Diesel Fuel	
	per gallon Truck	T.&T.	per gallon Truck	T.&T.	per gallon Truck	T.&T.
Tidewater Oil	.2002	.1926	.2200	-0-	-0-	.1293
Motor Oil - full drum deliveries:			.4384			
Union Oil Co. of California	.214	.199	.254	.239	.147	.142
T5X Motor Oil (RIB Delivery):	.7065 per gallon					
Signal Oil	.214	.209	.244	.239	.13	.125
RPM DELO Supercharged-1 Lubricating oil, 50 gal. RSB/equiv.:	.7065					
Pathfinder Petroleum Co.	.191	.188	.213	.21	.102	.0992
Oil - no bid.						
General Pet- roleum Corp.	.204	.199	.234	-0-	-0-	.112
Delvac 700 Series (710-740 Inc.)	55 gal. ret. drum: .612 gal.					
Texas Co.	.186	.176	.211	-0-	-0-	-0-
Texaco URSA Oil HD SAE 30:	.544					
Seaside Oil	.1979	.1919	.2279	.2219	.1339	.1279
Seaside Pennsylvania Motor Oil:	.7245					
Seaside HD Motor Oil:	.6300					
Richfield Oil Corp'n.	.188	.186	.214	.212	.132	.127
Richfield HD Motor Oil, SAE 10W thru 50, del. in ret. 50/55 gal. drums:	.63					
Standard Oil Co. of Calif.	.214	.209	.244	-0-	-0-	.132
RPM Delo Spec. Lub. oil, min. 50 gal.:	.63					
Ragsdale & Newell	.184	.184	.2089	.2089	-0-	-0-
Motor Oil -.63 gal., truck or T. & T.						

BIDDER	Regular Gasoline		Premium Gasoline		Automotive Diesel Fuel	
	per gallon Truck	T.&T.	per gallon Truck	T.&T.	per gallon Truck	T.&T.
Shell Oil Co.	.1881	.1831	.2089	-0-	-0-	.1150
Shell Rotella Oil, 10W-50 in 55-gal. ret. drums:						.63

City Manager Stevens commented to the Councilmen that the riders and letters of stipulation attached to these various bids would also affect them.

Councilman Drale moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

#### BIDS FOR FURNISHING MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE CITY:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening bids for furnishing motor vehicles to the City of Torrance.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.

City Manager Stevens told the Council that there would be many riders and stipulations with these bids which would affect them.

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be opened publicly to see that they are in order, and that they then be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation, and that the bids be open for inspection.

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

Bids from the following companies were opened:

Brand Motors

Whittlesey Motors (no bid)

H. J. Caruso

Carl's Motor Co.

Carl's Motor Co. - heavy truck

Pacific Sales Co. - truck

General Truck Sales, Inc. - truck bid

Kott & Smolar Ltd. - truck bid

Frank Taylor - cars, trucks, and station wagons

Bacon Sales Co.

Paul's Chevrolet Co.

Downtown Ford Sales

H. J. Caruso - truck

Oscar Maples, Inc.

Harger-Haldeman

City Manager Stevens told the Council that he would be prepared to make a recommendation on these bids at the next regular meeting of the City Council on June 19, 1956.

(NOTE: A summary of these bids is incorporated in the next three pages of these Minutes.)

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MOTOR VEHICLES  
(Bids Opened at the 6/12/56 Council Meeting)

BIDDERS

Oscar Maples	Paul's Chevrolet	Bacon Sales	Kott & Smolar	H.J. Caruso
Torrance	Torrance	Hermosa	Wilmington	Compton

Item #1: Sedans

Model No.	Mainline 4-Dr	1503	73A	73A	Plaza 8
Price Del'd ea.	1,644.27	1,651.58	1,498.18	1,900.00	1,678.92
4% Sales Tax	65.77	66.06	59.93	76.00	67.16
Del'd Price ea.	1,710.04	1,717.64	1,558.11	1,976.00	1,746.08
Special Paint	50.00	50.00	No Charge	40.00	27.00

Item #2: 1/2 T. Pick-up Tr.

Model No.	F-100	3104	F-100	F-100	C3B6-108
Price Del'd ea.	1,326.65	1,313.66	1,228.30	1,500.00	1,277.66
4% Sales Tax	53.07	52.55	49.13	60.00	51.11
Del'd Price ea.	1,379.72	1,366.21	1,277.43	1,560.00	1,328.77

Item #3:(A)St. Wag.-8cy2-dr.

Model No.	Ranch Wag.	1529	59A	59A	Del. Suburb.
Price Del'd ea.	1,937.27	1,864.38	1,791.18	2,200.00	1,776.62
4% Sales Tax	77.49	74.58	71.65	88.00	71.06
Del'd Price	2,014.76	1,938.96	1,862.83	2,288.00	1,847.68

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Oscar Maples Torrance	Paul's Chevrolet Torrance	Bacon Sales Hermosa	Kott & Smolar Wilmington	H.J. Caruso Compton
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Item #3:(B)St.Wag.8cy4-dr.

Model No.	Cty Sedan	2119	79B	79B	8Pass.4-Dr.
Price Del'd ea.	2,075.27	1,990.38	1,934.18	2,350.00	1,921.61
4% Sales Tax	83.01	79.62	77.37	94.00	76.86
Del'd Price	2,158.28	2,070.00	2,011.55	2,444.00	1,998.47

Item #4:3/4T Pick-up Tr.

Model No.	F-250	3604	F-250	E-250	C3C6-116
Price Del'd ea.	1,597.26	1,551.41	1,422.39	1,750.00	1,454.75
4% Sales Tax	63.89	62.06	56.90	70.00	58.19
Del'd Price	1,661.15	1,613.47	1,479.29	1,820.00	1,512.94

Item #5:Sedan 8cy-2dr

Model No.	Courier	1508	78A	F-100	NO
Price Del'd ea.	1,647.77	1,647.62	1,451.68	1,750.00	
4% Sales Tax	65.91	65.90	58.07	70.00	BID
Del'd Price	1,713.68	1,713.52	1,509.75	1,820.00	

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	Oscar Maples Torrance	Paul's Chevrolet Torrance	Bacon Sales Hermosa	Kott & Smolar Wilmington	H. J. Caruso Compton
Item #6: Unit #20					
'55 Chev.	1,100	1,100	900	1,050.00	775.00
Unit #21					
'55 Chev.	1,100	1,100	900	1,050.00	800.00
Unit #22					
'55 Chev.	1,100	1,100	900	1,050.00	750.00
Unit #14					
'49 Ford	100	150	75	150.00	100.00
Unit #16					
'49 Chev.	150	150	75	150.00	100.00
Unit #23					
'55 Chev.	1,100	1,100	900	1,050.00	800.00
Unit #8					
'50 Chev.	175	150	125	175.00	100.00
Unit #11					
'46 Ply.	100	125	35	40.00	50.00
Unit #13					
'48 Ply.	100	125	50	75.00	75.00
Unit #100					
'51 Ford	200	400	150	200.00	125.00
Unit #66					
'51 Ford	200	400	125	200.00	125.00
Unit #65					
'48 Chev.	100	95	50	50.00	50.00
Total Trade Value Amt.	5,525	5,995.	4,285	5,240.00	3,850.00

Carl's Motor Wilmington	Frank Taylor Ford Los Angeles	Brand Motors Los Angeles	Downtown Ford Los Angeles	Harger Haldeman Los Angeles
1,093	950	No Bid	950	975
1,093	950		950	975
1,093	950		950	975
50	60		100	50
50	100		135	50
1,093	975		975	975
50	150		175	50
25	50		75	30
35	50		110	25
50	175		210	75
50	150		175	50
35	50		50	35
4,717	4,610		4,855	4,265

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Carl's Motor Wilmington	Frank Taylor Ford Los Angeles	Brand Motors Los Angeles	Downtown Ford Los Angeles	Harger- Haldeman Los Angeles
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V-8 Plaza	73A	73A	73A	Plaza 8 Cy.
1,974.70	1,500.62	1,495.77	1,494.27	2,037.30
78.99	60.00	59.83	59.77	81.49
2,053.69	1,560.62	1,555.60	1,554.04	2,118.79
59.50	40.00	55.00	40.00	No Charge

S-100	F-100	F-100	F-100	No
1,412.87	1,257.52	1,253.17	1,255.17	Bid
56.51	50.30	50.12	50.21	
1,469.38	1,307.82	1,303.29	1,305.38	

V-8 Cus. Sur.	59A	59A	59A	Del. Sub.
2,236.00	1,793.62	1,788.77	1,787.27	2,257.30
89.44	71.74	71.55	71.49	90.29
2,325.44	1,865.36	1,860.32	1,858.76	2,347.59

Carl's Motor Wilmington	Frank Taylor Ford Los Angeles	Brand Motors Los Angeles	Downtown Ford Los Angeles	Harger- Haldeman Los Angeles
Ply.V8-4Dr. .	79B	79-B	79-B	Cust. 8-4dr
2,276.00	1,931.62	1,931.77	1,930.27	2,448.60
91.04	77.26	77.27	77.21	97.94
<del>2,367.04</del>	2,008.88	2,009.04	2,007.48	2,546.54
S-112	F-250	F-250	F-250	NO Bid
1,546.23	1,455.51	1,447.26	1,449.26	
61.85	58.22	57.89	57.97	
1,608.08	1,513.73	1,505.15	1,507.23	
Ply. 2-Dr	Courier	Courier	Courier	NO bid
1,926.70	1,494.12	1,449.27	1,457.87	
77.07	59.76	57.97	59.51	
2,003.77	1,553.88	1,507.24	1,547.38	

BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening of bids on equipment for the Street Department.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn moved, because of the complexity of these bids, that they be opened publicly to see that they are in order, and that they then be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation, and that the bids be open for inspection.

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

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read bids from the following:

Bacon Sales Co.	
1200 Pacific Coast Highway	
Hermosa Beach.	
1 or more 1956 Ford F-800 cab & chassis, per specifications,	Net, ea. \$3436.89
Delivery time, 45 days	4% sls.
	tax
	137.48
	\$3574.37
Brand Motors, Inc.	
Crenshaw & 28th St.,	
Los Angeles.	
Truck and Packer Unit, 16 yd. cap.	Net \$7,757.60
Delivery time, 45-60 days (Ford truck, HYDRO E-Z Packer)	
Paul's Chevrolet, Inc.	
1640 Cabrillo, Torrance.	
Bid on Trucks only	
1 Chevrolet, Model 10503 w/exceptions noted	\$3,975.89
or	
3 Chevrolet, Models 10503 w/exceptions noted	\$3,760.89 ea.
Oscar Maples, Inc.	
1420 Cabrillo, Torrance.	
Truck only (Ford)	\$3,689.54
Plus Calif. State Sales tax and license fees.	
Delivery time, 1 unit, 3 weeks; balance 30 days.	
Downtown Ford Sales	
640 S. Wall St., Los Angeles	
Truck cab and chassis - per unit- 1956 Ford F800	\$3,465.34
plus sales tax -	
Gar Wood Industries, Inc.	
4515 So. Soto St., Los Angeles	
Model LP-216 Gar Wood 16 Cu. Yd. Load Packer	
Assembly, complete installed and painted per specifications.	
	Net \$4,611.65
H. J. Caruso, Inc.	
701 N. Long Beach Blvd., Compton	
1956 Dodge G.V.W. Model C3TA8	\$3,686.01 ea.
Delivery 60 days. Plus sales tax & license.	
Carl's Motor Co., Inc.	
1200 Avalon, Wilmington	
Cab & Chassis, per specifications, incl. taxes	\$5,365.94
Brand "International"	
Delivery up to 45 days	

Vern Maynard Pacific Sales Co.  
 1000 Pacific Coast Highway  
 Hermosa Beach  
 G.M.C. 554V-8 Trucks, per specifications-  
 1 Unit  
 3 Units

\$3,939.67  
 \$11,819.01

Both plus 4% sales Tax

General Truck Sales, Inc.  
 2699 Atlantic Avenue  
 Long Beach 6, California.  
 Bid on Truck - GMC Model 554-V, per specifications, per unit \$3,893.95  
 Delivered in our yards.

A. M. Donaher & Son  
 7669 Compton Ave., Los Angeles.  
 Leach Packer Body, 16 yd. model, mounted on truck  
 chassis, delivered  
 Delivery 21-25 days.

\$4,846.00 ea.

Sewer Tools:

Southwest Sewer Tool Co.,  
 3786 Durango St., Los Angeles.  
 1 SR-1 Sewer Rods plus guides, extensions, stand, bell, rods,  
 tool, corkscrew, saw, auger, porcupines, incl. sales tax \$4,562.27

VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT, AWARD OF CONTRACT.

Assistant to the City Engineer John R. Patrick presented, under date of June 8, 1956, analysis of the sealed Proposals submitted to him and report naming O'Shaughnessy Construction Company as the lowest responsible bidder in the sum of \$16,053.70.

Councilman Jahn moved the analysis and bids and recommendation for award of contract be received and filed.

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

The Engineer then presented Resolution No. 2941.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2941

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF MONTEREY STREET AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2941.

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

At 8:45 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 8:55 P. M.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Bartlett to read in full a letter from James M. Hall, City Attorney, dated June 12, 1956, which contained the City Attorney's resignation.

Councilman Blount moved to accept Mr. Hall's resignation with regret, and with many thanks to Mr. Hall for his sterling service to the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen said he believed the City has benefited from City Attorney Hall's services beyond measure, and added his personal regrets.

Mayor Isen then suggested that the resignation be effective no sooner than June 30, saying that Mr. Hall would want to finish several matters now under way.

Councilman Blount said he would like to make the effective date at the convenience of Mr. Hall.

City Attorney Hall, who was in the audience, said he would like to make the effective date earlier if possible, but that June 30 would be satisfactory.

Councilman Blount agreed to accept June 30, 1956, as the effective date in his motion, and Councilman Drale agreed to accept it under his second.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved that Stanley Remelmeyer be appointed City Attorney temporarily to succeed Mr. Hall, effective July 1, until such time as the necessary examination can be called.

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

Mayor Isen said there are a number of matters that will have to be worked out.

Councilman Drale said he thinks these problems can be solved by July 1.

2. Mayor Isen then directed City Clerk Bartlett to read in full a letter from Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce dated June 12, 1956, and signed by Philip A. Lisman, President.

This letter requested that permits such as building and electrical permits for the Annual Community Fair which the Jr. Chamber puts on, be granted without fees.

Councilman Drale moved the fees be waived, but that the Fair be subject to the usual inspections.

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

3. A letter of appreciation from Adriaan Willemsen of The Hague, Netherlands, for the kindnesses he has received here during his stay as an exchange student, and giving the address of the Burgemeester in his home city. The letter was dated May 23, 1956.

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

4. A letter dated May 24, 1956, from the State of California Dept. of Public Works, Division of Highways, signed by A. L. Himelhock, Asst. District Engineer, stating the installation of traffic signals on Pacific Coast Highway at Calle Mayor has been scheduled for construction during the summer of 1957.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Manager would try to hurry this up as much as possible, perhaps by writing to the Department involved.

City Manager Stevens said he would write such a letter.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

5. Letter dated May 31, 1956, from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, requesting joint consideration by the City Councils of Torrance and Gardena of the implementation by the County of Chapter 882, Statutes of 1955, for the annexation to either one or the other of the two cities concerned, portions of Gramercy Place, 174th Street, and Western Avenue. The letter was signed by John R. Leach, Asst. Administrative Officer, for Arthur J. Will, Chief Administrative Officer.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney for recommendation.

6. A letter from the County of Los Angeles dated May 18, 1956, signed by Seymour Greben, Business Manager of the Department of Parks and Recreation, for N. S. Johnson, Superintendent of the Department. Mr. Greben notified the City that the Board of Supervisors has appropriated \$4,822.00 for a Community Recreation Contract for the Fiscal Year of 1956-57, and advised the Council that if they wished such aid, they should adopt a formal Resolution requesting it.

Councilman Drale asked if the Supervisor of Recreation could make a survey of neighboring cities to see if they receive such funds, and in what amounts.

Councilman Benstead said he believed this had been done.

City Manager Stevens said most cities do not get this help, and Torrance gets it only because they worked hard to get it.

Mayor Isen suggested that City Manager Stevens write to each member of the Board of Supervisors pointing out the growth of our City, the annexation of territory, etc., and try to get this allocation of funds increased.

There were no objections and it was so ordered, with the City Attorney instructed to prepare the necessary Resolution at the right time.

7. A letter dated June 6, 1956, from the County Boundary Commission, signed by James S. Allison, Secretary, notifying the City that the City of Hawthorne has filed a proposal for annexation of territory known as "Triangle Annexation No. 1."

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record.

Councilman Jahn asked if this proposed annexation touches the City of Torrance, and was told it does not.

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

8. A letter from the St. Vincent de Paul Society Salvage Bureau, 22020 Edgar Street, signed by R. T. Whaling, Manager, seeking permission to solicit in the City of Torrance for goods for charitable uses. The request had the approval of Chief of Police Haslam.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

9. A Special Delivery letter from the Union Bank & Trust Company of Los Angeles requested the elimination of a release and agreement executed by Max and David M. Sidell to release the City from damages in connection with the change of grade and/or improvement of Western Avenue, recorded November 20, 1947. The letter was dated June 6, 1956, and signed by Kate Steinberg, Escrow Officer.

Asst. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had checked the agreement and a copy of this letter, and that he recommended denial of the request.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be denied.

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

10. A request from Alvin and Nell M. Vandermast, dated May 4, 1956, for repainting of street signs. Mr. and Mrs. Vandermast's address was given as 629 Paseo de Los Reyes.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the Engineering Department.

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11. A communication from C. M. Hefner, of 520 Via Media, Palos Verdes Estates, California, with map attached, asking if certain areas near the boundary of Redondo and Torrance can be considered for parking areas.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

12. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a letter dated May 29, 1956, signed by A. E. McVicar, Superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3. This letter requested that the Water Department be permitted to construct with City forces an off-site eight-inch main in 242nd Street from Neece Avenue to the end of the tract being built by Palos Verdes Riviera Corporation. The letter gave the reasons for the request.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the necessary permission.

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

13. Councilman Blount requested that the City Clerk read in full a letter from J. E. Kettler dated May 24, 1956, requesting the Council extend approval of his tract 17958 from June 7, 1955, for one year. City Clerk Bartlett read the letter in full.

Asst. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had talked to Mr. Kettler since the letter was written, and Mr. Kettler would like to have the letter withdrawn.

Councilman Drale moved to withdraw this letter from the Agenda without prejudice.

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

14. A request from the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3 under date of May 28, 1956, signed by A. E. McVicar, Supt., for authorization to advertise for bids for certain equipment needed in that Department.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

#### Communications from the City Manager:

##### PERSONNEL:

1. Medardo I. Muller was appointed as a Mechanic's Helper at the City Garage, starting June 16, 1956, at the first salary step. Mr. Muller is No. 3 man on the Eligible List. The No. 1 man refused the appointment; No. 2 was a former employee and was not satisfactory.
2. Bill Disario was employed in a temporary capacity as a Mechanic's Helper at the City Garage, pending Civil Service examination, commencing June 1, 1956, at the first salary step, there being no one available on the Eligible List. The No. 4 man on the List refused employment; The No. 5 man has gone East; the No. 6 man refused employment.
3. George C. Powell, appointed to begin his probationary period as Planning Director, commencing June 1, 1956, at the 3rd salary step, being No. 1 on the Eligible List.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with recommendations 1 thru 3 inclusive under Personnel as made by the City Manager.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of a Remington-Rand Printing Calculator for the Engineering Department - a budget item \$571.50

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, Item 1 under Appropriations.

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

A letter dated June 7, 1956, from the City Manager, recommended that the bid of Torrance Desk and Office Equipment Company on the following two items be accepted as the lowest responsible bid, and all other bids be rejected:

1. 150 Virco No. 127 all steel folding chairs, or equal, @ \$3.95 ea. \$592.00
2. 30 Virco No. 626 folding tables, 30" x 96", or equal, @ \$29.50 ea. \$885.00

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

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

City Manager Stevens was asked by the Mayor if he had any oral recommendations to make. Mr. Stevens said he was glad to report that due to the excellent safety record in the Bus Department, we will get about a 15% reduction in the insurance rates for that department effective July 1, 1956.

Mayor Isen expressed gratification at this, and asked Fire Chief Benner if any steps had been taken to get the Underwriters' Board to reduce the fire insurance rates in the City of Torrance.

Chief Benner replied that he is working on this now.

Communications from the Parks and Recreation Commission:

A recommendation dated June 6, 1956, signed by Robert M. Almond, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, to the effect that the Council should review the Council Minutes of May 8 as to the statement on the method of raising funds for the acquisition and development of parks by the Commission.

Mayor Isen said he had meant to say "of a bond issue or an alternate method thereto." He added that this meant only if there were any suggestions other than a bond issue, the Council would listen to them, not that a bond issue was excluded.

Mrs. Herma Tillim of the Parks & Recreation Commission was present, and said there had also been some question about Councilman Benstead's motion.

Councilman Benstead said it was his thought that if the Parks & Recreation Commission members approached some of the industries in the City they might be able to raise some of the funds needed for this park.

Mrs. Tillim said she appreciated Councilman Benstead's thinking.

Communications from the Airport Commission:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a letter from the Airport Commission dated May 29, 1956, and signed by President Jack E. White. This transmitted to the Council the recommendation of the Airport Commission that the section of the contract having to do with sale of petroleum products on the Airport be considered as a must for renegotia-

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tion to open it up for additional distributors for outlets for petroleum products on the Airport.

The motion had been approved by the Airport Commission by a three-to-two vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission and to refer this to the City Attorney for his consideration.

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

2. A letter dated May 29, 1956, from the Airport Commission, signed by Jack E. White, President of the Airport Commission, contained the unanimously approved recommendation of the Airport Commission that City Manager Stevens be instructed to investigate the cost of installing lights approved by Quinton Engineers and to report back to the Airport Commission at their next meeting, and to request Quinton Engineers to check with the CAA as to what maintenance facilities and managerial facilities should be available for night flying.

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

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

3. A letter from the Airport Commission dated May 29, 1956, signed by Jack E. White, President, transmitted the unanimous recommendation of the Commission that during the review of the existing Airport Management Contract during the third quarter of 1956, the contract be completely rewritten, setting forth clearly and distinctly what is required in the way of service from the Airport Manager, and the items which will be allowed as direct charges into the Airport Maintenance and Improvement Fund.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation and refer it to the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale asked if the contract could be changed, saying he would request that the City Attorney study this for a week or two and give the Council his opinion on whether this can be done now.

City Manager Stevens said the City has a 10-year contract with the Airport Management, and every 30 months there is a period of renegotiation. He said this period is coming up during the fall of this year.

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

Councilman Drale said he voted no because he thinks the time has come when the City should consider putting the Airport under Civil Service rules, for one reason, and because he thought the question he raised before the vote should be cleared up.

Councilman Jahn told Councilman Drale that City Attorney Hall had told the Airport Commission not too long ago that during the period of renegotiation (every 30 months) of the Airport Manager's contract, the contract could be rewritten, but that the contract would still hold good unless one of the parties felt they could not operate under the contract as re-written.

Mayor Isen said the Council would get an opinion from Assistant City Attorney Remelmeyer on whether or not the contract is a binding one.

Mr. Robert Herrick, of 109 Paseo de las Delicias, a member of the Airport Commission, spoke to the Council. Mr. Herrick said he had made the motion, which was made strictly for clarification of the contract, and there was no intention of withdrawing from the contract.

Mayor Isen said we should know the rights of the City under the contract.

Reports and Recommendations:

1. Recommendations from Chief of Police Haslam and Donald Mansfield, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, regarding the request of Josef Milo for permission to practice hypnotism in the City of Torrance. Chief Haslam recommended denial of the request.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

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

2. Recommendation dated June 8, 1956, from City Engineer R. W. Bishop that the proposed 50-foot street in Tract No. 22795, as requested by the residents there, be approved. Attached to the letter from the City Engineer was a copy of the petition from the residents asking for this 50-foot street, and a sketch of the tract.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a letter from W. H. Haslam, Chief of Police, and Ronald W. Bishop, City Engineer, regarding the traffic problem at the corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Newton Street. The Chief of Police and City Engineer recommended painted double lines augmented by 100-foot long asphalt berms along the centerline of the intersection, "southerly and easterly".

Councilman Jahn said he thought "northerly and easterly" was meant here, and Chief Haslam said that was right, the letter should read "northerly and easterly".

Councilman Jahn said he would move to concur with the recommendation with that correction shown.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Engineering and Planning Commission Matters:

1. Letter dated June 6, 1956, from George Steinkamp with reference to Tract No. 22214, which was referred back to the Planning Commission for the acquisition of an additional 10 feet southerly of the tract to enable 186th Street to be made a 40-foot street.

Mr. Steinkamp's letter explained his efforts to obtain the land in question, and the rebuffs he has received from the owner of the land. Mr. Steinkamp's letter went on to say that the City would need the land for 186th Street, and that if it were necessary for the City to condemn the land, he would be willing to assist the City in acquiring the 10 feet in question.

Mr. Steinkamp spoke to the Council, going into some detail about the efforts he has made to get the land.

Councilman Dralc said the man who built the tract adjoining this one had been required to furnish enough land to widen the street, and if one subdivider was required to do this, he believed the others should also be.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Steinkamp if he would be willing to pay all the costs of condemnation of this land, as well as for the land, if the City did condemn what is needed for the street.

Mr. Steinkamp said he would pay a fair price for the land, but that he did not want to be overcharged for it or for the attorney's fees.

Councilman Blount repeated his question, and Mr. Steinkamp said he would pay for the land and condemnation costs.

Councilman Blount asked if he would deposit the money in advance, and Mr. Steinkamp said he would.

Asst. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the question had been raised by City Attorney Hall as to whether the City has the authority to condemn land for personal and not public good.

Mr. Steinkamp said he is building about 53 houses in this tract, and that the land would be given to the City for street purposes.

Councilman Jahn moved to consent to the request of Mr. Steinkamp to condemn this land for street purposes, and refer this to the City Attorney for condemnation of the 10 feet, with all costs of the land

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and the attorney's fees to be paid in advance by Mr. Steinkamp, at the value set by the appraiser on the land, and reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

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

2. A letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, dated June 8, 1956, with a sketch attached and an outline of the request of the Pacific Smelting Company to build a structure in violation of Ordinance No. 338, adopted October 27, 1942.

Mr. Powell was present, and explained that under Ordinance No. 338, the City had accepted the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission at that time that 223rd Street be planned as a 100-foot street. Mr. Powell went on to say that 223rd is now a 60-foot street, as are the neighboring streets. He said the decision is up to the Council as to whether or not they wish to retain 223rd for a 100-foot street, or whether they will allow this structure to be built and keep 223rd a 60-foot street.

The Council looked at maps of the area and a map from the Regional Planning Commission showing 223rd as a 100-foot street.

Mr. Powell pointed out that the Regional Planning Commission's Master Plan shows 223rd as stopping at Plaza Del Amo.

Mr. John Schmidt, of 2529 West 102nd Street in Inglewood, Vice President of Pacific Smelting Company, told the Council that their need for this land is acute.

Mayor Isen instructed this be held over for a week to allow Mr. Powell to elicit information from the Regional Planning Commission as to whether or not they still plan to make 223rd Street a 100-foot street or whether this plan has been changed since 1942.

Mr. Powell said he would do this.

3. Letter dated June 7, 1956, from Ronald W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond for Tract No. 21036. Attached were: (a) letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Foreman, regarding parkway trees, and (b) location sketch.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer in the release of this Improvement Bond.

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

4. Letter dated June 8, 1956, from Ronald W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond for Tract No. 21173; attached were (a) letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Foreman, regarding parkway trees, and (b) location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer in the release of this Improvement Bond.

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

5. Letter dated June 8, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, submitting Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract with Warren Southwest, Inc., for the improvement of Civic Center Drives and Parking Lots, as approved at the regular meeting of the Council on May 22, 1956, in the amount of \$23,418.62.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2942

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AND WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2942.

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

6. Letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, under date of June 8, 1956, submitting a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Torrance and the State Department of Public Works for expenditure of Gas Tax Funds for engineering, and a Resolution adopting the Budget and approving Memorandum of Agreement.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2943

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION  
2107.5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

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

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

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2943.

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

7. A letter dated May 23, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, regarding proposed storm drain bond issue. A map of Torrance showing location of proposed projects was attached.

The total cost of the proposed project was given as \$7,429,900.00.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held over for further study by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2944

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THAT LEASE AND LAND USE  
AGREEMENT EXECUTED WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS  
LESSOR AND THE TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE, INC., AND  
BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC., AS LESSEES, DATED OCTOBER 1,  
1954.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2944.

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

Councilman Drale said the City Attorney should be sure there is a "hold harmless" clause in the lease to protect the City.

RESOLUTION NO. 2945

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CORRECT THE  
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS EXISTING IN THE LOS ANGELES  
AIRPORT TUNNEL.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2945.

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

Councilman Drale said there has been a lot of discussion about this in the South Bay Highways Committee, of which he is a member. He went on to say that he believed the Board of Public Works should have a copy of this Resolution.

Mayor Isen directed that a copy be sent to the Board of Public Works and to the South Bay Highways Committee as well.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2946

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF VIA COLUSA TO CALLE DE ARENA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2946.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2947

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FOR A PUBLIC PARK SITE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2947.

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

#### ORDINANCE NO. 810

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.42 OF THE TORRANCE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 3 OF SAID CODE.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 810 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen then read:

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE PROCLAIMING JUNE 19, 1956,  
"TORRANCE TRANSPORTATION DAY".

The Mayor went on to say that Mr. John Crain, a member of the Airport Commission, had arranged to have the Los Angeles Transportation Club tour Torrance that day. Mr. Crain, a member of the Transportation Club, has planned a full itinerary for the Club that day. The Mayor went on to say that this could really be a very fine thing for the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount said there is a structure at the southwest corner of Arlington and Sepulveda Boulevards which he believes is on City property and which he considers to be a hazardous structure.

George Powell told Mr. Blount that this building is not on City property.

City Manager Stevens said the work on the building has been stopped by the Building Department, and the matter of that building is being worked out now between the Building Department and the owner of the property.

Councilman Blount asked to have a written report from Mr. Russell, Superintendent of Building, concerning the affair of the building, in time for the regular meeting of the Council on June 19, 1956.

Mayor Isen asked if there is anything that can be done about the appearance of such a building, and the City Manager said that if the building conforms with the codes, there is nothing the City can do about the appearance.

Councilman Jahn asked if it would be possible for the City to hire a man on a part-time basis to assist in securing the easements needed in the Hollywood-Riviera Sewer District. He said there are still a great many easements needed.

City Manager Stevens said none of our people could do this without working overtime.

City Engineer Bishop said this can be done and charged to the District under the 1954 Amendment to the 1911 Act.

Councilman Drale asked how far out of the estimate this would make the sewers cost.

City Engineer Bishop said only the man's salary, and the City cannot pay for easements under the 1911 Act, so that is all the extra cost there could be.

Councilman Jahn moved that a man be hired to secure these easements, with his salary to be charged to the District.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered, with City Manager Stevens and City Engineer Bishop to recommend who shall be hired to do the work and the rate of pay.

City Manager Stevens said he had been asked to find how many of the Councilmen can attend the luncheon of the Transportation Club on June 19. Mr. Stevens said the luncheon is to be held at about 1:00 P. M. in the Cafeteria at the American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corporation.

Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale, and Councilman Jahn said they would go; Councilman Benstead said he would let Mr. Stevens know later, and Councilman Blount regretted that he could not attend.

Mayor Isen asked Chief of Police Haslam to have two motorcycle policemen meet the bus carrying the Los Angeles Transportation Club at 174th and Western Avenue when they enter Torrance and give them a siren escort to their immediate destination.

Mayor Isen directed the record to show that the City was served as a defendant in the case of McDonald Brothers, as were three members of the Council, himself, Councilman Benstead, and Councilman Jahn.

The Mayor moved the City Attorney prepare the proper defense to the action.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Jack Brown has resigned from the Parks & Recreation Commission. He said Mr. Brown's resignation was accepted with regret, and moved that the proper letter accepting the resignation and extending the City's thanks be written to Mr. Brown.

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

Mayor Isen then appointed Mr. Robert S. Cramer of 24240 Los Codona Avenue, WALTERIA, to fill Mr. Brown's term on the Commission.

Mayor Isen asked for a poll of the Council on this appointment.

Councilman Blount said he would vote no in this poll because he intends to vote no on all appointments until the Council as a whole is shown what he considers the courtesy of being consulted or at least advised of these appointments ahead of time.

All other Councilmen voted favorably in the poll.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The Council adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

*A. H. Barth*

City Clerk of The City of Torrance

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance