

Torrance, California
July 24, 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. Tuesday, July 24, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

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

Councilman Blount joined the meeting at 8:01 P. M.

Reverend Mittoon opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn corrected the Minutes of the July 17, 1956, meeting of the Council as follows: Under 'Tentative Tract Map No. 16884, on Page 7 of those Minutes, Line 2, Paragraph 2, the letter "s" to be added to the word "condition", and the word "and" inserted thereafter, making the phrase read "with the special conditions and that the City Attorney" etc.'

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening Bids for the Improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Carson Street to Dominguez.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager when the work would be done if the bid was awarded tonight, and the City Manager replied that he believed the contractors would want to begin the work at once in order to have it done before the rainy season begins.

It was the wish of the Council that the City Clerk read the totals only on these bids, and it was so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the following bids for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Carson Street to Dominguez:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BOND</u>	<u>TOTAL SUM OF BID</u>
Sheets Construction Co. 201 E. Victoria St. Gardena, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 55,821.12
McAmis & Baker 15808 S. Broadway Gardina, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 52,627.37
Contractors' Asphalt Sales Co. 18101 S. Hawthorne Redondo Beach, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 55,515.43
Oswald Brothers 366 E. 58th St. Los Angeles, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 51,339.24

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BOND</u>	<u>TOTAL SUM OF BID</u>
Warren Southwest Inc. P. O. Box 419 Torrance, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 50,776.72
S. A. Cummings Contracting Corp. 821 W. Rosecrans Ave. Compton, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 58,230.33
George Savala Paving Co. 213 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Hawthorne, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 60,008.25

There were no objections, and these bids were referred to the City Engineer for a recommendation later in the evening.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place of opening Bids for the improvement of Post Avenue from Carson Street to Arlington Avenue, and Carson Street from Plaza del Amo to Arlington Avenue.

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

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

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BOND</u>	<u>TOTAL SUM OF BID</u>
Contractors Asphalt Sales Co. 18101 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Redondo Beach, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of \$3,000.00	\$ 21,576.00
Oswald Brothers 360 East 58th Street Los Angeles, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 23,068.50
Sully-Miller Contracting Co. 1500 W. 7th St. Long Beach, Calif.	Certified Check for \$3,000.00	\$ 20,548.71
Warren-Southwest, Inc. P. O. Box 419 Torrance, California.	Bidders' Bond of 10%	\$ 20,051.85

Councilman Blount moved that these bids, along with the bids for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Carson Street to Dominguez, be referred to the City Engineer for checking and a recommendation later in this meeting.

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

HEARINGS:

1. CASE NO. 389: Petition of Ed de Mirjium for a Change of Zone on Lots 7, 8 and 13, Tract 9306, between Ashley Avenue and Roslin, south of Redondo Beach Boulevard from R-1 to C-2 Zoning to permit construction and operation of an Automatic Car Wash Rack, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing on this case be set for Tuesday, August 14, 1956, at 8:00 P. M.

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

ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - 1911 Act - Street Lighting

City Clerk Bartlett presented the debt limit report on the proposed improvement of the Ellinwood Improvement District (Tract 18594) to the Council.

Upon motion by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and duly passed by a unanimous vote of those present (Councilman Benstead absent), the report was received and filed.

Upon motion by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Jahn, the Report was approved unanimously by those present (Councilman Benstead absent).

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2967

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A REPORT ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND OTHER STREETS, IN THE ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM, PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2824 TO SECTION 2830, INCLUSIVE, OF DIVISION 4 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING OF SAID REPORT:

Upon motion by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Blount, it was voted unanimously by those present (Councilman Benstead absent), to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2967.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Statement from Boris Stauffer Woolley, Attorney at Law, dated July 2, 1956, for services as City Prosecutor for the months of April, May and June, 1956, in the amount of \$450.00. Attached to the Statement was a memorandum from City Attorney Stanley E. Remelmeyer stating that these charges have been approved by City Manager Stevens and himself.

Councilman Drale moved to pay the charges of Mr. Woolley.

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

2. A statement of Franchise earnings as of July 10, 1956, under Ordinance No. 389, subsequently assigned under Resolution No. 2494, in the amount of \$529.69, submitted by Pacific Coast Gasoline Company, with check attached. This was signed by Tom F. Ham, Jr., Assist. Secretary of Pacific Coast Gasoline Company and notarized on July 10, 1956.

There were no objections and this was ordered filed.

3. A letter dated July 6, 1956, signed by "A One-Time G. I.", postmarked Marion, Illinois, enclosing one dollar, which the writer asked be paid to the person who owned the "Busy Bee Cafe" in 1944, at which time he and two friends had taken souvenirs in the form of an ash tray and a salt- and pepper-cellar.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Bartlett read the letter in full.

Mayor Isen commended Mr. Mansfield for finding Mr. Virgil Rogers, who owned the cafe in question at that time, but who has since sold it and lives and works in Long Beach.

Mr. Mansfield reported to the City Council that it was not he, but Mr. Gail Whitacre, License Inspector and one-time detective, who had located Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers was in the audience.

The Council voted unanimously (Councilman Benstead absent) to give the dollar to Mr. Rogers, and photographs were taken of Mayor Isen presenting the dollar to Mr. Rogers.

4. Request from the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., not dated, signed by Hale Warn, Jr., for information as to codes and ordinances with which they must comply in order to hold their annual appeal during the month of December in the City of Torrance.

A letter from Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, under date of July 20, 1956, informed the Council that both the City Clerk and the Chief of Police approve the requested solicitation, and recommended that the petition be approved.

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

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

5. A letter dated July 17, 1956, from the Greenthumbers Garden Club, signed by Mrs. G. R. Horton, Secretary, asking that trash cans be placed in the shopping area of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Sepulveda.

City Manager Stevens said a supply of these cans is on order.

Councilman Drake moved the request be granted.

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

6. July 18, 1956, letter from the Torrance Unified School District, signed by J. H. Hull, Secretary to the Board of Education, advising the Council that the Board wishes to follow up its request for improvement of Plaza del Amo with an installation of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters on the east side of the street, and asking that the City prepare the plans and specifications for this installation so the Board can proceed to let the bid.

It was also requested that the City establish a 25-mile speed zone along Plaza del Amo and establish a pedestrian crossing at an appropriate point in front of the Service Unit office building, or study the situation and suggest a better solution.

Councilman Blount moved the City Engineer be instructed to prepare the plans for this installation as requested.

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

The suggestions regarding a speed limit and pedestrian crossing were referred to the Traffic Committee for study and recommendation.

7. A letter dated July 16, 1956, from Burton W. Chace, Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, in reply to a letter written by City Manager Stevens on July 2 in compliance with instruction from the City Council. Mr. Stevens' letter questioned the 50¢ parking fee at the County's parking lot on Torrance Beach.

Supervisor Chace said the parking fee on the Torrance Beach enables the County to establish control of the usage so that no abuses occur, and telling the Council that the fee was reduced on July 10, 1956, to 25¢ on week days and 50¢ on week ends and holidays.

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

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Recommendations from the City Manager:

1. A letter dated July 19, 1956, from the City Manager, outlining to the Council the recommendations of the City Manager regarding the collection of garbage and non-combustible refuse, at the rate of \$6,763.31 per month, effective July 1, 1956, and running to December 31, 1956.

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

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

The following recommendations were submitted by the City Manager for consideration and approval by the City Council:

PERSONNEL:

1. The following personnel have been appointed to serve their probationary periods as Firemen, effective July 20, 1956, at the first salary step:

- (a) Silas C. Whitman
- (b) Robert Browning
- (c) Carl S. Hanni
- (d) Wilbur H. Orr
- (e) Kenneth V. Atkinson
- (f) Leo V. Manning
- (g) Thomas L. Hayton
- (h) Jack R. Garland
- (i) Richard H. Sprout
- (j) Billy J. Wood

(Appointments were made successively from the Eligible List, with the exception of Nos. 5 and 6 who declined the position at this time.)

Councilman Jahn asked if these are the ten firemen the new budget allows for, and City Manager Stevens said they are.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, Item 1 under Personnel.

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

Councilman Drale asked when we would have the list of Policemen.

Chief of Police Haslam said he has not received the list from the Civil Service Board, but will make his appointments when he does.

2. Stephen Rector Daugherty was appointed to serve his probationary period as Laborer in the Street Department, effective July 16, 1956, at the first salary step. (He is No. 1 on the Eligible List).

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

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

3. That the Fire Chief be authorized to attend the Fire Chiefs' Conference at Sacramento, California, August 21 to 24, with appropriate expenses paid.

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

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

That the following transfers of funds be made:

1. \$300,000 from the Motor Vehicle License Fund to General Fund, effective June 30, 1956.

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

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

2. \$5,000 from General Fund to 1955 Bond Fund, effective July 25, 1956.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. \$200,000 from Municipal Water District No. 3 Funds to General Fund, effective July 25, 1956.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of Lots 7, 8, 27, 28 and 29 of Tract No. 2956, for the extension of Arlington Avenue, the sum of \$5,000, from Unappropriated Funds.

Lengthy negotiations have been carried on with the owners of this property for the purchase of the five lots. It is believed that a fair price has been arrived at for the purchase. An attached sheet showed the Council the location and size of the property to be acquired.

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

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager for a report on the extension of Arlington Avenue south from 190th Street.

City Manager Stevens replied that the plans are completed and have been submitted to the Dominguez Land Company, who will grant us the deed for right of way as soon as their engineer approves the drainage structure and then we can call for bids.

2. For the purchase of a Jaccbson 22" Greens Mower for the Golf Course, the sum of \$390 plus tax with a 2% cash discount. This is the lowest bid received for this type of mower.

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

3. Consideration should be given the purchase of a National Cash Register for the control of tickets, money and accounting of funds at the Swimming Pool. A proper register to be used by three cashiers with complete control would cost approximately \$4,000. \$3,500 was allocated in the Swimming Pool budget for the current year. A price increase has taken place since the budget was prepared.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens if he is recommending purchase of the cash register.

City Manager Stevens said it will take six months or more to get such a machine, but that National Cash Register will lend us one to use in the meantime.

Councilman Drale asked if that is the only company making this type of machine.

City Manager Stevens said he is not recommending this as much as he is calling it to the attention of the Councilmen, as there has been one price increase of \$500 since this was originally considered.

City Manager Stevens said he would try to find out whether or not there is a comparable machine.

Councilman Drale moved the City advertise for bids on this cash register.

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

4. For the installation of 1-1/2" aluminum letters and names on principal offices of the City Hall and Police Department, the sum of \$722.00. Alternate identifications would be painting or the use of porcelain plates, but over a period of time the aluminum letters will prove the most economical.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation of the City Manager.

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

Councilman Jahn asked if there will be a telephone in the room designated as the "Council Room", and City Manager Stevens said there will be.

5. For cabinet work in the City Engineer's vault, bookcases and other shelving as requested by the Department, the sum of \$916.00. This figure has been obtained by the cabinet company which is making installations at the City Hall.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be done in all vaults, and the City Manager gave a negative reply.

City Manager Stevens went on to add that some of this was for work other than that inside the vault.

Mayor Isen said he had today received some very favorable comments on the woodwork being done at the new City Hall.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

SALE OF CITY-OWNED EQUIPMENT:

1. An offer has been received from Mr. M. L. Bonham to purchase our last Ford Transit Bus for the sum of \$150 less the tires. A Cashier's Check for the total amount accompanied the offer. It is recommended by the Bus Superintendent that the offer be accepted and I concur in that recommendation. The bus is a 1941 Ford Transit with a six-cylinder motor. The body is in very run-down condition and the motor needs overhauling.

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

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

Councilman Blount said he had been requested to ask that the Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce be taken out of order, and asked that it be considered now.

Mayor Isen asked that all communications be taken care of first.

SIDEWALKS-ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM CARSON TO DOMINGUEZ STREET:

A recommendation to City Manager Stevens, dated July 20, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, that the sidewalks be placed adjacent to the curb to save the trees. It was originally planned that four-foot wide sidewalks would be placed one foot off the property line.

City Manager Stevens concurred with that recommendation, and said as the area is developed into commercial use, the trees will be removed as required and full-width sidewalks installed. The City Manager added that the concurrence of the State would have to be sought in this as they control the funds.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, subject to the concurrence of the State in the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At this time Mayor Isen asked Mr. John Kesson which matter on the Agenda was of interest to the group from North Torrance, and suggested it be taken up now.

Mr. Kesson said they would wait, as they are concerned with two of the items on the Agenda.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2969

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1956-57.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2969.

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

Councilman Jahn said that even after writing out the motion from which this Resolution was drawn, he had not completed his thought. He intended to have the Resolution specify payment in advance of the sums due quarterly to the Chamber.

Councilman Jahn moved to amend the Agreement to read that payment would be made in advance for each quarter, and the bills presented to the Council at the end of each quarter for review and approval.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who asked that the spokesman from the Chamber of Commerce be heard at this time.

Councilman Jahn said this Agreement should be handled in a business-like manner, and the Chamber should have the money ahead of time to do the work; he added that no advertising agency would work without such an advance.

Councilman Drale questioned whether Item 6 under (c) in the Agreement was specified in Councilman Jahn's original motion, and Councilman Jahn said it was.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor Isen instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to show quarterly payments to be made in advance, with a review of bills at the end of each quarter to see if expenditures fit within this formula.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2969.

Councilman Blount asked whether, if he seconded this motion, the floor would be open for some discussion, and Mayor Isen said it would. Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Mr. John Ebbinghouse, President of the Chamber of Commerce, told the Council that the Chamber feels they cannot operate under this Agreement, as the use of the money would be subject to dictation from sources outside the Chamber. He said the Board of Directors of the Chamber feels it is worthy of the trust of the Council, and that the members ask that the money be granted to them without strings of any kind.

Mr. Ebbinghouse went on to say that the Chamber and the Council have always had a good relationship in the past when the City Council trusted the Chamber to operate for the good of the City, and said if they cannot be trusted to use the money at their discretion, wisely and for the good of the City, they feel that they cannot be trusted at all.

Councilman Jahn said he could not understand this point of view. He added that it is set out in the Agreement that each quarter the City will advance to the Chamber one quarter of \$14,000 and that the bills accounting for the expenditure of this money be given to the Council at the end of each quarter simply to show them what the money was spent for. He said this simply insures that the money will be spent the way the Council thinks it should be.

Mr. Ebbinghouse said the interpretations of the Chamber and the Council might differ. He said the Chamber might be in the position of paying expenses that the Council did not feel helped the City, and then their money for the next quarter would be curtailed. He added that the Directors feel they cannot operate within that confinement of the Agreement.

Councilman Dralc asked City Manager Stevens whether or not in the past the Chamber of Commerce had not been reimbursed for expenses, and how often they had been paid.

City Manager Stevens said they had been reimbursed quarterly on the basis of statements to the City of how the money was spent.

Councilman Dralc said then there would be no difference other than our stipulations on how the Chamber can spend the money.

City Manager Stevens said there would be one other difference; the Chamber will receive their money in advance under this Agreement as amended rather than at the end of each quarter.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if the authority to dispense this money came from the Charter, Section 6, and read an excerpt from that section of the Charter.

Mr. Remelmeyer said he believes that section of the Charter is a limitation rather than authority, and that the authority is inherent under the general legislative powers of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked if any other section of the Charter limits the way money can be spent, and City Attorney Remelmeyer said no.

Councilman Blount said it appears to him that the Agreement is a three-month contract which will be either approved or disapproved every three months, and is a different type of agreement than those entered into in the past. He asked if the same restrictions on the money spent would affect the Torrance Mounted Police and the money given to the National Guard under this Agreement.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said they would have to account for the money they receive under this Agreement.

Mayor Isen did not agree.

Councilman Dralc said he did not feel Item 6 under (c) should be there. He said that under this Item, the Chamber could be forced to use their entire allotment for one event if three members of the Council wanted to insist on a "Special Event".

Councilman Jahn said if the Chamber had a "Special Event" they wished to put on and charge the City more for it, they could be granted additional funds outside of the \$14,000 hereby granted if the event is approved by the Council.

Councilman Dralc repeated that he thought Item 6 under (c) should be eliminated.

Mayor Isen said extra events should be outside the contract, and that he agreed this Item 6 under (c) should be eliminated, or worded "approved by the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council."

Councilman Dralc said he would like to have the phrase "No money shall be paid to the Chamber under this Agreement except to reimburse" changed to read "Money shall be paid to the Chamber to reimburse the Chamber for sums which it has actually spent for publicity and advertising, including, but not limited to, Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, under (c), with Item 6 deleted.

City Attorney Remelmeier said he would have to change the wording of the whole Agreement to do this.

Councilman Dralc moved that Sub-section (c), Paragraph 1, be amended as he suggested.

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

Councilman Blount said we have in the past entered into agreements with the gentlemen who compose the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and he does not believe this Agreement is worthy of his vote.

Councilman Blount moved the entire agreement be thrown out and a suitable agreement be drawn following the pattern of the past years and be re-submitted to the City Council.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn said the only way the Chamber of Commerce can be paid any money is as an advertising agency of the City. This Agreement, he went on, follows the form that would be necessary if we dealt with a regular advertising agency. He said he does not believe any firm would draw a contract with the idea that there was distrust in mind. He did not have it in mind at all when he made the motion, he said, and he expressed the belief that this is simply a business-like way of handling things all the way around to his way of thinking. He said many people who work for the City work without thought of compensation, and most loyal citizens of Torrance might be considered in that class. He said the wording of the contract certainly had no personal implications of any nature whatsoever.

Councilman Dralc asked to be informed of the part of the Agreement Councilman Jahn wants to correct.

Councilman Jahn said the part of this Agreement which has to do with the payment of the quarterly installments should be corrected to allow for these payments to be made in advance.

Mayor Isen said the Council could not pass on this until they have the actual Agreement before them.

Councilman Dralc moved to table this until the Council has the corrected Agreement at the meeting of the Council on August 7, 1956.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Dralc, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 9:08 P. M., with the Council reconvening at 9:17 P. M.

Mayor Isen announced that the two items of concern to the group from North Torrance would now be taken under consideration.

CASE NO. 394: Petition of Henry M. Guenser for Variance to remove clay from a maximum defined area in Lot 72, McDonald Tract, Land Use Zone M-1, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

- (a) Attached was a letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association submitting recommendations with reference to above-mentioned request.

Mayor Isen commented that Councilman Jahn had made quite a study of this problem, and asked if Councilman Jahn was ready to make a motion on the matter.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission with the exception that the stipulations shall be as follows:

1. That Mr. Guenser be permitted to continue his excavation to the South only, per Exhibit "X";
2. That a 6-foot chain link fence be placed along the property line as per Exhibit "X" and that this fence shall have two (2) strands of barbed wire along the top;
3. That the operation shall stay from ten to twelve feet from the East property line;
4. That Mr. Guenser donate \$200 to the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City and that they plant and maintain the trees as per Mr. Guenser's letter of July 3, 1956;
5. That a deed be signed by Mr. Guenser along with appropriate instruction that the recording of such deed and the delivery of said lot to the City is only to be at the completion of the excavation, refilling, and recapping of said parcel;

(Councilman Jahn interpolated that this stipulation is made so no complications can occur in case anything should happen, such as Mr. Guenser passing away, and no legal problems should develop for the City; he said the deed would stay in the file and not be recorded until the work has been done).

6. That the pit be sloped and drained to a small sump area, and that a portable pump be kept on the premises to keep the small sump dry;
7. That trucks filling the pit be restricted from abutting subdivision streets, and that entrance to the pit be from Western Avenue or from the North;
8. That when the original pit is reclaimed, it be turned over to the Recreation Department for their use;
9. That one year be allowed to complete filling and capping of the original pit;
10. That rezoning proceedings be instituted immediately by the Planning Commission for the remainder of the Guenser property from A-1 to R-1 and that a notarized letter be forwarded to the Planning Director from Mr. Guenser agreeing to such Change of Zone, before forwarding to the City Council;
11. That the portable pump to be used for draining the sump be available at all times.
12. That at such time as the area is used as a park, it be named the Henry M. Guenser Park;

Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Jahn said his motion was made in an effort to reconcile the work of the Planning Commission, the letter from Mr. Guenser, and the letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there are a couple of legal problems posed by this motion, one being that the delivery of a deed cannot be made except in escrow.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Manager could not be the escrow holder.

Mr. Remelmeyer said yes, but the agreement would have to be written before the motion is passed.

Councilman Blount expressed his hope that it was not the intent of any member of the Council to try to pass this motion tonight.

Councilman Draie agreed with Councilman Blount.

Councilman Blount suggested that Mr. Guenser deed the land to the City and lease it back for \$1.00 a year for his clay mining operation.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that Mr. Guenser would not be able to claim his tax depletions under such an arrangement.

Councilman Blount said that regardless of taxes, Mr. Guenser is getting a good return on his work and investment.

Mayor Isen said he thought the problem could be worked out legally and it could be done later.

Councilman Draie said the original five acres should have been specified in this motion. He said if Mr. Guenser is acting in good faith, he will deliver five acres at this same time.

Mrs. Herma Tillim came forward and said her interest is two-fold in this matter. First, she said, she wants a park and then the use of our natural resources. She said the original hole will be completed within a year and then turned over to the City. She said the other will not be dug and filled within a year. Mrs. Tillim agreed that Mr. Guenser is getting brick clay out of the area, but pointed out that the City, the community, and the world, is getting brick. That is a necessary product to our economy, she went on to say, and when you shut off natural resources everyone is deprived of this product. She finished by saying that when Mr. Guenser has dug this he will be willing to deed it to the City. She said that if he deeds the land to the City, he should be entitled to his tax depletion.

Mayor Isen said this would be back before the Council in two weeks with recommendations from the City Attorney.

Councilman Blount said Councilman Jahn had included in his motion the right of Mr. Guenser to do the filling, but that it should be specified that the City could use the pit.

Councilman Draie asked if the City does not now have the right to dump refuse there.

City Manager Stevens said yes, and that we should not lose it.

Mr. Guenser told the Council he hopes this can be handled so he can preserve his tax depletion rights. He said it is very hard to get in to his pit.

Mayor Isen asked for a report from the City Attorney as to whether Mr. Guenser can give a conditional deed and still take tax depletion. He said he is also interested in the City's right to dump refuse there.

Mr. Guenser said absolutely the City can dump refuse there.

Mr. Guenser explained that the Edison Company wanted a piece of his land, and he sent them to the City with word that he would give the City the strip in question, the City accepted the deed to the acre and traded it to the Edison Company. Mr. Guenser said he would be glad to deed this land to the City an acre at a time as he is through with it.

Mayor Isen moved the motion be tabled for two weeks so the City Attorney can give a report as to how this can best be handled legally.

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

CASE NO. 399: Transmittal Form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of petition of Florence A. Shearman for Variance to construct a Shell Service Station at the Northeast corner of 174th Street and Prairie Avenue from Land Use Zone R-3.

- (a) A letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association protesting the Variance to construct another service station in the area was attached.

Mayor Isen asked City Clerk Bartlett to read the letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association in full.

City Clerk Bartlett read the letter.

Mayor Isen directed that a copy of this letter be transmitted to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. F. Rodriguez of 174th and Prairie, who said he owns a corner south of this, spoke to the Council in favor of the Variance.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council was not acting out of order by allowing discussion without a motion.

Mayor Isen said Councilman Jahn was correct.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny Case 399.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drake said in most cases he agreed, but in cases of this nature he did not believe the Council was out of order by having discussion without a motion.

Mayor Isen checked with City Attorney Remelmeier, who said Councilman Jahn was correct.

Mr. D. P. Covert of 110 West Broadway, Glendale, representing Mrs. Shearman, presented her case to the City Council.

Motion to deny carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Letter dated July 16, 1956, from John V. Russell, Superintendent of Building, recommending refund of \$12.80 (80% of \$16.00 fee) to Anthony Brothers, Inc., for a building permit, #12517 and plumbing permit #2730 issued on a job that was cancelled.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building Superintendent.

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

2. Communication dated July 19, 1956, from G. Whitacre, License Inspector, recommending that the license fee for Maintenance and/or Landscape Gardener be \$24.00 per year for resident and non-resident alike, and appending a survey covering seventeen cities in the area.

Councilman Drake moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

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

3. Parks and Recreation Commission request dated July 17, 1956, for Council permission to solicit donations and run concessions at free concert presented by South Bay Civic Symphony in Torrance Park Sunday, August 26, 1956.

Mrs. Herma Tillim, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, answered a question from the Council by saying they wished to "pass the hat" and have a soft drink concession.

Councilman Drake moved to grant the request.

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

4. Request dated July 17, 1956, from the Parks & Recreation Commission for appointment of one member of the Council to act as a judge in the Park-Naming Contest.

Mayor Isen suggested that Councilman Benstead, as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, act in this capacity. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Letter dated July 20, 1956, from Ronald W. Bishop, City Engineer, submitting for Council acceptance 39 sewer easements granted to the City in Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, with location sketches and Resolution authorizing and directing Mayor and City Clerk to accept said easements.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2968

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THOSE CERTAIN EASEMENT DEEDS IN THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA AREA.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2968.

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

2. Letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, regarding request of Los Angeles County that the City Council agree to grant jurisdiction to the County to form an assessment district in the vicinity of 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue. This was dated July 20, 1956. Attached were:

- (a) Copy of letter from John A. Lambie, County Engineer, dated July 11, 1956;
- (b) Location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request of the County.

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

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22712: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 22712, located northerly of 182nd Street, easterly of Casimir Avenue and southerly of 178th Street, containing 108 lots, presented by Watt Construction Company. Attached:

- (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of June 20, 1956;
- (b) Letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engr., dated June 20, 1956;
- (c) Letter from Southern California Edison Co. dated June 12, 1956;
- (d) Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District dated February 27, 1956.

City Engineer Bishop told the Council that the letter from the Flood Control District which they received was the wrong one, and distributed to them the correct letter.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mr. Allen Katz of 1635 Centinela, Inglewood, representing Grand Construction Company, asked the Council to delay action on this for about two weeks. He said Mr. Parravano asks this because of a question of ownership which is involved.

Mayor Isen said the Council has no jurisdiction over ownership, and City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed.

Mayor Isen amended his motion to include approval subject to a joint use agreement with the Moneta Water Company, and Casimir being a full width street.

Councilman Jahn accepted the amendment in his second.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 20944: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20944, located southerly of 166th Street and Westerly of Arlington Avenue, containing 59 lots, submitted by Grand Construction Company.

Attached:

- (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of April 4, 1956;
- (b) Letter from City Engineer dated April 4, 1956;
- (c) Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District dated April 4, 1956

City Engineer Bishop said there had been litigation with one of the original owners, but this has been settled by the Court.

Mayor Isen asked if the subdivider had title in January when this was first presented, or if he had just got it.

Mr. Jack Spahn of Barclay Engineering said Mr. Parravano had the land in escrow when one of the sellers tried to back out. In spite of an appeal filed by the person who changed his mind about selling, the Court awarded the property to Mr. Parravano. He said Mr. Parravano filed this map and paid the fees before a letter certifying ownership was required.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer about this, and Mr. Remelmeyer said there was such a time but he was not sure of the time the tract was presented.

City Engineer Bishop said the filing fee was paid on January 25, 1956.

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

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

5. CASE NO. 387: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of request of Sahdala Brothers for Variance to establish a real estate office between 174th Street and 190th Street, Lot 178 of Tract 16009, in Land Use Zone R-1.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this, and Mr. Ed Sahdala of 3176 Grand View, Altadena, came forward to support his application for a Variance.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission subject to their stipulations.

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

6. CASE NO. 395: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial of petition of Helen M. Aquino for Variance to permit storage of concrete materials at 22790 Hawthorne Avenue in Land Use Zone C-2.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

6. CASE NO. 397: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial of petition of A. J. Langan, M. D., for Variance to establish a service station at the north-west corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Cabrillo, in Land Use Zone R-3.

Mayor Isen suggested this be returned to the Planning Commission for further study.

Director George Powell of the Planning Commission explained to the Council that a child care center was located next to this, and the lady

who runs it had not complained, but had asked an opportunity to contact the State to see if this would have any effect on her license. She has checked this and it will not on condition that she conforms to certain safety measures, i.e., builds a secure fence.

Jack Orlen of 442 East 219th Street said he owns a service station nearby, and that there are several others in the area. He said none of them are doing very well, and that he cannot see where this station will help anyone.

Jack Kuson of 4747 Cabrillo said his wife owns the child care center referred to by Planning Director Powell, and said it would be very expensive for him to erect the type of fences he will have to erect if this goes in.

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

Councilman Blount asked why, saying it was recommended for denial. Councilman Drale withdrew his motion.

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

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

7. A letter dated July 20, 1956, from George Powell, Planning Director, with a diagram showing a street which has been provided in the City and requesting that the Council approve the name of "Santa Cruz Court" for this street.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the people who have established this street have made a legal lot split and put in a paved street, curbs, and sidewalks.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the name of the street subject to the street being made a full 54-foot street if and when the property across the street is ever built on, with this stipulation to be shown on the Master Street Plan, with the owner of the property to dedicate the land to the City, and with an appropriate Resolution being drawn showing these conditions.

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

REPORTS:

1. There is on file in the City Clerk's office the report of the General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water District, and the Controller's report, all for the month of June, 1956.
2. The report of the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District for the month of July is now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2970

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR SUCH USE.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved to table this for two weeks for study.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 816

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SUB-SECTION (f), SECTION 25.8, OF CHAPTER 25 (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 802) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," RELATING TO EXCAVATIONS, FILLING AND OTHER GRADING OF REAL PROPERTY.

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

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

Councilman Dralc moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 816 at its second and final reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported that the City Engineer had checked the bids opened earlier this evening and that he was now prepared to make his recommendations.

City Manager Stevens recommended that the bid of Warren Southwest, in the amount of \$20,051.85, for the improvement of Post Avenue from Carson Street to Arlington Avenue, and Carson Street from Plaza del Amo to Arlington Avenue, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and that all other bids be rejected.

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

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

City Manager Stevens then recommended that the bid of Warren Southwest for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from Carson Street to Dominguez, in the amount of \$50,776.62, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Dralc, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens recommended the purchase of four electric Kelvinator water coolers, at \$155.98 each plus tax, to be installed by the City at the new Civic Center.

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

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

City Manager Stevens then recommended that he be authorized to purchase two electric or gas ranges, two refrigerators, and one dishwasher for the Civic Center, purchase to be made from the lowest competitive bidder.

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

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

City Manager Stevens recommended that Torrance Van and Storage be employed to move the City offices from their present location to the new Civic Center, based on their estimate of \$628.00.

Councilman Blount asked if there was not a great discrepancy in the bids, and the City Manager replied that there had been two other bids, one of \$1600 and the other of \$3200.

Councilman Drale moved to award the job to Torrance Van and Storage. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens said the people have moved out of the house bought by the City on Marcelina, and it is time to get bids for removing or demolishing it. The City Manager said at the time the house was bought the matter of demolishing the old fire station sometime in the future was discussed. He asked if the Council wished to take bids on that job at the same time bids are taken on the house on Marcelina.

Councilman Drale asked to have reports from the Building Superintendent and Fire Chief to show whether or not it would be worth while to repair the old fire house or if it should be demolished.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids to remove or demolish the house on Marcelina and clean the lot it is on to bare lot condition.

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

Councilman Drale moved a report be forwarded to the Council from the Building Superintendent and Fire Chief on whether or not the old Fire Station should be demolished or repaired.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Hall had informed him that Mr. McCall, attorney for Messrs. Smith and Dresser, for his clients, has agreed to settle for the counter offer made by the City to their offer, in other words, to settle for \$15,000 with Smith and Dresser to bear all costs, with Mr. Smith and Mr. Dresser to be reinstated as of the date they were discharged and Mr. Dresser to resign immediately. Mr. Remelmeyer said if the offer is acceptable it must be approved by the City Council. This would not be the final acceptance, he added, but if the Council does approve, the papers must be prepared and then signed by the various parties to the agreement.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have a recommendation from City Manager Stevens on this, and if the City Manager recommends the acceptance of the offer, he will move to concur.

Mayor Isen agreed with this statement.

City Manager Stevens said there has never been any question in his mind that the City was not morally right in this issue, and that the Courts have based their action on technicalities. He said he believes we should face this and make a settlement and start clear.

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

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he has been called to military service from August 5 to 19, 1956, and requested that one week of this time be considered as a leave of absence and the other as one week of his vacation.

Councilman Drale moved to grant this request.

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

Councilman Blount asked for a report from the Planning Commission about the rezoning of lots presently used for parking. He pointed out that the Council requested this some time ago.

Councilman Blount then moved the City Council forward a letter to the Planning Commission stating the Council would like to have this done forthwith.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Blount asked when the Master Plan for our Airport will be completed. He said it is his understanding that there is a plan of some sort available now, and that he would like to have access to it.

Councilman Jahn said he has been reliably informed that the Master Plan as proposed by the engineers will be presented to the Airport Commission at their regular meeting on July 26, 1956.

Councilman Blount asked to have access to that Plan, and the City Manager assured him that he would have.

Councilman Blount asked for a definite statement of policy from the Council as to who will have City-owned automobiles in their possession when they are off duty, and what uses they may put them to.

Councilman Blount moved that the City Manager be asked to furnish this information to the Council promptly.

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

Councilman Blount said that while it is planned to move out of the present City Hall right away, no plans have been made to do anything with the building we are now in, and asked if any plan is being considered.

City Manager Stevens said the present City-occupied building is being appraised now, and that what will happen to it will be entirely up to the City Council.

Mayor Isen suggested that it should be offered for sale.

Councilman Dralc said the building should be appraised and if we are going to dispose of it, it should go to the highest competitive bidder.

Councilman Blount moved when the appraisal is received, the building be put up for sale with the following exception: The lots behind the City Hall, which are zoned R-1.

Motion seconded by Councilman Dralc.

Councilman Dralc pointed out that Mr. Probert has wanted to buy one of those lots for a long time.

Councilman Blount said that is what he is leading up to. He went on to say that Mr. Probert has asked the City to set a price on the lot next door to his home, because he would like to buy it to protect his home.

Councilman Blount moved we get a fair price on the lot next door to Mr. Probert and offer it to him at a fair price to allow him to protect his home.

Councilman Dralc said this building should have a parking area.

Councilman Blount said the building could be sold with the other lot area, which, he emphasized, is zoned R-1.

City Manager Stevens provided a map to show the Council the lots under discussion, which face El Prado between the rear of the City Hall and Mr. Probert's home.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved to take bids on the property, and separate 25' of the lot next door to Mr. Probert, and sell him that 25' at a fair price so he can protect his home.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved the present City Hall be put up for sale to the highest bidder and include with the building all of the land between the City Hall and Mr. Probert's home except 25', with the 25' of land being dealt with in a separate bid.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount said Mr. Probert should have a chance to buy this lot.

Councilman Blount said we have authorized the City Attorney to file action against the hog farms which the City Council wants eliminated, and he would like for the Attorney to give the Council his opinion as to the legality of an Ordinance preventing a truck carrying garbage from another city from entering the City of Torrance and using our streets.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would prepare an opinion on this.

Councilman Dralc moved an appraisal be made on the property extending from our old fire station building to El Prado and from Cravens to Mr. Probert's property, each lot separately, and in the aggregate, and that the property be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

City Manager Stevens said we can start advertising it and will get the value of the property and inform the Council.

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

Councilman Dralc said now that the Smith-Dresser case is settled, he moved the Civil Service Board be reinstated to its full status.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to have this held over until next week so that he can get more information on it.

There was no objection, and the motion was ordered held over for the next regular meeting of the Council.

Councilman Dralc said with the incorporation and annexation flurries that are going around, he feels the City should once more extend a hand to the areas who might wish to become annexed to the City of Torrance.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Russell, Superintendent of Building, is asking for a replacement or an assistant.

Mr. Stevens explained that this is actually for a replacement who will come in as an assistant and break in on the job.

Councilman Jahn asked if the list is not about to expire, and City Manager Stevens said it will be good for a little time.

Councilman Jahn recommended that we exercise our prerogative on this list or change our thinking and hire an assistant for Mr. Russell.

City Manager Stevens said he will probably have a recommendation on this at the next meeting.

Mayor Isen said that Councilman Dralc had suggested at the last meeting that Sandra McAbee be a guest at the dedication of the new Civic Center to honor her for her heroic deed in saving the lives of children she was sitting with from fire. He said he has written to her and invited her to the next Council meeting, and City Attorney Remelmeyer is drawing a Resolution honoring Miss McAbee's exploit. The Mayor went on to say that he has contacted some of the retail merchants to see if they will contribute gifts, and Mr. Robinson of Lawson's Jewelry Store has proffered a wrist watch, and other gifts will be forthcoming. The Mayor asked to have this be the first order of business at the meeting of August 31, 1956.

Mayor Isen acknowledged a gift from the Kauffman-Wilson Construction Company of fifty signed original oil paintings for our new Civic Center, and asked if the Council wished to extend their gratitude to the donors of this splendid gift.

Councilman Dralc so moved, and the motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen then extended to the people of our City an invitation to present similar gifts to make the Civic Center Buildings more interesting and said this is the time to make such donations.

Mayor Isen said the Torrance Mounted Police and the Lions Club have asked for permission to put up canvas signs at the Civic Center to advertise the rodeo and barbecue at the dedication.

Councilman Dralc moved the permission be granted.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

APPROVED:



City Clerk of the City of Torrance



Mayor of the City of Torrance