

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, August 14, 1956, in the Council Chambers at the new City Hall at 3031 Torrance Boulevard in Torrance, California.

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

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

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the minutes of the Council meetings of July 31, 1956 and August 7, 1956, as written.

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

HEARINGS:

YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. The hearing on the Resolution No. 2972, declaring the intention to change and/or modify Resolution of Intention No. 2888 for the improvement of Yukon Avenue and other streets, was opened at 8:02 p. m. August 14, 1956 in the Council Chambers, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the Hearing of all written protests against the changes and/or modifications of the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed or both.

There were no written protests.

Mayor Isen then asked if anyone present desired to be heard from the floor.

There was no one.

An opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a fair and impartial hearing having been granted and the City Council having before them full and complete information as to the changes and/or modifications in the proposed work to be done and the extent of the district proposed to be assessed and the estimated cost of the proposed improvement, and also having considered all written protests or objections filed, and having given attention to all verbal protests from the floor, the following action was taken:

Councilman Blount moved the hearing be declared closed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: Councilmen: None.

ABSENT: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Blount then moved that all protests and objections against the extent of the district to be assessed be overruled and that all such protests and objections be denied.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: Councilmen: None.

ABSENT: Councilmen: None.

City Clerk Bartlett then presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 2984

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS:

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2984.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmen Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

City Clerk Bartlett told the Council that he had inadvertently read the wrong Resolution.

Councilman Benstead moved to rescind the action just taken on Resolution No. 2984.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2983

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CERTAIN CHANGES, ALTERATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS AND PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 2888:

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2983.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2983.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2984

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2984.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2985

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OF CRAFT OF WORKMAN

NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE YUKON AVENUE DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS, OR A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO:

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2985.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2985.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2986

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2986.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

CASE NO. 389: Hearing on petition of Ed De Mirjium for Change of Zone on property legally described as Lots 7, 8, and 13, Tract 9306, between Ashley Avenue and Roslin, south of Redondo Beach Boulevard, in Land Use Zone R-1 to C-2, to permit the construction and operation of an automatic car wash rack.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place set for the Hearing on Case No. 389. City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed. He asked if anyone wished to be heard. No one came forward.

Councilman Benstead moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the Change of Zone.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen suggested that the motion be amended to include authorization of the proper ordinance.

Councilman Drale accepted the amendment to his motion, and Councilman Blount accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1955 EDITION. Hearing on adoption of Uniform Building Code, 1955 Edition, as amended.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the Hearing on the adoption of the Uniform Building Code, 1955 Edition. City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this, and no one came forward.

Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be closed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 819

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1955 EDITION" AND APPENDIX THERETO, AS AMENDED, AND REPEALING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 AND CHAPTER 15 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 819.

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

Mayor Isen said that since there were no other ordinances on the Agenda except the "Sign Ordinance", the Councilmen would consider that Ordinance now, and asked for a copy of the Ordinance.

Councilman Blount said the number "819" had been used for the so-called "Sign Ordinance", when it was adopted as an Urgency Ordinance on July 31, 1956.

Councilman Jahn moved to set aside the Ordinance just passed, incorrectly using the number "819".

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

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

ORDINANCE NO. 820

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1955 EDITION" AND APPENDIX THERETO, AS AMENDED, AND REPEALING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 AND CHAPTER 15 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 820 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen said that Urgency Ordinance No. 819 had been found to be objectionable, and the following amendments were suggested in the Ordinance: The title should read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OF ANY OUTDOOR SIGNS OR SIGN STRUCTURES, WITH EXCEPTION, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A SIXTY (60) DAY PERIOD.

NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE YUKON AVENUE DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS, OR A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO:

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2985.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2985.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2986

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE YUKON AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2986.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Benstead moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the Change of Zone.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen suggested that the motion be amended to include authorization of the proper ordinance.

Councilman Drale accepted the amendment to his motion, and Councilman Blount accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this, and no one came forward.

Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be closed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 819

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1955 EDITION" AND APPENDIX THERETO, AS AMENDED, AND REPEALING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 AND CHAPTER 15 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 819.

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

Mayor Isen said that since there were no other ordinances on the Agenda except the "Sign Ordinance", the Councilmen would consider that Ordinance now, and asked for a copy of the Ordinance.

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Councilman Jahn moved to set aside the Ordinance just passed, incorrectly using the number "819".

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

City Clerk Bartlett then read:

ORDINANCE NO. 820

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE "UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1955 EDITION" AND APPENDIX THERETO, AS AMENDED, AND REPEALING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 AND CHAPTER 15 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 820 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen said that Urgency Ordinance No. 819 had been found to be objectionable, and the following amendments were suggested in the Ordinance: The title should read:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OF ANY OUTDOOR SIGNS OR SIGN STRUCTURES, WITH EXCEPTION, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A SIXTY (60) DAY PERIOD.

In Section 2, paragraph (a), the word 'outdoor' should be inserted between the words 'any' and 'sign', and the paragraph should be amended to read as follows:

- (a) No person shall erect or cause to be erected any outdoor sign or sign structure in the City of Torrance, other than in connection with an established business, or real estate signs conforming to Land Use Ordinance.

In Section 2, paragraph (b) should be amended as follows:

- (b) The Superintendent of Building shall not issue any building permits for signs or sign structures except to conform with the above.

Councilman Jahn moved to rescind the action of the Council on Urgency Ordinance No. 819.

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

Mayor Isen then read:

ORDINANCE NO. 821

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OF ANY OUTDOOR SIGNS OR SIGN STRUCTURES WITH EXCEPTIONS, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A SIXTY (60) DAY PERIOD.

Mayor Isen then ordered the corrections he had suggested earlier in the meeting incorporated into the body of this Ordinance.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 821 at its first and final reading.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A petition containing 126 signatures requesting bus service through Wilmington, with a recommendation for a 30-day trial of this route by M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Bus Superintendent.

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

2. Letter proposing the Catalina Ironwood tree as the official tree for the City of Torrance, dated as shown, from the following Garden Clubs:

Torrance Terrace Gardens, by Mrs. D. W. Quigley, corresponding secretary, dated August 3, 1956;

Greenthumbers Garden Club, by Mrs. G. R. Horton, dated August 3, 1956;

Beau Jardin Club, by Ellen Blair, secretary, dated August 1, 1956;

A memorandum dated August 7, 1956, from C. W. Clemmer, Park Foreman, read: "This tree is particularly well adapted to specimen planting in landscaping. Due to lack of availability and general suitability they are not so well adapted as a street tree."

Mayor Isen announced that he had been contacted by the North Torrance Fuschia Club today, asking to be consulted on the choice of this tree. He asked if it could be set aside for the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

Mrs. Frances Young, District Garden Club Director, spoke to the Council, saying these three clubs are members of the California Garden Clubs, Incorporated. She said a contest is now under way, and she was invited to come here tonight to congratulate the City on being the first City to adopt a tree. She went on to say the tree is one Torrance would be proud and happy to be known for, and she is sure the Fuschia Society will concur in this choice.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of these three clubs.

Councilman Benstead said they should meet with the Fuschia Society.

Mayor Isen said they should all be consulted and a delay of only a week would not be too great a hindrance.

Councilman Drale amended his motion, to make concurrence subject to the approval of the Fuschia Society.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Councilman Benstead said the four clubs should get together and talk this whole thing over.

Mrs. Young said the only reason for hurrying was that the three clubs were very anxious to have Torrance be the first to adopt a tree.

Mayor Isen regretted that he did not know where to contact anyone from the Fuschia Society.

Mrs. Young said she goes to Sacramento next week, and had wished to report that Torrance was the very first to adopt a tree, but agreed that it would be best for someone to get in touch with the Fuschia Society.

Mayor Isen moved to table this entire matter until next Tuesday's meeting, so the Fuschia Society can be consulted.

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

Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Bartlett to write a letter to the President of the Fuschia Club to give them this information so the choice of trees can be finished next week, and appointed Councilman Benstead to serve as liaison between the Council and the Clubs, so there can be proper date set and the proper solemnities set up, etc. Mayor Isen asked Mrs. Young to give her name and address to Councilman Benstead and the address where she can be reached at the Conference in Sacramento, so that the information can be sent her by letter, or by telegram if necessary.

Mrs. Young agreed to do so, and congratulated the City.

3. A petition dated August 2, 1956, bearing 12 signatures, complaining against weeds and trash on unimproved area next to Ellinwood Tract, also citing advertising promising park and parkway trees, as issued by Kissel Corporation, owners of the land in question. Attached was a memorandum dated August 7, 1956, from Battalion Chief Lucas of the Fire Department explaining that the Final Notice on the clearing of this land was extended to August 21, 1956, with the assurance of Mr. S. F. Morning, Vice-President of Kissel Homes, that this matter would definitely be abated by that date.

Mayor Isen asked that the record show a report will be expected from Battalion Chief Lucas immediately upon expiration of the Notice, as to whether or not the work has been done.

Councilman Drale moved that copies of the petition and report from Battalion Chief Lucas be sent to Kissel Homes.

City Manager Stevens said this would be done, adding that the work is now under way on the land.

4. A letter dated July 27, 1956, from D. C. Moshos, M. D. President, Torrance Chapter of the American National Red Cross, requested the use of the old City Hall or a part of it for use as their headquarters until the building is sold.

This request was not in accord with the wishes of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager what was planned for the old Recreation Offices, and if they will be available.

City Manager Stevens said there were no plans for it so far as he knows.

Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to informally suggest to the Red Cross that they use those offices, and if they are interested bring it before the Council, then, if there are no objections, that will be considered.

Councilman Drale moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to contact the Red Cross and suggest they use the old Recreation Offices for their temporary headquarters.

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

5. A letter dated August 7, 1956, from the Torrance Unified School District, signed by J. H. Hull, Sec'y. to the Board, contained congratulations to the City upon the completion of the beautiful and appropriate Civic Center.

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

6. A letter dated August 9, 1956, from the Torrance Unified School District, signed by J. H. Hull, re Master Planning for School Site Procurement within areas now zoned residential. This letter gave some detail of their planning problems, and requested any assistance of the City possible.

There were no objections and the letter was ordered filed.

7. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Bartlett read the following letter from Howard S. Martin, Appraiser and Realtor, dated August 7, 1956, in full:

Subject: Appraisal of fifty (50) acres adjoining Civic Center for proposed central park, Torrance, California.

"Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an estimate of the time required to make an appraisal of the Chanslor Canfield Midway (Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company) north of your Civic Center in Torrance.

I estimate that this appraisal will take eight days at \$75.00 per day for a total of \$600.00. In the event that this matter should go to trial, an additional six days, together with an estimated two days in court to testify as an expert witness. If these figures are satisfactory, we will commence work on this appraisal upon receiving authority from your office.

It would be the appraiser's suggestion that an action be filed immediately on this property as property values in the Torrance area are increasing so rapidly that a date of valuation should be established. As you know, this date of evaluation is established by the date on which the action is filed.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call on us."

Mayor Isen, in reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, said this machinery moves very slowly.

Mayor Isen asked if there is a necessity for an appraisal at this time, and City Manager Stevens said normally it would be, so we would know where we are going.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is a reasonable price, and the City Manager replied that it is, based on other appraisals we have had made.

Councilman Jahn asked if the appraisal would be made on an acre price or a total price.

City Manager Stevens said it would be based on the price per acre, and total value on a unit basis.

Councilman Drale asked if anyone has determined how this land will have to be paid for, and Councilman Benstead replied by a bond issue.

Mayor Isen asked how the length of time mentioned in this letter is determined, and the City Manager replied the appraiser would prepare a document containing a detailed study of the property and a comprehensive appraisal.

Mayor Isen said such a document would lay the ground work for any testimony this man might be called on to give in Court.

Councilman Jahn said it might also establish property value in the area.

Councilman Drale said if the gentlemen would agree to have three twenty (20) acre parks, one in North Torrance, one in South Torrance, and one in Central Torrance, he would move for the appraisal, but that he felt that should be the park proposal to go for a bond issue.

Mayor Isen said he understands there is action under way to implement such a plan, but that it is obvious we need the large area at the Civic Center. He said the dedication ceremonies proved we need an arena, and an auditorium; adding that we could become a convention City, if we had such facilities.

Councilman Jahn moved an amount up to \$600 be approved for appraisal of the 50-acre parcel which is just North of the Civic Center, on a per diem basis, not to exceed eight (8) days.

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

8. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Bartlett read in full a letter dated August 2, 1956, from George Binder of 404 No. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, offering to the City for lease at \$1.00 per year, a parking lot at the rear of 1331-43 El Prado Street, Torrance, offering to improve the lot if the City will post their usual signs.

City Manager Stevens, in reply to a question from Mayor Isen, said this would actually be the City's Parking Lot No. 4, and that it was offered so the City will patrol it.

Councilman Jahn asked if parking meters would go up here, and the City Manager said no; it is not planned to put in meters at this time, and said this would be limited to two-hour parking.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the necessary documents be drawn between the City and Mr. Binder to implement this lease.

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

9. A letter dated August 10, 1956, from Oscar Maples, Inc., requesting permission to install signs on their own property for their business.

Mayor Isen commented that the correction of the Sign Ordinance, earlier in the evening, had answered the question herein contained, and the letter was ordered filed.

10. A request dated July 25, 1956, from Rollan Morgan, Pastor, to erect a Gospel tent to conduct Evangelistic services about the 20th of August at 18098 Prairie Avenue, on their own property.

Councilman Benstead asked how long a time this tent would be up.

City Manager Stevens said the City had not received that information.

Chief of Police Haslam said he had questioned the advisability of putting the tent next to a residence, and stipulated that the tent should be at least 100' from a residence.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request, subject to Chief Haslam's approval and the approval of the Fire Department, for a 15-day period of time, with Reverend Morgan to seek a renewal at the end of that time, if it is desired.

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

11. Memorandum dated August 8, 1956, from G. Whitacre, License Inspector, recommending refund of license fee to Torrance Paint & Body Shop, 1817 W. 213th Street, Torrance, in the amount of \$24.00. This was recommended because the Fire Department and Building Dept., refused this license.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Whitacre that the license fee be refunded.

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

12. A report dated August 9, 1956, from John V. Russell, Supt. of Bldg., and R. R. Lucas, Fire Marshall, regarding the implausibility of repairing the old Fire Station at 1526 Cravens Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager be authorized to call for bids or take any other necessary action for the demolishing of said building.

Councilman Jahn asked if bids have been taken on removal or demolishing the residence the City bought on Marcelina, and the City Manager said they would be.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Drale's motion, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen commented that Mr. J. B. Mosely was here this evening and would serve orange juice during recess in the hallway as a welcome to the new Council Chambers, and that refreshments would also be served at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Isen then complimented Mrs. Bertha McNiel, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Mosely, Mrs. Benstead, and many, many others upon the fine work they did to ensure the success of the dedication of this new building.

The Mayor ended his remarks by saying that it would not be possible for him to name all of those who helped make this dedication such a resounding success, but that the pleasure of achievement would surely reward them.

Councilman Drale said the flowers here for the ceremonies were outstanding in every instance, and had aroused much gracious and admiring comment, and that he thought the person or persons responsible were especially worthy of praise.

At 8:50 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a 15-minute recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:05 P. M.

Mayor Isen said that Mr. Blanchard of the Edison Company was in the audience on business, and had yet another meeting to attend this evening. He asked Mr. George Powell, Planning Director, to review the case to the Council.

Mr. Powell read to the Council a letter he had written to them today, regarding the application of (Haveda) Edison Sub-station, outlining the proposed improvements over the original plan as approved, and transmitting to the Council the information that the Planning Commission had unanimously approved these changes.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the Planning Commission in approving this application.

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

Mr. Blanchard told the Council that he would like to invite Councilman Jahn and any other Councilman who had not been there to go on the annual junket to Big Creek, adding that the number to be invited from this area has been cut to only 31, and that only those who had never made the trip could be invited, for that reason.

Councilman Drale pointed out that Councilman Benstead had never been able to go, and Mr. Blanchard invited Mr. Benstead to join this year's trip.

13. A letter dated August 13, 1956, from the South Bay Cities Highway Committee, asking concurrence in their recommendations for the area under the \$150,000,000 County Roadway Bond Issue, and listing their proposals.

Councilman Drale, as a member of the Committee, said this would be on the November ballot, and the amount issued to participating cities would be determined by a formula based on population and assessed valuations, and that it was requested action be taken in time to get reports of it to the County Board of Supervisors by August 20, which is before the next meeting of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked if this was in any way related to the letter from City Engineer Bishop submitting (a) Report on recommended street improvements to be included in City of Torrance share in \$150,000,000 Bond Issue for streets and highways of L. A. County; (b) Chart showing breakdown of estimated costs; (c) Map of City showing location of proposed improvements; the letter mentioned here is dated August 10, 1956, and included under "Engineering Matters" on the Agenda.

Councilman Drale said they are related.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Manager be authorized to write a letter to the County Board of Supervisors requesting the items set out here, and write another letter to the Board of Supervisors asking to introduce this Proposition on the November ballot.

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

Mayor Isen suggested that the letter from City Engineer Bishop, as mentioned above, be considered at this time.

Councilman Drale said most of the cities in the area are going along, and he moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Engineer as embodied in his letter of August 10, 1956, re: Proposed Los Angeles County Bond Issue for Street and Highway Improvements, and that City Manager Stevens be authorized to send the necessary communication to the Board of Supervisors on the Bond Issue pertaining to the City of Torrance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked how we will be assured of the amount of money we get, and Councilman Drale said the money would be apportioned by the formula he mentioned.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of the City Manager:

The following recommendations were submitted for Council consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. The following Fire Department personnel, standing 1, 2 and 3 on the Eligible List respectively, were promoted from the position of Fireman to that of Fire Engineer, effective August 13, 1956, at the second salary step:
 - (a) Charles E. Reintsma
 - (b) Wesley L. Christian
 - (c) Donald H. Lamb

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under "Personnel".

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of a Remington Electric typewriter for the Minute Clerk, the sum of \$425.00

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

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

That the following transfer of funds be made, effective August 16, 1956. Said funds to be re-transferred from the General Fund during the current fiscal year when General Fund money becomes available:

- (a) From Airport Fund -----\$60,000
- (b) From Park and Recreational Fund --\$60,000

It will be necessary to borrow money from the bank to carry the City's normal operation until the receipt of substantial tax monies in December.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager what would happen if either of these departments should need large sums of money while these amounts were being used by the General Fund.

City Manager Stevens replied that the City has money coming in every month, and as it will be necessary to borrow from the banks at any rate, it could be done when such need arose.

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

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

City Manager Stevens read to the Council a letter he placed on the Agenda under date of August 15, 1956, recommending that the Recreation Department be authorized to employ personnel in the following classifications for the remainder of the swimming season. The positions were authorized last spring, the letter explained, but failed to be mentioned in the salary schedule. Civil Service examinations have been given and the personnel will be taken from the List as long as a List remains:

- (a) Pool Cashier Clerk @ \$1.60 per hour
- (b) Locker Room attendants @ \$1.24 per hour.

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

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

City Manager Stevens reported to the Council that the Toro Company, from whom the City purchases lawnmowers, had issued a general price increase of about 10% as of August 1, 1956, but they have one lawnmower which they will give the City at the old price if it is purchased within a reasonable length of time. The price the City would get on this would be \$510.00, and this is a budget item.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the City Manager to purchase this machine.

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

City Manager Stevens reported that Mr. Sam Levy had called him today with a request to buy the seats from the Council Chamber in the old City Hall for a Jewish Center being built at 148th and Gramercy; it is planned to open this Center soon, so it is necessary to ask about them tonight, rather than present the request on the next Agenda.

Councilman Blount questioned whether stripping the building will hinder a possible sale.

Councilman Drale asked this be held over for a week for the preparation of a report from the City Manager on whether or not the seats are needed by any City Department, and the effect on the sale of the building.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

City Manager Stevens distributed to the Councilmen new brief cases.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager when keys to the City Hall would be ready for the Council, and the City Manager replied that keys are being made up.

ENGINEERING & PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated August 10, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engineer, submitting resolution requesting Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to make allocation of "Aid to Cities" (Gasoline Tax Funds) for street improvements.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2987

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" (GASOLINE TAX FUNDS) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2987.

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

2. A letter dated August 10, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, re proposed Los Angeles County Bond Issue for Street and Highway Improvements was attended to earlier in the meeting.

3. CASE NO. 402: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial of petition of John Mayer for Variance to permit removal of diatomaceous earth from property in Block 12, Walteria Tract.

Attached was a letter from the Walteria Civic Organization, Bessie D. Slonecker, Secretary, with copy of letter dated August 1, 1956, from their organization to the Planning Commission protesting against this request from John Mayer.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this, and Mr. W. N. Crow of 24249 Ward Street protested against granting this Variance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission

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

REFERRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The matter of the removal of trees from Plaza Del Amo Boulevard, as requested by the residents there, was tabled at the last meeting of the Council.

Councilman Blount moved to take this off the table.

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

Mrs. Bohrer of the area in question asked that the trees be removed, saying they create a nuisance.

Mr. Joe Radolovich of 2224 Arlington asked the trees be removed, and protested the delay of the Council in the matter.

Mrs. Martha Riggle, who lives on Del Amo but did not give her address, asked if the City would clean up the street if the trees did come out, and the Councilmen replied that it would.

Mr. Gus King of 1961 Plaza Del Amo asked that the trees be removed.

City Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the Young Women's Christian Association asking the trees not be removed.

Councilman Jahn expressed his love of trees, and cited examples of beautiful tree-lined streets in neighboring cities.

Councilman Drale suggested the eucalyptus trees there be removed and replaced with more beautiful, cleaner trees.

Councilman Benstead protested the removal of any grown, beautiful trees in our City.

Roll call on the motion by Councilman Blount that the City remove the trees on Plaza Del Amo and improve the street as they can, seconded by Councilman Drale, was as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said in analyzing all the arguments, if the curbs, sidewalks and gutters are to be placed on the East side of Plaza Del Amo by the Board of Education, that will remove the hazard to children; the stumps should be taken out, and the weeds cleaned up, the ground graded and cleared at the corner. Even if the City owns the right-of-way there is no money to widen the street now, he continued. If the trees were removed, he finished, the view would be an eyesore to the residents.

Councilman Jahn moved that the proper people in the City start immediately to top and trim the trees there, that all dead trees and stumps be removed, and a sufficient number of the trees at the corner of Plaza Del Amo and Arlington and Washington be removed to make the corner usable (not over eight) that the ground be graded and leveled and the weeds cleared and hauled away within the next thirty days.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mrs. Tillim, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Department, suggested some limit on the number of trees to be removed at the intersection of Arlington, Washington and Plaza Del Amo.

Councilman Jahn asked for a recommendation from the Park Department, on that point.

Mr. Radolovich asked about drainage if the ditch there was leveled as specified in Mr. Jahn's motion.

Councilman Jahn said the storm control drain has just gone in down there.

City Manager Stevens asked the Council not to put too tight a schedule on this because this will be an additional job for the Park Department.

Mayor Isen said the report was due within thirty days.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved the improvements begin at the south end of the street.

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

Councilman Jahn moved a regular survey be set up for all trees of size in the City, and regular care of the trees of that kind, such as trimming and topping, be carried on continually.

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

Resolution No. 2970, prescribing rules and regulations for use of Park and Recreation facilities, and establishing a schedule of fees to be charged for such use, held over from meetings of July 24 and August 7, 1956 was ordered held over for another week for clarification by Harry Van Bellehem of the Park and Recreation Department.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2988

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REQUESTING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR ALLOCATION OF RECREATION FUNDS.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2988.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2989

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN STREET NAME UPON THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved this Resolution be flagged as recommended so that all construction affected by this Resolution will be referred to the Staff to assure conformity.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale said he wants a recommendation on re-instating the Civil Service Board to its full authority as a trial board.

Councilman Benstead said we have had a new Ordinance in the mill for about three years, and he would like to know who to ask about it.

City Manager Stevens said we had about three or four proposals on this a few months ago, one from the Civil Service Board, and one from the Fire Fighters.

Councilman Benstead said he was referring to the one from the City Attorney's office which was sent to the Civil Service Board about three years ago and has never been seen by the Council.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to hold up any motion on this until the new Ordinance comes through and take care of it at one time.

Councilman Drale said he does not believe we can legally take away the powers voted to the Civil Service Board by the people.

Mayor Isen said the Police and Fire Departments only were voted on by the people.

Councilman Drale moved to take this from the table.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drale repeated his motion now being taken from the table, as follows: "That the trial powers of the Civil Service Board be restored", motion originally seconded by Councilman Blount.

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

Councilman Benstead said the powers of the Civil Service Board have never been voted on the ballot.

Mayor Isen agreed, and said it is a mess.

Councilman Jahn asked how the Commission was set up.

Councilman Drale said under the original Ordinance, it was to serve as a hearing place for employees with grievances, and as he sees it, the Council is trying to take this over, and he wants to return the power to them.

Councilman Benstead said employees could still appear there.

Councilman Drale said yes, but he thinks the Board should have its original status.

Mayor Isen said he thinks it should be tabled again.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to refer to the City Attorney the problem of coming up with an explanation of just what jurisdiction has been voted by the people at the election concerning the Civil Service rules and regulations, and what other jurisdiction has been granted them by action of this City Council.

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

Mr. George Schneider of 636 Calle Miramar appealed to the Council to help get a traffic signal at Tulita, Highway 101 and Vista del Parque, saying the City of Redondo Beach has agreed to do their part, and a survey has been made by the State Division of Highways, who will agree that a signal is needed. Mr. Schneider outlined the growing need for this signal.

Councilman Drale moved the necessary Resolution be drawn and sent to the State Highways Division, subject to the approval of the Traffic Commission, and the necessary letters be written.

Chief of Police Haslam said we should check to be sure the proposed signal protects the intersection of Vista del Parque.

Councilman Drale made that an amendment to his motion.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale moved we concur with Mr. Schneider's recommendation of a signal at Tulita, Vista del Parque and Pacific Coast Highway.

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

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw the necessary Resolution.

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

Mayor Isen authorized the proper letter from the City Manager and the Chief of Police.

City Manager Stevens said that normally we would ask for the installation of the signal and signify our willingness to pay for our share of it.

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

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

Councilman Drale withdrew his motion calling for a Resolution in the light of this information.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion, and the motion was ordered withdrawn.

Councilman Benstead said he wished to personally thank the people of the City for making this new Civic Center a reality, and said they are to be commended.

Councilman Drale said his feelings coincided with those of Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Drale moved the City Engineer's office investigate the condition of Martina from Carson to 220th Street and Amapola from Torrance Boulevard to Carson, and give the Council a report as soon as possible, with a report on the expense involved in such repairs.

Councilman Jahn asked Councilman Drale to include Newton Street in his motion.

Councilman Drale so amended his motion.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn said he had checked the job description for a Land Use Investigator, and felt it required more than it should. He said this job as described would require engineering and building experience.

Councilman Drale said the Land Use Investigator is supposed to know whether there are violations of our Ordinances covering footage, etc.

Councilman Jahn said that is up to the Building Inspectors.

Councilman Jahn moved this job description be re-written.

Mayor Isen suggested the examination be called off until there is a proper classification.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

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

Councilman Drale moved the examination be held when the classification is re-drawn.

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

Councilman Jahn referred to his suggestion of several weeks ago that a survey of M-1 and M-2 land available for use and not available in the City be made; he said in Inglewood the Chamber of Commerce conducted such a survey, and gathered many other statistics at the same time.

Councilman Jahn moved at this time such a survey be made and be made available.

Councilman Blount said this has been done, and that the Chamber of Commerce has a map showing this very information.

Several Councilmen said they would like to have copies.

George Powell explained to the Council that land vacant and not being used is shown on this map in the Chamber, but added that such land as that fenced by G. P. and owned by them is not shown.

Councilman Jahn explained that his interest had been aroused by an article he had read telling of a Florida City where an island lay off the coast, and a number of the responsible citizens had formed a corporation for the development of the island and borrowed money from the RFC and built a bridge to the island and developed it, and they repaid the loan and the interest with the income from the island. He said he felt that the City of Torrance might need money some time, and perhaps a scheme similar to this one, properly put together, would help the City. He asked that the City Manager, when he goes to the International Conference of City Managers, this fall, check and see what information he can get on this sort of development, and that the City Attorney report to the City Manager on whether or not such an authority can be drawn up.

City Manager Stevens replied that he had no information on this sort of development, but will see if he can find any.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City Attorney will find out if it is possible, or legal, to draw up an Ordinance in the City of Torrance to limit a borrowers' rate of interest to 6%.

Mayor Isen reported that he and City Manager Stevens had attended a luncheon with the American Municipal Association, and found they were invited because Torrance is now a City of over 50,000 population. He said this had started him thinking of the growth of the City, the wonderful Civic Center, and the way downtown Torrance is coming alive, and suggested that a motto be adopted, suggesting "Torrance: Growing big, thinking big, and doing big."

Mr. Milton Hunter, of 16715 Falda Avenue, reported that he and other members of the North Torrance Lions Club were here to see the first meeting of the Council in the new Council Chamber. His group stood, and were thanked by the Council for attending.

Mrs. Quigley stood, and reminded the Council of the fact that not too many years ago, the first telephone switchboard was installed in Torrance, and had only one hundred telephones.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P. M.

APPROVED:

A. H. Barthel

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance