

Torrance, California  
September 11, 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, September 11, 1956, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. Also present were: Assistant City Manager Mansfield and Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Sgt. Miles of the Torrance Police Department led the salute to our Flag.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by the Reverend Taylor of the First Methodist Church.

Mayor Isen corrected the Minutes of the September 4, 1956, meeting of the Council as follows: On Page 8, Paragraph 9, Line 3, after the word 'annex', the comma should be omitted, and the following phrase inserted "but the police station and annex are to be razed, and the old City Hall," etc.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of September 4, 1956, as corrected.

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

Councilman Jahn moved the Minutes of the Council meeting of August 28, 1956, be approved as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening of Bids for Cash Register for Municipal Plunge.

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

A request dated September 7, 1956, from Harry B. Van Bellehem, the Director of Recreation, asked that the bids be rejected to allow further study to ascertain that we are getting the machine that will best serve the needs of the City.

Councilman Benstead moved all bids be rejected.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer said the bids should be opened and read.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger opened and read the following bids:

Victor Adding Machine Co., 1324 Pine Avenue, Long Beach 13, California.	This company said they are unable to bid on this item, but asked not to be excluded from future bids.
National Cash Register Co. 940 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California.	\$3585.00 plus applicable taxes

Motion to reject all bids carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

CASE NO. 401: Hearing on Petition of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles for a Change of Zone on Lots 9 and 10, Tract 3218, situated at the northeast corner of Earl Street and Torrance Blvd. from Land Use Zone R-1 to C-2, for the purpose of constructing a 125-bed hospital, recommended for approval per Exhibits A and B.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the third and final Hearing on this Case.  
 Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.  
 Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, but no one came forward.  
 Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.  
 Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation for approval by the Planning Commission.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CASE NO. 403: Hearing on Petition of Shaver Investment Corporation for a Change of Zone on property situated at the northeast corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard, with 100 feet being on Crenshaw and 183.33 feet on Del Amo, from R-3 to C-2, to permit a service station and possibly a small restaurant in conjunction thereto, recommended for approval.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the third and final hearing on this Case.  
 Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.  
 Councilman Blount commented that at one time there had been many protests against a similar petition at this location, and said the transmittal letter from the Planning Commission shows no protests at this time.  
 Planning Director Powell came forward, and explained that Mr. Shaver had contacted all residents within 300 feet of this property except one, and they all had signed a petition approving this change of zone; the three large industries who are within that distance of the property had not signed the petition because they are branch offices and would have had to mail the petition to their various home offices, which would have taken much time.  
 Mr. Shaver came forward and said he had today finally contacted the one resident he had not been able to see before, and she had signed his petition for this change of zone.  
 Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard, and no one came forward.  
 Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.  
 Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation for approval made by the Planning Commission.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - STREET LIGHTING - 1911 ACT.  
Hearing on Debt Limit Report - Continued.

The hearing continued from the 28th day of August, 1956, on the "Debt Limit Report" covering the proposed improvement of the Ellinwood Improvement District, Street Lighting, was opened at 8:15 P. M.  
 The Mayor announced that this was the time and place for the continued hearing of protests or objections against the work proposed to be done or the district proposed to be assessed as described in the Resolution Determining the Nature, Location and Extent of the Proposed Improvement (Resolution No. 2956 adopted on the 3rd day of July, 1956.)  
 Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read a letter dated September 7, 1956, from Jahn W. Wiehelm of 4539 Green Meadows Avenue, asking to have 16 names withdrawn from the petition of protest against the proposed street lighting system, and enclosing signed requests from the following people to have their names removed from the petition of protest:

Willoughby C. Bowman	4526 101 Highway
Doris May Udy	4514 Pacific Coast Highway
Maurice R. Quinn	4526 Highgrove Avenue
Robert A. Watkin	4602 Highgrove Avenue
Charles J. Duffy	4514 Highgrove Avenue
Isabel M. Heavysige	5038 Pacific Coast Highway
Robert H. Bullington	4827 Green Meadows
Patsy Elizabeth Michalek	4538 Highgrove Avenue
Richard Bowman	4409 Highgrove Avenue
Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Gary	4902 Pacific Coast Highway
Robert T. Coughlin	4318 Highgrove Avenue
Martha Bill	4944 W. Pacific Coast Highway
Dorothy Uden	4508 Pacific Coast Highway
Richard L. Throne	4501 Green Meadow Avenue
John C. Bloom	5020 Pacific Coast Highway
Sherman E. Peterson	4421 Highgrove Avenue

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer if these names had been checked against the petition protesting the lighting, and the City Engineer said they had.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read similar requests from the following people, which were handed to him tonight and which have not been checked:

Mrs. George W. Birch	5026 Pacific Coast Highway
Arlene J. Hedges	24020 Janet Lane
Harlan E. Wilson	24008 Janet Lane
John Fosterlin	4532 Green Meadows
Mr. & Mrs. Anderson	4920 Pacific Coast Highway

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. Vernon Peterson of 4721 Highgrove Avenue protested against the proposed lighting.

Mr. Perry Brown of 4501 Highgrove said he did not want the lighting.

Mr. Orville Robinson of 4509 Green Meadows Avenue spoke in favor of the lights.

Mayor Isen asked what the approximate cost of the lights would be, and the City Engineer said about \$155 per parcel.

Councilman Jahn said he had been asked to one of the meetings held about these lights, and there had been drawings, specifications, etc. furnished there, and this same approximate cost had been used.

Captain Pickering of 4414 Green Meadows Avenue spoke in favor of the lights.

Mr. Ralph Henderson of 4427 Highgrove Avenue spoke to the Council, asking to have this matter postponed again.

Mr. Perry Brown protested the lights again.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the Engineer's report and recommendation for denial of protests.

Councilman Blount moved the Engineer's report be received and filed.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Hearing be closed.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

All protestants having been heard, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a full, fair and impartial hearing having been granted, and the City Council having before them the "Debt Limit Report" and a diagram of the assessment district and being familiar with the assessment district and also having considered all protests filed and also having considered the matter as to the area or frontage of the property represented by said protestants the following action was taken.

Upon Motion by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Blount, and duly passed the the following vote, the Council approved the denial of any and all protests:

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

The Deputy City Clerk then presented Resolution No. 3002, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND OTHER STREETS WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM, IS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; DENYING PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT; FINDING THAT THE LIMITATIONS UPON THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS, AS IMPOSED BY PART 5 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3002.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale told the Council that he could not vote for this because he felt there was not a sufficiently decisive majority who want the lights.

Motion carried by the following four-fifths vote:

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

At 8:45 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a 10-minute recess, with the Council re-convening at 8:55 P. M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated August 30, 1956, from the Traffic Commission, containing the following recommendations as a result of a meeting held at 9:45 A. M. August 30:

(a) That all parking of automobiles on Cabrillo Avenue, both in the center of the street and on the sides of the street be parallel to curbs thereof, and a curb installed in center of street, such curb to be of sufficient width to accomodate the installation of meters thereon and that such meters be installed on this curb from Marcelina Avenue to Carson Street.

(b) That all parking of automobiles on Torrance Boulevard be parallel to curbs from Madrona easterly to City limits.

(c) That STOP signs be erected on Sepulveda Blvd. at Palos Verdes Blvd., it being the unanimous opinion of the Commission that traffic on Sepulveda Boulevard does not at this time warrant traffic signals. It is further recommended that STOP signs at Ellinwood Drive on Sepulveda Boulevard be removed as soon as it is established that this will no longer be used as a school crossing.

(d) That installation, maintenance and purchase, through purchasing agent, of all traffic signs, street signs, street and curb painting and striping, barricades, etc., shall be placed under the jurisdiction of one responsible person.

(e) That all traffic signals be maintained on a regular cycle of STOP and GO at all times during daylight hours, or such hours as traffic warrants additional to daylight hours. It has been observed that manual controls are not practical for children to operate, therefore it is recommended that all manual controls be removed from City installed traffic signals and pedestrians be required to use regular cycles of signals.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Mansfield about the survey of traffic conditions and street requirements which he and the Chief of Police were directed to prepare for.

Mr. Mansfield replied that Chief Haslam has been handling this matter, and that the traffic expert he had been instructed to contact is not available, but that he has contacted the Auto Club of Southern California, and they will give us a comprehensive survey at no cost, with competent engineers doing the work.

This was acceptable to the Council, and Mayor Isen directed that this course of action should be pursued as speedily as possible.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with Recommendations c, d, and e, as submitted by the Traffic Commission, with Recommendations a and b to be tabled until after the survey has been accomplished.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale said when parking recommendations are made by the engineers, parking limits should also be suggested.

2. A request from the Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club, dated August 30, 1956, signed by Robert C. Surber, President, for lease of park space for erection of a club house. The letter asked for space in the presently undeveloped area adjacent to the Hollywood Riviera district, between the Ellinwood and Kissel tracts.

Mayor Isen asked Attorney Remelmeyer if there was 'park' land available there, and the reply was that he believes the status of the land in question is now under negotiation, and that if it was a dedicated park, it would be illegal to enter such an agreement.

Councilman Benstead moved Mr. Mansfield write a letter to the Sportsman's Club and tell them such an agreement would not be legal.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is a possibility that Mr. Kissel will dedicate the land to the City so that this lease can be entered into.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to work with Mr. Mansfield on this matter.

3. A letter dated September 5, 1956, from Joseph Scott, attorney for Francis D. Foley, regarding the Foley hog ranch, asked for an extension of from six to nine months from October 1, 1956, for moving the hog ranch operations from the City of Torrance.

4. A letter dated September 4, 1956, from Vernon P. Spencer, attorney for Arthur Kazarian, asked for a six to nine month extension from October 1, 1956, for moving the hog ranch operations from the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen said these two letters have been discussed by the Council, and it is their opinion that if something can be worked out to get the hog farms out of the City within six months, it should be done. He added that it is the wish of the City Council that Attorney Remelmeyer and Mr. Mansfield contact both parties and negotiate with them, and if this cannot be assured, that all reasonable means be begun now to begin action to get the hog ranches out of the City.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Mayor's statement.

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

Councilman Blount said these hog ranches have had four years' notice, and that there are those who have been cooperative; he moved that if we negotiate and give extensions to those who have not been cooperative, Mr. Green be extended the same courtesy of a six to nine month extension.

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

5. A written protest against the regulation prohibiting towels on the swimming pool deck, dated September 4, 1956, from Mrs. John P. McNeill of 21329 Palos Verdes Boulevard; a memorandum dated September 6, 1956, from H. B. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, was attached to explain the reasons for this regulation.

Councilman Benstead moved Mr. Van Bellehem be requested to answer Mrs. McNeill's letter.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said there have been many comments about the wind at the pool, and he moved this be referred to the Parks and Recreation Department for their recommendation on a windbreak, this to be reported on to the Council.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, no objection, so ordered.

Councilman Benstead asked that Mr. Van Bellehem inform Mrs. McNeill that this windbreak is being considered.

6. A recommendation from Stanley E. Remelmeyer, Acting City Attorney, that Robert Pannell be appointed Prosecutor effective September 1, 1956, at a salary of \$250 per month. The job is to be a part-time job.

Councilman Blount asked if this is a new job classification, and Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is a part-time job, and explained the requirements.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Acting City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount said he would vote against this because he feels it is a civil service job.

Councilman Benstead asked how much time this job would require, and Mr. Remelmeyer said one day a week in court, and time to hear complaints and research time; he added that more time will be required for the work in the future, and that the salary of \$250 a month is predicated upon a \$500 monthly salary for a full time job.

Councilman Drale suggested this be made subject to the approval of the Civil Service Board, but there was no second to this.

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

7. In an opinion from the City Attorney regarding the paving of the alleyway in Tract No. 18911, Hipoint Homes, Rosa Linda Homes, and Grande Vista Homes, he concluded that the builders are liable to pave the said alleyway at their own expense, and that no agreement to the contrary was made by the City or by Mr. Hall. The letter was dated September 7, 1956.

Mr. George M. Henzie, attorney for the builders, presented a letter to the Council in behalf of his client, asking that action be deferred on this matter for reconsideration by the City Attorney of circumstances set forth in the letter.

There were no objections, and the matter was ordered held over until the Council meeting of September 18, 1956, at 5:30 P. M.

Recommendations of the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. Willie J. Phillips has been employed as a temporary Bus Operator, effective September 1, 1956, at the first salary step, for vacation relief. This man is not from the Eligible List as no one on the List wanted temporary employment.
2. Frank E. Walker has been employed as Bus Attendant, effective September 10, 1956, at the first salary step, being No. 1 on the Eligible List.
3. Richard Garcia, Henry Specht and Edward Jones have been promoted from Truck Driver to Power Equipment Operator No. 1, in the Street Department, effective September 1, 1956, at the first salary step, being Nos. 1, 2, and 3 on the Eligible List.
4. Albert E. Treloar has been promoted from Senior Park Maintenance Man to Park Maintenance Leadman, effective September 1, 1956, at the second salary step, being No. 1 on the Eligible List.
5. Milton C. Young, Charles A. Fulton and Jesse Baldwin have been promoted from Park Maintenance Man to Senior Park Maintenance Man, effective September 1, 1956, at the second salary step, being Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on the Eligible List.
6. The following personnel have been promoted from Park Maintenance Man to Light Power Equipment Operator, effective September 1, 1956, being Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on the Eligible List:
  - (a) Jack R. Stassin at first salary step.
  - (b) Richard G. Faren at first salary step.
  - (c) Emil F. Ziemke at second salary step.
  - (d) Fred E. Montgomery at second salary step.

Councilman Benstead asked the standing of the fourth man in this group on the Eligible List, and Mr. Mansfield replied that he was fourth on the List.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with personnel recommendation 1 - 6 inclusive as submitted by Mr. Mansfield in City Manager Stevens' absence.

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

Councilman Jahn asked why we have been hiring temporary bus operators when we have an Eligible List, and Mr. Mansfield explained that these men are working vacation relief, and that none of the men on the list want the temporary work.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A report from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated September 7, 1956, regarding the drainage problem on Bluff Street. The City Engineer recommended that the street superintendent check the existing asphalt berm westerly of the Eldorado Estates development to properly take care of the increased flow of water.

There were no objections and the letter was ordered filed, with the comment from Mayor Isen that this course of action did not require Council action.

2. A letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, with reference to the parking situation in downtown Torrance, letter dated September 7, 1956. This reported that the Planning Commission has appointed a Committee to make an investigation of the situation, and are now beginning the proceedings to rezone the parcels now used for parking to preserve their present use.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the action of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Letter dated September 7, 1956, signed by George C. Powell, Secretary of the Staff, and by John V. Russell, Supt. of Building, transmitting the recommendation of the Staff that the existing wall at the Foods Company Market not be continued any further North for the reason that it would create a hazard to safety and traffic, and further recommendation of the Staff that the existing trash receptacle at the Foods Company Market be demolished and a new trash receptacle be built of brick. The Staff finally recommended that all tenants of Foods Company Market be notified in writing that all trash must be placed in the trash receptacle provided for that purpose.

Enclosed with the letter from the Staff there was a letter from the Foods Company Markets, signed by A. Schwartz and dated September 6, 1956, assuring cooperation in these recommendations.

There were no objections and these letters were ordered filed.

#### REPORTS:

1. The City Clerk notified the Council that Smog Report No. 10, entitled "Air Sampling and Measurement" from the Air Pollution Control District, Public Information and Education Division, is now on file in the City Clerk's office for anyone who would like to examine it.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3003

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION IN CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, DESCRIBING SAID TERRITORY AND DESIGNATING IT BY THE NAME OF "EL NIDO ANNEXATION" AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN CONNECTION WITH SAID PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3003.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3004

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE INITIATING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CONTIGUOUS TO SAID CITY; DESIGNATING SAID TERRITORY BY THE NAME OF "KNOLLS ANNEXATION NO. 1"; SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR DESIRING TO ANNEX SUCH TERRITORY AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF PROTESTS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3004.

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

Mayor Isen read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1956, TO  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1956, AS "CONSTITUTION WEEK" AND THE  
DAY OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1956, AS "CONSTITUTION DAY".

Councilman Benstead moved concurrence with this Proclamation.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Acting City Attorney Remelmeyer acquainted the Council with the action brought by Lawrence L. Benton and Ermanelle Benton, Plaintiffs, against the City.

Attorney Remelmeyer then advised the Council that he had collected an accident claim, and in order to cash the check, someone must be authorized to release the other party's insurance company. This is the case of the City and Lawrence P. Green.

Councilman Blount moved the City Manager be given authority to sign this one release.

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

Councilman Drale said that due to the concerted efforts of many people, we now have a beautiful swimming pool. He said he would not name those who had worked for this pool for fear he would leave out someone; however, he went on, while he himself had been campaigning for a City Hall and Police Station and Jail, another man was campaigning for a swimming pool. The pool is now completed, and Councilman Drale moved it be named the Benstead Municipal Plunge in honor of of Mr. Benstead's service to the City, under the caption "Torrance Civic Center".

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale said if the Council wished, this could be referred to the Parks & Recreation Commission for suggestions.

Mrs. Herma Tillim, Chairman of that Commission, was present, and asked that it not be referred to them, but named in honor of Mr. Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Drale to amend his motion to the "Victor E. Benstead Plunge" from "Benstead Municipal Plunge".

Councilman Drale so amended his motion, and Councilman Jahn accepted the amendment to his second.

Councilman Benstead thanked the other members of the Council for the honor thus accorded him.

Councilman Drale said he feels it is time the City takes recognition of the services of the many who serve the City without compensation.

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

Councilman Jahn announced that he intends to call a special meeting of the Airport Committee of the Council and the Airport Commission some time within the next week.

Mayor Isen moved that Chief of Police Haslam delegate someone to the task of raising and lowering our Flag in the small square at the northeast corner of Sartori and Marcelina.

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

Chief of Police Haslam addressed the audience briefly, telling them that his Department has many bicycles recovered by them over quite a period of time, and asking that anyone who loses a bicycle contact the Police Department to see if it has been found. The Chief of Police said his Department would prefer returning bicycles to their rightful owners rather than selling them.

Mayor Isen said he had received a complaint from Mr. Underthern about weeds and dust in the Southwest Park area, and asked that Mr. Mansfeld see about having this cleaned up.

Mr. J. B. Mosely of 23846 Ward Street in WALTERIA came forward as spokesman for a large group of people in the audience, and said they own homes in the area which is being considered for condemnation by the City for Airport purposes. He said these people are justly concerned with the implications of this proposal, and asked that it be outlined to them tonight, or by some member of the Council at a meeting with them very soon.

Mayor Isen explained to Mr. Mosely that this is only a proposal, and any action is quite distant.

Councilman Drale moved the Airport Commission call a special meeting on this and invite the people living in the area to the meeting and apprise them of the facts.

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

Councilman Jahn lent his copy of the proposed Master Plan of the Airport to Mr. Mosely for study by these people, with the comment that he would be glad to meet with them.

It was agreed that any member of the Council who wishes to attend would be welcome at the meeting with the Airport Commission.

Mayor Isen directed Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to send a communication to the Airport Commission advising them of this action of the Council.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

Councilman Drale moved to adjourn the meeting to 5:00 P. M. Thursday, September 13, 1956, in this Chamber.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

APPROVED:

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

Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of Torrance