

Torrance, California  
16 October, 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 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, October 16, 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. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Roy Roberts led the salute to the Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen announced that tickets for the Water Polo match to be held Sunday, November 4, 1956, in the City's new swimming pool to help finance an Olympic contestant are now available, and asked everyone to support this.

Mayor Isen announced the employment of Richard Fitzgerald as the new manager of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fitzgerald is known nationally in the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor feels Torrance is fortunate to have made the choice.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Mayor, and said he is very pleased with the appointment, and promised to do all he can for the entire City. He said he will start to work in about two weeks.

Mayor Isen then introduced G. S. "Bill" Evans, a retired member of the Torrance Police Department.

Mr. Evans said he represents a group of civic minded people who plan to get together and honor the Mayor and the City Council and the 35th anniversary of the City. He announced the dinner will be given on Friday, November 2, 1956, at the Palos Verdes Country Club at 8:00 P. M. He then presented invitations to each of the Councilmen.

Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Evans for the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 1956, meeting of the Council as written.

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

HEARINGS:

Vista Highlands Sewer District, 1911 Act. Hearing on Assessment.  
(Continued)

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the continued hearing on the assessment of the Vista Highlands Sewer District. He announced there has been a re-spreading of the assessment to equalize matters.

There were several people present interested in this matter, and in the interests of time, the Mayor suggested they go into the conference room with City Engineer Bishop to discuss this and arrive at a more full understanding.

It was agreed to take this matter up later in the evening, after the City Engineer had answered the questions of the people.

Ellinwood Improvement District, 1911 Act. Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3010 to order a Street Lighting System and appurtenant work in what is known as the Ellinwood Improvement District.

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

Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed.

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.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported there were no written protests.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

No one responded.

Councilman Benstead moved 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.

Councilman Jahn moved all protests be overruled even though there were none.

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.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A STREET LIGHTING 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 Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3020.

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO:

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3021.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3022

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM IN THE ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE:

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3022.

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.

Knolls Annexation No. 1. Hearing on Resolution No. 3004 initiating proceedings for Annexation of Uninhabited Territory in the City of Los Angeles Contiguous to the City of Torrance.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavits of Publication. Councilman Jahn moved these be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against this annexation.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported there were no written protests.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

No one responded.

Councilman Blount moved all protests be denied and the hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney prepare the necessary Ordinance.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter dated 8 October, 1956, from Ron's Hardware & Paints, by E. G. Ewart, 225-29th Street, Manhattan Beach, requested the refund of \$12.00 paid for a business license he obtained on September 26, 1956, because the transfer of ownership was cancelled in escrow and said business was retained by the seller.

A recommendation dated October 11, 1956, by Mr. G. Whitacre, License Inspector, that the refund be made in accordance with Ordinance No. 624, Article 2, Section 15, was appended.

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

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

2. A letter dated October 9, 1956, requested the removal of 3 small trees situated on the C-2 property located at 17224-34 and 17306 Crenshaw Blvd. because they interfere with the following businesses, owners and operators of which businesses had signed the petition:

Hughes Automotive	S/Ray Hughes
Liquor Manor	S/S. Levine
Barons Burgere Cafe	S/Winifeld Baron
Louise's Dress Shop	S/Louise Thompson
Romero's Beauty Shop	S/Robert Romero
Sinderson Realty	S/R. W. Sinderson
Richard Felty	S/ R. Felty
Emil Morrone	S/E. Morrone
Roy's Barber Shop	S/Jeff Johnson
Texaco Service Station	S/K. White

Councilman Drale moved the trees be removed because they are in front of the businesses.

Councilman Jahn asked if the tree furtherest North is not in front of a house.

Mr. R. W. Sinderson was present, and said it is, but the area is zoned C-2, and the tree is a detriment to his own business. The property where the tree is, he went on to say, is under his management, and he has the permission of the owner of the property to make this request.

Councilman Benstead said in his opinion, that tree does not interfere with Mr. Sinderson's business.

Mr. Sinderson repeated that it does, and said as long as that is C-2 property, they would like to have it out. He said the man who owns the property is going to build business property there, and it seems that tree might as well come out when the others do, and save having to go through all of this again.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager what we would do with the other two trees if they are to be removed.

City Manager Stevens said he believes the motion meant the property owners will remove the trees at their own expense, and he does not know what will happen to them.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if this was always done at the expense of the property owner, and the City Manager replied if a tree is damaged or dying, the City removes it; if a developer or property owner asked for a tree to be removed and received permission for that to be done, he must pay for it.

Councilman Benstead asked if the trees could be used some place else in the City, and said he has found a market for such trees, where the man will remove the trees and pay for them.

Mr. Sinderson said the property owners would take the trees out if they get permission to do so, but if the trees have to be boxed for transplanting, they do not have the knowledge to do it.

City Manager Stevens told Councilman Benstead he would be glad to get information about such a market for trees as the Councilman outlined.

Councilman Drale moved if the City Council has any use for the trees and can salvage them, the City should do this; otherwise, the property owners can take out the trees at their own expense.

Councilman Benstead gave City Manager Stevens the address of the man who would buy the trees.

Mayor Isen suggested the trees be removed by the Park Dept., and a reasonable fee billed for their labor, with the trees to be disposed of at an advantage to the City.

Councilman Drale protested the Park Department is too busy to do this. He said if we need the trees it would be fine, but otherwise he doesn't think the people should be held up any longer.

Councilman Drale agreed that if the Park Superintendent can save the trees and someone will buy them within a reasonable time - a week, say - that would be fine.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen said the motion should be amended to include "every attempt be made to salvage them for the City".

Councilman Jahn seconded the amendment.

Roll call on the amendment: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved the property owners remove the three trees at their own expense.

Mayor Isen moved his amendment to the motion.

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

3. October 3, 1956, letter from Remington Rand, signed by J. T. O'Connell, Regional Manager of the Business Services Division, regarding a survey they made on certain records in the office of the City Clerk in June 1952. The letter offered to re-assess the existing conditions, at no obligation to the City.

Upon being asked for his recommendation, City Manager Stevens said he would recommend this be done.

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

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

Communications from the City Manager:

1. The City Manager submitted a proposed job description for the position of Finance Officer for study and approval of the City Councilmen. Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if the Civil Service Board should have this first.

Attorney Remelmeyer replied this should go to them, but the City Council has ultimate control.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens on the job description for Finance Officer, subject to the approval of the Civil Service Board.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if the residence requirement was purposely omitted from this job description, and the City Manager replied that it was.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Engineering and Planning Commission Matters:

1. Letter dated October 12, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, presenting thirteen sewer easements in connection with the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, with seven sketches showing location of the easements attached.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3023

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 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. 3023.

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

2. REVISED TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22771: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Dept. recommending approval of Revised Tentative Tract Map No. 22771, located southerly of 168th Street and easterly of Kornblum Avenue, containing 14 lots presented by Mr. Wayne Nelson. Attached:

- (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Oct. 3, 1956;
- (b) Copy of letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated Oct. 3, 1956;
- (c) Location sketch.

Planning Director Powell told the Council the question raised when this Tract was here before was about the dead-end street. Mayor Isen directed Mr. Powell to advise the Council if any development affecting this should take place.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, with Councilman Drale qualifying his vote by saying if any further development take place in the area, the street should be carried on through to Cranbrook.

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22795: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Dept. recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 22795, located southerly of 168th St. and northerly of Tract 20027, containing 11 lots presented by Mr. Wayne Nelson. Attached:

- (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of October 3, 1956;
- (b) Copy of letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engr., dated October 2, 1956;
- (c) Letter from Southern California Edison Co. dated August 1, 1956;
- (d) Location sketch.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell if this is substantially the same as the map previously submitted.

Mr. Powell said yes, but the subdivider has held this up trying to get 20' on the west side of the street for street widening purposes. He has not been able to get it, and if condemnation is necessary, he will pay all costs even though it is not on his property.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation and special conditions of the Planning Commission, with these added conditions:

1. The subdivider, besides paying for condemnation costs, will also pay reasonable attorney's fees and pave the 90' x 20' of land acquired by condemnation under the regular requirements of the subdivider.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Drale said he was not voting "no" on the Tract, but he does not feel the City should take the obligation to condemn private property, and does not feel it is the responsibility of the City.

4. Letter dated October 12, 1956, from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, submitting resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract between the City and U. S. Steel Corp., Consolidated Western Steel Division, for furnishing corrugated metal pipe. Attached: Copy of letter dated October 12, 1956, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., to U. S. Steel; Resolution; Location sketch.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3024

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION, CONSOLIDATED WESTERN STEEL DIVISION.

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. 3024.

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

5. A letter dated October 12, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engr., regarding the extension of Ermanita Avenue south to 174th St., as requested in a petition presented to the Council at their meeting of October 2, 1956, by Merle H. Meyers.

Mr. Meyers was present, and Mayor Isen presented him with a copy of the letter, with the suggestion that Mr. Meyers read this and circulate it among his neighbors who had signed the petition.

6. Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, dated October 1956, submitting recommendation of the Planning Commission that the name of 225th Street in Tract No. 19308 be changed to San Ardo Street.

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

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

7. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of Change of Zone from A-1, M-2 and C-2 to C-3, in area bounded by Hawthorne Ave. on the west, Sepulveda Blvd. on the south, the extension of Carson St. on the north, and the r/w of AT&SF Rwy. and parcel of property owned by SWO&D on the east, CASE NO. 411.

Mayor Isen set the date for the third and final hearing on this Case as November 13, 1956.

8. CASE NO. 405: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending for approval per Exhibit "A" application of Arthur J. Langan, M. D., for Variance to construct furniture store at 2520 Torrance Blvd.

Planning Director Powell presented "Exhibit A" to the Council for their study and consideration.

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

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3025

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE. (Lot 382, Tract 21725)

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3025.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3026

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE. (Lots 385 and 386, Tract 19101)

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. 3026.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3027

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE. (Lots 408, 509, 510, and 511, Tract 19103).

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 for adoption of Resolution No. 3027.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3028

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ABANDONING THOSE CERTAIN WATER PIPE LINES AND RIGHTS OF WAY ORIGINALLY OWNED BY TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY, AND EASEMENT COVERING THE SAME, SAID EASEMENT BEING RECORDED IN BOOK 7024 AT PAGE 264, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH SAID FACILITIES AND RIGHTS OF WAY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ACQUIRED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 UNDER DATE OF DECEMBER 24, 1934, SAID LINES AND RIGHTS OF WAY BEING DESCRIBED IN THE MARCH, 1926 EASEMENT TO THE TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY AS NOS. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 16.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3028.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3029

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, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM GEORGE E. STEINKAMP AND IRENE H. STEINKAMP.

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3029.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll

call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 831

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN  
FOR THAT AREA ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AND KNOWN AS DOMINGUEZ-HAWTHORNE (VICTOR PARCEL).

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 831 at its  
second and final reading.

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

Mayor Isen explained that the next Ordinance was written because the  
Ordinance first prepared could not be amended to conform to the intent of  
the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 839

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING THE OIL WELL DRILLING MAP OF  
THE CITY SO AS TO PERMIT OIL WELL DRILLING IN  
CERTAIN PARTS OF THE "VICTOR PRECINCT".

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 839 at its  
first reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 834

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH "D" OF SECTION 11 OF  
APPENDIX I (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791) OF "THE  
CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, 1954"  
RELATING TO LOT AREA REQUIRED IN AN M-1 ZONE.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 834 at its  
second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 835

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE PLACING OF ADVERTISING  
MATERIAL ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 835 at its second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 840

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 403.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 840 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Meyers if he had finished reading the Engineer's letter concerning the extension of Ermanita Street.

Mr. Meyers said he had, but it was not clear to him what the Engineer meant.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Meyers to wait and discuss it with the City Engineer when he returns to the Council Chamber.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 6:30 P. M., with the Council reconvening at 6:40 P. M.

Mayor Isen asked Recreation Director Van Bellehem if he was prepared to report to the Council with reference to "what will be required, and the cost" of employing a professional person to study park sites, as recommended by Councilman Benstead in his letter to the Council on October 2, 1956.

Mr. Van Bellehem reported he has made six contacts, and has had responses from these four:

Everett B. Mansur, 505 Segovia, San Gabriel;

F. R. Iwasco, 1810 Euclid Ave., San Marino;

Associated Consultants of Southern California, 1205 W.

Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles;

Louis J. Kroeger & Associates, 426 S. Spring St., Los Angeles.

Based on the responses, he said he would tentatively recommend that Mr. Mansur be considered. This is a tentative recommendation, he said, because until Mr. Mansur has met with City Mgr. Stevens and himself, the full meaning of his bid will not be clear. He said Mr. Mansur has bid \$3000 for the whole job, or a per diem basis of \$75.00.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the tentative recommendation of the Recreation Director.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion.

Mr. Van Bellehem said the letter from Mr. Mansur was not detailed as were the others, but he has verbally agreed to the same detail. He said the time indicated by most of the bidders is between 3 and 4 months for the study. Mr. Van Bellehem concluded his report by saying he would like to bring this back to the City Council next week, after he and the City Manager have met with Mr. Mansur.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if we would have the money to employ anyone for this work, and the City Manager said yes.

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

Councilman Blount said he voted no on this because he thinks the Council should wait to approve this until they have received Mr. Van Bellehem's final recommendation.

Oral Recommendations from City Manager Stevens:

1. City Manager Stevens reported that a letter from the C. A. A. indicating their approval of the proposed Master Plan of the Torrance Airport, and copies of the letter had been given to the Councilmen.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Airport Commission.

City Manager Stevens said it would go to that Commission, but it has just come in and he furnished these copies to the Council for their information.

2. City Manager Stevens recommended the Superintendent of the Building Department attend the International Conference of Building Officials to be held October 30 to November 2, 1956, at Palm Springs, with appropriate expenses paid.

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

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

3. City Manager Stevens said he had submitted a report on the personnel of the Engineering Department to the Council, and he recommended the Council authorize the classification of Office Engineer in the Department at a salary of \$636-\$665-\$696.

The City Manager then recommended the Council authorize the City Engineer to fill the position at once, with the examination to follow after the job description is prepared and approved by the Council.

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

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

City Manager Stevens said the City had been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Sylvan S. Shipley to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Gene Rider. Mr. Shipley was appointed October 12, 1956.

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

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

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if this fills the Personnel needs of the Engineering Department.

City Manager Stevens said the appointment of Mr. Shipley means there is now one more in the office and one less in the field in that Department.

4. City Manager Stevens briefed to the City Council Progress Report No. 1 from R. T. Dorsey on the Parking Assessment District, in which Mr. Dorsey recommended the City demolish the old City Jail and use that land for parking.

Councilman Benstead asked how much of the City-owned property is included in the recommendation.

City Manager Stevens said it would be proposed that the property be used right to the old City Hall.

Councilman Benstead asked who would pay for this.

City Manager Stevens said the parking meter funds.

Councilman Benstead asked how much money is in that fund.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger said about \$14,000.00.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Dorsey and the City Manager that we demolish the old City Jail adjacent to the old City Hall and the City Manager be instructed to call for bids and they be received as early as possible.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn asked if this wrecks the structure of the Assessment District.

City Manager Stevens said study is being made for re-appraisal of the property, but all the Council is acting on now is demolishing the old Jail.

Councilman Benstead asked if it would not be wise to save some of the property next to the old City Hall.

City Manager Stevens said that is a policy matter and will have to be determined at a later date. He said the matter of the boundary line will have to be considered later.

Councilman Drale said the appraisal made of the property there shows the old City Hall on a City lot, with the line going through the old Police Station.

Mayor Isen said that is not being considered now.

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

Mayor Isen said Ordinance No. 837 is here for its second reading, but at his request the City Attorney has prepared an Urgency Ordinance and a regular Ordinance, both based on Ordinance 837, and asked the City Attorney to point out the differences between the Ordinances.

The City Attorney did so, pointing out that any Ordinance adopted would need further work, but he said he hoped one of these would fulfill the intent of the Council.

The City Attorney said under Ordinance No. 837, there is no requirement for approval by the Council, which is being added under the other Ordinances presented here.

Councilman Jahn asked if it would be necessary under the new Ordinances to publish and hold hearings on signs, or if hearings could not be held without all that.

Councilman Blount said he would like to know what the procedure outlined means.

Mr. Remelmeyer said it falls under Use Permits, and the hearing would be for the purpose of ascertaining that a sign will not be a hazard to adjoining property, and will not be inimical to health, wealth, or safety.

Councilman Blount asked to see a copy of the Ordinance referred to.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 7:05 P. M., with the Council re-convening at 7:08 P. M.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard.

Mr. Herb Goodwin of the Mel Guenser Sign Co. asked if this procedure outlined would also cover signs going in M and C zones.

The City Attorney said it would.

Mr. Goodwin protested that it would take a lot of time.

Mayor Isen said everyone on this Council would be willing to hear the applications.

Mr. R. D. McNish of the Home Builders Institute of 4015 Wilshire Blvd. asked to go on record as saying that the section the City Attorney has outlined here is one the Institute is against because of the time involved.

Mr. Kesson of 2015 W. 182nd St. presented a petition bearing 150 signatures asking the Council to fully consider the need for an Ordinance governing signs. He filed the petition with the City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 837

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 24 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 795) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 24 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO SIGNS.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 837 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn moved a substitute motion to adopt Ordinance No. 841

Mayor Isen seconded the substitute motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 841

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 24 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 795) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 24 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO SIGNS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with the further reading of Ordinance No. 841.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 841 at its first and final reading.

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

Councilman Drale moved to refer to his original motion.  
Mayor Isen ruled him out of order.

Mayor Isen moved adoption of Ordinance No. 842.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES:

COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 842

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 24 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 795) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW CHAPTER 24 OF SAID CODE RELATING TO SIGNS.

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 adoption of Ordinance No. 842 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll

call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Drale.

Councilman Drale moved the original question.  
Mayor Isen ruled him out of order.

Councilman Jahn moved this Council adopt as its official rules of order "Robert's Rules of Order" and the City Attorney declared the arbiter.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he believes there is an Ordinance making Robert's Rules of Order the official rules of the City Council.

Mayor Isen directed the Attorney to check that.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Attorney reported another controversy with Moneta Water Company. In this instance, the Attorney said, the subdivider will accept Torrance water service if the City will indemnify him from Moneta bringing action.

There were no objections, and the Mayor instructed the City Attorney to prepare the proper indemnification agreement and show it to the City Council.

The City Attorney said there are several cases where he wants to bring cross-complaints against persons suing the City. Rather than bring a separate action, he believes it would be just as well if the Council would permit him to hire an attorney to represent the City on a contingent basis.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

The City Attorney said there have been so many requests from subdividers for condemnation for rights of way that a burden has been placed on his office. He asked for authority to hire outside attorneys for such actions, pointing out this is paid by the subdivider in each instance. The City Attorney added that the request has the approval of the City Manager.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney.

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

Councilman Benstead said in several sections of the City where the houses have been occupied for as much as a year, there are no street signs up. He asked that this situation be remedied at once.

City Manager Stevens said the Engineering Department usually orders such signs about four times a year. He said the subdividers pay for the signs, and are required to deposit \$25 for each sign.

Councilman Benstead moved such signs be ordered immediately.

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

Councilman Blount referred to a letter from the Sprague Engineering Corporation thanking the City for the use of the park and the splendid cooperation from our Park Department during their annual picnic, and enclosing a check for \$100.00.

Councilman Blount moved the check be accepted.

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

City Manager Stevens reported a letter thanking the Sprague Engineering Corporation for their check had been sent to them.

Councilman Blount referred to a letter in the October 11, 1956, issue of the Torrance Herald, from Mrs. Loranger, who made some excellent remarks about cleaning up entrances to the City. He said the Council had

recommended this recently, and asked why it has not been done.

Mayor Isen said the construction of the storm drain had delayed the work planned on Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Blount said the side of Torrance Boulevard that is open could be cleaned, and something could be planted there to get rid of the unsightly entrance.

Mayor Isen referred these questions to Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield.

Mr. Mansfield explained the City has contacted the P. E. Railway, and they have agreed to clean their right of way, probably by Friday of this week. He said the City's Street and Park Dept. are now working under a very heavy schedule which must be completed before the rains begin. It is anticipated they will be finished with such work shortly, and then will do the work of cleaning the entrance to the City.

Mayor Isen asked if the American Legion had not at one time offered to paint the bridge spanning Torrance Boulevard, but no answer was offered.

Mr. Mansfield said he believes the work will be done by the middle of November.

Councilman Blount asked the record show that statement.

Councilman Drale said he has a petition signed by 40 residents along Sartori asking that the P. E. Railway clean their right of way, but noted that they will do so according to Mr. Mansfield's report.

This was ordered filed as a matter of record, with the City Manager to take appropriate action.

Councilman Drale said traffic regulation is needed at both 182nd and Crenshaw and 182nd and Prairie, and asked this be referred to the Traffic Commission.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mr. John Kesson of the North Torrance Civic Association said they had written to the Council some time ago asking for overhead lights there and received no further report.

At this time City Engineer Bishop returned to the Council Chamber with the residents of the Vista Highlands Sewer District.

Mayor Isen asked if there were still questions and objections, and the City Engineer said there were.

Councilman Jahn moved the Vista Highlands Sewer District Assessment Hearing be continued one week, and a report be forthcoming from the City Engineer.

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.

Mayor Isen told the City Engineer Mr. Meyers wished to discuss with him the extension of Ermanita which was petitioned for.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

APPROVED:

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

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance