

Torrance, Calif.
23 October 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, October 23, 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, Floyd Rinehart led the salute to our Flag.

The meeting was opened with an invocation by the Reverend Bergeson.

Mayor Isen announced that tickets are still available for the water polo match to help send an athlete to Melbourne for the Olympic games.

Mayor Isen asked how many Councilmen will be able to meet with him and some visiting labor leaders who are going to tour the Civic Center and take lunch with the Council on Friday.

Councilman Benstead said he would be present.

Mayor Isen asked the pleasure of the Council on the Minutes of the October 16, 1956, meeting, but no one had read them.

It was agreed to delay action on those Minutes until the next meeting of the Council.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the opening of bids for 2,650 lineal feet of steel chain-link fencing for the Lomita sumps.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger then opened and read the bids summarized here:

Guardian Fence Co. (Accompanied by bidders' \$ 5273.50
3550 Long Beach Blvd. bond of 10% of amt. bid)
Long Beach 7 Calif.

Mills Fencing Co. (Accompanied by bidders' \$ 4743.50
5545 E. Gage Ave. bond of 10% of amt. bid)
Bell Gardens, Calif.

Hutchinson Fence Co. (Accompanied by bidders' \$ 4410.00
2005 Redondo Beach Blvd. bond of 10% of amt. bid)
Redondo Beach, Calif.

Cyclone Fence Co. (Accompanied by certified \$ 4,187.00
(U. S. Steel) check for \$500)
P. O. Box 7104
Long Beach 7, Calif.

L. A. Fencing Co. (Accompanied by bidders' \$ 8405.00
3257 Verdugo Road bond of 10% of amt. bid)
Los Angeles 65, Calif.

The City Attorney checked the bids and reported that they were in order.

Councilman Drale moved to award the bid to the Cyclone Fence Co. if approved by City Manager Stevens.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

City Manager Stevens said it was the lowest bid and he would recommend it.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT - Hearing on Assessment -
(Continued).

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer, or the quality of work performed, or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract or the correctness of the assessment or diagram.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented affidavits of mailing, publishing and posting notices of filing of Assessment.

Councilman Blount moved these be received and filed, 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.

The Mayor then inquired if any written protests had been filed with the Clerk.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the following written protests:

Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Wells, So. 52' of the West 100' of Lot 10, Blk. 30, protested against the difference in the assessments.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. W. Church, 1721 Juniper Ave., protested against paying for an extra-long lateral, and that the equipment used in constructing the sewer damaged their driveway.

Richard T. Hale of 2773 Monterey St. protested because the property he owns on the sewer, Lot 8, Block 22, Tract 2761, is vacant and he does not feel the sewer will benefit him. He pointed out there is an oil well on the property, and the owners of the well have a permit from the City to hook up their waste water to the sewer.

Mrs. Monte Backstrom of 1724 Flower Ave. protested the variance in assessments.

Mayor Isen referred to a written report from the City Engineer which replied to each of these protests, and explained the adjustments that have been made.

In reply to a question from Councilman Drale, City Engineer Bishop said he had replied to Mrs. Backstrom's question. The City Engineer reported the cause of such complaints had been removed by spreading the cost of the encasement of part of the sewer in concrete over the entire district.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CERTAIN REVISIONS IN THE ASSESSMENTS
FOR THE VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT:

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. 3019.

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.

Mr. Richard Hale was present, and protested verbally against this for the reasons given in his letter.

Mayor Isen explained that the City has made every effort to please the great majority of those who will benefit from this sewer, but that it is almost impossible to please everyone.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny any and all protests except those forming the basis of the order of revision.

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

Councilman Benstead moved the Hearing be closed.

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.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3030

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE LAND WITHIN THE VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF MONTEREY STREET AND OTHER STREETS BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

Councilman Jahn 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. 3030.

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.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated October 17, 1956, from the Associated Student Body of Torrance High School, signed by Sharon Blakesley, Commissioner of Pep, asking permission to hold a street rally on October 25, 1956, beginning at 11:31 A. M. and ending at 12:00, with a parade consisting of the members of the Student Body. A sketch showing the proposed route of the parade was enclosed.

This request was approved by W. H. Haslam, Chief of Police.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

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

2. A request from the Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary, South Bay Chapter No. 92, dated October 17, 1956, signed by Chas. Portnoy, Commander, and Wm. A. Hardesty, Adjutant, for permission to distribute the FORGET-ME-NOT flowers for voluntary contributions on the streets of Torrance on November 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1956.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

Councilman Drale expressed accord with the motion, but wondered if it might not be a good idea to have such solicitors register with the City, with the City to waive fees, and thus give the City some control.

Mayor Isen felt the letter was sufficient for the record, and Chief Haslam agreed with the Mayor.

There were no objections, and the request was ordered granted.

3. A letter signed by Hughie Scoggins, dated October 12, 1956, requested refund of \$46.38 erroneously paid to the City by Butler Buick on October 28, 1955. The letter gave the details of the transaction.

A memorandum from I. J. Hallanger, Accountant, reported the claim was in order and recommended reimbursement in the amount of \$46.38.

Memoranda attached from City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remel-meyer also recommended making this refund.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City's accountant.

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

4. October 15, 1956, request from Cub Scout Pack 730-C for free use of the Civic Auditorium on December 19 for their Christmas party. A copy of their application to the Dept. of Playgrounds and Recreation for use of the Auditorium was attached. This was signed by Taylor D. Marsh, Correspondence Secretary, 17128 Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted subject to the recommendation of the Recreation Commission and subject to the usual custodial fee.

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

5. Request dated October 10, 1956, from Wm. P. Healy, Activities Chairman of the Torrance Cub Scouts for free use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of February 21, 1957, to hold the annual Blue and Gold Dinner for Torrance Cub Scouts. Approximately 150 will attend the dinner, and any fee for janitor services will be paid by that organization.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, who asked why these requests were here, when they should have gone to the Recreation Commission.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Request dated October 19, 1956, from General Motors, Inc., signed by W. F. Burke, Employment Interviewer, to locate a Mobile Employment Unit in Torrance. This will consist of a 35' office-equipped trailer to be located on a convenient corner from 11:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. Thursday, October 25, 1956, through Saturday, October 27, 1956.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

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

7. Memorandum dated October 16, 1956, from G. Whitacre, License Inspector, submitting recommendation for release of oil well bond #7066507 to Paul A. Medearis, operator, covering oil wells known as Ham #1 (operating), Ham #2 and #3 (abandoned), and reporting the City has received a new bond, which meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 440.

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

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

8. October 10, 1956, proposal from Louis J. Kroeger & Associates, 426 South Spring Street, submitting a proposal for an administrative study and training program for Police Department.

Mayor Isen ordered this held for study by the Council.

9. Letter from George Binder, 404 No. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, dated October 15, 1956, containing proposals with reference to acquiring additional property for parking lots.

Mayor Isen commented that this was answered by Mr. Dorsey's recommendations, and instructed the City Manager to follow up on it.

10. A letter from George Meany, President of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, dated October 16, 1956, acknowledged receipt of a letter from the City, and thanked the Council for sending him a copy of Resolution No. 2999, urging that the American Flag be flown at every household on Labor Day.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed as a matter of record.

11. An October 19, 1956, letter from the City Attorney regarding the request of Buttress and McClellan for Assignment of Lease at Torrance Airport. The City Attorney reported that he could see no reasonable objection to the assignment.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3031

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN INSTRUMENT ENTITLED "ASSIGNMENT OF LESSEE'S INTEREST IN LEASE."

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

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

Councilman Drale asked if this meant the City would have new lease holders, and the City Attorney explained in some detail that they would not, and the circumstances of the lease with Hi-Shear Rivet Co. and Buttress and McClellan.

Councilman Blount did not understand this, and asked the City Attorney for more detail, which City Attorney Remelmeyer gave him.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3031.

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

Councilman Drale asked this be reported to the Airport Commission, with copies of the Attorney's letter to be sent to them as well.

Recommendations from the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. Robert L. Kibbey has been promoted from Draftsman to Senior Engineering Aide in the Engineering Department, effective October 16, 1956, at the third salary step. (No. 1 on the Eligible List.)
2. Sylvan S. Shipley has been employed as Civil Engineering Assistant in the Engineering Department, in a temporary capacity pending Civil Service examination, effective October 15, 1956, at the first salary ste. (No Eligible List available at present time.)
3. John R. Atkinson has been promoted from his former position of Construction Inspector in the Engineering Department to the position of Sanitation Foreman in the Street Department, effective October 16, 1956, at the first salary step. (Mr. Atkinson is No. 2 on the Eligible List, the No. 1 man having refused appointment.)
4. Claude T. Kuhn has been reinstated to his former position of Bus Operator, effective October 6, 1956, at the third salary step. This was approved by the Civil Service Board on October 3.

5. Harold A. Phillip, Jr., has been appointed to serve his probationary period as Park Maintenance Man, effective October 1, 1956, at the first salary step. (No 1. on the Eligible List.)
6. The following personnel have been employed in a temporary capacity for a period of approximately two months as Laborers in the Street Department, effective on the dates indicated, at the first salary step:
 - (a) Merle P. Case, October 10, 1956
 - (b) Jesus Mata, October 11, 1956
 - (c) Leonard H. Perrow, October 11, 1956

The above persons are not on the Eligible List; no one on the List being willing to accept temporary employment.

7. The Civil Service Board, at a regular meeting held October 3, 1956, approved the following personnel matters:
 - (a) The transfer of David K. Bishopp, Park Maintenance Man, to the Water Department as a Laborer, effective October 15, 1956, at the third salary step. This transfer was approved by the Department Heads, Mr. Clemmer and Mr. McVicar.
 - (b) The transfer of Lester Clouch from Bus Operator to Truck Driver in the Street Department at the third salary step, Mr. Clouch being now in the third step as Bus Operator. This transfer was approved by the Department Heads, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Perkins.
 - (c) Request from William Leetz, Park Maintenance Man, for a leave of absence, without pay, from October 15 to 31, inclusive, to be in addition to his regular vacation from October 1 to 12, inclusive. This request was approved by the Department Head, Mr. Clemmer.

Regarding #4, Councilman Benstead asked when Mr. Kuhn left the service of the City, and under what circumstances.

City Manager Stevens said he was not aware of all the facts, but he felt sure the Civil Service Board, in making this recommendation, has considered them and observed all the rules of the City.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Recommendations 1 through 7, inclusive, of the City Manager, under Personnel.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. It is recommended that a 1/2-ton pick-up truck be purchased for use by the Sanitation Foreman of the Street Department.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation, with bids to be called for.

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

Oral recommendations of the City Manager:

1. That we be authorized to have plans and specifications prepared for the installation of an automatic sprinkling system at the Civic Center, including the bath house.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

2. The City Manager recommended that Department Heads and key personnel be permitted to attend meetings of the League of California Cities Conferences being held in Los Angeles starting next Sunday, October 28, 1956, with appropriate expenses paid.

Mayor Isen moved to concur.

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

Mayor Isen said the majority of the Council is going to St. Louis, Mo. for a convention of the American Municipal Association, but Councilman Drale is going only to the League of California Cities Conference in Los Angeles, and moved he be allowed appropriate expenses up to \$150.00.

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

3. City Manager Stevens reported that the unofficial preliminary census figure from the Special Census is 82,238, and that the final official figure should be available within 30 days. He said this will mean about \$120,000 a year to the City. He pointed out that the City will get only a percentage of this amount this year, but the big In Lieu Tax payment will be made in June, 1957.

4. City Mgr. Stevens said the City of Torrance has been greatly honored by being named a finalist for the All America Cities Award. He said he believes it is going to be a great opportunity to get publicity of the right kind, nation-wide. The Chamber of Commerce is anxious to sponsor the attendance of the Mayor at the meeting in Memphis, Tenn., November 11-14, 1956, and will appropriate \$500 for this trip. The City Manager said he thinks by all means the City should be represented, and that official acceptance should be made of the Chamber's offer.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the offer of the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor the Mayor's attendance at the National Conference on Government, to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, November 11-14, 1956.

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

5. City Manager Stevens reported that following a meeting in the Council Chambers last week, there were cigarette burns on the floor and on one chair. He recommended that 'No Smoking' signs be ordered and posted, and enforced.

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

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

ENGINEERING & PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Memorandum dated October 9, 1956, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, to the City Manager, recommending installation of underground drain along continuation of Paseo de Arenas in front of Hollywood Riviera School. Attached was a copy of a letter dated September 4, 1956, from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, recommending this work be done as soon as possible.

Upon being asked, the City Manager said Mr. McVicar is interested in this because during heavy storm, the water pipes are washed out and break, and it is a most unsatisfactory condition. The City Manager recommended this be done.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, with the stipulation that the City Manager try to get monetary aid with the project.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is not a natural drain, and the City Engineer replied that he believes it is man made, and that the City should have the work done at once.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:50 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:00 P. M.

2. Letter dated October 18, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommending release of Subdivision Improvement Bond on Tract 20101. Attached were:

- a. Copy of letter from Park Supt. dated September 12, 1956, concurring in this recommendation.
- b. Location sketch.

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

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

Councilman Benstead asked if the street signs are up in that tract, and the City Manager replied that he did not know, but that it is the responsibility of the City to erect them, that the subdivider paid the City for them.

Councilman Benstead asked these be put up right away.

3. Letter dated October 19, 1956, from City Engineer Bishop, submitting Resolution of Intention to vacate Indra and Abalone Avenues in Tract No. 19308, and submitting the required letter from the subdivider, Mr. Dudley Gray. The letter from Mr. Gray was dated October 11, 1956, and agreed to install a covered drainage structure as requested by the City Council.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3032

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE ABALONE AVENUE AND
INDRA AVENUE IN TRACT 19308; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE
CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON;
AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Mayor Isen set the date of November 13, 1956, for the final action on this vacationing.

Councilman Jahn 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. 3032.

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

4. A letter dated October 19, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitting an easement deed in Tract No. 18379.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3033

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 EASEMENT
DEED FROM DON JA RAN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., AND
PEERLESS BUILDING CORPORATION.

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. 3033.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. CASE NO. 406: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of request of Mrs. Terry Lindsay, owner, through J. C. Burks, for Variance to construct merchandising center at the northeast corner of Lot 16, Meadow Park Tract, in C-2 zone.

Planning Director Powell presented a sketch of the proposed development.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Powell if about a third of the property is not below the 75' contour, questioning whether the Council can pass it on that account.

Mr. Powell said the building restriction zone was delineated by the City Engineer, and this property does not fall within it.

Councilman Benstead asked if some of this land is not being filled.

Mr. Burks was present, and said he is not filling, nor is it his intention to fill, the northerly third of this property. He said it is unlikely any part of the property will require a fill. He said he did not intend to fill.

Both Mr. Powell and City Engineer Bishop agreed with Mr. Burks.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney whether or not Item 4 of the Letter of Transmittal, saying it provided for a 'restaurant and commercial development of small shops later' should be in this; he asked if, by passing this tonight, the Council would be allowing that subsequent development.

The City Attorney said he would believe that to be the case.

Planning Director Powell said no portion of this land is in the restricted zone, although a portion of it is below 75' in contour.

Councilman Jahn asked if this falls within the flight pattern of the proposed Master Plan for the Torrance Airport.

Councilman Dralé presented a map of the proposed Master Plan of the Airport, and the Council studied it.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Airport Commission for their study and recommendation, and to the Planning Commission for clarification of their Item #4.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount said he objected to the ambiguity of Item #4.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. CASE NO. 407: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of request of Kabakow Construction Co., Inc., for Variance to construct eight apartment buildings on a portion of Lot 62, McDonal Tract, in Zones R-3 and A-1.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission, with all stipulations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked that stipulation #2 of the motion of the Planning Commission be changed to read 'to dedicate 10 feet for the widening of Arlington', and the necessary Resolution be drawn to provide for that.

Councilman Jahn accepted the amendment to his motion.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion as amended.

Councilman Benstead said it should be required of the builder to install curbs, sidewalks and gutters.

Councilman Jahn made that an amendment to his motion.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion as amended.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. CASE NO. 408: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial of request from Theodore F. Verral, 858 D 21st St., Santa Monica, for Change of Zone from R-3 to C-1 or C-2 on Lots 5 & 7, Block K, and Lot 48 Block P, Tract 10300, situated at 5324-5316 Pacific Coast Highway.

Mayor Isen set November 13, 1956, at 8:00 P. M., in the Council Chamber as the date for the third and final Hearing on this Case.

REPORTS:

1. Recommendation of H. B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, under date of October 19, 1956, for employment of Louis J. Kroeger and Associates to make a recreation survey. Attached were copies of the various proposals Mr. Van Bellehem has received on this work.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Van Bellehem appeared at the Pre-Council meeting to expound his reasons for this recommendation and to answer questions.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager for an opinion on this recommendation, and the City Manager said he is in full accord with it.

Councilman Jahn asked if it is proposed to give whatever help is possible from City employees to cut down the costs of this, and the City Manager said it is.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following Ordinances:

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 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. 839 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, 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 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. 840 at its second and final reading.

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

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 for adoption of Ordinance No. 842, at its second and final reading.

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

An ordinance presented by the City Attorney to create a public pound, creating office of Pound Master, regulating the keeping of dogs and other animals, and providing for the licensing of dogs and kennels, was ordered held for study by Mayor Isen.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount asked Planning Director Powell about the re-zoning of the parking lots in the downtown area to ensure their continued use as parking lots, commenting that the Council requested this some months ago.

-Mr. Powell said the Planning Commission is working on this, and the notices have now been mailed out.

Councilman Blount moved a communication be sent to the Planning Commission asking them to expedite that as much as possible.

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

Mr. Powell explained that the delay has been caused by the difficulty of getting the necessary lists of property owners within 300' of the proposed Changes of Zone.

Councilman Blount asked that the Police Department police the parking meters in downtown Torrance, saying some people never get a ticket for overparking.

Councilman Blount moved the Police Dept. be instructed to very faithfully patrol the parking meters and ticket every violator with no exceptions.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

21 Councilman Jahn pointed out that the Police Department is very short-handed right now.

Chief of Police Haslam said his Department has now 7 men in school, men on vacation, and one man incapacitated with a broken leg. He said an effort is being made to distribute men to do the work to the best advantage of the public, and where it is most necessary, passing up a few minor fees. He said he thinks the protection of the public is most important.

Councilman Blount asked if the Chief is refusing to patrol the meters, and the Chief said he is not; he is simply explaining the existing circumstances in his Department.

Councilman Blount asked the Chief to instruct the men patrolling beats in downtown Torrance to issue tickets for parking violations.

Mayor Isen said we should get some 2-hour postings so we can enforce it.

Councilman Drale asked the Chief if he needs more men.

Chief Haslam said a recent survey for the City by the Automobile Club of Southern California had indicated that the Department is considerably under-manned.

Councilman Benstead said he would call a meeting of the Police Commission on the problem.

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

Councilman Jahn said he would not vote for this if it means taking a man off another job.

Councilman Drale said he would like to compliment the Street Department on the fine work they have been doing lately; in the last 2 or 3 months, their work load has been particularly heavy, and they have done it especially well.

Councilman Benstead said that the same held true of the Fire and Police Departments, and that he would like to compliment them.

Councilman Benstead called a meeting of the Police Commission for 4:4 P. M. Friday, October 26, 1956, in the office of the Chief of Police.

Councilman Jahn said he did not think he could attend that meeting, but Mayor Isen said he would be present.

Councilman Jahn asked the Council to endorse a Resolution which he presented, endorsing Proposition #1 on the Nov. 6, 1956, ballot.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3034

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, IN MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1956, DOES HEREBY ENDORSE PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT WHICH PROVIDES \$500,000 OF VETERANS BONDS FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA VETERANS HOME AND FARM PROGRAM.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3034.

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

Mr. Benstead said he voted no on this because he is afraid it will serve as the prelude to a deluge of requests for endorsement from the City Council.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Benstead in principle, but in this instance he made an exception.

Mayor Isen presented the Deputy City Clerk with the resignation of Mr. Clair W. Olsen from the Recreation Commission, which letter was read in full.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted with regret, as Mr. Olsen has done an excellent job, and the customary letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Olsen.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote, with Mayor Isen directing the City Clerk to send the letter of thanks.

Mayor Isen said he will appreciate recommendations from the Councilmen on a replacement for Mr. Olsen.

Mr. Meyers was present, and said he thought the extension of Ermanita Street was to be discussed tonight.

Mayor Isen suggested that he discuss this with City Engineer Bishop.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adjourn to 5:30 P. M. Wednesday, November
7, 1956.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 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