

November 7, 1956
Torrance, California.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance, California, convened in an Adjourned Regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Wednesday, November 7, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Dorothy Bingham led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meetings held October 16, 1956, October 23, 1956, and the Special Meeting of November 2, 1956, as written.

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

Mayor Isen said a pleasant duty now faced the Council, that of making the awards to winners of the letter-writing contest about Torrance, which was sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the City.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Mr. Douglas Horlander had sparked the contest in the schools, and announced that there were more than 18,000 entries in the contest. Each of the letters was read, and Mayor Isen said he, personally, had read more than 16,850 of them.

Mayor Isen quoted Mr. Ebbinghouse, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who said that even if we did not win the All-America City Award in Memphis, we have kindled a spark of patriotism and civic pride. He mentioned that such a contest might become an annual event.

Mayor Isen reported that a brochure is planned, containing many of the letters received, and illustrated with pictures of many outstanding features of our City, which will be presented to the judges of the presentation in Memphis, and the letters have given many ideas to the people responsible for the functioning of our City.

Mayor Isen requested that the prize winners wait until all the prizes had been awarded in order that pictures might be taken by the newspapers.

Mayor Isen then made the following awards, which City Clerk Bartlett presented to the various winners:

Kindergarten, Fern-Greenwood School, \$10.00 check from Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and \$10.00 cash

First Grade, Perry School, \$10.00 check from Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and \$10.00 cash from Dr. Ellenhorn;

Second Grade, Bobby Montgomery of Torrance Elementary School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 from Harvey Aluminum Co.;

Third Grade, Ann Webb of Hillside Elementary School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and \$10.00 cash from Torrance Sand & Gravel;

Fourth Grade, Kathleen Jessup of Nativity Catholic School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and \$10.00 in merchandise from Roth's Markets;

At 5:40 P. M., Councilman Blount joined the meeting.

Fifth Grade, Diane Howell of El Nido School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 in merchandise from Kenny's Nursery;

Sixth Grade, Paul Riesbeck of Nativity Catholic School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 in merchandise from Levy's Dept. Store;

Seventh Grade, Katharine Free of the Riviera Elementary School, \$10.00 from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, and \$10.00 in merchandise from the Gay Shop;

Eighth Grade, Judy Martin of the Howard Wood School, \$10.00 from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 in merchandise from Van's Maple Shop;

At 5:43 P. M. Councilman Jahn joined the meeting.

Ninth Grade, Benjamin Garcia of North Torrance High School, \$10.00 from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 from Lawson's Jewelers;

Tenth Grade, Rosemary Sieh, North Torrance High School, \$10.00 from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 from Burke's Bargain Spot;

Eleventh Grade, Tom Carter, Torrance High School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 from the Liberty Home Appliance Co.;

Twelfth Grade, Judy Nance, Torrance High School, \$10.00 from Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 from Union Labels;

Adult Prize: Mrs. Edith Freeman, \$25.00 from the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and \$10.00 from Baer's Drapery Shop.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening bids for concrete block retaining wall for the Lomita Boulevard Sump.

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

The City Manager opened and the City Clerk read the bids summarized here:

Friedrich Construction Co., St. James Park, 36½, Los Angeles 7, Calif.	(accompanied by cashier's check for \$218.00)	\$ 2180.00
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Dangler & Staggs 9351 E. Compton Blvd., Bellflower, California.	(accompanied by bidder's bond for 10% of amt. bid)	\$ 1740.00
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Hutchison Fence Co., 2005 Redondo Beach Blvd., Redondo Beach, California.	(accompanied by bidder's bond of 10% of amt. bid)	\$ 1789.00
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City Clerk Bartlett presented the bids to the City Attorney to be checked.

City Manager Stevens reported that the Engineering Department had requested the award of this bid be delayed for one week in order that they might check the bids.

Councilman Drale moved this request be granted.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A request dated October 18, 1956, from the Torrance Branch of the Bank of America, signed by G. L. Cocks, Pro-Assistant Cashier, for exemption from obtaining a license for their employee-owned and operated Coca-Cola vending machine.

License Inspector Gale Whitacre was present, and Mayor Isen asked him for a recommendation.

Mr. Whitacre replied that this case was identical to that of the Dow Chemical Corporation employees, who were recently denied such exemption in accord with Ordinance No. 624; therefore, Mr. Whitacre recommended this case be treated as the others were, and the request denied.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with Mr. Whitacre's recommendation.

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

2. An October 24, 1956, letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John Kesson, President, made several suggestions and requests.

Mayor Isen said Item 2 of the letter, a request for a fence along 174th Street from McMasters Hall to the West line of the Park, should be considered with Park & Recreation requests later in the evening, and the other items in the letter were referred to the City Manager, with the request that he refer them to the proper departments for consideration.

3. A report from Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, 100 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, confirming that he will withhold further work on the off-street parking district until further advised.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Manager for disposition.

4. Request dated November 2, 1956, from Industrial Centers Corp'n., located on Crenshaw Boulevard between 245th and 247th Sts., that the City serve them with water.

A memorandum from Angus McVicar, Water Dept. Supt., recommended the City grant this request.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with Mr. McVicar's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale pointed out that these people say they would like to be annexed to the City of Torrance, and moved to show the Council is in favor of such annexation if it is desired by the land-owners.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered, and Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to follow through on this.

5. A letter dated October 23, 1956, from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Torrance Water Dept., suggested a meeting with the Council to discuss the details and methods for recommended expansion of the City's water distribution facilities.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed Mr. McVicar, who was present, to bring this up at the Pre-Council meeting at 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday, December 4, 1956.

6. A letter dated September 25, 1956, from the County of Los Angeles, Office of H. L. Byram, County Tax Collector, with a list of properties that have been tax deeded to the State of California because of delinquent taxes, and inviting the attention of the City to them.

A memorandum from the City Manager to the City Clerk, attached, dated October 24, 1956, indicated that after study it is felt that Parcels 493, 494, 1174 and 1255 are needed by the City for public use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and acquire those parcels.

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

City Clerk Bartlett presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3035

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

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. 3035.

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

7. A letter dated October 19, 1956, from J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Torrance Fire Dept., submitted a proposed Ordinance amending the Fire Prevention Code.

Councilman Benstead moved this be tabled for study and a meeting be held with the Fire Chief for discussion of the proposed Ordinance.

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

8. A letter dated November 5, 1956, from the City Attorney, submitted a Resolution ordering the condemnation of Lots 25, 26, 27, and 28 of the Torrance Tract for providing public off-street parking. This was done in accordance with instructions of the Council issued at their Special Meeting on November 2nd, 1956, but as only 3 members were present at that meeting, the City Attorney presented this Resolution here with the recommendation that this be authorized by at least a vote of four-fifths of all the members of the Council.

Councilman Drale asked that the owners of the property be notified of the intent of this Council, and the Mayor said he believed they would be.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Spitzel's attorney had called today to discuss this.

Councilman Drale said he would like to be sure before he voted on this.

Councilman Benstead asked why the Resolution is here now if the City is not ready to condemn the land.

Attorney Remelmeyer said the Resolution is being presented for an expression of the will of the Council.

Councilman Drale moved the condemnation of the property be held over for a week and the City Attorney be authorized to go into the details of this.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if it had not been brought out at the Special Meeting of the Council on November 2 that some conversations had been held with the owners of the property in question.

City Manager Stevens said he was sure an attempt had been made by Mr. Binder to get the property, but said he did not believe any agreement had been reached.

Councilman Drale said he did not believe any agent of the City had made any such effort.

City Manager Stevens said he believed the owner of the land had talked to Mr. Mansfield.

Mr. Mansfield was asked about this, and reported that the gentleman had come to his office to ask about this, and Mr. Mansfield had informed him of the action taken to date, and the man left. Mr. Mansfield went on to say he had told him the land was vitally necessary for this off-street parking, and the man had indicated that he was interested in some sort of income from the property, and might be interested in a parking lot.

Councilman Blount seconded Councilman Drale's motion to hold this over for a week.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

9. An application for a free license to sell Christmas trees at the corner of Carson and Crenshaw Blvds., from Boy Scout Troop #728, signed by Leone Murphy, Corresponding Secretary.

A memorandum from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, recommended this request be granted, but stipulated that a fire permit should be obtained and a \$25.00 clean-up fee be posted.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with Mr. Whitacre's recommendation.

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

Recommendations of the City Manager:Ornamental Lighting System for Calle Miramar:

A letter dated October 26, 1956, from the City Manager, reported that this lighting system has not been used for several years, and that investigation has disclosed the system is worn out and damaged. The City Manager recommended, on the basis of precedent and policy established in other sections of the City, if the residents of the area want lighting, a modern lighting system be installed and the cost of installation to be borne by the property owners.

There were no objections, and the report from the City Manager was ordered filed, with a copy to be sent to the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association.

Councilman Jahn commented that one man in particular had been most interested in this, and asked the City Manager to see that he received a copy of the report as well.

City Manager Stevens said he would make an effort to find that man and give him a copy of the report.

PERSONNEL:

1. Bob W. Allen has been employed as Mechanic's Helper, effective November 5, 1956, at the first salary step. (No. 1 on the Eligible List.)
2. Jesse Cahill has been promoted from Bus Attendant to Mechanic's Helper, effective November 1, 1956, at the first salary step. (No. 4 on Eligible List, Nos. 2 and 3 having refused appointment)
3. William B. Fagan has been employed as Office Engineer in the Engineering Department, effective October 29, 1956, at the first salary step, in a temporary capacity pending a Civil Service examination.
4. Richard G. Miller has been employed as Right-of-way Agent, in the Engineering Department, effective October 5, 1956, at \$3.00 per hour. This is a temporary, part-time position.

Councilman Benstead questioned appointment No. 4, asking who Mr. Miller is, and why he is employed at that rate of pay.

Mayor Isen explained that Mr. Miller is employed to secure the necessary easements for the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, and when that is done, his employment will cease. The Mayor added that his salary will be paid by that Sewer District.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Recommendations 1-4, inclusive, as presented by the City Manager under "Personnel".

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of three 25' x 117' lots on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard westerly of Western Avenue, the sum of \$730.00. These lots are necessary for the ultimate widening of Crenshaw Boulevard to 100', in accordance with the Master Plan of Highways.

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

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

2. To Barclay Surveying Company, the sum of \$1,097.25 for Engineering Services during the month of September, 1956.

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

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

3. To James M. Hall, the payment of \$1,209.41, to cover services billed to Store Properties re J. M. Hall services on Torrance Leasehold. No expense is incurred by the City in this transaction, the expense being incurred by Mr. Hall in his efforts to clear with the C. A. A. certain conditions in the Store Properties Lease.

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

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. An offer from F. V. Fallon of the South Bay Humane Society, 20336 Earl Street, Torrance, dated October 23, 1956, to contribute certain small interesting animals to the City for a zoo.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Recreation Director had written a letter to the Council about this offer under date of October 25, 1956, explaining that the City is not equipped to care for such animals at the present time. Mr. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, recommended we decline Mr. Fallon's offer with thanks, and with the added statement that possibly within the next year or two we may be in a position to accept their proposal.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Van Bellehem's suggestion. There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the Mayor requesting that Mr. Van Bellehem reply to Mr. Fallon's letter.

2. A letter dated October 26, 1956, from the Parks & Recreation Commission, signed by Herma Tillim, Chairman, recommended that an effort be made to get a fence installed along the border of McMaster Park at 174th Street.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this had been one of the request made in the letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, which was received earlier in the meeting.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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

Mayor Isen moved the City Manager be authorized to advertise for bids for such a fence.

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

ENGINEERING & PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated November 2, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted a Resolution determining the nature, location and extent of the proposed improvement of Prairie Avenue by the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks from 182nd Street to 174th Street and a location sketch.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3037

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE NATURE, LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND OTHER STREETS WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS PRAIRIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT,

BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CURBS, GUTTERS AND SIDEWALKS; THE GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT.

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. 3037.

Councilman Blount left the room.

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

Councilman Blount returned to the room.

2. A letter dated November 2, 1956, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted a Resolution authorizing the execution of the contract for 2,650 lineal feet of Steel Chain-Link Fencing including two 12-foot gates and two walk-in gates, in accord with bid award made October 23, 1956, by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3038

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, AMERICAN STEEL AND WIRE DIVISION, CYCLONE FENCE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Drale 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. 3038.

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

3. A letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, dated November 2, 1956, submitted a new easement signed by the present owners of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Block 1 in Tract 15569.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3039

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 CECIL EDDY MITCHELL, ET AL.

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. 3039.

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

4. A letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, dated November 2, 1956, regarding the vacation of a portion of Palos Verdes Boulevard in Tract 10300, submitted easements for the widening, and a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of them. The letter also recommended that the City of Torrance take the necessary steps for this vacationing.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3040

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 Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3040.

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

5. Letter dated November 2, 1956, from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, recommended that the City Attorney be instructed to draw the necessary Resolution declaring the intention of the City of Torrance to construct a street along the northerly portion of Torrance Boulevard easterly of Border Avenue and stating that no building permit may be issued for this area, to protect the area for street purposes until such time as it is determined whether or not it is feasible to construct the street.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 20944: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20944, located northerly of Dominguez Channel and westerly of Arlington Avenue, containing 59 lots, presented by Mira Monte Homes, Inc., and Boulder Building Co., Inc. Attached:
- (a) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Oct. 17, 1956;
 - (b) Letter from R.W.Bishop, City Engr., dated Oct. 17, 1956;
 - (c) Letter from Southern California Edison Co., dated October 17, 1956;
 - (d) Letter from Barclay Engineering Co., Mira Monte Homes, Inc., and Boulder Bldg. Co., Inc., dated Oct. 15, 1956;
 - (e) Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated Oct. 3, 1956;
 - (f) Location sketch;
 - (g) Letter from Torrance Unified School District, dated Sept. 25, 1956.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the School Board had asked to be notified when the City took action on this Tract.

Jack Spahn of Barclay Engineering, representing the builder, pointed out that the Planning Commission had made it a condition of approval that the builder wait 90 days from date of final approval of the Council before doing any work on the Tract. He read a letter from the subdivider, signed by Harry S. Miller, agreeing to a 90-day waiting period before beginning work, and filed it with the City Clerk. Mr. Spahn said this was to give the School District time enough to condemn the land if they wished to do so, and yet not raise the cost of it to them.

Councilman Benstead asked why they were not willing, then, to wait 90 days for final approval of the map.

Mr. Spahn reiterated that no work would be done on the land, but pointed out to the Council that the School Board has not condemned the land, nor have they had it appraised. He said the developer has already waited six months, and still does not know if the schools want the land. He said often such proceedings are not completed by the School Board.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with special conditions a through e, with the letter just read by Mr. Spahn to be accepted and made a special condition of approval of the tract.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out to the Council that approval of this final map, conforming to the Tentative Map, is almost mandatory; he said there has never been any evidence to the effect that it does not conform, and added that the 90-day waiting period was worked out to give the School Board a chance to get the property. The subdivider agreed to this even though pointing out he could be damaged by the time element. Attorney Remelmeyer said the School Board passed a Resolution to condemn the land, and therefore a 90-day period would give them ample time to get the condemnation proceedings under way.

Mr. Spahn asked the City Attorney if, with the Final Map conforming substantially to the Tentative Map, the Council should not pass the Map. He said there is nothing to show the School Board is actually going to complete such action, and they sometimes drop such plans.

City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that the law provides for approval of Final Tract Maps which conform substantially with the Tentative Tract Map as approved.

Councilman Drale said he did not agree, because the Council has a letter from the School Board saying they are going to take such action.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have both the School Board and the subdivider represented when action is taken on this, and he thinks it should be held over for a couple of weeks until someone is here from the School Board.

Mr. Spahn said he had made an effort to have the School Board represented here tonight.

Mayor Isen asked if someone would move to reconsider this.

Councilman Drale moved Tract No. 20944 be tabled.

Mayor Isen said this could not be done unless there was a prior motion to rescind the action taken on this Tract.

Councilman Drale declined to make such a motion.

Councilman Benstead said he did not want to pass this without some definite notice from the School Board of their intentions toward this land.

Councilman Benstead moved to table this for two weeks.

Mayor Isen repeated that such a motion could not be made because of the action taken on the motion to approve the Tract.

Councilman Benstead declined to make the motion to rescind the action.

Councilman Drale said unless a representative from the School Board was present, this Tract should not be passed. He said it was voted down because there was no one here representing the School Board.

Councilman Jahn moved the next order of business.

Councilman Benstead asked to discuss this further, and asked the Mayor why the action would have to be rescinded before a motion to table could be made.

Mayor Isen explained his interpretation of this.

Councilman Blount said it would be just as simple to rescind this next week or the week after.

Mr. Spahn asked to have the letter he filed tonight for the subdivider returned to him.

Mayor Isen said it is a condition of final approval of the Tract.

Mr. Spahn said it does not apply under these conditions.

City Clerk Bartlett returned the letter to Mr. Spahn.

Councilman Jahn moved the next order of business.

7. A letter dated October 30, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommended the release of Subdivision Improvement Bond in Tract No. 19723, subdivider, Ernest Giese. Attached were: (a) Location sketch; (b) a letter from C. W. Clemmer, Park Supt., dated July 16, 1956.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer, to release Subdivision Improvement Bond 19723.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3041

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH RALPH DORSEY, TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONSULTANT.

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. 3041.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3042

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1956, IN CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DESIGNATED AS "EL NIDO" AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS RESIDING IN SUCH TERRITORY THE QUESTION WHETHER SUCH TERRITORY SHALL BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE: AND ESTABLISHING THE MECHANICS OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION.

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. 3042.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3043

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF 225TH STREET (IN TRACT NO. 19308) TO SAN ARDO STREET, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn 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. 3043.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3044

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, TO WIT: LOT 4, BLOCK 15, TORRANCE TRACT.

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

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

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3044.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3045

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, TO WIT: LOTS 7 AND 8, AND LOTS 27, 28, AND 29 IN TRACT NO. 4956.

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. 3045.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 843

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CREATING A PUBLIC POUND AND REGULATING THE MANAGEMENT THEREOF; CREATING THE OFFICE OF POUND MASTER AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF THE POUND MASTER; REGULATING THE KEEPING, RUNNING AT LARGE AND IMPOUNDING OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF DOGS AND KENNELS.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 843 at its first reading.

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

Councilman Benstead asked City Manager Stevens about the report on Pound activities and funds that he requested several weeks ago.

City Manager Stevens replied that he had written asking for the information the Councilman wanted, but has not yet received it. He said he would make another effort to obtain it as soon as possible.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Benstead reported that 6 new policemen went on duty as of last Wednesday.

Chief Haslam reported to the Council that these were the 6 men the Department has had in school, and are all included in budget allotment to the Department for new employees.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked whether the Council wished him to go ahead and have an appraisal made so the City can determine the value of the property considered tonight for a parking lot.

The Mayor directed him to hold discussions with the persons interested in this property first.

Councilman Blount said in Tract 22022, in the area of Seaside Ranchos, some of the lots back up to a steep hill, and a bad drainage condition exists. He said two homes were flooded out during the rains last winter, and the people there were told something would be done to correct the situation. Nothing has been done, he reported, although the people have contacted both City Engineer Bishop and the contractor who built the homes.

Councilman Blount moved the Engineering Department, the City Manager, and the City Attorney be requested to take as much action as is legally possible at this time to do something about the condition.

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

Councilman Blount suggested to the Police Commission that they consider the placing of police personnel in the downtown section of the City with the sole purpose of patrolling parking meters, with their wages to be paid out of the funds collected.

Mayor Isen asked Chief Haslam to note this suggestion.

Councilman Jahn asked if a new job description would have to be written, and Councilman Blount said he is only making a suggestion for the consideration of the Police Commission, with the details to be worked out.

Councilman Drale reported that the "wig-wag" at Crenshaw and Dominguez Street, where the street and railroad track intersect, is in the right-of-way for the street. He asked if this situation could be corrected by contacting someone in the railway offices.

This was referred to the City Manager for investigation and recommendation.

Councilman Drale reported that Mrs. Wagner, of 1303 Crenshaw, had reported to him that a retaining wall in front of her home was removed by the people improving the street, and was not replaced. A request she made to the Staff for the repair of this wall was refused, and Councilman Drale feels that whoever was responsible for removing this wall should repair it.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Manager for investigation.

Councilman Drale reported that the alley between Carson and Sonoma Streets was also damaged by the people improving Crenshaw and was not repaired.

This was also referred to the City Manager.

Councilman Drale referred to the resignation from the City's service, effective December 31, 1956, from Mrs. Maude S. Dieninger. He moved that a letter of acceptance, with regrets, and thanks, be sent to Mrs. Dieninger.

Mayor Isen read Mrs. Dieninger's letter of retirement aloud.

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

Councilman Jahn said no effort had been made to repair the damage done to surrounding properties where work was done on the storm drain between Onrado and El Dorado, and asked why.

City Manager Stevens replied that the Engineering Department was supposed to handle this, and that he has no information on it. He said he believes the drain was ordered some time ago.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager to look into this and see what can be done.

Councilman Blount reminded everyone of the promises made by the contractor on the County Storm Drain project, and said they have not been kept. He asked that both the County and the contractor be contacted again.

Councilman Blount moved to send a Resolution to the County Board of Supervisors asking that this work be expedited before the winter rains come.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk to give the Resolution a number, and the City Attorney presented the following title for the Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3046

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO SECURE THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION WORK ON TORRANCE BOULEVARD, WESTERN AVENUE, AND OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Blount moved adoption of Resolution No. 3046.

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

Mayor Isen reported that he leaves on Friday, November 9, 1956, for the contest headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee, for the judging of the All-America City contest. He will not be back for the meetings of the Council on November 13 or 20, and on November 27th, there will be no quorum as Councilmen Blount and Jahn will join him in St. Louis, Mo., for the convention of the League of American Cities.

Mayor Isen asked Councilman Blount if he would take the Chair at the Council meetings of November 13, 1956, and November 20, 1956.

Councilman Blount said he would be glad to do so.

Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield reported that the Mayor is going to represent our community at the judging for the All-America City award, and will give the reasons why we should receive that award to the judges. We have received so many priceless letters in reply to the Jr. Chamber of Commerce-sponsored contest, that it has been proposed these letters be combined with pictures and made into a brochure of about 50 pages to present to the judges. Mr. Mansfield pointed out that this would be most worthwhile. The cost of preparing the brochure as proposed would be only about \$600.00, and Mr. Mansfield said he thought the Council should consider the advisability of having this printed.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the City Manager to expend the necessary funds, in the neighborhood of \$600.00, to have the brochure printed as outlined by Mr. Mansfield.

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

Mayor Isen asked for a report from Recreation Director Van Bellehem next week as to whether or not the Water Polo Show had raised the \$1000.00 needed to sponsor an Olympic contestant.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance