

Torrance, California
November 13, 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, November 13, 1956, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

In the absence of Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale moved that Councilman Blount act as Mayor Pro Tem.

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

At the request of Acting Mayor Blount, Councilman Jahn led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Johnson of the First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the November 6, 1956, meeting of the Council as written.

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

Acting Mayor Blount, saying that in view of the fact that many mothers present had their small children with them, he would now take up the matter that brought them here, being the sump on Torrance Boulevard. He read the heading of a petition, as follows:

"I, the undersigned, request that action be taken on the sump (on Torrance Blvd. near Palos Verdes Blvd. in the City of Torrance); that it be filled or posted with armed guards at all times. The reason for this action is that said sump endangers the life of the children in said community, as one life has already been taken."

Acting Mayor Blount then filed the petition with the City Clerk, and asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mrs. Earl Hooten, of 5111 Scott St., elaborated upon the petition, telling the Council that it is the feeling of the residents of the area near the sump that it should be drained and the gate kept locked, and the sump patrolled or guarded.

Mrs. Pauline Knox, 21205 Palos Verdes Boulevard, said she has pulled two older children out of the sump, they having made their way into it by unknown methods. She reported that she has called the police several times to get children out of the fenced enclosure where the sump is. She added that the gate is sometimes open all day. She added that since the little boy was killed in the sump, she has seen a patrol passing more often.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if that is a private patrol.

Chief of Police Haslam answered the question, saying the Kauffman-Wilson Company has a man who is supposed to patrol the sump. He added that his Department has made many children leave the sump.

Acting Mayor Blount said every member of the Council sympathized with the parents of the child who lost his life in the sump, and asked the City Manager for an up-to-date report on the sump.

City Manager Stevens reported that the sump has not been accepted by the City. He pointed out that it will have to remain a sump, and that it is still under construction. He said there is a 7' fence around it, a 6' mesh fence with 3 strands of barbed wire at the top. He said the contractor has been requested to guard the gate at all times when it is open, and an effort has been made to see that the fence and gate are so constructed that no child can get in to the sump. When the City does

accept the sump, he added, the gate will be locked at all times, and when anyone works in there, the gate will be guarded or locked behind the workmen.

Mrs. Lillian Simpson of 21326 Palos Verdes Blvd., said the water was green on top when the little boy was lost, and said it is a place where mosquitoes are bred. She asked if it was true that the bottom of this sump had sea seepage into it.

The City Manager said the bottom of the sump is at an elevation of 70' above sea level. He added that the water in the sump is drainage from the surrounding area. He explained to Mrs. Simpson that every effort is made to control mosquitoes there, and that sprays and oil are used for this.

Mrs. Simpson said she had heard that poison was put into the sump.

City Manager Stevens said no, only mosquito fish and oil to control mosquitoes.

Mrs. Hooten said when the homes were being sold, the buyers were told by the contractor's agent that the sump was temporary, and would eventually be made into a park.

Acting Mayor Blount said it may eventually be, but it will be a long time. He outlined the City's dislike of the use of sumps as a solution to drainage problems, but that they are the only feasible answer to many drainage problems. He said the only way drainage can be accomplished otherwise is to form a drainage district, with the cost of the drainage being borne by those who benefit from the district. He said the City has had estimates of many million dollars to drain that area, and therefore he said it is felt that such a project would necessarily be a County or State project when it is eventually carried through.

Mrs. Hooten asked if the sump cannot be partially filled and the water spread over a larger area.

Acting Mayor Blount pointed out that the sump is not the property of the City, but added that it seems a good point and it will be brought to the attention of the Engineering Department.

Mrs. Hooten asked if a guard can be kept at the gate of the sump.

City Manager Stevens said it has been requested that this be done.

Mrs. Charles Eichsler of 5206 Steveann Street said she was told the sump was only temporary, and that the contractor should be requested not to misinform prospective buyers.

Acting Mayor Blount said that from time to time, this Council has made it a condition of granting building permits that the subdivider inform buyers in writing of various items, and he believes every member of the Council will certainly insist on it in the future.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that on every tract, the subdivider is required to provide written information about such things as this sump, and when a sale goes into escrow, the buyer must sign a paper saying he has read that information.

Mrs. Pauline Knox said she had called the City Hall, and was told the sump would eventually become a park by someone at the City Hall.

Mr. Charles Eichsler of 5206 Steveann Street asked when the City will accept the sump from the builder.

City Manager Stevens said when the sump is completed, but that the date is not known. He said it would probably be more than a year, but he could not guess when it will be.

Mr. Eichsler asked if the City will fill it then.

City Manager Stevens said no, that it must be there to drain the residential area around it.

Mr. Eichsler asked if a bond issue would be the only way to get the sump filled.

Acting Mayor Blount said that it probably would be the best way, and told Mr. Eichsler that this could be taken up with the County Flood Control District. He told Mr. Eichsler that the City Engineer's office would send him the information as to where to go at the County offices to find out about this.

No one else wished to be heard on this matter.

BIDS: 1/2 TON PICK-UP TRUCK:

Acting Mayor Blount announced that this was the time and place for opening bids for furnishing a 1/2-ton Pick-up Truck.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here:

Bacon Sales Co. Hermosa Beach, Calif.	1956 model Including 4% sales tax, but not Federal Excise	\$ 1492.40
Paul's Chevrolet Torrance, Calif.	1957 model Not including State sales tax or license fee.	\$ 1442.60
Frank Taylor Ford Los Angeles, Calif.	1956 model Not including taxes which may apply.	\$ 1463.00
Downtown Ford Sales Los Angeles, Calif.	1956 model Exclusive of Federal Excise and State sales tax.	\$ 1436.00
Oscar Maples, Inc. Torrance, Calif.	1956 model Not including tax or license.	\$ 1598.19

There were no objections, and Acting Mayor Blount referred these to the Assistant City Manager to check them and return for the City Manager's recommendation later in the meeting.

FIRE HOSE:

Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for opening bids for 1500 lineal feet of 2-1/2 inch fire hose.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the bids summarized here:

Halprin Supply Co., Los Angeles, Calif.	B. F. Goodrich 2-1/2" double jacket fire hose, 400 lb. test, underwriters label, complete with 2-1/2" drop forged NST couplings-f.o.b. Torrance	\$1.08 per ft.
John F. Wardlaw Rivera, California.	1500' 2-1/2" double jacket Eureka fire hose, underwriters' grade, coupled in 50' lengths w/drop forged rocker lug couplings with 2-1/2" NS thread - f.o.b. Torrance	\$1755.00
American Rubber Mfg. Co. Los Angeles, Calif.	1500' 2-1/2" double jacket cotton rubber lines underwriters label fire hose, coupled in 50' lengths w/drop forged rocker lug couplings, NST, coupled,	\$1.20 per ft.
Alternate:	1500' 2-1/2" double jacket "American" cotton- dacron fire hose 600 lb. test, coupled in 50' lengths w/drop forged rocker lug couplings, NST, coupled,	\$1.48 per ft.

Councilman Drale moved these be referred to the City Manager for investigation and recommendation.

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

STREET LIGHTING:

Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for opening bids for the construction of Street Lighting Installation in Ellinwood Improvement District. (1911 Act).

City Clerk Bartlett presented affidavits of publication and posting Notice Inviting Sealed Proposals.

Councilman Benstead moved these be accepted and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the bids summarized here:

Sherwin Electric Service 2229 Casitas Ave., Los Angeles, 39, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 31,127.00
Ets-Hokin & Galvan, Inc. 218 N. Avalon Blvd., Wilmington, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 29,380.00
Electro Construction Corp. 122 N. Larchmont Los Angeles 4, California.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 27,690.00
Electric & Mahinery Service 4493 Firestone Blvd. South Gate, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 28,767.00
Sam the Electrician, Inc. 14346 Lakewood Blvd. Paramount, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of \$3500.00	\$ 23,694.00
A. Short Electric Co. 1147 E. Market St. Long Beach, California.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid.	\$ 26,693.00
Fishbeck & Moore, Inc. Los Angeles, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 28,862.00

Councilman Jahn asked to see the Engineer's estimate on this.

City Engineer Bishop did not have that with him, and left the Council Chamber to get it.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported he found all the bids in order with the exception of the Electric & Machinery Service bid, saying the bond was not signed on it, and he felt a question in his mind as to whether it is valid.

Councilman Jahn asked to hold this over until the Council had the Engineer's estimate.

There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

TRUCK:

At this time, City Manager Stevens reported that he was ready to recommend the bid for the 1/2-ton pick-up truck be awarded to Paul's Chevrolet, Torrance. He said that this is a local concern, and the sales tax will revert to the City, making this the lowest bid.

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

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

STORM DRAIN BIDS:

Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for opening bids for the construction of a storm drain along the prolongation of Paseo de Arena from Via del Collado to Calle Mayor.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of publication of notice calling for bids.

There were no objections, and these were accepted and ordered filed.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here:

R. V. Kleppinger North Hollywood, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 10,100.22
S & S Construction Co. Torrance, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 7,944.00
J. E. Popovich Torrance, Calif.	Accompanied by bidders' bond of 10% of amt. bid	\$ 13,070.90

Councilman Drale moved these be referred to the City Manager to be checked and for a recommendation at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At 8:40 P. M., Acting Mayor Blount declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 8:50 P. M.

LIGHTING DISTRICT:

Councilman Drale moved the bids on the Ellinwood Lighting District be referred to the Engineer for analysis and recommendation at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

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

STORM DRAIN:

Councilman Jahn moved the bids for the construction of a storm drain along the prolongation of Paseo de Arena from Via del Collado to Calle Mayor be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer for analysis and recommendation at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

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

HEARINGS:

1. Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for the third and final Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3032 to Vacate Abalone and Indra Avenues in Tract 19308.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Publication and of Posting Notices of Street Vacation, which were accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn asked if the letter requested from Mr. Gray, the subdivider, agreeing to furnish the covered storm drain in this tract, had been filed.

Mr. Gray was present, and said it had been.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary Ordinance.

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

2. CASE NO. 408: Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on petition of Theodore F. Verrall for Change of Zone from R-3 (Multiple-Family Residence) to C-1 or C-2 (Commercial) on Lots 5 and 7, Block K, and Lot 49, Block P, Tract 10300, situated at 5324, 5316 and 5236 Pacific Coast Highway, to be used as a commercial development.

Presented were:

- a. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial; attached: excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of October 3, 1956, and excerpt from Council Minutes of October 23, 1956.
- b. Letter from Theodore F. Verrall, dated Nov. 6, 1956.
- c. Requests for denial of Case No. 408 received by the City Clerk from the following:

1. D. H. Showler, 113 Vista del Parque;
2. R. L. Bache, 123 Via Buena Ventura;
3. Anne and George Koch, 521 Camino del Campo.

d. Request for approval of Case No. 408 from:

1. George Pearson, 129 Paseo de los Delicias

Acting Mayor Blount reported that the Planning Commission letter of transmittal shows 3 written approvals and 18 written protests.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Publication and Notice of Posting.

There were no objections, and these were accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Jahn moved the request at the end of the letter from Mr. Verrall, dated November 6, 1956, be denied, and that the letter signed by all the Councilmen to show they had read it be made a matter of record.

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

Acting Mayor Blount asked the City Attorney to verify that the copy of Mr. Verrall's letter, signed by all Councilmen present to show they had read the letter, was a copy of that letter sent to the Council by Mr. Verrall. The Acting Mayor then ordered this signed copy made a part of the record by reference and gave the signed copy to the City Attorney for filing.

Acting Mayor Blount said the Council would now hear from those in the audience who approved this petition for Change of Zone.

A letter was presented to Acting Mayor Blount by George Powell, the Planning Director, favoring the Change of Zone. This was from a resident of Redondo Beach, Mrs. Griebe of 308 N. Gertruda, so had no bearing on this Hearing, but Acting Mayor Blount ordered the letter filed as a matter of record. He announced that this made a total of 4 written approvals of the Petition.

Mr. Verrall spoke to the Council, saying he had inadvertently omitted Page 3 from the letter sent to the Council on November 6, but had sent it on later. He asked if it was a part of the letter read by the Council, and Acting Mayor Blount said that did have a Page 3, and was a 4-page letter.

Mr. Verrall said he would like to have a chance for rebuttal to any protests later, and Acting Mayor Blount said he could have such an opportunity.

No one else wished to speak in favor of the Change of Zone, so the Acting Mayor called for protests against it.

Mr. F. B. Bottley of 142 Paseo de Gracia, whose property is directly behind one of Mr. Verrall's lots, protested against the petition, saying a Change of Zone would destroy property values.

Mr. Ernest Bridgeman of 134 Paseo de Gracia opposed the Change of Zone for the same reason.

Mr. Arnold Olson of 112 Paseo de Gracia opposed the Change of Zone.

Forrest Baughman of 118 Paseo de Gracia opposed the Change of Zone.

R. C. Herrick of 109 Paseo de los Delicias, opposed the Change of Zone, and called attention to the written protest from the Hollywood-Riviera Homeowners' Association.

Acting Mayor Blount thanked everyone for speaking to the Council, and asked Mr. Verrall if he would like to say anything more.

Mr. Verrall spoke briefly in support of his Petition, and filed with the City Clerk pictures he had of parking furnished under various buildings in other cities, to support his contention that he could furnish sufficient parking underneath any commercial buildings he might erect on the lots in question.

Mr. Bottley spoke again, citing the traffic problems involved with ingress and egress at such locations.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny this petition for Change of Zone.

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

3. CASE NO. 411: Third and Final Hearing on Petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on parcel of land bounded by Hawthorne Avenue on the West, Sepulveda Blvd. on the South, the extension of Carson St. on the North, and the right-of-way of the Atcheson, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway and a parcel of property owned by Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Company on the East, from A-1 and M-2 to C-3 (Controlled Commercial). Attached:

a. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval.

Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of October 10, 1956.

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

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone wished to be heard.

No one came forward.

Councilman Benstead moved the Hearing be closed.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that there was a typographical error in the Ordinance presented here, saying that on Page 2, in Section 4, it should read C-3 (Solely Commercial) instead of C-2, etc.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to change the zone of the property.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 844

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. 411.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 844, with the corrections cited by the City Attorney in Section 4 on Page 2 of the Ordinance, at its first reading.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request dated October 30, 1956, from the Curley Realty Co. for refund of business license fee, recommended for approval by Mr. Gale Whitacre, License Inspector.

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

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

2. A Resolution from the Structural Engineers Assoc. of California urged that plans and specifications for projects within the scope of existing State regulations be prepared by properly registered engineers or licensed architects. A memorandum from Bldg. Supt. Russell read: "This is a State wide situation and is not our immediate problem".

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Building.

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Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn "emphatically", he said.
There were no objections, and this was ordered filed as a matter of record.

3. A request dated November 1, 1956, from the Christian Workers, Pentecostal Church, for business license to solicit for salvage. This was signed by the Reverend Marie Pearl Williams, 338 Cummings Lane, N. Long Beach 5, California.

A memorandum from the License Inspector said the fee for the remainder of this year would be \$25.00.

Chief of Police Haslam said he has checked this and approved it, and has so notified the License Inspector.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

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

Councilman Jahn asked the Chief of Police if such collections and the methods used are policed, and Chief Haslam said they are.

4. A request dated November 7, 1956, from the South Bay Church of God, 3609 W. 182nd St., for permission to present a Nativity Scene from December 17-24, 1956. This was signed by the Reverend C. L. Tierney, Pastor.

Councilman Benstead moved the permission be granted, and any noise be kept down.

Councilman Jahn asked where this would be.

Chief Haslam said the permit should be withheld until this information is forthcoming.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission requested, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.

Acting Mayor Blount suggested that it be specified any loud speakers used be kept at a reasonable level and turned off at a reasonable hour.

Councilman Drale made that an amendment to his motion.

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

5. November 8, 1956, request from the Grand Construction Co., Inc., that their Tract No. 20944 be reconsidered for approval. This letter was signed by H. S. Miller, Secretary.

Councilman Jahn moved that the tract be approved with all stipulations, and that no work be commenced there for 90 days from tonight, allowing the School Board adequate time for condemnation action if they wish to follow through on it.

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

A representative of the Grand Construction Company filed a letter dated November 6, 1956, from the Grand Construction Co., signed by Harry S. Miller, Secretary, agreeing to that time limitation.

6. A request dated October 23, 1956, from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John K. Kesson, President, asking that the Council enact measures to regulate door to door salesmen, and/or peddlers.

A letter dated November 7, 1956, re the licensing of Solicitors, from the City Attorney was attached, and recommended a number of changes in the present Ordinances of the City which govern such licensing. A memorandum from the License Inspector, dated October 24, 1956, agreed heartily with the suggestions from the City Attorney.

Councilman Jahn said if the City Attorney recommended re-writing the present Ordinance in line with the suggestions he has set forth here, he would move to concur with that recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked who is to determine who should have a license and who should not.

Attorney Remelmeyer said the Chief of Police and License Inspector, in certain cases the Fire Chief, and sometimes even the County Health Dept., with appeals coming to the City Council.

Councilman Drale asked the motion be amended to specify that the Chief of Police and the License Inspector be consulted in each case.

Amendment accepted by Councilman Jahn.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

7. City Clerk Bartlett presented a petition bearing a large number of signatures; he read the heading, which protested against the nuisance created by the dump located south of 174th St. and Western Ave., and asked that the operators be compelled to cease and desist from creating any further nuisance.

Councilman Drale moved the petition be filed as a matter of record and the City Manager and Fire Chief investigate and clear up any conditions prevalent which should not exist.

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

Recommendations of the City Manager:

1. Letter dated November 9, 1956, from the City Manager to the City Council, reading as follows:

"Attached is a letter from Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., holders of the Master Lease at the Torrance Municipal Airport, for an accounting of funds, which have been collected by the City.

During the past two and one-half years, the City has collected and held certain rental fees on leases, which are covered by the Collins-Dietrich lease. The attached sheet shows that there is now due and payable to Collins-Dietrich the sum of \$9,450.30.

In accordance with the conditions of the lease, I recommend that this amount be paid to Collins-Dietrich from Airport Funds where the rental collected has been deposited."

A copy of a letter from Collins-Dietrich Air Services, Inc., dated October 26, 1956, and signed by Mr. Dietrich, President, headed "Airport Industrial Rents", was attached.

A memo from the City Manager under the heading of "Industrial and Commercial Leases, Torrance Municipal Airport" gave the basis of the City Manager's recommendation.

Councilman Benstead asked if this should not go to the Airport Commission before coming here.

City Manager Stevens said this was discussed at a meeting between Mr. Dietrich and his attorney, himself, and members of the Airport Commission and the City Attorney, and it was felt that the funds were due and payable to Collins-Dietrich.

Councilman Jahn asked if the figures attached were from the City Manager or the Airport Manager.

City Manager Stevens said they were his. He added these sums listed were paid to the City 100%, and deposited in the Airport Fund, for over 2-1/2 years.

Councilman Jahn said he does not believe we have received the last quarterly report from Mr. Dietrich.

City Manager Stevens said he has not seen it.

Councilman Jahn said in view of that, he would move that instead of paying this, we await the quarterly report due in September.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if that means pay the money when the statement is received.

Councilman Jahn said yes.

Acting Mayor Blount seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale asked if the property along Highway 101, to a depth of about 200', was not excepted from the Collins-Dietrich lease.

City Manager Stevens said it is west of Rolling Hills Road to Madison Street, but not from the corner of Highway 101 and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

PERSONNEL:

1. Robert H. Bellhouse has been employed as Bus Attendant, in a temporary capacity subject to Civil Service examination,

effective November 7, 1956, at the first salary step. (No Eligible List at present time; bulletins now posted.)

2. Jessie J. Ragsdale has been employed as a Bus Operator, in a temporary capacity subject to Civil Service examination, effective November 8, 1956, at the first salary step. (No Eligible List; bulletins now posted.)
3. Michael Orend, Jr., has been transferred from License and Tax Inspector to Park Maintenance Leadman, effective November 13, 1956, at the third salary step, which is one step lower than he has been getting.
4. Lewis L. Cumiford has been employed as a temporary Laborer in the Street Department for a period of a few weeks, commencing November 5, 1956, at the first salary step. (He is No. 8 on the Eligible List and the only one on the List willing to accept temporary employment.)
5. LeRoy Parr has been reinstated to his former position of Mechanic's Helper, from which he resigned on September 1, 1956, effective November 10, 1956, at the third salary step. (Approved by Civil Service Board on November 7, 1956.)
6. The following personnel have been employed as temporary Laborers in the Street Department for a period of a couple of weeks, commencing November 5, 1956, at the first salary step. (Not from Eligible List, no one being willing to accept temporary employment.):

- (a) John P. Hollister
- (b) Donald L. Helquist
- (c) Donald G. Stephens
- (d) John Anich
- (e) Evert G. Wiss
- (f) Robert E. Holderman

Councilman Benstead questioned #3 under Personnel, saying if there was no eligible list an examination should be held.

City Manager Stevens said Mr. Orend took the examination and is No. 1 on the List.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with recommendations 1-6, inclusive, under Personnel.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Arrow Engineering Company, Inc., for engineering services during the month of October, 1956, the sum of \$429.00.

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

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

AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated November 7, 1956, from the Airport Commission, re the Master Plan for Expansion of Torrance Airport contained a recommendation from the Commission that the City Council approve the Master Plan and hire an appraiser to make the appraisals of the property involved. The motion had carried unanimously at the Airport Commission.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation to approve the Master Plan, but not to hire an appraiser.

Councilman Drale said he would go along with this, but would rather have another meeting with the Airport Commission first. He seconded the motion.

Commissioner Herrick of the Airport Commission was present, and said the appraiser was to be used to appraise the homes at the end of the runway; he said he did not know the appraiser was to be used to appraise Mr. Early's property.

Acting Mayor Blount said he thinks it is a little too early to start appraising the property now.

Councilman Drale suggested tabling this until a meeting has been held with the Airport Commission.

Councilman Jahn said it would be good to have the plan approved so we can get the C. A. A. to put us on the list for consideration for financial assistance. He withdrew his motion.

Councilman Drale withdrew his second to the motion.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission with the exception of the part referring to hiring an appraiser.

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

2. A November 7, 1956, letter from the Airport Commission contained their recommendation that the City Council authorize the City Manager to arrange for the engineering and necessary construction of a 3,000-foot touch and go strip on the location that will be the northerly taxi strip as shown on the Master Plan.

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

Motion seconded by Acting Mayor Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked what this was for, and Actg. Mayor Blount explained it.

Commissioner Herrick of the Airport Commission spoke to the Council, saying he was now speaking as an individual. He opposed the construction of the touch and go strip.

Acting Mayor Blount pointed out the letter from the C.A.A. recommends this, and asked that the letter from the C. A. A., dated October 12, 1956, signed by Thos. E. Flaherty, be made a part of the record. He also pointed out that the Aviation Safety District Office which supervises flight operations in the Torrance area has suggested construction of such a strip to relieve current traffic congestion.

Councilman Jahn said he could not agree with the recommendation as made.

Motion failed for lack of a majority by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Blount. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

3. A letter dated November 7, 1956, from the Airport Commission, recommended to the City Council that the City Manager be directed to execute the necessary papers for the addition of a partner in the Eagle Aviation lease at the Airport.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the Airport Commission.

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

4. A November 7, 1956, letter from the Airport Commission contained the information that a Committee had been set up by them to make a recommendation directly to the Council regarding fencing on the north side of the Airport.

The letter was ordered filed until a recommendation is received from the Committee.

5. A letter dated November 7, 1956, from the Airport Commission, recommended to the Council that Mr. Dietrich be authorized to give 300' of the old fire hose at the Airport to the Little League, as represented by Mr. Lorimer Patrick of 703 Madrid, for use as markers, as soon as the new fire hose the Commission has recommended is purchased for the Airport.

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Councilman Benstead asked if this old fire hose had any value.

Fire Chief Benner said the couplings would have, and that he would like to keep them.

Acting Mayor Blount said they certainly should go to the Fire Dept.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission, with the exception that the couplings are to go to the Fire Department.

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

Acting Mayor Blount directed Fire Chief Benner to check on the couplings discussed here and make the necessary arrangements.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING MATTERS:

1. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Concrete Block Retaining Wall for Lomita Boulevard sump.

A letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, reported that the bids referred to him for study at the last meeting of the Council had been analyzed, and he recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Dangler & Staggs, of 9351 Compton Boulevard, Bellflower, Calif. A bid summary and sketch were attached.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3047

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 DANGLER & STAGGS, A PARTNERSHIP.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3047.

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

2. A letter dated November 9, 1956, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, submitted easements for Calle de Castellana storm drain, and the necessary Resolutions for their acceptance.

Location sketches were attached.

City Clerk Bartlett presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3048

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF
EASEMENT FROM NEWTON T. BASS AND VIRGINIA W. BASS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3048.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3049

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF
EASEMENT FROM HAROLD L. NEUMANN AND SOPHIA NEUMANN.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3049.

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

3. CASE NO. 412: Transmittal form from the Planning Commission
recommending denial of request of Woodrow W. Eastep for Variance
to construct a small animal hospital in A-1 Zone at Rolling
Hills Road and Crenshaw Blvd.

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the
Planning Commission in Case No. 412, and deny the variance.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3050

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCEL-
LATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY
OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: THE NORTHERLY 10
FEET OF THE WESTERNLY 296.85 FEET OF LOT 70, McDONALD
TRACT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3050.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3051

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 FROM JACK M. BURGER AND KAY BURGER; WALTER W.
RITTAMEL AND HILDA MAE RITTAMEL; AND PAULINE T.
RELLER AND JULIA RELLER.

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. 3051.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3052

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON
BEHALF OF THE CITY, AN OFFER TO DEDICATE A "FUTURE
STREET" BETWEEN LOTS 113 AND 114 AS SHOWN ON FINAL
TRACT MAP NO. 21676.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3052.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3053

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN JOINT RECREATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1956-1957.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3053.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3054

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 WATER SERVICE AGREE-
MENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney his opinion on this.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he believes this to be a good risk.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3054.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3055

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2918 AND DESIGNATING ALTERNATE
MEMBER TO BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION
DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3055.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 843

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
CREATING A PUBLIC POUND AND REGULATING THE MANAGE-
MENT 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 Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 843 at its second and final reading.

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

At this time, Acting Mayor Blount read in full a letter dated November 5, 1956, from the Foods Company Market at 17500 Crenshaw Boulevard, signed by Al Schwartz. This letter thanked the City for the fine and efficient manner in which the Police Department handled the recent burglary attempt on their Torrance market. Mr. Schwartz said in all his experience in market management, he had never seen a crime so well handled. Captain Ashton and his men accomplished a miraculous job in solving the crime in less than 5 hours, Mr. Schwartz reported.

Councilman Benstead asked if the Police Department had a copy of the letter, and Chief Haslam said they did.

Acting Mayor Blount congratulated the Police Department, and said they should have a copy of this letter posted on their bulletin board. Chief Haslam thanked the Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens said the County Land Department and architect are working on the plans for the court house the County will soon erect at the Torrance Civic Center, and it has been found that the site originally planned for their use is not suitable. He said this will be a larger building than originally planned, and if it were placed at the location first chosen, it will be over a 36" water main, which will cost many thousands of dollars to move. Therefore, it would be better if they were allowed to use frontage on Torrance Boulevard west of the Police Station. The City Manager recommended this change of location be permitted.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

APPROVED:


City Clerk of the City of Torrance


Willys G. Blount
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Acting