

Torrance, California
November 20, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, November 20, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Acting Mayor Blount, Planning Director George Powell led the salute to our Flag.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 1956, meeting of the Council, as written.

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

Leonard M. Sterns of 1900 West 174th St., presented to the Council a petition which protested against the operation of the dump at 174th and Western, saying that smoke, fumes, and rats from this installation plague the entire neighborhood. The petition was filed with the City Clerk, who read the heading in full and reported that the petition bore numerous signatures.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:35 P. M.

Acting Mayor Blount appointed City Manager Stevens and Fire Chief Benner to make a thorough investigation, and see that the City's Ordinances are being complied with. He asked that they report on this at the next meeting of the City Council.

Councilman Benstead moved the Chief of Police instruct his men who patrol that area to watch the dump closely and enforce all City Ordinances that apply to such operations.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Acting Mayor Blount requested the Chief of Police to work with the City Manager and Fire Chief to control the operation of the dump.

Mr. Sterns reported that the Smog Control officers had been at the dump today to investigate burning in violation of their directives.

Acting Mayor Blount assured Mr. Sterns that the City Council would get a copy of their report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. November 9, 1956, request from Water Department employees, signed by Mrs. May Truair of that Department, for parking spaces.

Councilman Drale moved to refer this request to the Traffic Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

2. Request from the Committee Men of Boy Scout Troop 209 for a free license for that Troop to sell Christmas trees on Arlington Avenue, opposite the corner of Marcelina.

Attached was a recommendation from License Inspector Whitacre that the free license be granted, with a fire permit to be obtained and the \$25.00 clean-up fee to be deposited.

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

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

3. A request dated November 12, 1956, from the Southern California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, signed by Glenn Goffar, Pastor of the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church and W. L. Barclay, Home Missionary Secretary, for permission to solicit funds for charitable purposes within the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that the following items, all having to do with the adoption of an Ordinance to license and regulate solicitors in the City of Torrance, be held over until such time as the Hearings are held on the Ordinance now being prepared by the City Attorney:

4. A letter from the Photo Arts Studio, 1311 Post Avenue, dated November 16, 1956, signed by H. F. Mellen;
5. A letter from Crotty Photography, 1648 Cabrillo, dated November 15, 1956, signed by P. W. and Marie Crotty;
6. A letter from Consolidated Photographers, 716 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, dated November 15, 1956, signed by Frank H. Froehoefer, Mgr., and a letter correcting the last page of that letter as submitted.

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

In response to a question from the Chair, City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Ordinance in question would be ready in about two weeks.

7. A letter dated November 15, 1956, from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, signed by Dick Fitzgerald, Manager, requested that the City consider Christmas lighting of the new Civic Center.

City Manager Stevens said he had talked to Mr. Fitzgerald this morning, and Mr. Fitzgerald had suggested a decoration plan which would cost about \$850 for lighting the City Hall alone.

Acting Mayor Blount asked the opinion of the City Council, saying he felt the Chamber should bear most of the cost if they wish the City to decorate their buildings so elaborately.

Councilman Benstead did not favor participating in the program to such an extent.

Acting Mayor Blount asked the Council if they would prefer not to participate this year, inasmuch as the new Civic Center is not yet landscaped.

Councilman Drale suggested that something much simpler might be used this year.

City Manager Stevens reported that in the past, two fir trees at the old City Hall had been lighted, and the various offices had decorated their windows.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager and his assistant be appointed a committee to set up the decorations for the new City Hall, and that they use their own judgment, bearing in mind that the Council would like the decorations kept quite modest.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Acting Mayor Blount asked the City Manager to contact Mr. Fitzgerald and let him know the decision of the Council.

8. A letter dated November 10, 1956, from the Torrance Adult Club, signed by Carl J. Gramling, Secretary-Treasurer, requested that the City accept from their club a gift of gas logs and a fire screen for the fireplace in the Recreation Room of the clubhouse.

Councilman Benstead moved the gift be accepted, and a letter of thanks be sent to the Torrance Adult Club.

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

9. A memorandum from the Committee of Mayors of Metropolitan Los Angeles, calling to the attention of the Council that payment of dues in the amount of \$100 which were payable on September 1, 1956, has been overlooked by the City of Torrance.

There being no objections, this was ordered held for the recommendation of Mayor Isen upon his return from his journey to the East.

10. A letter, not dated, from George M. Foster, 753 E. 246th St., Wilmington, requesting the refund of \$25 deposit made by the 17th Congressional Democratic Council for the use of the Torrance Municipal Auditorium. Mr. Foster explained that it was never possible to get the Auditorium for a date they could use, therefore they are asking the deposit be refunded.

A memorandum from Recreation Director Van Bellehem was appended, recommending that the refund be made, in accordance with Section V(b) of Resolution No. 2845.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation made by Mr. Van Bellehem.

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

11. On November 14, 1956 a letter from Ennis F. P. Miller, 2529 Near-cliff Street, asking for a meeting with the Council for the group of homeowners he represents, to discuss a drainage problem in their area.

Acting Mayor Blount asked Mr. Miller, who was present, if it would be satisfactory to arrange the meeting after Mayor Isen returns.

Mr. Miller said no, that time was of the essence in this matter, as the time has almost come for the City to release the bond on the tract. He explained the problem at some length, saying the lots are graded in an unusual manner, and suffer from erosion during rains. He said it is the opinion of the homeowners that this erosion is caused by the grading of the lots and the lack of compaction. He went on to say that efforts have been made to arrange a meeting with the contractor, naming 5 different attempts, but said the contractor would not agree to such a meeting. He explained to the Council that the drainage carries the soil from the properties involved into a school yard.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Engineer if the bond has been released, and City Engineer Bishop said it has not.

Councilman Jahn asked if the bond covers the drainage of the tract, but City Engineer Bishop said he could not recall whether it did or not.

Acting Mayor Blount suggested that the City Engineer, the City Attorney, and Mr. Miller's group get together and attempt to arrange a meeting with a representative of the G & G Construction Company and sit down and work out something to satisfy everyone concerned, and report back to the Council on the results of the meeting as soon as possible.

Councilman Benstead asked City Engineer Bishop if the City does not require bonds to cover drainage, and the City Engineer replied that it is required now, but this is an early bond and he cannot remember all about it. He added that he believes this to be a private channel.

Mr. Miller said the drain will not work, and offered to present pictures showing channels as much as 12 feet wide cut in the yards by the rains last winter. He said it is a public easement as far as the homeowners know, and as far as they have been able to find from the City's Engineering Department. Mr. Miller offered to present an alternate drainage plan which the homeowners have worked out with Mr. Patrick of the City Engineer's office, which he said will provide satisfactory drainage if the easements can be set up correctly. Mr. Miller re-emphasized that the drainage as it now exists deposits dirt on the school grounds below these houses.

Acting Mayor Blount suggested that a member of the School Board be invited to attend the meeting which was recommended earlier in this discussion.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is not an Ordinance saying all lots must drain to the street, and said he believes there is, and that it would apply.

City Engineer Bishop said there is not such an Ordinance.

Mr. Miller said there is, according to the City Engineer's office.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the new grading Ordinance probably would not apply to this tract, and that he would have to check the City's Ordinances which should apply before he could answer these questions.

Mr. Miller said he hoped to get this straightened out before the City accepts the tract and releases the bond.

Acting Mayor Blount assured Mr. Miller that the release of the bond would be postponed until this is cleared up in accordance with the laws of Torrance.

Acting Mayor Blount directed the City Engineer to arrange the meeting suggested by this Council.

Mr. Ray Morris, 2505 Nearcliff St., asked the Council if the City would be responsible to the school for the dirt which might drain off the lots onto the school property.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City has no responsibility here at all, and cleaned up this dirt one time simply as an accommodation to the homeowners.

Mr. Rose, 2517 Nearcliff St., asked if the people living in these houses are responsible.

The City Attorney replied that he could not answer that question in this manner. He reiterated that the City has no responsibility at all in the problem.

12. A memorandum dated November 16, 1956, from City Clerk Bartlett, reported to the Council that the General Municipal Election data of the election held April 10, 1956, was burned at the National Supply Company on Tuesday, November 20, 1956, and that Henry C. Litzinger, Deputy License and Tax Inspector, witnessed the burning.

Councilman Drale moved the report be filed as a matter of record. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

13. A letter from the Metropolitan Water District, dated November 16, 1956, signed by Charles C. Cooper, Jr., Assistant General Counsel, asked whether the City wished to pay, out of its municipal funds, the whole or a stated percentage of the amount of taxes to be derived from the area of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California lying within the City.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Metropolitan Water District be informed that the City does not elect to pay out of its municipal funds any portion of the District's taxes levied for the fiscal year 1957-1958.

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

Recommendations of the City Manager:

1. A letter from the City Manager outlined the following tentative arrangement with Mr. Kissel on the Park Site in the Harry Kissel Subdivision, under date of November 16, 1956:

"Harry Kissel has tentatively agreed to deed to the City the 6.3-acre park site, in lieu of payment to the City of the following:

(1) Park & Recreation fees, approximately	\$ 18,000
(2) Use tax on materials, approximately	\$ 2,800
(3) Engineering and Inspection fees due, or to be due, on present tracts, estimated to be approximately.	\$ 5,000
	<u>TOTAL . . . \$ 25,800</u>

Further, that no additional Park fees will be charged for the few lots which he may be able to obtain from the remaining land.

In addition, Mr. Kissel requests that he not be required to pay for the water tower and pumping stations required to service his tracts. In the only other such circumstances the G and G Construction Company was not required to pay for the pumping stations which were required to insure proper pressure at the Victoria Knolls subdivision.

In consideration of the value of the park site and the fact that the waiving of fees and cost of facilities to Mr. Kissel would cover the acquisition of the site without any cash outlay on the City's part, I recommend that the above conditions for acquiring the site be approved by the City Council."

Councilman Drale moved the City accept the park site, provided it is the one the Recreation Department has been working with, and that the necessary Ordinances or Resolutions be prepared.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City is getting its money's worth in this exchange.

City Manager Stevens said he believed so, and that the Recreation Department is very happy about this arrangement, which has required many months of work to effect.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

PERSONNEL:

1. Henry C. Litzinger has been promoted from Bus Operator to Deputy License and Tax Inspector, effective November 16, 1956, at the first salary step, being No. 1 on the Eligible List.
2. Eugene Kicklighter and Randolph C. Watson have been employed as Bus Operators, effective November 14 and 15, 1956, respectively at the first salary step. These are both temporary appointments, pending Civil Service examination, the Eligible List having been exhausted. An examination will be held on December 15th.
3. That Marilyn Jensen, Supervisor of Women's and Girl's Activities in the Recreation Department, be authorized to attend an Institute for Supervisors to be held by the California Recreation Commission at Asilomar, California, in January, 1957, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Recommendations 1 - 3, Inclusive, made by the City Manager under "Personnel".

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

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. That the bid of Halprin Supply Company, Los Angeles, for supplying 1,500 lineal feet of 2½" double jacket fire hose, in accordance with our specifications, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected. The bid price per lineal foot was \$1.08. The company has promised to supply an affidavit that the hose was manufactured within the last forty-five days.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation, with the stipulation that the affidavit mentioned here be furnished.

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

REPORTS:

1. Chief of Police Haslam reported on the request of the Church of God at 17661 Yukon Avenue, to present a Nativity scene on their premises, the request in writing having been made at the last meeting of the Council. Chief Haslam recommended the request be granted, with the following restrictions, which he said were agreed to by the Pastor's Assistant at the Church:

- (a) that the loud speaker not be operated after 9:00 P. M., and the volume of it is not to be a nuisance to the neighbors.
- (b) that any small animals used in the display be removed from the premises except in the afternoons and evenings, and that the premises be kept clean.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Chief's recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. A memorandum from the City Clerk reported that the Report of November 9, 1956, from the General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water District for the month of October, 1956, and the Report of the Controller are both on file in the office of the City Clerk.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Award of Contract - Ellinwood Improvement District (1911 Act)

The Engineer filed his analysis of the sealed Proposals submitted to him for analysis and report, naming Sam the Electrician, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder in the sum of \$23,695.00, and recommended that the contract be awarded to Sam the Electrician, Inc.

Councilman Benstead moved the report be accepted and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3056

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

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. 3056. Motion, seconded by Acting Mayor Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. Award of Contract - Paseo De Arenas Storm Drain

A letter from the City Engineer, dated November 16, 1956, submitted the summary of bids opened at the Council meeting of November 13, 1956, and recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, the S & S Construction Company, in the amount of \$7,944.00.

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

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3057

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 S & S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, A CO-PARTNERSHIP.

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. 3057. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. A letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, submitted an easement over a portion of Lots 39 and 40 in Tract 20624, for the widening of Ermanita Avenue, and recommended the Resolution submitted with the letter and easement be adopted.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3058

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 KAUFFMAN HOMES, INC.

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 Drale asked if this would be a full-width street, and the City Engineer was requested to check this before further action was taken.

At 6:15 P. M., Acting Mayor Blount declared a 10-minute recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:25 P. M.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3058.

Councilman Drale, having been assured this would be a full-width street, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. A letter dated November 16, 1956, from City Engineer Bishop, recommended vacationing of certain property in Tract No. 9306, and presented a Resolution of Intention to vacate those parcels as described.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF ROSLIN
AVENUE AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN TRACT 9306 IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE: FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET
TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON: AND PROVIDING FOR THE
PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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. 3059.

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

5. A letter dated November 16, 1956, from the City Engineer, recommended the release of the bond in Tract No. 19792, Bond No. 96612, \$27,500.00, Subdivider, A. & A. Builders, Inc., Everett Powell, President.

Attached to the Engineer's letter was a letter dated November 16, 1956, from C. W. Clemmer, Park Supt., approving the trees planted in the parkways of Tract No. 19792.

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

Councilman Benstead asked whether the Park Superintendent made his inspection of the trees at the time they were planted or just prior to release of the bond.

City Manager Stevens was not sure, but felt confident that Mr. Clemmer made a good inspection just prior to release of the bond.

Acting Mayor Blount asked the City Manager to check this point with Mr. Clemmer to be very sure of his inspection, commenting that the time they are made is very important.

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

FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22214: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 22214, located southerly of 182nd Street, northerly of 186th St., and easterly of Gramercy Place, containing 53 lots, presented by Mr. George Steinkamp. Attached:

- a. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission, dated Nov. 7, 1956;
- b. Letter from John R. Patrick dated Nov. 6, 1956;
- c. Letter from Southern California Edison Co., dated Nov. 6, 1956;
- c. Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn asked if this was where the land had to be condemned for street widening, and the City Manager said it was, and the land has been acquired and dedicated to the City.

Acting Mayor Blount asked when our Ordinance raising the requirements of square footage went into effect.

Planning Director Powell said February 1, 1956, and this tract was tentatively passed January 3, 1956.

Councilman Drale asked why Moneta Water is serving this tract instead of the Torrance Water District.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he did not remember this particular instance, but said each case is carefully checked before processing, so the reason must be a valid one.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Final Tract Map No. 22214.

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

FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 16884: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Dept. recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 16884, located southerly of Spencer Street, easterly of Henrietta Street and westerly of Victor Street, containing 60 lots presented by Watt Construction Company. Attached:

- a. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission dated Nov. 7, 1956;
- b. Letter from John R. Patrick dated November 6, 1956;
- c. Letter from Southern California Edison Co. dated August 17, 1956;
- d. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control dated July 17, 1956;
- e. Location sketch.

Councilman Benstead commented that the lot sizes do not conform to the City's requirements, and asked the City Attorney if we are bound by County approval.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said no, but that the Council had passed the Tentative Map of this tract.

The City Attorney recommended the tract be denied until such time as Condition 13(a) has been fulfilled.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3060

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE REINSTATEMENT OF JAMES S. DRESSER AND CECIL W. SMITH AS EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN GOOD STANDING AS OF MAY 8, 1954; AND ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JAMES S. DRESSER.

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. 3060.

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

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 Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 844 at its second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 845

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY, DESIGNATED AS "KNOLLS ANNEXATION NO. 1", IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939".

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 845 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Police Haslam recommended erection of "Stop" signs at 238th and Walnut St., and at Western on 238th.

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

Motion, seconded by Acting Mayor Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale asked what had been done regarding the petitions for traffic regulation at Cherry and Crenshaw.

Acting Mayor Blount told Councilman Drale that the Traffic Commission had considered this petition, and it is their unanimously expressed opinion that it is such a short distance to the traffic light on Crenshaw that this further control is not needed.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that the Judge has signed the order pursuant to the stipulation of all three of the hog ranchers, ordering them out of the City by June 15, 1957, pursuant to the direction of the City Council.

City Manager Stevens said he had given to each Councilman a copy of the "Bids for the City Hall", and suggested they study them, and bids be called for.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager to receive bids, and that the City Manager be authorized to set the date of opening such bids; and that copies of the bid form be sent to the Torrance Parking Assessment District to make them aware the property will be sold.

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

City Manager Stevens reported regarding the renegotiation of the contract with the manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport. He said one meeting was held with Mr. Dietrich and his attorney by the City Attorney, the President of the Airport Commission, and himself, and at that meeting a number of points had been presented to Mr. Dietrich by the City's representatives.

A few days later, the Airport Manager met with City Manager Stevens for further discussion of the points.

The City Manager went on to say that in a few days he would have in the hands of the Councilmen a list of the 10 points presented to Mr. Dietrich during the first discussion, and the further discussion with Mr. Dietrich by himself, for their study.

Councilman Benstead asked to have the Civil Service Board notified it is the wish of the Council that they keep up their Lists. He said lately we have been hiring people who are not on the lists, due to the lists having been exhausted, and he said there is no reason for this.

He moved they be notified to keep the Civil Service Eligible Lists current.

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

Councilman Drale moved the bond not be released on the Madrona Square Tract until the conditions there are cleared up.

Motion, seconded by Acting Mayor Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn asked if a meeting had been held with the man who owns the lot on Post Avenue which the City needs for parking purposes, and concerning which action had been delayed until such meeting had been held.

City Manager Stevens said a meeting had been held this afternoon, and an attempt is being made to work out some method of acquiring the property which will be presented to the City Council as soon as it is positive it can be done. He said the owner wants income from the property.

Councilman Jahn said he was convinced by Mr. Dorsey that lot is the key to the parking situation.

City Manager Stevens said a quick decision must be made, and that a recommendation would be made at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Drale extended to the other members of the Council his hope that they have a fine trip East to the Convention they are attending.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

There were no objections, and Acting Mayor Blount adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, December 4, 1956, at 5:30 P. M.

APPROVED:

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

Willys G. Blount
Acting Mayor of the City of Torrance