

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, January 29, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Harold DeMaestri led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen instructed Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to write to the Ministerial Association and ask them to arrange to have a minister at the meetings of the Council whenever it is possible, and to clarify the hours of the meetings.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 1957, meeting as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of bids for cast iron pipe for the Water Department.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of Publication. There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

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

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Price per foot</u>
American Cast Iron Pipe Co., 610 Paramount Bldg., 323 W. 6th St., Los Angeles.	\$1.848 in 16' lengths
United States Pipe & Foundry Co., 448 So. Hill Street Los Angeles, Calif.	\$1.812 in 18' lengths
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. 6399 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.	\$1.803 in 18' lengths.

Councilman Blount moved these bids be referred to the Water Department Superintendent for study and recommendation.

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

Cecil Powell, Assistant to the Superintendent of the Water Department, was present, and the bids were handed to him, with the request from Mayor Isen that he study and analyze them and make his recommendation later in the meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An application for a business license to conduct an auto wrecking business at 5107 Torrance Blvd. from Albert W. Blum, dated Jan. 18, 1957. This bore the written approval of License Inspector G. Whitacre and Chief of Police W. H. Haslam.

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

Councilman Drale asked where this location is, and was told it is in the Victor Tract.

Councilman Drale asked if it is an existing business, and was told it is.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Jahn's motion.

Councilman Jahn asked Planning Director Powell if the zone at that point allows this kind of business.

Mr. Powell said the zone would allow it, but said this is not on a public thoroughfare, but is in back of a trailer court and in order to reach this place, one must pass through the trailer court. He added that he must have assurance a license can be issued before he signs this application.

Mayor Isen said he would think ingress and egress arrangements in such a case would be a private matter.

Planning Director Powell said a wrecking business was at this location when this came into the City, but not the used car lot.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. An application from the Los Angeles County Heart Association for a free license to conduct their Annual Heart Fund Drive during the month of February inside the City of Torrance.

A recommendation for approval of this request, dated January 23, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre, was attached.

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

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

3. A request from Petroleum Midway Co., 2129 W. Anahem St., Long Beach, Calif., for release of two oil wells from their Oil Well Bond No. 431962; the two wells, known as Peters #9 and #11 are located in the area east of Border and south of Plaza del Amo. The request had been approved by Assistant to City Engineer J. R. Patrick, and was approved by the License Inspector.

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

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

4. A request from the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County, to conduct a fund-raising campaign in Torrance in May, 1957.

Chief of Police Haslam approved the application, with the stipulation that the person in charge should supply a list of solicitors or register telephone number and address of some responsible local person.

License Inspector Whitacre recommended approval, subject to the necessary forms being completed and signed.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request, subject to the stipulations by the Chief of Police and License Inspector Whitacre.

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

5. A claim from Pauline Swortfiguer for damages for injuries to John Swortfiguer, a minor, incurred on or about October 27, 1956, in an automobile accident on Yukon Avenue near 177th Street.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department.

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

6. An unsigned letter from the Torrance 12th Step House advising that there exists a petition containing 150 names of members and discharged patients expressing accord with present operation.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed, with the

comment from Mayor Isen that the Council could not interfere in the internal affairs of the organization.

Councilman Drale asked if the matter of the lease had been clarified.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said when the lease was made, the group had not yet been formed into a Corporation, and that they were to inform us when the corporation had been formed so the lease could be made to them. It was made to Mr. Green as a trustee for the corporation.

Councilman Blount said when the lease was granted, it was with the understanding that it would be to the Alano Club or the parent organization.

Mayor Isen moved this be reviewed by the City Attorney, and if the name of the organization is not correct, the lease be corrected.

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

7. A letter dated January 22, 1957, from Mayor Irvine of the City of Monterey Park, told the Council of a decision of the Board of Supervisors which disregarded the zoning laws of Monterey Park, inside that City's limits. The letter asked the Council to declare that our City would insist that municipal zoning laws remain inviolate from County or other political subdivision subjugations.

Mayor Isen asked this be referred to the City Attorney for a recommendation on a matter of principle. He pointed out the dangers that could arise from such actions if not stopped.

Councilman Blount thought the Council should set the principle here, saying he saw no need for this to go to the Attorney.

Mayor Isen said he recommended this so the Council would have a thorough analysis of the letter and a background on what has taken place. The Mayor said he is in accord with the sentiments put forth in this letter by the Mayor of Monterey Park.

Councilman Blount and Councilman Jahn both expressed themselves as being in accord with the principles set forth here.

Mayor Isen said this should be checked first to see exactly what it is that has taken place, from the viewpoint of the Board of Supervisors as well as from the point of view of the City of Monterey Park.

Councilman Drale said the City should make it clear that we feel the zoning laws of the City should be respected.

There being no further objections, Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to report to the Council on this at their next meeting.

8. A letter dated January 22, 1957, from F. E. Hopkins, City Manager of Redondo Beach, transmitting information concerning an encroachment permit recently issued for the re-alignment of Tulita Avenue and related changes, including the closure of Paseo de Gracia.

Councilman Jahn said the permit has already been issued for the work to start on this, and he has been notified there are at least 10 petitions being circulated in Hollywood Riviera opposing this, and some of them have as many as a hundred signatures on them already. He asked for permission of the Council to take these and the Resolution this Council passed opposing the closing of Paseo de Gracia, and a map prepared by the City Engineer showing the islands along the highway there to the Los Angeles office of the State Division of Highways to see if this could not be prevented.

Mayor Isen said the Council appreciates Mr. Jahn's volunteering for this duty. He suggested that the aid of the two Assemblymen from the area should also be enlisted, and said he would like to appoint a Committee from the Council to work on it. Mayor Isen asked Councilman Blount if he would serve on such a Committee by contacting Assemblyman Chapel on this, and asked Councilman Drale if he would attempt to work with Assemblyman Thomas on it.

Both of these Councilmen said they would be glad to take such assignments.

Mayor Isen appointed Councilman Jahn as Chairman of the Committee. The Mayor said the Committee could explore every avenue of approach to this problem to see what can be done.

At this time, Mr. Cecil Powell, Assist. Supt. of the Water Dept., said he was prepared to recommend to the City Council that the bid of the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company for the 8,000' of 6" cast iron pipe for the Water Department be accepted and all other bids rejected. Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Powell's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. A letter dated January 17, 1957, from the County Boundary Commission concerning the proposed Annexation to the City of Torrance 'Crenshaw-Rolling Hills'.

This was ordered filed as a matter of information, there being no objections.

10. A letter dated January 17, 1957, from James Van Dyck, suggesting a program of band concerts at the Torrance Park during the summer months, and submitting an estimate of the cost of such a series of concerts.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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

11. A letter dated January 25, 1957, signed by Andy Fields of the Sparton Realty and Business Sales, offering the City \$200 for the easement on the Southeast Corner of 166th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Mayor Isen said he would suggest an informal appraisal be made of this first.

Councilman Drale said the City has only an easement here. He said the Sparton Realty Corp. has improved the street by putting in curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. He said that he had asked what the cost to the City would have been to put in these improvements, and had been told it would cost the City about \$200.00. Councilman Drale added he thought it would be in order to accept the \$200.00 offered for the easement.

Councilman Benstead asked how much footage there was there.

Councilman Drale said it is a triangular piece of property, and he has never tried to figure that.

In response to a question from Councilman Benstead, City Engineer Bishop said it is about 100' long and about 20' wide at the widest point, and is a triangular piece of ground.

Councilman Jahn asked if they have put in the curbs on Crenshaw, and Councilman Drale said yes.

Jack Spahn of Barclay Engineering Co., 343 Hawthorne Way, Hawthorne, representing the petitioner, said his firm is making a survey of the property, and he had with him the preliminary survey, which he offered to the Council to inspect.

The Council inspected the survey.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the communication and quitclaim the easement for the amount of \$200 to the Sparton Realty and Business Sales Corporation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead said he did not like the motion.

Councilman Drale pointed out that the City does not own the property, but has an easement over it. He said if the City gets the money to improve Crenshaw, it saves the City money.

Mayor Isen said he thinks this is too cheap, and if they are improving the land, it is because they are in business there. He said he would vote against this until it is appraised.

Motion to accept the offer and quitclaim the easement for the amount of \$200 to the Sparton Realty and Business Sales Corporation carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved this money be turned over to the Engineering Dept. for improvement of this portion of Crenshaw Blvd.

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

12. At the request of Councilman Blount, Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full a letter from David J. Paquin of 18428 Ashley Avenue, dated January 17, 1957, protesting against certain newspapers and advertising papers being delivered on his lawn every Thursday morning. Mr. Paquin said he had protested to the people delivering the papers but it did no good. He asked if the Council could do anything to stop this.

Mayor Isen said he respects Mr. Paquin's opinion even though he does not wholly agree. He said he had received another letter of this tenor not too long ago, and he thought it should be looked into. Mayor Isen asked if it would be possible for a homeowner to post a small sign forbidding such papers to be thrown into his yard, and if it is done anyway, the homeowner would have grounds for a private suit under the 'litter-bug' ordinance.

Councilman Jahn said the sign would have to be visible at all hours to prevent this.

The City Attorney said he might try this, if Mr. Paquin is willing to stand the cost of the suit.

Councilman Drale asked if such papers are charged a business license. He added he would like to see a list of the papers which pay a business license here, saying a lot come to his home.

Mayor Isen agreed that Mr. Paquin should pick up the papers and throw them in the street or on a neighbor's lawn, he would be liable to prosecution under the 'litter-bug' law. He said the City Attorney had better study this and give the Council a report.

Councilman Drale repeated his question about which of the papers named are licensed.

License Inspector Whitacre said he knows off-hand that the Torrance Herald and the Torrance Press have licenses here, and said that Sears pays \$50 a day for permission to distribute their advertising in the City.

Councilman Jahn asked if some of them are not violating our ordinance if they are distributing their papers without license.

Mr. Whitacre said they should be licensed.

Mayor Isen asked if the ordinances can be amended to provide some measure of protection, and, there being no objections, referred the matter to the City Attorney for recommendations, and asked the City Attorney to reply to Mr. Paquin's letter.

13. A request from the Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee of the Carl Steele School, Mrs. Bette J. Coleman, for permission to hold a rummage sale from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. on Saturday, February 16, 1957, in the old City Hall. Mrs. Coleman's letter of request was dated January 15, 1957.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted if that date is not already spoken for.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen asked if requests for the use of this building should not be cleared in the same way that requests for use of the Auditorium are cleared, so ordering it.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered, with the City Manager to notify Mrs. Coleman after this date has been checked.

14. A request from Albert Ashkar, Inc., dated January 15, 1957, for permission to build a pipeline under Lomita Boulevard.

A recommendation from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, dated Jan. 22, 1957, was appended, saying that office could see no objection to this, providing there was a stipulation that at the time of reconstruction of Lomita Boulevard the owner stand the cost of relocating this pipe at his expense if it interferes with our construction.

Councilman Benstead asked who would fill the ditch and pave the hole at this location.

City Manager Stevens said they would have to take out a permit to do the work and post a bond ensuring this would be put back into condition.

Mayor Isen asked if it would be possible to insist that the bond cover the improvements mentioned in Mr. Patrick's letter.

City Manager Stevens said that could be done, and agreed with a statement from Councilman Drale that there should be a time limit on the granting of this.

Councilman Blount said the pressing circumstances quoted in the second paragraph of the letter of application is no longer true, and this could be sent back to the City Engineer with the stipulations suggested and ordered to be sent back here in the improved and correct form.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

15. A letter dated January 24, 1957, from W. E. Bowen, President of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, offering the services of the Band and of their Director, James Van Dyck, for the Rose Parade in 1958.

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

16. A letter dated January 22, 1957, from the County of Los Angeles Road Department, signed by Frank E. Jones, Road Fiscal Officer, for Sam R. Kennedy, Road Commissioner, re 'Aid to Cities Project and Highways Through Cities Project' entitled 'Crenshaw Blvd et al' and asking for a report on the project.

Attached to the above letter was a copy of the reply to it from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, dated January 25, 1957. Mr. Patrick's reply referred the County to the reports for Via Monte d'Oro and Palos Verdes Boulevard, and to the City Manager's letter of Sept. 28, 1955, cancelling the request for paving a portion of Anza Avenue.

In response to questions from Councilman Jahn, City Engineer Bishop said 'Crenshaw et al' was the name of the Resolution, and at that time we were asked to specify only the name of the leading street.

There were no objections, and these letters were ordered filed as a matter of record.

17. A petition signed by seven property owners in Tract 17330, Lots 16 through 22, Allied Gardens, requesting a hearing regarding the grading and lack of drainage back of the Medical Center adjacent to their homes. This was dated January 24, 1957.

A memo from the City Engineer which was appended said the problem is being taken care of, and will be taken to Milne Street. The City Engineer said the builder must build a small retaining wall to keep any fill off the redwood fences unless the supporting bank may be contained entirely on his own property. This memo was dated January 25, 1957.

Councilman Jahn asked if any of these people were present, and several people stood.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the City Engineer's comment in full.

Councilman Jahn said a drainage ditch was built at the back of the commercial property and the dirt piled against the redwood fences. When the lot there was black-topped, the pile of dirt was also black-topped, so the redwood fences have become part of the drainage structure. He suggested the Engineering Dept. contact the builder and tell them this will have to be corrected.

Councilman Drale suggested a time limit be set for the correction of the conditions noted here.

Councilman Benstead asked how long Councilman Drale would suggest, and Councilman Drale asked the City Engineer how long it would take.

City Engineer Bishop said it would have to be done promptly because of the annoyance to the people behind this place. He explained his office had asked for a 20' alley easement in back of this property, and it was not given, therefore he wondered if the Council would feel that we can build a drain in the drainage easement under these circumstances.

Mayor Isen asked who would be responsible for the cost of such a drain.

City Engineer Bishop said he is not sure.

Councilman Blount said he thinks the City Engineer will find this came before the Council some time ago, and a variance was issued to the builder of the Medical Center causing all this trouble with certain conditions. He did not think the City should spend any money for the use of

the people building the Medical Center. He thinks this should be looked into, and possibly permits held up until the variance is complied with.

Councilman Jahn asked whether the Medical Center had been given the final inspection yet, saying if not, such inspection might be delayed until this complies.

Councilman Benstead asked if their bond has been released.

Councilman Drale asked if it is completed.

A man from the audience said the building is occupied.

Councilman Blount asked the Planning Director if this permit was granted under a variance, and if so, whether he could see the variance.

Director Powell said he would be glad to get it for Council inspection, and left the Council Chamber.

The Council took up other business during Mr. Powell's absence.

18. A statement bearing 93 signatures of property owners saying they would be willing to sell their property needed for development of the Airport to the City at the market value determined by competent appraisers.

There were no objections, and the communication was ordered filed, with copies to be sent to the Airport Commission.

19. A request from the Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for permission to hold a door-to-door campaign to raise funds in the City of Torrance on the night of August 13, 1957. The request was dated January 21, 1957, and signed by Michael D. Fanning, the Executive Director.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted with the usual stipulations.

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

Communications from the City Manager:

A letter from the City Manager, dated January 18, 1957, held over for study from the last meeting of the Council, concerned verbatim transcriptions of Minutes and tape recordings of meetings. The letter suggested the authority to order transcription of minutes verbatim and the holding of tape recordings after the minutes are approved be confined to the Council as a whole or Commissions as a whole.

Councilman Jahn said he felt any member of the Council should be able to ask to have the Minutes transcribed verbatim, and anyone appearing here should be allowed to have that privilege, and that keeping the tapes for 30 days would be adequate under the circumstances.

Councilman Benstead said he thought that would be a fair solution, as did Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale agreed.

MOVE-UP PAY:

Under date of January 25, 1957, the City Manager made the following report to the Council:

"As authorized by the City Council, a meeting was held on January 21, 1957, to discuss move-up pay for City employees. The following were present:

- Councilmen Victor E. Benstead and Nickolas O. Drale
- Fire Chief Benner and two members of Fire Department
- Police Chief Haslam and two members of Police Department
- Street Superintendent Perkins
- City Manager and Assistant City Manager

Fire Chief Benner announced that he had worked out a plan, which would eliminate all scheduled move-ups. The plan would require a temporary appointment of two Engineers until June 30, at which time it is hoped the

new budget will provide for the positions.

Police Chief Haslam announced that he was planning to promote three Police Officers to the grade of Sergeant. These promotions have been considered for some time and together with re-scheduling in the Department would eliminate most of the move-ups.

It was the general consensus of those attending the meeting that the proposed re-scheduling was acceptable to the employees.

It was the consensus of those at the meeting that the policy for move-up pay should be as follows:

For the Police and Fire Departments: that, after two consecutive days of work in the higher classification, pay for the higher classification would be made on the third day and retroactive to cover the first two days. Because of the elimination of scheduling move-ups, that these move-ups would occur normally only on periods of prolonged sickness and vacation of members of the department.

That the policy in the Street Department should be based on a full day's move-up to a higher classification, because the work is more of a trade or skill and not professionalized."

Councilman Jahn asked that the record show "It was the general consensus of those attending the meeting that the proposed re-scheduling was acceptable to the employees."

Councilman Drale said the entire letter should be a part of the record.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations contained in the report, of the Committee appointed to study this problem.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. Jerry Holloman of the Fire Dept., asked the Council to consider one slight revision. Under the recommendation of Fire Chief Benner, it was stated "The plan would require a temporary appointment, etc.", and the men from the Fire Dept. say it will not cost the City any more to appoint the two men now. This appointment on a temporary basis will cause these men to have 11-month probationary periods, he said, instead of the 6-month probationary periods required.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager why this recommendation for temporary appointments was made if that were true.

City Manager Stevens said it was a matter of budget. In the table of organization, the Fire Chief is allowed just so many men in each classification. He said the men so appointed would receive the regular pay rate for the job.

Mayor Isen said he was willing to strike the word 'temporary' from this recommendation.

Councilman Benstead said he had no objection.

It was ordered the word 'temporary' be struck from the recommendation, with Councilman Jahn so amending his motion.

Councilman Benstead accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RE-NEGOTIATION OF AIRPORT CONTRACT:

The City Manager reported to the Council that the re-negotiation proceedings on the Airport contract with Collins-Dietrich, Inc., have never been completed. Results of meetings by the committee and Collins-Dietrich were forwarded to the Council, but no decision was reached to date.

Councilman Drale moved that Councilman Jahn, as Airport Committee Chairman, call a meeting with Collins-Dietrich in the near future on this.

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Mayor Isen said a Pre-Council meeting would be best.
Councilman Jahn said he did not think it could be resolved in an open meeting.

Councilman Drale said the meeting could be held here.

Mayor Isen said this involves a contract. He suggested they be requested to appear before the City Council at 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, February 5, 1957. He asked to be given the results of the meetings by the committee and Collins-Dietrich for study before the next meeting of the Council, and said all interested parties and the Airport Commission should be advised to be present at 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, February 5, 1957. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Oral Communications from the City Manager:

1. The City Manager recommended that Planning Director George Powell be authorized to attend the American Institute of Planners to be held in Santa Barbara February 1, 2, and 3, 1957, with appropriate expenses paid.

2. The City Manager recommended that the City Manager and his assistant attend the City Managers' Conference to be held in Palo Alto on February 13, 14, and 15, 1957, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with these recommendations of the City Manager.

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

Communications from Parks & Recreation Commission:

1. A letter dated January 24, 1957, signed by Herma Tillim, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, contained their recommendation that four members of that Commission be sent to the California Recreation Society Annual Conference in Sacramento from February 24-27, 1957, with the motion unanimously approved.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this held over for a week so their funds could be checked to be sure there is enough money available for this purpose.

At 6:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:40 P. M.

Mayor Isen said it had been suggested during the recess that the matter of requests from the general public for verbatim transcription of minutes be reconsidered. He suggested this matter be referred to the City Attorney for consideration and recommendation as to whether charges should be made for these, saying this could become onerous work.

Councilman Benstead said if the Minutes were so transcribed on the reporter's own time, whether he would receive the fee.

Mayor Isen said he did not know, but if it was done on City time, the City should be reimbursed.

Councilman Jahn said he had meant that the member of the general public who would request verbatim transcriptions would request only that portion with which he was concerned.

Mayor Isen explained this could take a lot of time.

The matter was referred to the City Attorney to find what charges should be made, and for recommendation.

Councilman Drale suggested Mr. Remelmeyer consult with Mr. Stevens on this matter.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At this time, Planning Director George Powell reported he had for the Council the variance they had asked him to bring in for inspection.

Councilman Blount read from the variance the date it was granted, being 1953, and said it was approved per Exhibits a, b, and c, with

certain dedications to the City for public roads. He produced a map of the area. He said the first time the residents of Milne complained was on August 24 of last year, he believed, and at that time the contractor had been asked to move the forms he had ready and they had done it. He read from a letter written by the City Engineer to the builder, telling him that 20' should be left between the building and the southerly line of the property, and that they eliminate the construction of a retaining wall along the southerly line, which, Councilman Blount interpolated, he understands is not being done, to conform with the variance granted in Case 270.

Councilman Jahn said they had sloped it, the trouble is they have gone right up to the point of putting the dirt and adding black-top right against the fences, which he said will damage the fences. He said he was not sure that this was a matter for the City to handle, saying it may be a civil matter. He said they should not use the fences to make part of their forming for the retaining wall.

Robert Johnson of 2053 Milne said the dirt is working under the fence and into his yard. He said there is no drain through the easement, and there will have to be a drain.

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer to note these complaints.

City Engineer Bishop said the contractor has been asked to put the drain in the easement. He said he had asked for the alley behind the building, saying it might be City policy to construct a drain in such an easement. In response to a question, he said such a drain may cost about \$500.00.

He explained to the Council the City had asked them to cut their wall down for the reason they were blocking the view of these residents of Milne, and before they did that, the property would have drained to Palos Verdes Boulevard, but now the water cannot drain to that street. Having lowered it for aesthetic reasons, the contractor does not want or feel he should, have to install a drain.

Cecil Capps of 5209 Milne Drive said this berm weight has torn down his fence once, and protested against the way the medical center has been placed.

City Engineer Bishop agreed that the dirt should not be placed against the fences. He said he thought it possible the City could insist a wall be put in. He explained this matter had been wholly handled prior to passage of the City's Grading Ordinance.

Mr. G. Schmidt of 5127 Milne Dr., said it was his property where all this would drain if there is no drain installed. He said an area of about 50,000 square feet would drain to his property. He said before he bought the property, he had recognized the condition, and the real estate agent from whom he bought the property had brought him to the City Engineer's office to check on what drainage was considered. He said Mr. Patrick had shown him on a map, and had made a sketch for him of it, the easement on his neighbors' property, and had said some form of drain would be put in. Otherwise, he said, he would not have bought the property. Mr. Schmidt produced a copy of the sketch he said Mr. Patrick had made.

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer how this could have come about.

Mr. Bishop said Mr. Patrick was doing his best to get the alley for the drainage structure.

Mayor Isen pointed out the trouble we have here.

Councilman Blount said he cannot see where the City is responsible in any way for this problem. He said the man who filled the property there diverted the water.

Councilman Blount said the development is not complete, and that perhaps something could be worked out.

Mayor Isen said if further development is planned there, the City Engineer should strongly suggest to them that they should cooperate in this matter.

Councilman Blount asked if they cut and filled here after the grading ordinance was passed.

City Engineer Bishop told him when the permits were taken out.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to check into this with Mr. Bishop.

Communications from Parks & Recreation Commission:

2. A letter dated January 24, 1957, from the Director of Recreation, Harry B. Van Bellehem, submitted to the Council the cost of lighting system at the Walteria Park, as he was asked by the Council to do. Mr. Van Bellehem estimated the cost of the system at about \$4300, and recommended the work be done if there is money available to do it.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager if the money is available, and the City Manager said no.

City Manager Stevens said this expense could not come out of this year's budget.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed for consideration when the budget for the next Fiscal Year is adopted.

At the request of Councilman Benstead, Councilman Drale amended his motion by adding that the Recreation Department be notified of this action.

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

3. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full a letter from Recreation Director Van Bellehem concerning the application for a liquor license at 3800 Pacific Coast Highway. The letter, dated January 25, 1957, reported that Mr. Van Bellehem had sent a certified excerpt from the Council Minutes of January 15, 1957, concurring with the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission that the City go on record as opposing the issuance of a license this near the Walteria Park. Mr. Van Bellehem said he had been notified that this was not enough, and that the City should prepare a Resolution protesting the issuance of the license, and the City Clerk write the Agent, Melvin M. Hagerman, telling him that the Council had adopted such a Resolution of protest at a meeting on a specified date.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger also read a letter from Mrs. Tillim, dated January 29, 1957, saying she had looked over the area concerned in the matter of this liquor license, and is of the opinion that it is against public interest to have a cocktail lounge or the sale of liquor this close to the park.

Mr. Frank Burke of 5104 Zakon, said he is speaking for the Walteria Businessmen's Association, and they favor this license being issued. He presented a map he had prepared which showed the lounge entrances would be further from the Park, he said, than the cocktail lounge at the Polynesian restaurant, across Pacific Coast Highway. He spoke at some length in favor of granting this application, saying a petition which had been only briefly circulated showed 100% of the Walteria business men in favor of this.

Mayor Isen said the Council understood the problem, and asked that anyone who wished to be heard would limit their remarks to two minutes.

Mr. John Barton, attorney, 3810 Pacific Coast Highway, who lives at 24215 Neece, spoke in favor of the application. He pointed out that the Highway is becoming what he called a "La Cienega" of Torrance. He said in view of this fact and the fact that the business men are in favor of the man getting the license, the City should not oppose this. He said the City's Recreation Commission had offered no objections when the Polynesian restaurant, which is much closer to the park, had applied for and received a liquor license.

Mayor Isen asked what the attitude of the Board had been to this application.

Mr. Barton said it had been tentatively approved; the only objection was the one from the City.

Councilman Jahn asked if the issuance of the license is only held up because of the City's objection.

Mr. Barton said it is.

Mayor Isen asked if it would be satisfactory to hold this over for a week to see what the feeling is.

Mr. Barton presented his petition favoring issuance of the license, saying it reflected the feeling.

Councilman Drale said if the majority want it, he thinks the Council should withdraw their opposition.

Councilman Jahn moved the petition be received and filed.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen repeated his suggestion this be held over for a week to get the feeling of the citizens in the area.

Mr. Barton said protests of the citizens could have been lodged with the Liquor Board.

Mayor Isen said he feels this is up to the Board, and if it is what the people want, he is going to vote for it. However, he said, he would like to hold this for a week for time for the people to come here and express themselves. He asked how the unfavorable action from the Commission had reached Mr. Barton.

Mr. Barton said a Hearing had been held, but his client was not notified of it.

Mr. Burke said Mr. Thompson, the applicant, had not been notified of the Hearing.

Councilman Benstead asked if Mr. Thompson was present, and was told he was in the audience.

Mr. Burk repeated that the Recreation Commission was the one who held this up, and that they had taken the stand that Whitrow's Cafe, as this place was formerly known, had never applied for a liquor license so there should not be one there.

Councilman Blount asked if there is not a law saying how far such a license must be from schools, churches, etc.

Mr. Barton said yes, but not from parks.

Mr. Barton said there is a time limit involved, and that is why they asked this not be held for another week.

Councilman Jahn said a protest has not been filed.

Mayor Isen said he would like to hold this for a week to see what develops.

Councilman Drale moved to take no action on the request for a liquor license at this time. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen moved to table this until next Tuesday, February 5, 1957.

Motion to table seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Benstead asked what would happen if Councilman Drale's motion carried, and Councilman Drale said the decision would rest with the liquor control Board. They would do as they thought best.

Mayor Isen said if it is the intent of the Council, the protest should be withdrawn.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Barton what the time limit for protests against this was.

Mr. Barton said the time limit for protests has elapsed, and the license is being held up because of the action of this Council.

Councilman Blount asked if the dilemma would be solved by the Council voting not to make such a Resolution and Mr. Barton sent the Board a Certified Copy of that action.

Motion to table failed by the following roll call vote: AYES:

COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Barton there is still a protest lodged with the Board.

Motion to take no action carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN:

Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 7:30 P. M., Councilman Blount had to leave the meeting.

Mayor Isen moved that he be excused.

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

Mr. Barton said he thinks a Certified Copy of this would serve his client's need.

Mayor Isen disagreed.

Councilman Jahn told the Mayor the Council could still take action next week if necessary.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business.

Mayor Isen ruled him out of order.

Mayor Isen said the Liquor Board may review this three months from now and still see the protest.

Councilman Jahn moved the item of removing the protest against this application for a liquor license be made an item of business on next week's Agenda.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, so ordered.

Communications from Airport Commission:

1. A letter from the Airport Commission, dated January 25, 1957, and signed by Jack E. White, President, recommended that the Council authorize the City Manager to have an appraisal made of the Airport property facing Pacific Coast Highway and the property available there for lease facing on Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Jahn said if such an appraisal would be paid from the Airport funds, he would so move.

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

Engineering and Planning Commission Matters:

1. A letter dated January 25, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, replied to a request from the Council for information concerning the proposed re-alignment of Torrance Boulevard. Detail was given in the letter, and a sketch was submitted with the letter.

Councilman Jahn asked if this could be held over for study.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. A letter dated January 25, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted an easement from Edward and Elizabeth De Mirjian for a portion of Roslin Avenue southerly of Redondo Beach Boulevard, a 27-foot alley between Ashley Avenue and Roslin Avenue, and the widening of Ashley and Roslin Avenues, all in accordance with the agreement for the vacationing of a portion of Roslin. The easement does not include that portion of Roslin Avenue adjacent to Lot 12 of Tract 9306. A location sketch and the necessary Resolution were submitted with the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3092

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM EDWARD DE MIRJIAN AND ELIZABETH DE MIRJIAN.

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 Drale asked if this was not held up one time because the Lot 12 mentioned was owned by someone who would not give the easement.

City Engineer Bishop, as requested by Mayor Isen, briefed the Council on this. He said this is the re-alignment agreed upon, with the exception of the one piece of property. He said the lack of the easement would only affect the sidewalks. This is not a subdivision. He recommended this not be held up.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3092.

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

Mr. Bates of Arrow Engineering Co. said every effort had been made to buy Lot 12, but the man who owns it refuses to sell to Mr. De Mirjian. He asked what could be done about the vacationing here, saying that was a question between Mr. Patrick and the City Attorney.

City Engineer Bishop recommended that we go ahead with the vacationing.

Councilman Drale asked if this would damage the property in any way.

Mayor Isen said it could not.

The City Attorney asked if a portion of Lot 12 would be needed at a later date for street purposes, and suggested that if so, this person pay for the condemnation.

Mr. Bates said he would accept this if his client would.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Bates he should check back next week, and this would be continued then.

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22771. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 22771, located southerly of 168th Street, approximately 100 feet easterly of Kornblum Avenue and northerly of Tract 20163, containing 14 lots presented by Liberty Investment Company. Attached were:
- a. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Jan. 16, 1957;
 - b. Letter from Dwight K. Steward et al, dated Jan. 15, 1957;
 - c. Letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Water District, recommending water service from Torrance Water District.
 - d. Letter from So. Calif. Edison Co. dated Jan. 8, 1957.
 - e. Letter from J.R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., dated January 2, 1957;
 - f. Sketch of Tract.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, with all special conditions and stipulations.

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

4. A letter dated January 25, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, recommended release of the Subdivision Improvement Bond in Tract No. 18747, in the amount of \$168,115.00, to the Home Savings & Loan Assn. A location sketch was attached to this letter, as was a letter from the Park Supt. concurring with this recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the release of this bond in Tract 18747.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3093

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO COUNCILMEN.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3093, subject to the necessary signatures being obtained.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked if the necessary signatures had been obtained, and City Attorney Remelmeyer said they had.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 3094

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH EL RANCHO PALOS VERDES CORPORATION.

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. 3094.

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

Mr. Bjorklund was present, and, in connection with Resolution No. 3094 and his agreement to name the motel they are building with a name agreeable to the Council, said they would like to name it "El Rancho Motel".

This name was acceptable to the Council, and Mayor Isen so advised Mr. Bjorklund.

City Manager Stevens said the next Resolutions were here because it is necessary to beat the deadline of February 1, 1957, to avoid double tax assessments against some areas.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3095

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING "DOMINGUEZ-HAWTHORNE (VICTOR PARCEL)" TERRITORY
WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

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. 3095.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3096

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DECLARING "EL NIDO" TERRITORY WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSOLIDATED
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3096.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3097

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
TO EXCLUDE "EL NIDO" TERRITORY FROM THE LENNOX SEWER
MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

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. 3097. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

A letter dated January 25, 1957, from the office of the City Attorney, and signed by Frances Giaquinto, Secretary, gave full information on Ordinance No. 855, ordering the vacation of a certain alley in Tracts 2381 and 2807, as requested by the Council on the Ordinance. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 855

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACTION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY IN TRACT 2381 AND 2807, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 855 at its second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 856

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD IN TRACT NO. 10300, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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.

The City Attorney told the Council that he had been asked at the last meeting of the Council if he thought this would result in any liability to the City and had replied that he did not. After more study, he thinks there is a good chance there would be a liability to the City.

Councilman Jahn asked how we would be liable.

City Attorney Remelmeyer replied that under the terms of the franchise we had authority to change under certain conditions, but he does not think vacationing was one of the things we could do without paying for it.

Councilman Drale said he was not opposed to the vacationing if the City could do it without paying for it.

Councilman Jahn said the gas company hasn't given a release and evidently will not.

Councilman Drale moved the City Council direct a letter to the gas company, telling them we would like to vacate but could not without a release from them.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the City of Redondo Beach had not been sued for their vacationing.

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

Mayor Isen ordered the matter tabled until the Council has an answer to the letter it has directed to be written.

Councilman Jahn asked that the record show he opposed this.

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 3-9, 1957, as CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK in the City of Torrance, with concurrence of the Council.

Mayor Isen proclaimed February 1 to 28 as "HEART MONTH" in the City of Torrance, with concurrence of the Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Remelmeyer said a question concerning the transfer of Mr. McMahon from one Department to another had been asked, and he would have a memorandum about it on the next Agenda, but action should be taken before February 1, 1957. He asked City Manager Stevens if a directive from the Council is needed at this time. He said he believes he has a prior right to be appointed to the position, whatever it may be, if it is determined that the two jobs are substantially similar. The City Attorney said he would not be able to determine such similarity.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that this man is a permanent employee under the Civil Service System of the City, and the appointment is a temporary one. He asked if, by allowing him to make this transfer, the man would be 'blanketed' in as a permanent employee, or whether he would have to take the test for the job he is transferring to.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said if it is agreed and determined that the job requirements are not the same, he would have to take a test. The City Attorney suggested he be asked to sign an instrument saying he understands the position of the City Council. This would avoid any future misunderstanding.

Mayor Isen said that would make no difference, if the law is different we would still be bound by it. He does not think there is any similarity between the job of the 'Building Inspector' and the 'Land Use Investigator'.

City Attorney Remelmeyer agreed, but said this might show there has been no waiver on the part of the Council.

Mayor Isen said if a temporary appointment is necessary, Mr. Stevens, as Personnel Officer, should look over the field and make the appointment accordingly. The Mayor said he understood this man applying for transfer has been laid off automatically because of lack of work in his department.

Councilman Drale said the man may be qualified for the job. He said he thought the Personnel Officer should make that determination.

Mayor Isen said the Civil Service Examination could go for nothing. Just because we have a legal statement doesn't mean the man will not be 'blanketed' in.

The City Attorney said he would not acquire any permanent status on the job by temporary appointment, in his opinion.

Councilman Jahn agreed that Mr. Stevens, as Personnel Officer, should make the determination. He said he asked the questions he did only to make sure that Mr. Stevens will understand what is being discussed here. He emphasized that he was not trying to interfere in Mr. Stevens' job.

Mayor Isen said he would not do that, either; he is only trying to help clarify the question.

City Manager Stevens said that normally, if we have a Civil Service employee who is about to be laid off because of lack of work, and he could fit into another department we would try to do it. If the jobs are not very similar in such an instance, he would have to take an examination. He said he thinks the man is entitled to a try at the job if the need is so great that we have to appoint someone on a temporary basis, a good employee should have a chance. He did not think such an employee should be 'blanketed' in unless the jobs are very similar. As he has been working for the City and we are going to appoint someone anyway, the man should have a chance.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager if he would recommend he be appointed on a temporary basis, and City Manager Stevens said yes, temporarily.

Councilman Benstead asked when the examination will be given.

City Manager Stevens said he hopes the job description is before the Council at their next meeting. It is being worked on, and he hopes it will be ready by next Tuesday.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to be sure to advise the Council of what he has done.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked the Mayor if he thinks the Council will want the legal opinion on this next week, and Mayor Isen said yes.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he has re-drawn the agreement concerning payment of Stone & Webster for an appraisal in the Moneta Water matter according to the wishes of the Council. He called Mr. McCall, who said Moneta would agree to this.

Mayor Isen said Moneta should adopt this first; suggested they adopt it at their Saturday meeting and forward it back here to us.

Councilman Drale asked if they show willingness to sign this, and Mr. Remelmeyer said yes.

Councilman Drale reported what he considered a dangerous condition at 213th and Border, where there is no signal at the railroad crossing. He moved that the City Manager be authorized to go ahead with this and follow through on it.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale told the Council he had been asked by Mr. John G. L. Crain to extend to them an invitation to attend the North Torrance Civic Association's Valentine Dance, to be held February 9, 1957, at "The Westerner" on Western Avenue. The charge for admission is to be \$1.75 per person, with dinner included in the price of admission.

Councilman Drale asked the City Engineer about the sidewalks and curbs on Prairie Avenue.

Mr. Bishop said the developer there is helping to get the rights-of-way that will be needed. These must be obtained for the widening of Prairie Avenue.

Councilman Drale asked if all the people in that area have not signed agreements on this, and the City Engineer said they have not yet.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Engineer if the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District #2 could not be hurried along. He said his cesspool is full again, after being pumped very recently.

Mayor Isen appointed Mr. George Mooreheart of 18520 Kingsdale, to the Civil Service Board to fill the vacancy created by the leaving of Mr. Wright.

Mayor Isen polled the Council on this appointment, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen Directed Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to notify Mr. Mooreheart of the appointment.

Russel O'Hare of 12213 Osage Court, representing the Hi-Y Club of Torrance High School, said they wanted to raise money by painting numbers on curbs, but find they need a license to do this. They do not have the money for the license, which they would like to have by Saturday.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. O'Hare and Mr. DiMaestri, who was with him to discuss this, to discuss the matter with Mr. Whitacre, License Inspector for the City, and report back later in the meeting.

Bob Burn of 240 Via la Circula spoke to the Council about the vacationing of Palos Verdes Blvd., saying he had hoped that Ordinance would pass tonight. He said he had talked to Mr. Saulter of the Gas Company, and there had been no implication of intent to sue. He said they will not waive their holdings.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to check with Mr. Saulter as well as wherever else he checks for information on this.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Burn who would pay for the moving of the line. Mr. Burn said he did not know. He said Mr. Saulter had first said they would remove it, but it has not been done.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Mr. Saulter's statement did not bind the gas company.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Budeman, who had been in the Council Chamber earlier, should contact Mr. Mansfield about the All America City Flag the Boy Scouts would like to have.

At this time, Mr. Whitacre, with Messrs. O'Hare and DiMaestri, returned to the Council Chamber. Mr. Whitacre reported to the Council that the Director of the local YMCA should get the permit, and he would recommend it be granted.

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.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Irvin J. Hallanger

Deputy City Clerk of the City of
Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance