

Torrance, California
February 5, 1957

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, February 5, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held January 29, 1957, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of Bids for concrete walk and steel chain-link fence for McMaster Park. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notices inviting bids.

Councilman Benstead moved the Affidavit be accepted and filed.

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

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

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Mills Fencing Co. - on fencing only 5545 E. Gage Ave., Bell Gardens, Calif.	Bidders Bond 10%	\$ 670.00
Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:40 P. M.		
Anderson Fence Co., - on fencing only 5965 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles 43, Calif.	Cashier's Check	\$65.00 \$ 627.00
Santa Monica Fence Co. - on fencing only 2834 Colorado Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.	Bidders Bond 10%	\$ 710.60
Cyclone Fence Co., - on fencing only P.O. Box 7104 Long Beach 7, Calif.	Certified Check	\$80.00 \$ 615.60
Star Construction Co.-sidewalk, including base 15148 Indiana Ave. Paramount, Calif.	Bidders Bond \$250.00	\$2,891.00 \$250.00
Harrison Bros.-fence and sidewalk 1953 W. 148th St., Gardena, Calif.	Bidders Bond 10%	\$3,915.60
Guardian Fence Co.-fencing only 3550 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach 7, Calif.	Cashier's Check	\$65.00 \$ 646.00

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Custom Concrete Corp.-sidewalk, including base 332 W. Tichenor St. Compton, Calif.	Cashier's Check	\$2,714.00 \$271.40
George Savala Paving Co., Inc., sidewalk, including base 213 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Hawthorne, Calif.	Bidders Bond 10%	\$3,776.00
Loyco Corp., fencing & sidewalk, including base 9415 Cortada St., El Monte, Calif.	Bidders' Bond 10%	\$4,972.00

Councilman Benstead moved the bids be referred to the City Engineer for study and recommendation later in the meeting.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of Bids for construction of curb and gutter on Maple Avenue, northerly of Torrance Boulevard.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice inviting Bids.

There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed. Councilman Drale asked why sidewalks were not included.

City Manager Stevens said this work was being done with County aid, and that the City will call for bids on the sidewalks very soon when the bids on the sprinkler system are called for.

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

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Star Construction Co. 15148 Indiana Ave. Paramount, Calif.	Bidder's Bond \$350.00	\$2,226.67
Harrison Bros. 1953 W. 148th St., Gardena, Calif.	Bidder's Bond 10%	\$2,792.40
Custom Concrete Corp. 332 W. Tichenor St. Compton, Calif.	Cashier's Check \$244.00	\$2,440.00
E. W. Allen P. O. Box 132 Fallbrook, Calif.	Bidder's Bond 10%	\$2,026.09
Savala Paving Co., Inc. 213 S. Hawthorne Blvd. Hawthorne, Calif.	Bidder's Bond 10%	\$3,221.45

Councilman Drale moved this bids be referred to the City Engineer for recommendation later in the meeting.

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

At this time, Mayor Isen recognized Mr. Festag of the County Flood Control District, who was present to discuss the drilling of an exploration well in El Retiro Park.

Mr. Festag said he was here on the assumption the Council was not too familiar with the project now under way, and he would be glad to answer questions. He went on to point out the rapid growth of the area, and to explain that the imported water supply had always been short, and to

water had been pumped from underground reservoirs, which have now reached such a low level that the sea water can encroach upon the supply of fresh water, which it has done, rendering some of the water useless. In 1950, the State appropriated funds to see what could be done about this, and part of the experiments taking place involve the erection of a fresh water barrier. In order to complete the experiments, certain information must be obtained, and to get this, they have drilled experimental wells from Playa del Rey to Redondo Beach, and they need one more well nearer the Palos Verdes Hills. He explained that they had asked for a location more suitable to their needs, but it had been refused because it was in a residential area and it was feared it would disturb the people who lived there. This location in El Retiro Park is as far north of the hills as they can go and still get useful information.

Councilman Benstead asked why they picked a site in a park.

Mr. Festag said because they can have access to it, and it is felt it would not be unsightly. If a spot was chosen where traffic might be impeded by their equipment, it would not serve.

Councilman Benstead asked if they are using cable tools.

Mr. Festag said he did not know; he said there will be an 8" steel casing between 200 and 300 feet deep put down there. When the drilling is complete, they will clean up the area and restore it to a condition as good as, or better than, it was when they moved in.

Councilman Blount asked if drilling would be done only during the daytime.

Mr. Festag said it would.

Councilman Jahn asked if they will need to store things at the well location.

Mr. Festag said only during the time the drilling is taking place, when they will have the pipe on hand.

Councilman Drale asked if the pipe, when capped, could be level with the ground.

Mr. Festag said there is no reason it cannot be, and it could be below the ground level and covered with dirt if the Council wished. He said they will take samples from it only about once a week.

Councilman Blount asked how long it is to be used.

Mr. Festag said they have no idea, but it will be as long as there is acceptable information.

Councilman Benstead asked if water would be pumped into the pipe.

Mr. Festag said he did not know, and the geologists who will use the information do not know.

Mayor Isen asked where the Council can see one of these exploration wells.

Mr. Festag said there is one near the intersection of Santa Maria and Prospect in Redondo Beach.

Councilman Benstead asked if these people are working with the Metropolitan Water District.

Mr. Festag said the State is doing the research work; he added that the West Basin Water District is a part of this.

Councilman Drale said this would be of benefit to everyone in the area and he did not think it would ruin any portion of the park, and that it has to be done.

Mayor Isen said he was worried about the nuisance factor.

Mr. Festag said the site will be left clean.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Council look over the site in Redondo Beach which was mentioned here, and give Mr. Festag an answer in a week. This was satisfactory to Mr. Festag, and Mayor Isen said the Council would have Mr. Stevens advise Mr. Festag of their decision after the meeting on February 13.

There were no objections to this agreement.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager write a letter to Colonel Hedger at the Flood Control District thanking them for the way the Flood Control Channel has been cleaned.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated January 8, 1957, from Benjamin S. Hite, Registrar of Voters, requesting an expression from the City as to whether or not a new method of furnishing lists of voters when the City calls an election would be acceptable.

A comment from City Manager Stevens, dated January 31, 1957, was appended, and advised that City Clerk Bartlett recommends that the new method be adopted, and concurring with the recommendation.

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

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

2. A request from the Hollywood Riviera District Girl Scouts to hold their annual cookie sale from February 8 through February 23, 1957, in the Hollywood Riviera section, Ellinwood, and Palos Verdes Riviera. This was signed by Mrs. Ivan McElroy, Cookie Chairman, 144 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach.

License Inspector Whitacre approved the request subject to the necessary license forms being filed so the City's records will be complete.

Chief of Police Haslam also recommended approval.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted subject to License Inspector Whitacre's suggestion.

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

3. A letter from the Los Angeles County Road Department, dated January 28, 1957, signed by Sam R. Kennedy, Road Commissioner, concerned Crenshaw Boulevard between Pacific Coast Highway and Rolling Hills Road. Mr. Kennedy said it will be necessary that the County acquire jurisdiction over the subject portion of Crenshaw Blvd. so they may grade and pave a temporary connecting road there and later grade and pave the permanent link of Crenshaw there, all within the City of Torrance. Mr. Kennedy said a resolution was being submitted for adoption regarding this.

Attached to the letter was a comment from City Engineer Bishop to the effect that the work is under way now, and has been approved by the Council. He said granting temporary jurisdiction to the County is customary procedure.

A comment from City Attorney Remelmeyer was to the effect that he did not have a copy of the proposed Resolution, but if the County will pave and grade as indicated he would approve it.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer and the City Attorney, and that the City Attorney be authorized to present the proper Resolution.

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

4. A January 23, 1957, communication from the R. G. Harris Co., 5333 Sepulveda Boulevard, Culver City, regarding Section 5 of Ordinance No. 813, and informing the City that they have complied with such section. He reported the tile roof line of said building has been removed, the building has been repainted both inside and out, and the plumbing and electrical have been completely re-worked in accordance with the City's codes. The letter also outlined their intention to do more work on the building later.

Mayor Isen said he disagreed with the letter, in that he does not consider the building under discussion has been remodelled.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Variance granted stipulated that this building will be remodelled to conform with the other buildings to be constructed on the property.

Mayor Isen said he did not wish to be harsh, but he did not agree the work done would constitute remodelling.

Councilman Drale said a part of the Variance stipulated that they give a 10' easement for widening Carson and install curbs and gutters. He felt this to be most important, and thinks it should be done.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the City Attorney for a proper answer.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale suggested that Mr. Remelmeyer check on the easement.

Mayor Isen informed City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council would not be averse to extra time, but they want to know what the remodeling will be, and asked the City Attorney to invite Mr. Harris to a Pre-Council meeting with the Council, soon.

5. A letter dated January 28, 1957, from S. Willard Isaacs and George Binder, 6638 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood 28, asked that the City remove the church and convert the property into a parking lot at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and El Prado in Torrance.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Dorsey had said this would work into a parking lot.

Mayor Isen asked where the money will come from.

Councilman Benstead said it is a part of the parking Assessment District.

Councilman Jahn asked what kind of building that is.

The City Manager said the foundation is very heavy concrete, adding an informal bid of about \$5,000 for removal of it had been made at one time.

The City Manager said in order to get full benefit from this, Torrance Boulevard would have to be re-aligned. He had a map showing the proposed re-alignment which would give full use of the lot.

Councilman Benstead asked what had become of the Parking Assessment District.

City Manager Stevens reported it had been held up because Mr. Dorsey had believed that with study, they could get more parking space for less money.

Councilman Benstead asked if the lot in question is not a part of that Assessment District.

The City Manager said it is. He went on to say it had originally been planned that parking meter funds would pay the interest and retire the bonds. It was Mr. Dorsey's belief we would get more for the money the other way. The City Manager recommended this idea be thoroughly explored. He said it was possible we could get more space and not have to pay interest.

Councilman Jahn asked if it would be possible to get this in writing.

The City Manager said yes.

Councilman Benstead expressed great dissatisfaction with the way the Parking Assessment District has been going.

Mayor Isen asked what Mr. Dorsey is doing for the City now.

City Manager Stevens said he did not know at the moment; the last thing Mr. Dorsey presented was the recommendation Council recently acted on concerning parking meters on Torrance Boulevard.

Mayor Isen said we are going to have to go ahead with the Parking District.

City Manager Stevens said if that is the feeling of the Council, it would be our next move.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Dorsey had recommended a few changes, and it was supposed to be so stated. He said you could take away from such a District but not add to it, and added some lots have been deleted.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had talked to O'Melveny and Myers, and we will have to get a map with the specific revisions on it and present it to them for study to see if we will have to start over.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered that the City Attorney proceed with this.

City Manager Stevens presented the map showing the proposed re-alignment of Torrance Boulevard to the Council, who studied it.

Mayor Isen ordered the record to show the Council authorized City Manager Stevens to meet with representatives of the Pacific Electric Railway regarding the proposed realignment of Torrance Boulevard according

to the map he had presented here tonight.

City Manager Stevens said he would proceed with this at once.

Mayor Isen instructed City Manager Stevens to answer the letter from Messrs. Binder and Isaacs telling them of the proposal for the widening of Torrance Blvd., and that he will give them a report later.

Mayor Isen asked Don Mansfield, Mr. Stevens' assistant, about the paint on the bridge over Torrance Boulevard at the eastern edge of the City, and what was going to be done about the planting along that street.

Mr. Mansfield replied that oleanders had been planted along the north side of Torrance Blvd. from Western Avenue to the bridge.

Mayor Isen asked when planting was going to be done in the center of the street along the right of way.

Mr. Mansfield replied that land does not belong to the City, and the planting done along the north side there had cost over \$300.00.

Regarding the painting of the bridge, Mr. Mansfield said we are still exploring the possibility of getting the right paint for it.

Councilman Blount asked to have the first paragraph of the letter from Messrs. Binder and Isaacs read in full.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read that paragraph, as follows:

"As you are aware, we purchased this property for \$35,000 cash with the assurance that the City would purchase it from us at this price and convert it into a parking lot for the benefit of the community."

Mayor Isen said the City had never agreed to that. He said it was more or less a moral obligation when an Assessment District was formed.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Manager to make that clear in his letter to these men.

6. An application from Dale & Jesse, 512 Rindge Lane, Redondo Beach, for a license to paint house numbers on the curbs in front of houses in Torrance.

This application was approved by Chief Haslam subject to Council approval of such painting on City property.

License Inspector Whitacre submitted the following transmittal comment: "The attached application of Dale & Jesse for a Business License and Solicitors Permit to paint house numbers on the street curbs, approved by Chief Haslam, subject to the City Council approval of the house numbers being painted on City property."

Councilman Benstead said he had thought the Hi-Y planned a similar project.

Councilman Jahn asked the Chief of Police if he had any statement to make on this.

Chief Haslam said he did not know how the Council would feel about having this painting done on City-owned curbs.

Councilman Drale moved the application be tabled.

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

7. A memorandum dated January 31, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre recommended the refund of a \$6.00 overpayment of license fee to James Squire, owner of the Cravens Apartments, located at 1414 Cravens. This is in accordance with Section 15, Paragraph 3, of Ordinance No. 624.

Councilman Blount moved to allow the refund in accordance with the recommendation by Mr. Whitacre.

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

8. A memorandum dated January 31, 1957, recommended a refund to Vurp's Cafe (Max Katz) of \$10.00 paid for fee on a music machine located in his establishment, as this constituted a double payment of the fee.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector that this fee be refunded to Mr. Katz.

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

9. A letter dated January 23, 1957, from Harry B. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, discussed the cost of night lighting at El Retiro, Walteria and McMaster Parks. The letter was directed to City Manager Stevens, who had referred it here.

Councilman Benstead suggested to the City Manager that there could be a 'Building Budget' set up for the Parks & Recreation Department to take care of such things as this when the next Annual Budget is prepared.

City Manager Stevens said such a fund could be set up if we have the money. He said it could not be taken out this year.

Councilman Benstead moved this be considered in connection with the budget for the next Fiscal Year.

Councilman Drale said the new El Romerio Park needs to be graded and have other basic work done. He feels such moneys should be divided, so all parks benefit, saying before you put lights in parks for night use, the others should get some improvement.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen said this could be considered at budget time.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if a set of lights on a 'pay-as-you-go' basis had not been approved for El Retiro Park.

City Manager Stevens said it had not been approved; he had been asked to find the costs, and this is the first time it has been on the Agenda. He said we do not have the money for such a project.

10. A notice from the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, dated January 16, 1957, advised that starting February 13, 1957, Hearings would be held on an application of the Southern California Edison Company for authority to make effective a general rate increase, equivalent to 6.4 percent.

Councilman Drale moved the City Council go on record as protesting such a rate change.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion, and added that our City is still in a semi-agricultural rate structure, and he thinks the City should be represented at the hearing to point out that we should certainly have a more favorable rate structure.

Councilman Drale so amended his motion, and moved that City Attorney Remelmeyer draw the necessary Resolution of protest, and, if necessary, attend the Hearings.

Councilman Blount accepted the amendments to his second to the motion.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City had not retained a research engineering company last year to try to get a better rate structure for the City, saying we should have heard from them by now.

City Manager Stevens said we had paid them \$100.00, but he did not think we had heard from them.

Mayor Isen referred this matter to the City Attorney.

City Manager Stevens said he had a telephone call today from the City Manager of Redondo Beach about this; their Council is not going to oppose the rate increase, but will ask to get in a more favorable zone, and would join with us or any City in this area to fight for a more favorable zone. City Manager Stevens said it might be too late to do much organization but maybe this would get some consideration. He said Redondo would be willing to join with us in hiring experts to carry on this work for the several cities who might be interested.

Mayor Isen said perhaps they could get a special Hearing.

City Attorney Remelmeyer read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3102

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
PROTESTING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE OF THE SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY AND REQUESTING THAT THE CITY
OF TORRANCE BE PLACED IN A NEW AND PROPER ZONE
DETERMINING A BETTER RATE BASE.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3102.

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

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Attorney would appear at the meetings, or Hearings.

Mayor Isen said unless he gets a special Hearing date.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full an invitation to the Council from the Walteria Businessmen's Club to attend the Grand Opening and Dedication of their Community Scout House to be held Sunday, February 10, 1957, from 1:00 P. M. to 2:30 P. M. This invitation was dated February 5, 1957, and signed by R. E. Waegner, President.

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

Communications from the City Manager:

1. A letter dated February 1, 1957, reported to the Council, in answer to a query from them, that the Recreation Commission budget contained \$300 for meetings, conferences, etc., and out of this amount \$71.34 has been spent to date. Mr. Stevens also reported it has been the policy of the City Council to limit the number of members of a Commission attending such conferences to two.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the policy set forth by City Manager Stevens.

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

2. A memorandum dated January 31, 1957, from the City Manager, outlined two plans for having Federal Social Security Coverage for City employees, as requested by the Council. The City Manager also reported that this will be discussed at the City Managers' Conference in Palo Alto which he will attend. He said he would report on the plan being formulated by the League after the Conference.

Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to put this back on the Agenda at that time.

Councilman Drale asked if this could be referred to the new budget Hearings, and so moved.

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

Mayor Isen said a copy of this should be posted on the bulletin board.

Councilman Benstead said we should have an election to see who wants this and who does not.

City Manager Stevens said a 'straw vote' could be taken for a sampling of opinion.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen instructed the City Manager to follow through on this.

3. A memorandum from the City Manager, dated February 1, 1957, submitted a job description for Planning Technician and Office Engineer for study by the Council.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held over for study.

4. A memorandum dated January 22, 1957, submitted a job description for Aquatic Recreation Supervisor for study, and recommended that upon completion of the written examination, psychiatric consultations be required of the candidates prior to appointment.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held over for study.

Communications from the City Attorney:

Under date of February 1, 1957, the City Attorney had prepared a complete report on the condemnation action of a landfill disposal site within the City of Monterey Park, as requested by the Council.

The City Attorney said he had no recommendation to make on this, adding that a further Hearing will be held on the matter February 7, 1957.

There were no objections, and the Mayor ordered this report filed until we see what results from the Hearing.

Councilman Blount said he feels we should come to the rescue of the City of Monterey Park if, indeed, the County is going to take over property in that City against the zoning laws of the City. He said he feels we may need such support some day, and may regret it if we do not help them now.

Councilman Blount moved a Resolution be sent to the Board of Supervisors deploring any such policy.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote, with Mayor Isen directing the City Attorney to have the proper Resolution on the Agenda next week.

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

Mayor Isen said that with regard to the Resolution regarding the City of Monterey Park, the City Attorney should write a letter to the Board of Supervisors at once telling them of our feelings in this matter, and that a Resolution will follow, so our feelings will be a matter of record at the Hearing on the 7th of February. Mayor Isen commented that he made this instruction on the suggestion of Councilman Blount, whom he thanked.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

City Engineer Bishop reported that he would like to have until the next meeting of the Council to analyze the bids handed to him tonight in order that his recommendation may be carefully studied and prepared.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Communications from the Recreation Department:

1. A letter dated January 28, 1957, from H. B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, discussed the improvement of the Southwest Park parksite. Mr. Van Bellehem reported that residents of the area had requested the improvements, such as installing a sprinkler system, planting grass, etc. He said the Engineering Dept. is having a survey made and a contour map prepared. The Street Supt., Mr. Perkins, has warned the Recreation Dept. not to do extensive grading on the site because the soil is a dusty sand, and so, Mr. Van Bellehem said, the work on the parksite has been confined to simply harrowing the ground.

Councilman Jahn said he thought previous action has been taken on this. Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Jahn, and suggested that Mr. Van Bellehem check Minutes to be sure of this.

Councilman Jahn moved this parksite be graded and made level.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

City Manager Stevens reported a survey is being made to determine the proper level, saying some of this land was 20' higher than the rest of it.

Councilman Jahn changed his motion to "grade the parksite as nearly level as practical to fill the ditches, furrows, etc."

Councilman Drale accepted the changed motion in his second.

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

Mayor Isen directed that Mr. Van Bellehem advise the residents of the Southwest Park area of this action.

2. Under date of January 31, 1957, Mr. Van Bellehem submitted special rules on the matter of working conditions, overtime and holiday pay for Recreation Department part-time employees. These rules had been discussed with the City Attorney, who said the seasonal and part-time employees do not come under Civil Service rules and therefore no amendment to the Civil Service rules to cover these employees is necessary.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the rules submitted.

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

Communications from the Airport Commission:

1. A request to transfer his lease to C. W. Annand, Jr., and J. N. Morgan, made by H. H. Holder, was referred to the Council by the Airport Commission and recommended for approval, with the stipulation that they agree to having the hangar moved to another location if it does not fit the master plan as finally worked out.

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

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

2. Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Company's request for a 40-foot access strip, which they will pave and maintain for their own use, was referred to the Council by the Airport Commission with a recommendation for approval with certain stipulations. The transmittal letter was dated Jan. 28, 1957.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission, with Hi-Shear to pave and maintain the strip at their own expense.

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

3. A recommendation dated January 28, 1957, from the Airport Commission that some recognition be given to Mr. Johnson of the Mayflower Trailer Company for the fine job he is doing in promoting Torrance, was referred to the Chamber of Commerce, with a copy of the Airport Commission recommendation going to them as well.

Mayor Isen asked Commissioner John G. L. Crain of the Airport Commission if this was what he had in mind when the motion was originally made.

Commissioner Crain said it would serve, and told of the fine work being done by Mr. Johnson.

Mayor Isen instructed Don Mansfield to write an appropriate letter for the Mayor's signature, and said he would be ready to sign this.

Engineering and Planning Commission Matters:

1. A letter dated Feb. 1, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted storm drain easement from Gilbert D. Sellan and Frances Sellan and Henry Kaluzok and Dorothea L. Kaluzon, for the westerly 5 feet of Lot 10 in Tract 22762, at Cypress and 238th Streets. A location sketch and the necessary Resolution were submitted with the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3098

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM GILBERT D. SELLAN, FRANCES SELLAN, HENRY KALUZOK
AND DOROTHEA LOIS KALUZOK.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3098.

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

Councilman Jahn said he had held a discussion with Planning Director Powell about the signs these people, Selland and Kaluzok, had put up illegally; the signs were subsequently moved back. Councilman Jahn asked that Mr. Powell look into this and get the signs taken down.

2. A letter dated February 1, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement at the southwesterly corner of Hawthorne Ave. and Del Amo Blvd., for the widening of Del Amo. A location sketch and the necessary Resolution accompanied the letter. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3099

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM ANGELOS STAVENS AND
MAXINE STAVENS.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3099.

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Engineer if that would bring Del Amo to the proper width under the policy set by this Council last week.

City Engineer Bishop said it would.

3. A letter dated Feb. 1, 1957, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, contained the report requested from him by the Council on the drainage back of the medical center at Palos Verdes and Lomita Boulevards (Schandling and Seal, contractors).

The City Engineer made recommendation that a drainage structure be built, and went into detail as to how cost and labor could be handled on this. A copy of the letter was sent to the contractor.

In reply to a question from the Mayor, City Engineer Bishop said Schandling and Seal have not been reached about this, but said he would be sure to contact them during the next week.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this held over until the next regular meeting of the Council, and instructed the City Engineer to have the matter back at that time.

4. A letter dated Feb. 1, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, clarified the request of Albert Ashkar, Inc., for permission to build a pipeline under Lomita Blvd., and was written at the request of the Council.

Mr. Bishop recommended the request be granted, with the following conditions:

1. The permit be granted for a 1-year period, to be renewed at the convenience of the City;
2. A surety bond of \$1,000.00 to be posted to insure the cost of relocating the pipe at the time of reconstruction of Lomita Blvd. and to insure its removal at the termination of permit;
3. The proper excavation permit to be taken out and that the installation and resurfacing of the street be under the supervision of this Department;
4. That Albert Ashkar, Inc., the permittee, be required to furnish certificates of insurance showing that he is insured in amounts of \$100,000/\$300,000 public liability and \$25,000 property damage.

The City Attorney said Item 4 should stipulate that he agrees to indemnify the City as well, saying the City should be named as co-insured. It was so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City

Engineer, with Item 4 to be corrected in accordance with the statement of the City Attorney.

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

5. A letter dated February 1, 1957, from the City Engineer, recommended that the subdivision bonds as listed here be released to Mr. Harry Kissel, the subdivider:

Tract No. 18249: Bond No. 310793 - \$256,000.00

Tract No. 18594: Bond No. 235394 - \$ 25,000.00

Tract No. 18594: Bond No. 235395 - \$ 81,053.00

Tract No. 19425: Bond Not numbered \$ 43,000.00

(Bonds held with General Casualty Co. of America.)

A letter from Park Supt. Clemmer was submitted saying the trees have been planted in the parkways and have been inspected and approved by the Park Department. A location sketch was also attached.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer questioned whether these should be released before negotiations with Mr. Kissel on a parksite are completed.

Mr. Morning, representing Mr. Kissel, said they have subdivision bonds still posted with the City, and they would like to have these bonds released to them, as well as the one on Tract No. 22024. He said all the requirements of the City Engineer have been complied with, and the trees are planted. He said the negotiations on the parksite are in the final stage, and are being carried on because the City felt the wording was too restrictive as originally given to the City. He said they are preparing to move on another subdivision, but cannot until the bonds are released.

Councilman Drale asked which tract the parksite mentioned here is in, and Mr. Morning said it is part of Tract No. 22024 and others.

Councilman Drale said he would be willing to release the bonds on all except where the parksite is.

Mr. Morning said they are more than willing to settle the park matter.

Mayor Isen suggested the Council act on the Bonds submitted here and then see what can be cleared up for them by next week.

Councilman Drale so moved, motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Engineer if he would present to the Council at their next meeting the other bonds that can be released.

City Engineer Bishop said there are three other tracts in which the Park Supt. says the trees are not ready to release yet. He said the release on the trees in Tract 22024 had just come through today.

6. A letter dated February 1, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, discussed the San Diego Freeway - Arlington Avenue Inter-change, and the City Engineer recommended that consideration be given to requesting off ramps at the Arlington Avenue separation.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Engineer, and that the proper Resolution be drawn.

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

7. A letter from the City Engineer, dated January 30, 1957, presented a request from Sam The Electrician, Inc., for an extension of time on the Ellinwood Improvement District to February 28, 1957, and recommended it be granted. A copy of a letter from that company, and a location sketch, were submitted by the Engineer.

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

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

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Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LEASE DATED OCTOBER 9, 1956, BY AND BETWEEN THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3100.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, MONETA WATER COMPANY AND STONE AND WEBSTER ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR APPRAISING MONETA WATER COMPANY PROPERTIES.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3101.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Ordinance No. 856 is back on the Agenda because Mr. Burns is here and requested it.

City Manager Stevens said he had a telephone call today from Mr. C. R. Saulter of the Gas Company's downtown offices, and Mr. Saulter said satisfactory financial arrangements had been made, and the Gas Company would not object to moving the line.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

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 Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 856 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale asked if it is possible the City would be required to pay any money on this.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said no, they have reached an agreement. Mr. Saulter of the Gas Co. called and said satisfactory arrangements have been made and they have no objection to the vacation.

Councilman Drale asked if this could be held over for a week for a letter from the Gas Co.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if he could request such a letter, and Mr. Stevens said he would do so.

Councilman Drale moved to table the motion for a week until such letter is received.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following

roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Matters Deferred from Previous Meeting:

1. The matter of the dedication of Lot 12 of Tract 9306, in connection with vacation of Roslin Avenue (Portion thereof), was continued from the meeting of January 29, 1957, to see if the clients of Arrow Engineering Co. would be willing to pay for the condemnation, if this becomes necessary.

Mr. Dan Francis of Arrow Engineering Co. was present, and said they have not been able to reach their client, who is out of town at this time.

At 7:00 P. M., Councilman Blount left the meeting, returning at 7:02 P. M.

Councilman Jahn explained to Mr. Francis that if the City must condemn the land in order to get it, they must be sure his client will bear the costs of the condemnation.

The City Attorney said our normal procedure is to ask them to post twice the estimated cost of such procedures, until everything is done.

Mayor Isen referred Mr. Francis to City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Engineer Bishop, and ordered this not be placed on the Agenda again until an agreement has been reached.

2. Councilman Jahn had moved the item of removing the protest against Thompson's restaurant's application for On Sale Liquor License be made an item of business on the Agenda for the Council meeting of February 5, 1957.

Mr. Robert Waegner submitted petitions bearing a total of 351 names favoring the granting of the license to Thompson's Restaurant at 3800 Pacific Coast Highway.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented a petition bearing 160 names favoring the granting of the license.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full protests against the granting of this license from Jane McCrea Hook of 24215 Ocean Ave., and Wendell Hook of the same address.

Mayor Isen directed that the record show he had received a protest from the Reverend Ustادت of the First Baptist Church in WALTERIA.

Mrs. Herma Tillim, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, 16409 Osage Avenue, said she has been informed that there is a liquor license which was approved by the Council across Pacific Coast Highway from this. She said that was entirely different, because it is across the Highway. The park is not fenced, and there is no night lighting there. She said the Parks & Recreation Commission have not changed their request to the Council to protest against this license being granted.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is an entrance or exit from the park near this restaurant.

Mrs. Tillim said there is.

Councilman Jahn asked whether this will still exist after the entire highway frontage is developed commercially, and Mrs. Tillim said yes. Reverend Wendell Hook, Pastor of the WALTERIA Methodist Church, spoke to the Council, protesting against this license being granted both as a Pastor and as a citizen. Revd. Hook reported that he had held a meeting with the agent of the State Control Board about this, and that later the agent had come to see him.

Mayor Isen asked if the agent had told Revd. Hook that the Board was ready to approve this until they had the complaint from the Council.

Revd. Hook told the Council the agent had said they are waiting for an opinion from the Council. He said he felt the Council had an obligation to help the high juvenile plane which does exist there. He said this is close to the park, and he feels allowing a liquor license there would be throwing temptation in the path of the youngsters who use the park. He said the park is jammed everynight. He said this would be the

eleventh liquor license in their community. He explained the way licenses to sell liquor are issued on a population basis. He protested against this being approved by saying he did not think Walteria should be penalized in this way for having Highway 101 go through their community, and said he was in favor of moderation in all things, and that the licenses should be spread out.

Bob Kramer of 24240 Las Cadonas, a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, protested against the sale of liquor so close to the park.

Mayor Isen asked if it was not indicated the Liquor Control Board would hold hearings.

Revd. Hook said yes. He said the citizens have gone to several offices and everyone disclaims responsibility for this license.

Councilman Jahn said he did not feel it is the responsibility of the Council to make a decision in this matter, but that of the Liquor Control Board, who are trained and equipped to administer the State laws which govern the sale of liquor. He said if the Council withdrew from this matter, the people would have the opportunity to go to the Liquor Control Board to voice their complaints.

Mrs. Tillim protested once more against the license being issued.

Mayor Isen said the highway going through Walteria is a benefit to the community as a whole, and that the frontage there is being developed as a first class 'restaurant row', and that the Council should not have to make such a decision as this. Mayor Isen said that while he was willing to go on record as saying possibly this is too close to the park, he would like to see the protest the Council lodged with the Liquor Control Board removed without prejudice or comment and that Board make a good investigation and handle this, and not put the City Council 'on the spot'. He explained that the Board does not have to listen to the Council, and he felt a bad example is being set when we do such a thing.

Mr. Stan Watts, who said he lives near this location, said he agreed that the Council should not interfere with the Liquor Control Board.

Frank Burke, a Walteria resident, spoke in favor of the applicant, saying the license would not hurt the area.

Chief of Police Haslam said the Liquor Control Board makes a very thorough investigation before granting a license.

Councilman Blount said the Council had acted on the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission in this matter.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Council write a letter to the Alcohol Control Board, to the attention of Mr. Hagerman, the agent on this case, asking that any reference to a protest made by this City Council against the license at 3800 Pacific Coast Highway be withdrawn without prejudice or comment or any thought given either for or against the license, and further, the letter should state that it is the wish of this Council that any previous motions entering protest or non-protest be set up as not entering any statement as we feel by that we will be entering their province. Since this action has occurred there has been a storm of controversy in the community and we would request that they hold a public hearing on this license.

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

Mrs. Tillim asked that the Press correct their stories to show that it was the Parks & Recreation Commission who have protested against this license being issued, and not the Recreation Director.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

John Crain, a Vice President of the North Torrance Civic Association requested a statement from the Council on their policy of making any recommendation to the State on liquor licenses.

Mayor Isen informed Mr. Crain that the Council will make no recommendations on such matters, deeming them to come under the jurisdiction of the State.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported regarding the portions of three lots between 182nd and 186th on Ashley which had been condemned in 1954 for street purposes, and that a settlement has been reached. He said these portions of three lots are to be paid for at the rate of \$693.00 each plus 7% interest since the date of taking the land if the Council concurs.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the agreement set forth by the City Attorney.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that this settlement would exceed \$2,000.00, and that enough money had not been set aside for it.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported a conference today between himself, Mr. James Hall, and Mr. McCall regarding the Moneta Water matter. Mr. McCall requested a pre-trial conference to be held on Friday, and that Mr. Hall would like an expression of opinion from the City Council on this. He thinks that we should request the trial judge to continue this to a date certain.

There were no objections to this, and the Mayor so ordered.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that a case called Agnew vs. City in Culver City had come to trial, and the court had ruled that the City of Culver City has no right to charge license fees of a State licensed contractor. He said this is important to us because our City charges such fees. He asked to what extent our City should give aid to the City of Culver City, who has petitioned to the Supreme Court for a hearing. He asked if an Amicus Curiae brief should be written, or whether aid in employing counsel should be given.

Mayor Isen said we should contact the League of California Cities and see what their opinion is.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked if the Council would wish to lend our name to any brief on this.

Councilman Drale agreed with Mayor Isen that we should see what the League plans to do.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to submit a report in writing on this for the Agenda of the next meeting.

City Manager Stevens requested that the Council study the job descriptions on the Agenda tonight, saying the need for them is acute.

City Manager Stevens reported that Bekins Van & Storage Co. will print a new map of the City of Torrance, and will include a large area around the City. They would like to use the All America City seal on this, and they have asked for permission to do so.

There was no objection to that.

Councilman Jahn moved a letter be written to thank them for this. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale asked if it would be possible for the City **Manager** to ask the General Petroleum Corpn. to plant some sort of decorative trees between 190th and 203rd Sts. on Crenshaw to screen the plant they have from the street, and so moved.

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

Mr. Roy Fleming of 4601 Reece Road, speaking for himself and other residents of a tract built by Len Construction Company, told the Council they have found many conditions they consider to be sub-standard in their homes.

Mayor Isen directed them to contact Mr. Russell, the Superintendent of our Building Department, to see if there is anything the City can do about it.

Councilman Drale moved Mr. Russell make an investigation and report. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn told Mr. Fleming the residents should give Mr.

Russell specific addresses where there are violations.

Mr. John Crain, speaking for the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, told the Council that the Valentine dinner dance sponsored by that group would be held at the Western Club Cafe rather than the Westerner, and that they are cordially invited to attend this event.

Councilman Jahn moved all bills properly audited be paid.
Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved to adjourn to 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, February 13, 1957.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Irvin J. Hallanger
Deputy City Clerk of the City of
Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance