

Torrance, California
March 5, 1957

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, March 5, 1957, in the Council Chamber in the 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. City Manager Stevens was also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held February 26, 1957, as written.

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

Councilman Drale said he would like to compliment Mr. Fitzgerald of the Chamber of Commerce upon the report which he has prepared and tendered to the Councilmen for study. He went on to say that since he has been on the Council, it is the first report of this kind the Council has had from the Chamber, and he thought it looked like a fine report.

Mayor Isen said he would like to go even further and say it is the first time he remembers a Manager at the Chamber of Commerce going all out to promote the City.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked Councilman Drale and the Mayor, and said he would be here next week to discuss the report he had given to the Council, and to answer any questions they may have on it. He said he plans to give them such a report every three months from now on.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A claim from Charles R. and Thora Delahunty for damages for personal injuries and property damage in an automobile accident January 12, 1957, submitted by Sidney J. Kahn & Roger C. Stern, attorneys, under date of February 19, 1957.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

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

2. A request dated February 12, 1957, from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, that steps be taken to obtain a right of way through the General Petroleum property to allow Prairie Avenue to continue through to Madrona. This was signed by John Kesson, President.

Attached to this request was a memorandum from City Engineer R. W. Bishop, dated February 18, 1957, saying the Resolution No. 3090, which was recently adopted by the Council, requested approval of this as a major street, in order to make it eligible for gas tax money. This has not yet been approved by the State.

This request and the City Engineer's memorandum had been held over from the last meeting of the Council in order that a representative of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association might be present to find what action was taken.

No representative of the Association was present at the meeting.

As Resolution No. 3090 had already been passed, Mayor Isen directed Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to forward that information, as embodied in the City Engineer's memorandum, to the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, along with a copy of that Resolution.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. A request dated February 14, 1957, from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John Kesson, President, asked that the Council take action to improve the parking situation on 182nd Street, across from North High School. This was also referred from the last meeting.

Attached was a memorandum from Percy Bennett, Ass't. Chief of Police, dated March 1, 1957, to the effect that a 2-hour parking limit sign was recommended to be posted, limiting parking for 2 hours from 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M., Monday through Friday, and saying an ordinance would be required.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Ass't. Chief of Police, and that the ordinance be drawn.

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

Mayor Isen directed Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to notify the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association of the action taken.

4. The North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, under date of February 11, 1957, requested the Council to investigate the Prairie Ave. Improvement District and see what is causing the delay in completion of that project. The letter was signed by John Kesson, President of the Association. This was held over from the last meeting of the Council.

Street Superintendent Ralph S. Perkins, under date of February 15, 1957, reported this is an Engineering problem. Mr. Perkins went on to say the School Board has raised the driveway, which has stopped the flow of water north. The Street Department has cleaned this twice, and each time the School Board has refilled the driveway. When the curbs and sidewalks are in, he reported, the Street Department will pave the street.

City Engineer Bishop reported the acquisition of easements progressing more slowly, but the plans are far along. He added that we will get a temporary right-of-way agent immediately to expedite this acquisition. Mr. Bishop's memorandum was dated February 27, 1957.

Councilman Benstead moved that the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association be sent a copy of the reports submitted here.

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

5. Glenn W. Pfeil, Chairman of the Business & Public Affairs Committee of the Kiwanis Club of Torrance, submitted under date of February 27, 1957, a report from that Committee that the Memorial Board honoring the City's World War II servicemen at the corner of El Prado and Cravens was in bad condition. The Kiwanis recommended that this be maintained in first class condition and be preserved properly in the years to come.

Councilman Blount pointed out that we have a new and very beautiful memorial to our servicemen at the new Civic Center. He felt the memorial mentioned in this letter was never a fully suitable installation.

Councilman Benstead asked who put it up, but no one had an answer at the moment.

City Manager Stevens spoke of the new memorial, which is a marble shaft and benches, and very carefully designed.

Mayor Isen recalled that it had been the intention of the Council to remove the memorial board mentioned in this letter when the new and much more suitable memorial was installed. He instructed the City Manager to write to the Kiwanis and tell them about the new memorial at the Civic Center and that the Council has ordered the memorial board at the corner of El Prado and Cravens to be removed.

6. A February 25, 1957, letter signed by residents of the Kettler Knolls area described certain undesirable conditions arising near their homes from the helicopter factory nearby, and asked the Council to take whatever action they can to alleviate this.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council, along with certain material being prepared by City offices.

7. A letter from Armet & Davis, Architects, for the 'Jump'n Jack Restaurant, 2900 Pacific Coast Highway, dated February 22, 1957, asked that they be allowed to use 2" tongue and groove wood sheathing under a

wood shake roof on their new building.

Building Supt. Russell said, in a memorandum dated February 28, 1957, that he would not oppose a shake roof providing a fire retardant roof is installed below the shakes. He said he had asked the builders to request this from the Council, as he does not have the authority to change the Code and he interprets the code as saying this building will require a fire retardant roof.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Building Supt., and as long as this type of construction applies to concur with the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said 2" sheathing would require a long time to burn through, and Mr. Russell is not opposed to it. He asked to know whether or not the motion meant the Council would oppose the request to use 2" sheathing.

City Manager Stevens said he understands that the request would be acceptable.

Councilman Drale rescinded his previous motion, and moved to concur with their request subject to Mr. Russell's approval of their specifications.

Councilman Benstead accepted the change in his second to the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

8. Harry T. Green, 1314 Beech Avenue, requested a Variance of the Code requirements for side yard setback, saying his existing garage is on the property line, and he sought permission to add a storage room to that structure. His letter was dated February 28, 1957.

L. T. Fischer, whose property adjoins Mr. Green's property, requested that the application be granted.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted.

Councilman Jahn said this would be over 50% of modification of existing structures, and pointed out that the Council was being asked to waive both the land use ordinance and the building code. He felt this action would be premature, and wondered if the room was being built for commercial use.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Green, who was present, to answer Councilman Jahn, and Mr. Green said he intended to use the room only for storage of some of his public address system.

Councilman Benstead suggested that a recommendation on this should always come from the proper authority, and this had not.

Councilman Blount at once withdrew his motion, agreeing that this should have a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this directed through the proper channels.

9. A report dated February 6, 1957, from the Shell Oil Co., 1008 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles, advising that they have made no new installation or abandonments under Ordinance No. 328 during the period ending Dec. 31, 1956. They also advised they were forwarding a supply of redrawn or revised maps of their sub-structure installations.

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

10. The Camp Fire Girls, Los Angeles Area Council, Inc., applied for permission to hold their annual candy sale in Torrance from March 29-April 20, 1957. The request was signed by Marguerite Van Derwerker, Acting Executive Director, and was not dated.

License Inspector Whitacre recommended that this free license be granted, saying all the necessary forms have been completed.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request.

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

11. Jesse B. Barrs, Jr., and Dale Hall, 512 Ringe Lane, Redondo Beach, requested a refund of \$24 for License Receipt No. 7763, and \$16 for License Receipt No. 7764, as their business license to paint house numbers on curbs was not granted. This was dated February 23, 1957.

License Inspector Whitacre, on Feb. 28, 1957, recommended the refund of the \$24 fee for business license.

Chief of Police Haslam, on Feb. 28, 1957, recommended the refund of the \$16 fee paid for a solicitor's permit.

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

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

12. A February 28, 1957, letter from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, reported a request from Pacific Employers Insurance Co., 1033 S. Hope St., Los Angeles 15, for release of Bond No. 21-B-47275 covering Spur Oil Co. well located in Tract 437, Lot 79. Mr. Whitacre reported the well is now owned by Hill Associates, 5650 Atlantic, Long Beach, and is covered by their bond No. 21-B-54955, which meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 440. He recommended that the Spur Oil Co. Bond be terminated.

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

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked if this property has been cleaned up, as is mandatory.

George Powell, Planning Director, said usually his report is attached to such recommendations, and that he does not recall whether or not a report was made on this oil well.

Councilman Drale changed his motion, and moved to concur subject to the usual clean up and inspection being made.

Mayor Isen seconded the changed motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. A letter dated February 18, 1957, from Robert T. Anderson, Ass't. Administrative Officer, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, requested the Council to adopt a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to transfer title of El Nido Park to the City of Torrance. It was noted on the Agenda that the Council had authorized the Parks & Recreation Commission to explore the possibility of asking the County to enter into an agreement with the City, or of refusing to accept the Park from the County, and asking the County to make the improvements at the Park.

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

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, and commented that it is hoped the County will improve and maintain this park.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Communications from the City Manager:

1. The City Manager recommended, under date of March 1, 1957, that the City of Torrance become a member of the Emergency Aid Plan of the County of Los Angeles covering ambulance service. The Plan was recently explained by Mr. Goodhew, President of Goodhew Ambulance Service, and Felix H. McGinnis, Attorney for Goodhew. Currently there are twenty-two cities in the County using this service.

By becoming a member of the Emergency Aid Plan, we will be assured of continuing ambulance service at a minimum cost to the City. It is necessary that we have a dependable source of service for emergency calls originated by our Police Department.

The cost cannot be determined in advance and will depend on the diligence exercised by all parties in assuring a maximum collection of ambulance fees.

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

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale asked what the length of the contract would be.

City Manager Stevens said it would have a clause allowing us to cancel with 60 days' notice.

Councilman Benstead asked what this would cost.

The City Manager said he did not recall the exact figure off-hand, but he thought it would be about \$12 per call, with mileage if the latter was extraordinary.

The City Manager went on to say that the ambulance service would make their own collections, and if they could not, would turn collections over to the County after a certain period; if the County is unable to collect the fees, then it will be turned over to the City. He said it would be set up as it is for all other cities in this program.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if the contract will come here to the Council before it is finally executed, so the Council will have an opportunity to check it.

The City Manager said it will, and that a Resolution will be necessary.

2. A February 27, 1957, transmittal letter from the City Manager submitted a job description for an Assistant Recreation Director for study by the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this job description.

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

Communications from the City Attorney:

An opinion from the City Attorney regarding the personnel for the Control Tower at the Airport concluded that he was unable to determine from the terms of the agreement whether providing such personnel needed for the tower would be the obligation of Collins-Dietrich or of the City.

The City Attorney reported, as the answer is not to be clearly found in the agreement, or at all, it could only be found by litigation. By the time the litigation was concluded, the outcome of which is doubtful, the contract with Collins-Dietrich probably would have terminated.

The City Attorney said the analysis of his opinion is on file in his office for study.

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

PLANNING AND ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 (Proposed) - 1911 Act.

a. A letter dated March 1, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Ass't. to the City Engineer, submitted petitions for the creation of a 1911 Act sewer district in the South Torrance area, to be known as the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3. The petitions were submitted to the residents in the area bordered on the north by 233rd St., on the south by the Torrance City boundary, on the west by Arlington Ave., and on the east by Walnut Ave.

b. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full a letter from the County of Los Angeles Health Dept., 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12, Calif., signed by Roy O. Gilbert, M. D., Health Officer, and addressed to the City Council, as follows:

Gentlemen: SUBJECT: South Torrance Sewer District No. 3.
RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully recommended that sanitary sewers be installed in this district.

ANALYSIS: This Department has made an investigation of the South Torrance sewer district No. 3, as shown on the attached map. During the course of this investigation 66 house-to-house calls were made. Of this number 25 occupants were not at home or did not answer the door. Of the 41 property owners or tenants actually contacted, 22 or 53.6% reported

that they have had trouble with their individual subsurface sewage disposal systems. They complained of the seepage pits filling up, causing raw sewage to back up into the house plumbing fixtures or to overflow on to the surface of the ground; also that frequent pumping and cleaning out of the seepage pits or the construction of new pits was necessary.

The soil within the area of this proposed sanitary sewer district consists of clay and fine beach sand. This type of soil does not provide good leaching action for any type of individual subsurface disposal systems.

In view of our survey, I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, do hereby recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in this district as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code."

Councilman Jahn moved the letter be spread in the Minutes in full, and filed.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3126

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3126.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3127

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS OUTLINED ON DRAWING NO. 9409, PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN & SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3127.

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

2. A memorandum from City Engr. R. W. Bishop, dated March 1, 1957, recommended release of Bond No. RLA 15089, \$20,499.00, on Tract No. 21189, to Kauffman Construction Co. A location sketch was attached, as was a memorandum from C. W. Clemmer, Ass't. Park Supt., dated March 1, 1957, approving the trees in the parkways of this Tract, and recommending the release of the Bond.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation that this Bond No. RLA 15089 be released.

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

3. R. W. Bishop, City Engr., reported in a memorandum dated March 1, 1957, on the progress of Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2. He felt that the delay still to be expected was small enough so that the City can proceed without special consultants to work on this.

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

Councilman Jahn reported to the Council that this memorandum from the City Engineer had been read on March 4, 1957, at the meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Association.

4. CASE NO. 421: A transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 421, request of K. S. Senness for Variance to drill for oil and gas on portion of Lot 5, Tract 9765. Attached were:
- a. An excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 6, 1957;
 - b. Copy of Exhibit "A";
 - c. Location sketch;
 - d. Excerpt from Council Minutes of Feb. 19, 1957, deferring action on this Case for inspection of the property by the Councilmen.

Planning Director Powell recalled to the Council that it had been their wish to hold this over for the March 12, 1957, meeting of the Council as they will hold a hearing on that date on other matters submitted by the petitioner.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this held over for the March 12, 1957, meeting of the Council.

Mayor Isen noted that a report had been requested from the City Attorney on whether or not some revenues from this oil well could be levied for the Parks & Recreation Commission, and told the Councilmen that Attorney Remelmeyer was absent from the meeting tonight because he is quite ill.

Councilman Drale said a number of cities get revenue from oil wells for their Parks & Recreation Commission, or the equivalent Commission. He said he felt the Recreation Commission should look into the possibility of this source of income. He asked that a check be made to see if this would be possible. He spoke of a recent case in which the City of Los Angeles had obtained revenue for their Recreation Dept. by such levies.

Mayor Isen said the only way he could see that this could be done would be by a license.

Councilman Drale said it could be by royalties.

City Manager Stevens said recently such revenues had been derived by Los Angeles from wells being whip-stocked under park property. He said that there is a possibility that when wells are drilled outside the 'oil well drilling zone' the City could get a percentage.

Mayor Isen referred this to the City Attorney for his recommendation on the possibility of licensing such operations or otherwise obtaining revenue from them.

3. CASE NO. 423: A transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of application of the Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone from R-3 to C-2 on Lots 12 through 18, Tract 10216, and Lots 127 through 142, Tract 18771.

Mayor Isen set the Hearing on this Case for March 26, 1957, at the 8:00 meeting of the City Council, in the Council Chambers.

- 5. CASE NO. 430: Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval, subject to stipulations, of request of Thomas W. Smoot, for Variance to construct a garage apartment and duplex at 2517 Sonoma Street.

Councilman Jahn said he felt the Council should get something with the stipulations, such as Exhibit A, etc. He asked Planning Director Powell what the stipulations are.

Mr. Powell presented Exhibit A, a sketch of the property, and said the stipulations are shown in the letter of transmittal.

Councilman Jahn said he did not agree, and could not tell from the Minutes of the Planning Commission what they were.

Secretary Powell replied it was stipulated they should concur with Exhibit A, which he presented.

Councilman Drale asked if this complies with the land area per square foot of dwelling area, and Planning Director Powell said it does.

Councilman Blount felt that Exhibit A was too nebulous. He felt it should be plainly marked and the conditions should be shown on it.

Mayor Isen suggested this be held over for a week so it could return to the Council in better shape.

Councilman Drale said the zoning of the adjoining property should also be shown.

Mayor Isen said the stipulations should be written in the letter of transmittal as well as on Exhibit A.

Mayor Isen asked if the petitioner planned to move a building in on this property.

Planning Director Powell pointed out that it is the recommendation of the Planning Commission that whenever a building is to be moved into the City, a Committee from the Planning Commission inspect the building with the inspector from the building department. He said they can seek conformance with their recommendations on the necessary forms to be prepared, saying the buildings cannot be moved in until relocation permits are obtained.

Councilman Benstead said we should have an ordinance on this, and Mayor Isen agreed.

Planning Director Powell agreed that an ordinance would be helpful, but said this same procedure is used in our licensing process.

Councilman Benstead moved an ordinance be drafted to cover these matters.

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

Councilman Jahn felt our present ordinances provide the necessary authority.

Mayor Isen referred the matter to the City Attorney for his recommendation, and, if necessary, preparation of the necessary ordinances.

REPORTS:

1. Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, had submitted a report to the Council earlier in the meeting, and will be present at the next meeting of the Council to answer any questions the Council has on it.

2. The January-February, 1957, report of the Air Pollution Control District of the County of Los Angeles is on file in the office of the City Clerk for anyone who wishes to examine it.

3. A complaint and summons was received in the office of the City Clerk on March 1, 1957, from Boris S. Woolley, Attorney for Charles and Irene Bledsoe and Pauline Swortfiguer, Plaintiffs, for injuries and damages incurred in automobile accident at Yukon Avenue and 177th St. on or about October 27, 1956. NOTE: These claims were denied by the City Council at their meeting of January 22, 1957.

RESOLUTION NO. 3128

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE A PETITION SEEKING THE ANNEXATION OF AN AREA, AS DESCRIBED IN SAID NOTICE, TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND APPROVING THE CIRCULATION OF THE PETITION.

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

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

Councilman Jahn said he would like to know where the area is, and why it is here.

Planning Director Powell said he recognized the names shown in the Resolution, and it is the Lomita area.

Councilman Jahn said he thought we could not proceed with this now.

Councilman Drale felt it would be well to have this ready if it is needed.

Don Mansfield reported to the Council that the City Attorney had explained to him that, in his opinion, annexation proceedings have precedence over incorporation proceedings, and there is a series of deadlines which must be met, and this is to meet one of them.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3128.

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

At 6:05 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:20 P. M.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3129

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED TO GEORGE L. AND MILDRED C. PROBERT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3129.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSTRUCT FENCES ALONG THE DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL IN TORRANCE.

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. 3130.

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

Mayor Isen said it had been agreed that a letter would be sent to

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County Board of Supervisors with a Certified Copy of this Resolution, and directed Don Manfield to prepare such a letter for his signature.

Mayor Isen went on to say he had looked at this ditch just a day or so ago, and he is concerned about it, and feels it is the biggest sump in Torrance. He recalled the various measures the City has taken to safeguard sumps, and hoped that the Board of Supervisors would go along with us and give us some measure of safety on this ditch and give us fast action as well.

Councilman Drale agreed with what the Mayor said, and suggested that a Certified Copy of this Resolution also be sent to Gardena, with a plea for their support. He said a child had lost his life in Gardena in this drainage channel.

Councilman Benstead seconded Councilman Drale's suggestion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved to include Councilman Drale's suggestion and the Mayor's instructions on the letter in his original motion of adoption.

Councilman Drale seconded the inclusion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
RECOMMENDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE STATE HIGHWAY
COMMISSION IN THE 1958-59 BUDGET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAN
DIEGO FREEWAY.

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. 3131.

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

Councilman Blount pointed out the distribution of this Resolution specified in Section 2, and asked the Certified Copies for the Governor of California, Members of the Senate and Legislature representing this area, the State Highway Commission be presented to him and Councilman Drale for delivery.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTION NO. 3132

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT
CERTAIN WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND
BARNWELL LAND COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, WITH
REFERENCE TO TRACT NO. 22758.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3132.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3133

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT
CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE BETWEEN THE CITY AND
MONETA WATER COMPANY WITH REFERENCE TO TRACT NO. 22758.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3133. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 858

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF ROSLIN AVENUE AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN TRACT 9306 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 858 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens asked to report to the Council, concerning the ambulance contract, that the first one would run to June 30, 1957, and after that we would be signing on a yearly basis unless we cancel by giving 60 days' written notice. He predicted it would take at least a year to know how much this will cost, but said it would be cheaper than having our own ambulance service.

City Manager Stevens presented a map designated "Exhibit B" of the Parking Assessment District, showing parking lots A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, the proposed lots to be acquired in the parking lot assessment district. He recommended we proceed with the various phases of the District, and the Assessment Engineer be authorized to go ahead with his work and the Engineering Department be authorized to make the changes from the old Map and we proceed with the Assessment District.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

The City Manager said this is necessary to clear this up, and that the Engineers must have specific information to go ahead.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked if this included the new development at Torrance Boulevard and Border, and the City Manager said no.

Councilman Jahn moved the Council signify their interest in having City Manager Stevens proceed with informal negotiations with the owners of the parcels as marked on the revised map, "Exhibit B" for any lease-purchase agreements he can work out with the owners of these lots.

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

City Manager Stevens told the Council, as a matter of information, that Cal Tech has a seismograph in the basement of the City Hall, and are making a study of the earth movement in the area. They have other such temporary installations in the area.

Councilman Drale said in reviewing the police station, he had noticed some things which should be checked; he said one cabinet was never completed, one wall is cracked, and there are several other things that the contractor should check. He asked to have this referred to the City Manager for follow-up action.

City Manager Stevens told Councilman Drale that several of these things had already been reported to the contractor. He said so far as the 'settling' cracks are concerned, the contractor advises we wait until we have had a few hot months and then he will come in and make all the repairs at one time.

Councilman Jahn reported he had called to make application to the General Telephone Company for a telephone, and was told it would be

impossible to get a telephone in less than six months, and it might be as long as a year or more, because the City of Torrance had held up their building which would have allowed them to expand telephone service. He felt this was not a good reason, and that the General Telephone Company should be set straight on that point.

Mayor Isen said he has checked and feels the people who work for that Company should be given more accurate information.

Councilman Jahn said someone else had made application and was given the same information. He said he had today received a brochure in the mail giving good information, but it does imply the same thing. This is in writing, he said, and is signed by Mr. Vaupel of the General Telephone Company.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Vaupel or his representative be asked to attend the Pre-Council meeting on March 12, 1957, to see if this cannot be eliminated. He directed the Deputy City Clerk to see that they are asked to be here at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, March 12, 1957.

Councilman Jahn said we had received a letter from the company which has represented us at the Public Utility Commission hearings, and he felt that they were preparing to ask for more money.

City Manager Stevens agreed with Councilman Jahn, but said he would recommend that a more specialized representative serve us at those hearings in the future.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be voted on before anything more is done, and the City Manager assured him that no action would be taken without the concurrence of the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P. M.

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

By Irvin J. Hallanger
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance