

Torrance, California
March 19, 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, March 19, 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. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Gordon Arnold led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Bergenson of the Hope Evangelical United Brethren Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen said that in Paragraph 7, Page 1 of the Minutes of the March 12, 1957, meeting of the Council, Mr. Fitzgerald of the Chamber of Commerce is referred to as "Mr. Fitzpatrick", and ordered this to be corrected.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 1957, meeting of the Council as corrected.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place fixed for the opening of bids on steel folding chairs and tables for Recreation Buildings.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed, there being no objections.

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM:</u>	<u>PRICE:</u>
Torrance Desk & Office Equipment Co., 2081 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, Calif.	200 Hampton No. 76 all steel Folding Chairs	@\$3.95 ea. \$790.00
	40 Flewelling folding tables, 30" x 96" or equal	@\$45.00 ea. \$1800.00
	3 weeks delivery	Plus 4% sales tax
Virco Mfg. Corp., 15134 So. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, Calif.	200 Virco No. 127 all steel Folding chairs	\$3.85 ea. \$770.00
	40 Virco No. 625 folding tables, 30" x 96"	\$33.00 ea. \$1320.00
	2 weeks delivery	1/2% 15 days, net 30 d.
Barrett Robinson Co. 1622 Tenth Avenue Arcadia, California	200 Norcor No. 301 folding steel chairs	@\$4.38 ea.
	40 Cal No. 181 folding tables, 30"x96"	\$33.50 ea.
	1 week delivery	Net 30 days.
Abbey Rents 600 S. Normandie Ave. Los Angeles 5, Calif.	200 Virco No. 127 All steel fldg. chairs	\$3.79 ea. \$758.00
	40 Virco No. 626 Fldg. tables 30"x96"	\$34.81 ea. \$1392.40
	30 days delivery	1/2 of 1% 20 days.

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM:</u>	<u>PRICE:</u>
School Days Equip. Co. 2917 N. Main St. Los Angeles 31, Calif.	200 Norcor #331 All steel folding chairs, @\$3.74 ea. Delivery not over 30 days	\$748.00

Councilman Drale moved these bids be referred to the City Manager for his study and recommendation.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of bids on a Meter Testing Machine and Allied Equipment for the Water Dept. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the affidavit of publication. There being no objections, this was accepted and ordered filed. City Manager Stevens opened and Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read, the bid summarized here, which was the only bid received:

Western Water Works Supply Co., 2024 Merced Ave., El Monte, Calif.	Meter Testing Machine and allied Equipt., total price, including 4% sales tax.. \$1,785.86
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Mayor Isen asked Mr. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., who was present, if he would recommend this bid be accepted.

Mr. McVicar said he would. He said other people who make this equipment were notified that bids were being taken.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager be authorized to make this purchase for the Water Dept., with the concurrence of Mr. McVicar.

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

Parking Assessment District:

Mayor Isen said a week ago, when the Parking Assessment District was discussed, the lots referred to as the "Mayfair Creamery Lots" were included in that District. City Manager Stevens has advised the Council that demolition and building permits were taken out by the owners of the property, who are about to make improvement. They have possibly two lessees. It is impossible for the City Council to determine whether or not these arrangements should be included. The City Attorney has advised the Council that if the condemnation action were brought in the name of the City by a 3/5 vote, the valuation of the property would freeze as of the date of the filing of the action, and any improvements made thereafter would be made at the risk of the owner and lessee. Mr. Binder has said he will cooperate in the acquisition of the property by lending \$25,000 toward its purchase if the Parking Meter Funds will furnish \$25,000 and if the City will lend \$25,000 toward this purchase. The Mayor felt this problem should be worked out now.

Councilman Jahn moved that Lots 25, 26, 27, and 28, Block 8, Torrance Tract, remain in the Parking Assessment District.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked to whom the City will lend this money.

The City Attorney answered that the City, as condemnor, would be using their own money. Later, they could make a contract with the Parking Assessment District and have them assume the liability to pay us the money.

Councilman Jahn said the City would gain the title to the lots by this action.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if, in his opinion, the leases will affect the value of the property if they have been signed.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said they might; he added it is difficult to say what the property might be worth, but said the price will probably run between 70 and 90 thousand dollars. He felt the leases would add to the value of the property as a source of income to the owners.

Councilman Blount asked if the City has a right to condemn this land

even though the Parking Assessment District is not formed.

The City Attorney said he would have to check into this before answering it, but at one time he did check into it and had satisfied himself we could do this, but would not have the right of immediate possession. He reassured the Council that he would check the law before filing is done.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if he understood him to say the value of the property is frozen on the date of filing the action and any improvements are made at the owner's risk, whether or not the City puts up the money then.

The City Attorney said yes; providing this goes to trial within a year. Otherwise, the value is determined as of the date of trial. In the latter case, we must have the money at the time of the trial.

Councilman Blount asked if it was possible for us to tie up the property without any money.

Councilman Benstead said as he understood this, the City is to put up \$25,000.00, Mr. Binder is to furnish \$25,000.00, and \$25,000.00 is to be used from the Parking Meter Fund. He asked who would guarantee this money if it is lent.

The City Attorney said the City would get title to the property.

Mr. Binder said the City is getting \$2,500 a month from the Parking Meters, and when the Parking Assessment District is formed, the City will either be paid in a lump sum or will get the money from the Meter Funds.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Binder if he would take a subordinate position to the City and allow the City to be repaid first.

Mr. Binder said he would.

Councilman Benstead asked how long it would be before this comes to trial if the condemnation is filed.

The City Attorney said from 6 months to a year. He pointed out this type of case has a priority or it might be as long as 2 years.

Councilman Benstead asked if we could be sure we would get trial that soon, and the City Attorney said so far we have.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to make a statement; he said if it was the intent of the City to condemn the land, he was in favor of it, however, if this action is just to hold up his property for a year to make up the minds of the Councilmen, he would not favor it. If we are not going through with this and pay for the property, he concluded, he would not even consider the motion.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Jahn. He agreed with Mr. Dorsey's statement that these lots are the key to the District.

Councilman Drale asked if a building permit has already been issued.

The City Manager said it has.

Councilman Drale asked whether our proceeding with the condemnation would stop the new construction on the property.

The City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is unlikely they will proceed with it, because they will do so at their own risk. If they do proceed, they would not get the increased value of the property, but would lose it. He said he did not think they would proceed with the building.

Councilman Drale said as long as we have given them a building permit he thought any court would justify their increasing the value of the property. He wondered just how far that would go.

Mayor Isen said it has been vacant for months without rental value, but when we thought of it we thought of it as income property. He felt positive our thinking and the court's would be on the basis of the property furnishing income.

Councilman Drale said he did not know the value of the property, but he felt it would be close to \$90,000.00. If there is a way to stop the proposed construction before it is begun, he felt it should be done.

The City Attorney said he could not recall one instance where a property owner has proceeded in such circumstances to make improvements.

Motion to keep these lots in the District carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount said he abstained because he thought the lots to be already a part of the District.

Councilman Jahn moved a condemnation action be instigated immediately against Lots 25, 26, 27, and 28, Block 8, Torrance Tract, for off-street parking.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who said he did so because Mr. Binder has agreed that he would take a secondary position to the City and allow the City to be reimbursed first. He pointed out to Mr. Binder the motion is subject to a statement of that position from him.

Mr. Binder agreed to this once more.

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

Councilman Blount explained his vote by saying he feels the man has a right to defend his property and he has voted no to give him that right.

Mayor Isen told the City Attorney he should proceed with this action promptly, and the City Attorney said he would.

Mayor Isen referred to Item L2 on the Agenda, a letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission, signed by Herma Tillim, Chairman, and dated March 14, 1957. This letter had attached a copy of the last report from Louis J. Kroeger and Associates, and directed the attention of the Council to the last two pages of the Kroeger report.

The first paragraph of the letter read as follows: "At the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission on Wednesday evening, March 13, 1957, Commissioner Albright moved that a communication be sent to the City Council stating that the Commission is in favor of the City Council contacting the County Regional Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, suggesting that Torrance is in favor of, and would like to see the Board of Supervisors and Regional Planning Commission come to a conclusion that this sports center be situated in the City of Torrance; and also state that the auditorium which we are in favor of might be more suitably located in our civic center rather than in the sports center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Boswell, there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said that Mrs. Tillim was present and would like to talk to the Council about this.

Mrs. Tillim said the report from Mr. Gold sets forth the possibility of the City getting a sports center at the side of Victor Precinct which adjoins Redondo Beach. The County is planning to put one in the area, and are considering the site already mentioned or a site in Manhattan Beach. She stated that Manhattan Beach does not want this center, and the County will develop it completely and possibly operate it. She said we are in the process of getting parks and recreational facilities and if the County is going to develop such a site and we can have it here it will cut down the City's expense. She said it would also cut down the size of the necessary bond issue, and the City will not have to get so much land.

Mrs. Tillim said there is a possibility they will put the auditorium on our Civic Center Site, thus leaving our Civic Center for cultural use and the sports center on the County site. The sports center the County contemplates includes a golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool, and many other desirable recreation facilities.

Mrs. Tillim said the Parks & Recreation Commission hoped the Council would let their wishes be known to the County Regional Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, that the City of Torrance is in favor of having this here. She suggested we ask the other Cities for their cooperation in getting it in this area. She said it looked to her like one of the answers to our problem.

Councilman Benstead doubted that the County would put the auditorium on the Civic Center Site. He questioned that it would be an advantage to have it here, as the City might have to maintain it and it would be for the use of all cities in the area.

Mrs. Tillim said maintainance would have to be worked out. We are

going to want a large auditorium here on the Civic Center, and said it will not serve us as well at any other location. She agreed this would keep it from being of the full benefit possible to other communities. Mrs. Tillim saw the possibility of this request not being granted, but felt it would be worth making.

Councilman Benstead said it might not be the kind of building we will want.

Mrs. Tillim said if it is not, we can always turn it down.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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

Councilman Drale moved concurrence with Page 2 of the Memorandum from Mr. Gold of Kroeger & Associates, and that the City Council authorize the Mayor to write to the Regional Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors telling them that the City of Torrance would like to have the Sports Center located within the City of Torrance.

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

Mayor Isen moved an appropriate Resolution be drawn by the City Attorney addressed to the Regional Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors reciting the need in this area for such a center and requesting that the Regional Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors locate the sports center park in this City, and assuring them of the Council's cooperation and wishes. The Mayor said the Resolution should set forth all the reasons possible why such center should be so located and should go along with the letters he will write.

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

Councilman Benstead referred to Page 1 of Mr. Gold's report, and especially Item 6, "continued to meet with and obtain information from officials of the City of Torrance". He said he felt the Councilmen are the officials of the City, and he did not believe they have had any communication whatever from Mr. Gold.

Mayor Isen thought Mr. Gold had reference to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mrs. Tillim said Mr. Gold had been in communication with City Manager Stevens, Planning Director Powell, and other people here in the City Hall.

Councilman Benstead said the Councilmen are all interested in this, and have a right to know what is going on. He asked that the City Council be notified before this is accepted.

Councilman Drale felt the City of Torrance should have its own auditorium.

Councilman Jahn said in the letter from Mr. Gold, on Page 2, he had asked for our wishes as to how, and to whom, they should make their presentation, and suggested a joint meeting of the Recreation Commission and the City Council during the month of April on this. He asked that Mr. Gold make a written report before such a meeting so he would have time to study it and enter intelligently into discussion. Councilman Jahn so moved.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A claim of Charles and Thora Delahunty against the City of Torrance and Myles Hill Hamilton for damages for personal injuries and property arising out of automobile accident on or about January 12, 1957, submitted by attorneys Sidney J. Kahn & Roger C. Stern under date of March 13, 1957. NOTE: Another claim against the City of Torrance only submitted under date of February 25, 1957, was denied by the City Council on March 5, 1957.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny this claim and refer it to the City Attorney.

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

2. Claim of Floyd B. Slane against the City of Torrance for damages in accident occurring on January 30, 1957, on 171st St.; this was submitted by A. L. Lindley, Claims Attorney, Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California, Subrogee of Floyd B. Slane.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny this claim and refer it to the City Attorney's office.

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

3. A statement of Franchise earnings of Southern California Edison Co. under Ordinance No. 407, accompanied by check in the amount of \$44,686.95.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the check and file the report as a matter of record.

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

4. A statement of Franchise earnings of Shell Oil Co. under City of Torrance Ordinances Nos. 116, 121 and 174, and County Ordinances No. 1356 and 1502 submitting a check in the amount of \$816.96.

Councilman Drale moved the check be accepted and the report be filed as a matter of record.

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

5. A statement in the amount of \$200 and information regarding the Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Companies rate cases; the letter was dated March 12, 1957, and signed by W. B. MacKay, of the Commercial Utility Service. Commercial Utility Service pointed out that rate increases are being sought in these cases, and Commercial Utility Service wishes to represent the City in opposing the rate increases.

Upon being asked, City Manager Stevens said the City has no obligation to these people.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he has discussed this with the City Manager and with the City Managers of some of our neighboring cities. He suggested an appointment be made with the managers of the South Bay cities and a discussion held about the advisability of working together to ask for a change in the zone structure of these companies as it affects the entire area. He said if this were done, and it is agreed to hire someone together it might be better, as Commercial Utility Service represents a great many people. He believes we should have someone representing our own area and not the whole section.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Attorney could do this work.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said it would be wiser to defer a decision on this for the present, saying an engineer should accumulate the datum which will be needed.

Councilman Benstead moved the decision on this matter be deferred until after the conference with neighboring cities as suggested by the City Attorney.

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

Mayor Isen told the City Manager that Commercial Utility Service should be notified of this action.

6. Under date of March 13, 1957, a response from Burton W. Chace, Supervisor, signed by R. L. Newton, Deputy, to the City's request that Dominguez Channel, within the City of Torrance, be fenced.

The letter assured the Council that when this matter comes to the attention of the Board of Supervisors, most serious consideration will be given to the letter and Resolution from this Council.

Mayor Isen filed with Deputy City Clerk Hallanger letters from Herbert C. Legg, Supervisor of the First District, and Kenneth Hahn, Supervisor of the Second District, both dated March 14, 1957, and which he had received too late to put on the Agenda.

Supervisor Legg assured the Council he would do what he could to give

help to this project.

Supervisor Hahn reported he had sent the Council's letter and a copy of the Resolution to Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, Col. H. E. Hedger, along with his approval.

Councilman Jahn asked when this request would come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Isen said he has talked to Supervisor Hahn, who said Col. Hedger could decide when to send this in. The Mayor felt both Supervisors should follow through on this with appropriate Resolutions, and said with the permission of the Council he would like to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors citing the fact we have approval of this request from four of the supervisors, and would like to enclose with his letter a page from the March 14, 1957, issue of the Los Angeles Times, which carried the story of a little boy drowning in a flood control ditch in Orange County.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed Don Mansfield to write the letter for his signature.

7. Referred from the March 12, 1957, meeting of the Council, a letter from Gene Voorhees, Corresponding Secretary of the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' Association, dated March 6, 1957; this requested a branch library be established in the Hollywood Riviera area, and suggested that there is land available for the construction of library facilities, immediately east of and adjacent to the Hollywood Riviera elementary school, which is owned by the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Budget Hearings. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

8. A request signed by Douglas Horlander, Capt. CE Commanding, of the California National Guard Headquarters Company E (Bridge), 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, 2505 Cabrillo Ave., dated 15 March, 1957, for a subsidy of \$500 for the fiscal year beginning 1 July, 1957.

Councilman Drale moved this request be referred to the Budget Hearings.

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

9. A request dated March 13, 1957, from Robert O. and Nora F. Pflieger, asking to exercise the option to renew their 30 x 30' ground lease at 2801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be referred to the Airport Commission.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn said he believed this lease had expired February 1, 1957.

10. A letter from the Chamber of Commerce, dated March 1, 1957, and signed by A. E. Thompson, President of the Board of Directors, informing the Council they feel a certain ill will is being engendered against the City of Torrance by proposed annexation proceedings in certain areas. The Board of Directors submitted a report made by a Committee of the Chamber, making recommendations on annexations.

Councilman Jahn agreed with this letter to some extent, saying he feels there is some ill-will against Torrance in the Lomita area, which he believes has been caused by misunderstanding. He felt a statement should be made to the effect that Torrance does not wish to 'grab' any area, nor could they do so. He expressed some fear that the City might be hurting its opportunities by allowing such misunderstandings to go unrefuted, but was in a quandary as to what could be done to rectify these errors.

Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen said he had once spoken as a guest of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce on this subject, but the City of Torrance certainly has no wish to 'grab'. He added it is his honest conviction that if the area of Lomita does wish to annex to the City of Torrance, it would be a real advantage to them and to us, and that they would be welcomed as Torrance citizens.

Councilman Drale asked that the matter be dropped, saying most of the people realize the situation.

Mayor Isen suggested that copies of the Minutes with these remarks in them be sent to the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Drale did not agree, saying he did not want this done.

Councilman Jahn thought it might be a good idea, and said the same holds true of the Rolling Hills area. He feels there is too much misunderstanding.

The City Attorney said the two annexations have progressed to the point where the next step is to circulate the petitions to see if 25% of the voters desire annexation to Torrance. He reminded the Council they had adopted Resolutions permitting the petitions to be circulated.

Councilman Jahn said the remarks here this evening are not against that; they are simply to assure everyone concerned that these actions are not 'grabs' by the City of Torrance.

The communication from the Chamber of Commerce was ordered filed as a matter of record.

11. A letter from the Disabled American Veterans & Auxiliary, South Bay Chapter No. 92, signed by Charles Portnoy, Commander, dated March 6, 1957, asked to go on record as favoring a Veterans' and/or Community Center in the old City Hall.

There were no objections, and this letter was referred to the City Manager for his consideration and disposition.

LICENSE DEPARTMENT MATTERS:

1. A request for a business license to sell fireworks in the City of Torrance, signed by Harold Saks, Commander, dated March 8, 1957, was accompanied by the following memorandum from License Inspector Whitacre: "This application does not meet the requirements of City Ordinance #692, Paragraph B. Also in their letter they state "We intend to lease our license to a professional group" which in my opinion violates Section 8. Therefore, I recommend that license not be granted."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with License Inspector Whitacre's recommendation.

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

A man in the audience asked if this group might re-apply.

Mayor Isen said he should check this with License Inspector Whitacre.

2. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre reported that the following local organizations have submitted applications for fireworks stands, and recommended that these applications for fireworks stands be granted subject to the filing with the City of Torrance Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance in the amounts prescribed in Ordinance No. 692:

Hollywood Riviera Sportsmens Club, Stand #1: Northwest corner of Camino de las Colinas and Pacific Coast Highway. Stand #2: NW corner of Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd.

American Legion Auxiliary, one stand only, Parkway at the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Torrance Blvd.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, stand #1, Northeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd.; Stand #2: NE corner of Arlington and Sepulveda; Stand #3: NE corner of Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd.

Torrance Scout Center & Torrance Junior Women's Club, one stand only, corner of 234th St. and Western Ave.

City Manager Stevens reported that two more such applications had been received in time for this meeting but too late to be put on the Agenda. They are both in order, he said, and gave the following information on them:

American Legion Post 170, Bert S. Crossland Post, one location only, at the corner of 174th and Crenshaw Blvd. Optimists' Club of Torrance, one location at the Southeast corner of 174th and Hawthorne Blvd., and one location at the SE corner of the Airport Property, the Triangle, and facing Pacific Coast Highway.

The City Manager reported these applications had been approved by the Police Department and the Fire Dept.

Councilman Benstead moved all applications be approved subject to the Ordinance and the License Inspector's recommendation.

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

3. A request dated March 15, 1957, from the Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and the Harbor Area for renewal of permit to solicit for salvage.

Attached was a recommendation from License Inspector Whitacre which reported all necessary forms are on file in the License Department, and was originally approved by Chief Haslam, and recommended renewal of the permit.

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

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

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

Councilman Benstead did not return to the Council Chamber at this time.

4. A March 15, 1957, letter from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, recommending Spur Oil Company Bond #21-B-47275 be released, and giving his reasons for the recommendation.

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

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

5. A March 12, 1957, letter from License Inspector Whitacre recommended the release of Bond No. 211196 in the amount of \$500.00, and giving his reasons for that recommendation.

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

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

At 6:42 P. M., Councilman Benstead rejoined the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A letter dated March 14, 1957, from the Torrance Civil Service Board, referred again to the examination for Policewoman to be given soon. The letter explained that a promotional examination is to be given, and that the job description sets up certain minimum and maximum requirements as to age, height and weight. Applications have been received from four persons presently employed in the Police Department as "File Clerk and Police Matron", one of whom is nine months over the maximum age limit of 36 years, and is one inch below the minimum height of 5'4". She has been employed as a File Clerk and Police Matron since August 16, 1953, however, and the Civil Service Board recommended that these requirements as to age, height and weight be waived since this is a promotional examination. The Civil Service Board asked further consideration of their recommendation.

A memorandum from City Manager Stevens, dated March 14, 1957,

said he had examined the record of the applicant who is asking a waiver of the age and height limit. This applicant has been an excellent and devoted employee, and has taken and is taking, college work to obtain a degree in her profession. Therefore, he recommended that the waiver be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and the City Manager.

Councilman Benstead said he would not want to waive any other physical requirements, and said he would not favor waiving the physical examination.

Councilman Drale moved to waive the height and age limits for this one person.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A letter from Percy G. Bennett, Assistant Chief of Police, dated March 13, 1957, reported the following recommendations from the Traffic Commission:

1. That Mr. Dorsey make a survey of traffic signals needed in the City and a list of priorities be prepared.
2. That the existing signal at 171st St. be moved to 166th St.
3. That speed limits of 35 miles per hour be posted on:
 - a. Arlington Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 190th St;
 - b. Arlington Ave. from 203rd to Border Avenue, and the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinance.

Councilman Jahn thought perhaps a part of these recommendations had already been acted on by the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission and Assistant Police Chief Bennett, items 1, 2, and 3.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

A letter dated March 15, 1957, from the City Attorney, regarding bringing of the Code up to date, made the following recommendations:

- a. That Michie City Publications Co. be authorized to bring the Code up to date as of April 1, 1957, and
- b. That the Lewellen Press be authorized to keep the Code current by printing insertions once each month thereafter and by re-indexing once each year.

Mayor Isen asked if larger print could be used, and the City Attorney said he would try to arrange this.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with the necessary work in connection with bringing the Code up to date as outlined.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated March 14, 1957, from the Parks & Recreation Commission, signed by Herma Tillim, Chairman, contained a recommendation from that Commission that the La Romaeria Park be developed as much as possible under the present circumstances, and be considered for next year's budget for limited development of La Romeria, and that any sprinkling system be consistent with the plan that we must have for park development.

Mayor Isen said there were some ladies present interested in the matter, and asked the City Manager to tell them what he may have at hand about this.

City Manager Stevens said at the present time there are no funds available for this, and he hopes there will be soon. He went on to say there are no funds in the City budget left for improvements that were not in a specific budget and approved by the Council when the budget was adopted.

Councilman Jahn recalled this had been discussed before, and the City Engineer had said it would not be practical to scrape this area to clear away the weeds and level it because of the grade.

City Manager Stevens said that was right; there would have to be a grade to work to. He said the soil there is very sandy, and if it is only graded with a blade, the resulting dust would be very detrimental to the area.

Councilman Drale moved this be given a priority rating in the new Budget hearings.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who said we should grade this. He recalled it had been agreed to do so, and felt something should be done for the area.

Councilman Jahn said he thought these ladies had said if the City would scrape and level the earth there, they would do their own planting of grass, and as we may have another rain or so, perhaps it would be a good idea to do that.

City Manager Stevens said there is about 5 acres of land involved. We have only one blade and it is working all the time. The work must be scheduled.

Councilman Blount said he would like to have this done.

City Manager Stevens asked if the Council wants this done regardless.

Councilman Jahn asked the ladies if they would plant rye or a similar grass, and they replied they would after they get sprinklers.

A. D. Kinane of 4713 W. 191st St., Torrance, said he was speaking for the group interested in this. He said he would appreciate it if this could be scraped now, saying he thought this would be sufficient. He said they will try to sow seed there to keep the dust down. He said the blade is out there now, and the trees are being trimmed. They hope the area is considered in the new budget.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen thought this to be a directive to the City Manager in which all concur to grade the area.

City Manager Stevens said we are also trying to get Maple and Madrona fixed, which we have been putting off since last November.

Councilman Blount said he thought this could have been done.

2. The letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission stating the Commission is in favor of the City Council contacting the Regional Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to request that the sports center be located in Torrance, and the auditorium in our Civic Center, had been considered early in the meeting.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, told the Council it would be necessary ~~to grant~~ the City of Redondo Beach *to grant* jurisdiction over the construction of sanitary sewer system in parts of *See min.* the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, and submitted the necessary *3/24/57* Resolution.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN PORTIONS OF SOUTH ELENA AVENUE, VIA VALENCIA AND ALLEY IN THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH ON CONJUNCTION WITH THE "HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2", IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3140.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3140.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bishop explained, in answer to a question from Councilman Drale, that we will not service any sewer inside Redondo Beach, but this sewer will go through some of their territory to connect with a trunk.

2.

Prairie Avenue Improvement District:

A letter from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engineer, submitted a Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contract with Barnett, Hopen and Smith for assessment work in Prairie Avenue Improvement District. A letter from Barnett, Hopen & Smith, containing their estimate of \$2,400.00 for the work was enclosed, dated November 1, 1956. A location sketch was also attached to Mr. Patrick's letter.
Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3141

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BARNETT, HOPEN & SMITH.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3141.

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

3. A letter dated March 13, 1957, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommended release of Subdivision Improvement Bonds for Tracts Nos. 22024, 22025, 20772 and 20773, Harry Kissel Subdivisions, under the agreement executed between the City of Torrance and Mr. Kissel, Resolution No. 3125, adopted February 26, 1957.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation that these bonds be released.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead asked if all the improvements are in.

City Engineer Bishop replied that the trees are substandard in one tract. He understood that when the trees were put in, they did conform to the Ordinance. He presumed the City would have to replace these trees, if the bonds are released. He concluded by saying he did not think the City was waiving any rights, but simply releasing the bonds.

The City Attorney said if we release the bonds we will also release Mr. Kissel from any responsibility.

Councilman Jahn asked if the ordinance covering trees, to which these trees do not conform, was not an ordinance changed since the trees were put in.

Mr. Bishop said he hasn't checked that point, but understands that is the case.

Councilman Benstead moved this matter be tabled until we have a letter from the Park Supt. covering the trees which are substandard.

Motion died for lack of a second.

City Engineer Bishop said with respect to the sidewalks in the tracts, no sidewalk has been built along Vista Montana, access road to the east. The Council had adopted a condition that the sidewalks be constructed on

at least one side of each street for the full length. He reported there has been a feeling that this street is so steep it might pose a hazard to children on bicycles. He said he is only pointing out that this has not been constructed. He added such a sidewalk might be undermined by erosion in case of heavy rains. This is, however, an original condition and was shown on the plans, and is one of the stipulations.

Councilman Benstead asked who said this might be hazardous.

City Engineer Bishop did not reply to the question, but said it may be that there is not much foot traffic along this road.

Councilman Benstead moved to table this entire matter until the Council has a letter from Park Supt. Clemmer on the trees and until the sidewalk is put in.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

City Engineer Bishop said he had the letter from Park Superintendent Clemmer with him, saying the trees in the one tract are substandard.

Councilman Jahn asked if there was a letter covering the trees in the other tracts.

City Engineer Bishop said only one of the tracts have substandard trees at this time.

Mayor Isen asked if the ordinance was changed after the trees were planted.

Councilman Blount said he thinks it was. Councilman Blount went on to say he did not believe the City Engineer should hold a letter which is addressed to the Council, thereby holding back facts in any case.

The City Attorney said he would have to take part of the responsibility in this because in our agreement on a park site with Mr. Kissel, it was part of the agreement that we would release these bonds.

Mayor Isen agreed, and said we have waived the sidewalk as well.

City Engineer Bishop agreed the contract required the bonds to be released immediately.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if his interpretation of the contract on the park site required the City to waive these improvements, and the City Attorney replied that it does.

Mayor Isen said we had felt the acreage was very important.

Councilman Blount said if this material had been on the Agenda, there would have been no need for this discussion.

Mr. Kissel was present, and came forward to talk to the Council. He said everyone has worked on the agreement for months, negotiating on the park site. He said the trees in question conformed with the ordinance in effect when he planted the trees, and cost about the same as the trees he has planted under the new ordinance. He said the grade of the access road is about 15%, and most of the property owners in the area were agreed they did not want a sidewalk there. He said he had considered the cost of the sidewalk during the negotiations on the park site, and felt it would be better to leave it as it is. He said he is in the process of getting a new map ready for some development of the hillside, and if the sidewalk is necessary at that time, naturally he would have to put it in anyway, but now he would be putting in a sidewalk which would be used very little and which might have to be taken out. He said this had not come up until late today, when Mr. Bishop had called him with this information. He said he had discussed this with Mr. Bishop over the telephone for about an hour and a half.

Councilman Benstead told him that regardless of what he thought, these things had not been brought to the attention of the Council before.

Mr. Kissell said he had assumed these things to be the responsibility of the City Engineer.

Motion to table this matter failed by the following roll call vote:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved to release the bonds on tracts No. 22024, 22025, 20772, 20773, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale said the record should show why this is done with

these items waived.

Councilman Jahn said if we did not pass this motion tonight, he did not know whether Mr. Kissell might not sue the City for non-compliance with a contract signed by this City Council.

Councilman Drale suggested waiting a week to be satisfied this is in order.

Mayor Isen said the trees complied with the ordinance at the time they were planted, and he as Mayor had signed the agreement on the park site and release of the bonds.

Councilman Benstead asked if there was anything in the contract saying the City waived any requirements.

Mayor Isen said the area covered by the contract was defined by this Council.

Councilman Blount said he did not feel any requirements were waived by the contract.

Councilman Drale said the Department heads should write to us and tell us what is done.

Councilman Blount agreed.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if he felt the Council had any choice on this, and the City Attorney said he did not.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Kissel if he would object to this being held over for a week, saying if he insists we would not wait a week, but that he thought it a good idea.

Mr. Kissel said this has been held up for many weeks already, and he would be glad to have it held for one more week if the Council would assure him it would be done next week. He said he had thought this would be all in order, but at the last minute he was told it would not.

Mayor Isen said he felt the various avenues of difference had been worked out between Mr. Kissel and the City's representatives, and he had acted on that belief. He told Mr. Kissel he felt it was a real courtesy on Mr. Kissel's part to allow these bonds to be held another week.

Councilman Drale moved the parties responsible for this give the Council letters regarding the waiving of these requirements through the contract.

City Manager Stevens said he did not know about the trees, and he had asked that everything be brought up now. He said he had not been aware of the sidewalk until today.

Councilman Benstead seconded Councilman Drale's motion.

Councilman Blount pointed out that he and Councilman Drale would be out of town when the next regular meeting of the Council takes place.

Councilman Drale withdrew his motion, and Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion.

City Manager Stevens asked what letters the Council would want.

Councilman Benstead said he wants a letter from the Park Dept. on the trees and from someone on the waiving of the sidewalks and curbs and the reason for it.

Councilman Jahn agreed that should have been set out in a letter before this so the Council could make their own decision on it.

City Engineer Bishop said he would write the letter.

4. A letter from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, dated March 15, 1957, presented a street easement given by Kent Development Company over the westerly 2 feet of Lots 21 to 24, inclusive, and the southerly two feet of Lot 24 of Tract 454.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3142

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM KENT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

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

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3142.

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

5. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Ass't. to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement given by Max Hebert and George C. Roraback over the southerly 27 feet and northerly 2 feet of Lot 23, Tract 639.

A location sketch was attached.
Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3143

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM MAX HEBERT AND GEORGE C. RORABACK.

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. 3143.

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

6. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement on 182nd St. from Chester R. Palmer and Viola Palmer for a 10-foot widening along the southerly side of 182nd St. west of Western Ave., all in Lot 71 of McDonald Tract.

A location sketch was attached to the letter.
Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3144

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM CHESTER R. PALMER AND VIOLA PALMER.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3144.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3144.

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

7. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Ass't. to the City Engr., presented a street easement given by Richard T. and Lois H. Hale, over portion of Lot 6, Tract 530, of 2 feet for the widening of 233rd St. west of Eshelman Ave., and a 15-foot widening along Eshelman Ave., and 27 feet along the southerly side of Lot 6 for proposed 233rd Place.

A location sketch was attached.
Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3145

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM RICHARD T. HALE AND LOIS H. HALE.

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. 3145.

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

8. CASE NO. 426: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval per Exhibit "A" of Planning Commission application for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C and M Zoning in certain portions of Tract 3458, bounded by Del Amo Boulevard on the north, Torrance Boulevard on the south, Hawthorne Boulevard on the west, and Madrona Avenue on the east. Attached was an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of March 6, 1957.

Councilman Jahn said he noted they suggest an "A-1 10,000" zone, and said we have no such zone.

Planning Director Powell said he believed an ordinance covering that was to be presented tonight.

Councilman Jahn said he did not think the Council could accept this.

Mayor Isen ordered this Case off the Agenda until more complete information is furnished, as there were no objections.

9. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from Planning Director George C. Powell submitted a proposed Off-street parking ordinance and an Ordinance to cover "A-1, 10,000 sq. ft."

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Agenda of a later meeting.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn said the letter did not agree with the ordinance submitted.

Mayor Isen ordered this back on the Agenda when these questions have been straightened out.

There were no objections.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported there is on file in that office the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1955 - June 30, 1956 of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. A March 8, 1957, communication from the City Attorney, submitted a Grant Deed to the City from Henry H. Guenser and Sophia E. Guenser and a Resolution of acceptance.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3146

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM HENRY M. GUENSER AND SOPHIA E. GUENSER, HUSBAND AND WIFE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3146.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3147

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT
CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND MILDRED M.
ANDERSEN AND HANS J. ANDERSEN WITH REFERENCE TO PLAN-
NING COMMISSION CASE NO. 398.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3147.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3148

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE REQUESTING RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR ALLOCATION OF RECREATION
FUNDS.

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. 3148.

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

ORDINANCES:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 859

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ORDERING THE VACATION OF ABALONE AVENUE AND INDRA AVENUE
IN TRACT 19308, 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. 859 at its
second and final reading.

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

The City Attorney reported that Section 1 of Urgency Ordinance
No. 860 should read: "That the following regulatory traffic signs be
established on the following street: TWO HOUR PARKING, 8:00 A. M. to
5:00 P. M., Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays excepted on the North side
of 182nd Street from Yukon Avenue West to Prairie Avenue."

There were no objections, and the correction was ordered.
Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 860

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL
MEASURE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF
"THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 860.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 860 at its first and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 861

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN WALKWAY IN TRACT 10306,
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 861.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 861 at its first reading.

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

4. A letter dated March 15, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted, as requested by the Council, an ordinance referring to buildings and tanks being moved into the City.

Mayor Isen announced that at the request of Building Superintendent Schlens, this was being withdrawn from the Agenda at this time.

There were no protests and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 17, 1957, through March 23, 1957, as Health Week in the City of Torrance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reminded the Council that during the talks with Mr. Dorsey, he had recommended a straight 5¢ meter for use in congested areas. As more parking meters are being ordered now, the City Manager asked the Council whether they would wish to order the straight 5¢ meter heads and put them in the congested areas and use the others in less congested areas.

Councilmen Benstead, Blount, and Jahn expressed their dislike for this plan. They preferred that the order be for more meters of the type we are now using.

It was so ordered.

The City Attorney reported to the Council that the City lost its case in the matter of Mayer vs. the City of Torrance. He said that Mr. Mayer's attorney had offered the City a stipulated judgement after the decision of the Court. If the Council wishes to accept that, it will mean giving up our right of appeal. He pointed out that covered trucks are not stipulated in it.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if we could not establish certain regulatory ordinance covering trucks using our streets.

The City Attorney said we could.

Councilman Jahn asked whether, by accepting this, we would waive our right to sue if they should become a public nuisance, and the City Attorney said we would in his opinion.

Councilman Drale felt this would require some study.

The City Attorney said they had refused to accept our conditions, and the only right we have now is the right of appeal.

Mayor Isen, with the consent of the Council, asked the City Attorney to give the Council a resume of this case and a written report in about two weeks.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager when we will be able to call for bids on the rest of the sprinkling system on the Civic Center site.

City Manager Stevens said he thought the plans would be ready this week and can go to bid at once. He said the plans would be for the area around the swimming pool, and that nothing is being done between the pool and police station because the County is going to take about 400' of land there. They will put in their own system, and he felt they should be allowed to do all they will do.

The City Manager said we have about \$30,000 for this purpose and it will take about all of it to do what he has outlined here and what is under way now.

Councilman Benstead felt the front of the land should be developed before the back of it is.

Councilman Drale said some time ago the Councilmen had received a letter from City Manager Stevens saying we need a Department of Public Works, and he moved the City Manager be authorized to set up such a Department in conjunction with the new Budget.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

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

Mayor Isen said two of the entrances to the City look like one-way streets, and as a traffic control measure suggested they should be one-way streets. He said he did not feel this should wait until the area is remodelled to go ahead with this.

Mayor Isen moved the Torrance Boulevard entrances to the City from Western Avenue be designated as one-way streets.

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

Mayor Isen said everyone in the City was thrilled and happy and the downtown property owners were frightened by the news regarding the new \$40,000,000.00 shopping center to be erected in the City. He thought it would be in order, since the City will gain so much from this to welcome the new shopping area, and he suggested that Resolutions be drawn to be sent to both the Broadway-Hale Stores and to Sears, congratulating them for their decision in choosing Torrance as one of the major United States areas.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

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

Mayor Isen went on to say that as a downtown property owner, he felt that very little of the dollar earned in Torrance and few outside dollars are spent in downtown Torrance. He suggested this is the time for the downtown merchants to remodel, renew, and merchandise their products. He said they are going ahead with the Assessment District to provide more parking. All can be prosperous, and he suggested they go to work at these projects without further delay.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

BY *L. J. Hallanger*
L. J. Hallanger, Deputy
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance