

Torrance, California  
March 26, 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 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, March 26, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Janet Coleman led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Jahn opened the meeting with an invocation.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported that a letter had been received from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer Bishop, saying it would be necessary to correct the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 19, 1957, as follows: 'On Page 11, Item 1 of Engineering and Planning Commission Matters, it is stated that "a letter dated March 15, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop told the Council it would be necessary to grant the City of Redondo Beach jurisdiction over the construction of sanitary sewer system in parts of the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2."

'The letter stated that it was necessary for the City of Redondo Beach to grant jurisdiction over certain streets in their City.'

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 1957, meeting of the Council with the correction outlined by the Assistant to the City Engineer.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held March 22, 1957, as written.

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

Mayor Isen told the audience that Councilmen Blount and Drale were not present tonight because they are away working on City business.

Mayor Isen recalled the Charter Amendment voted by the City at the last election, which provided that any action would have to be unanimous by the Council if only three members were present in order to be effective, to keep a majority of two at such a meeting from imposing their decision on the City. Therefore, the quorum present tonight has agreed not to deal with any matters which may be controversial and which require the attention of all five Councilmen.

Mayor Isen said Item L-1 on the Agenda, a letter from the Civil Service Board dated March 22, 1957, concerning the firemen, would not be considered until there is a full Council in attendance.

A representative of the firemen, who was present, asked this be considered tonight, but the Council agreed unanimously this should be postponed until the other two Councilmen were present.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final Hearing on Case 423, the application of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-3 to C-2 (Controlled Commercial) in Lots 136 through 142 inclusive, Tract 15933 and the Western half of Lots 12 through 18 in Tract 10216 (182nd St. to 186th St. between Ashley and Hawthorne), to permit orderly commercial development in keeping with surrounding area, recommended for approval.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed as a matter of record.

Two letters of approval, one from Faith and Clifford Dyrdaahl, and one from Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Effinger, were ordered filed as a matter of record. Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 423. No one came forward.

Councilman Benstead moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the application of the Torrance Planning Commission in Case No. 423.

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

#### HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2:

City Engineer Bishop presented plans, specifications, and an estimate of cost of \$359,449.28 of the project for the improvement of Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2.

Councilman Benstead moved to receive and file the plans, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

Upon examination, the Council found them satisfactory and in good order, and had no suggestions for modifications.

The Deputy City Clerk presented Resolution No. 3150, entitled:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3150

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THEREIN:

Councilman Benstead moved to waive reading in full and read the title only, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

The title only was read.

Councilman Benstead moved that Resolution No. 3150 be passed and adopted, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and upon roll call it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger then presented Resolution of Intention No. 3151, entitled:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN VISTA DEL MAR AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS, HIGHWAY, ALLEY, WALK AND EASEMENTS IN SAID CITY, WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; AND DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT SAID COSTS AND EXPENSES; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT, OR TO THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH:

Councilman Jahn moved to waive reading in full and read the title only, seconded by Councilman Benstead, and duly carried by the following vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. The title only was read.

Councilman Jahn moved that Resolution No. 3151 be passed and adopted, seconded by Councilman Benstead, and upon roll call it was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated March 8, 1957, from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, recommending that street-level stop lights or an overhead crosswalk be installed at the school crosswalk in front of the Crenshaw Elementary School, and submitting a petition containing 700 signatures of residents in the area requesting installation of an overhead walkway, signed by John Kesson, President.

Mayor Isen said it had been requested this item be held over for the next meeting of the Council so the Lions may speak to the Council in regard to it.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. A letter dated March 18, 1957, from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, requesting the old City Hall, as well as other public buildings such as the Civic Auditorium and City Library be allowed to remain intact for use of the taxpayers of the community, rather than be demolished to make way for parking lots. The letter suggested the old City Hall could be converted to a Civic Center. This letter was signed by Clarence T. Hoyt, Nell Cronella, Clarence S. Swanson and W. M. Crowe, Committee.

Councilman Benstead moved this letter be referred to the City Manager with other letters of a similar nature.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. A request from the Lunada Bay Corporation, 2215 Via Anacapa, Palos Verdes Estates, signed by R. C. Flattery, President, that the approximately 15 acres of light manufacturing property which is a portion of Tract 15, located on the east side of Crenshaw Blvd. at about 246th St. and running through to Pennsylvania Avenue, which they own, be annexed to the City of Torrance. The letter stated this was a renewal of a former request.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Benstead asked if this was actually commercial property and Councilman Jahn said it is.

City Manager Stevens said there are some commercial installations on the property now.

4. A letter dated March 19, 1957, from George Binder, 404 N. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, confirmed the statement he made at the Council meeting of March 19, 1957; this was in regard to the condemnation proceedings on the 'Mayfair Creamery property', and the financing of that purchase.

Councilman Benstead moved the letter be filed as a matter of record.

Mayor Isen said he would suggest this be sent to the City Attorney, and said the letter assumes that \$75,000.00 will be the purchase price of the property, which may not be so. He suggested this could be clarified with Mr. Binder.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, the City Attorney reported he had filed condemnation proceedings on March 25, and the necessary work is under way.

5. A letter dated March 21, 1957, from the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, signed by Gordon T. Nesvig, Chief Clerk, re: RESOLUTION NO. 3131 CITY OF TORRANCE - RECOMMENDING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN THE 1958-59 BUDGET FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY, and advising an order was adopted concurring in the Resolution, was ordered filed as a matter of record.

6. A March 25, 1957, letter from the Southern California Gas Company and signed by Allen L. Cleveland, Manager of Land and Rights of Way, submitted their conditional statement of Franchise Earnings under Ordinance No. 322 for the calendar year 1956, in the amount of \$29,556.46.

Councilman Jahn moved this payment be accepted and the letter filed.

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

LICENSE MATTERS:

1. A March 18, 1957, application for a free license for solicitation of salvage in the City by the Gospel Army, Inc., was signed by Major Ruth Spring of the Industrial Department, 8916 So. Main St., Los Angeles.

The application had been approved by both Ass't. Chief of Police Percy Bennett and License Inspector Whitacre.

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

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

2. A memorandum dated March 20, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre, reported a request from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of 1610 Acacia St., Torrance, for permission for a free license to solicit funds starting April 1, 1957, to May 30, 1957. Mr. Whitacre reported this is a renewal of a free license granted them November 1956 by the City Council and approved by Chief Haslam, and he recommended permission be granted and the free license be issued.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve this request subject to approval by the Police Department.

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

3. A memorandum dated March 20, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre, recommended a refund on overpayment of business license to Langendorf United Bakeries, in the amount of \$26.00. A letter from the Langendorf Bakeries, dated March 18, 1957, requesting this refund of overpayment, was attached to Mr. Whitacre's memorandum.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. The following recommendation was submitted for Council consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

To Barclay Surveying Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of February, 1957, the sum of \$1,320.00.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A letter dated March 22, 1957, regarding grievances submitted by the Fire Department, which was signed for the Civil Service Board by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, had been ordered continued to the next meeting of the Council before the regular order of business was undertaken at this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated March 19, 1957, from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., recommended a refund of 80% of the \$4.00 fee, amounting to \$3.20, to Karl H. Friberg on Bldg. Permit #16812B and Receipt No. 7060, dated Jan. 2, 1957, as the addition was not made and no inspection was made.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Schlens' recommendation that the refund of \$3,20 be made to Karl H. Friberg.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated March 19, 1957, from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., reported they have been asked to serve water to a new Warren Southwest, Inc., plant at the north end of Maple Avenue. Mr. McVicar proposed to lay the necessary 2,800 feet of 8-inch main at water department expense and charge back to this consumer and to future consumers served from the same line their pro-rata share of the installation cost. Mr. McVicar reported that Warren Southwest, Inc., will pay some \$1,270 as their share under this plan.

Under date of March 21, 1957, City Manager Stevens approved the recommendation of Mr. McVicar as to the method of financing the pipe line.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water Dept. Supt. and the City Manager.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, and asked if anyone using this line will pay a proportionate share of this cost.

The City Manager said they would.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A letter dated March 22, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, recommended that Barnett, Hopen and Smith be retained as Assessment Engineers in connection with South Torrance Sewer Dist. No. 3. A copy of the letter the Engineering Dept. received from Barnett, Hopen and Smith was attached, giving their estimate of \$1,760.00 for their work on the proposed proceedings. A sketch was also attached showing the boundaries of the proposed district. A Resolution was submitted.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3152

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 AND SMITH.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3152.

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

2. A March 22, 1957, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a location sketch on the vacationing of a parcel of land along 166th St. on the easterly side of Crenshaw Boulevard; as authorized at the Council meeting of March 12, 1957, a Resolution concerning this was submitted with the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF 166TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE: FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3153.

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

3. A letter dated March 22, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a grant deed for a street easement along the westerly side of Arlington Ave., being the easterly 10 feet of a portion of the north half of the south half of the southeast quarter of Lot 56, McDonald Tract, given by Edward M. Licon and R. A. Watt Construction Co. The necessary resolution and a location sketch were attached to the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3154

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM R. A. WATT CONSTRUCTION CO., AND EDWARD W. LICON.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3154.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. An opinion from the City Attorney, dated March 22, 1957, re AGNEW V. CITY OF CULVER CITY gave the report requested by the Council at their meeting of February 5, 1957 on this matter, and reported the City Attorney has drafted a proposed amendment to the business license ordinance, which amendment was attached for the Council's study.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held over for the study of the full Council.

The City Attorney reported that the City of Torrance has been sued by the Southern California Association of Cabinet Manufacturers on this same matter. He said almost all the cities in the area have been sued by the same people, and there will be a meeting of City Attorneys to decide how to combat this.

Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare whatever defense he considers advisable against this suit by the Southern California Association of Cabinet Manufacturers against the City of Torrance et al.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. A letter from the City Attorney, dated March 22, 1957, presented a Resolution accepting Quitclaim Deeds from Martin Lopin and Julia Lopin; Nick B. Lopin; S. Fujita and Harue Fujita for the north 10 feet of Lot 11 of Tract No. 2895 in the City of Torrance, being a portion of the property the City authorized to be condemned for street purposes in that tract. A sketch showing the location of the property was also attached.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3155

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THOSE CERTAIN QUIT-  
CLAIM DEEDS FROM MARTIN LOPIN AND JULIA LOPIN; NICK B.  
LOPIN; S. FUJITA AND HARUE FUJITA.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3155.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3156

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 Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the  
Resolution.

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

Councilman Jahn asked which area this is, and the City Attorney said  
it is the Crenshaw-Rolling Hills area.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3156.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3157

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
OFFERING TO SELL AND AWARD A FRANCHISE TO LAY, CONSTRUCT,  
MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW, CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND  
REMOVE A PIPE LINE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM,  
OIL, AND LIQUID HYDROCARBON PRODUCTS THEREOF IN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AND DIRECTING THE ADVERTISING OF INTENTION TO  
SELL THE SAME.

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

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

City Manager Stevens said we were letting them have a franchise to  
lay this line down a street.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3157.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3158

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, ASSIGNMENT OF EAGLE  
AVIATION COMPANY LEASE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead asked for details on this, and the City Attorney said it was difficult to determine whether Mr. Pflieger was doing business as the Eagle Aviation Company or whether it was a corporation. He said this Resolution was for the purpose of assignment.

Mrs. Nora Pflieger came forward, and said she would like to have the Eagle Aviation leases put in her name.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Johnson, the person to whom this Assignment is made, was an owner before this.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to know exactly which property this covered, and asked to have it clarified.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held over for clarification. Mayor Isen ordered the same number reserved for this Resolution as requested by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger, as there were no objections.

RESOLUTION NO. 3159

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCEL-  
LATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: A PORTION OF LOT 28  
OF MEADOW PARK TRACT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3159.

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

ORDINANCES:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented:

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 the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 861 at its second and final reading.

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

A letter dated March 21, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitted an Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 417, together with a letter from the applicant for said Change of Zone, Wayne L. Nelson, agreeing to all conditions to which the Change of Zone is subject. A sketch showing the location of the property is attached.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 862

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,  
1954", RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN  
PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 417.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 862 at its first reading.

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

An Ordinance which was presented here establishing parking meter zones was held over for the next meeting of the Council, as there were no objections and it was felt the entire Council should consider it.

With the concurrence of the Councilmen present, Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of March 31 to April 6, 1957, as "REALTOR WEEK", and urged the citizens of Torrance to join with him in extending warmest best wishes and offering congratulations to the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

With the consent of the Councilmen present, Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of April as "CANCER CONTROL MONTH", and urged every citizen to learn the seven Danger Signals of cancer and to contribute generously when a Cancer Crusader comes to his door.

At the request of Councilman Jahn, Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full an item on the Agenda which was marked "For Information Only". This was a memorandum from H. C. Vaupel, Manager of the Redondo Exchange of the General Telephone Company to all Department Heads of that Exchange. It expressly requested that all employees refrain from naming the Torrance City Council as responsible for the delay in applicants receiving service from their Palos Verdes Central office. The memorandum was dated March 19, 1957.

Mayor Isen reported that Mr. Vaupel had issued an invitation to the entire Council to view the progress being made at their expanded facilities on Palos Verdes Drive in the City of Torrance, and said this would be discussed when Councilmen Blount and Drale are present.

Mayor Isen called attention to an item on the Agenda marked "For Information only", being a letter from himself to the Board of Supervisors thanking them for their support of this City's request for the fencing of Deominguez Channel. The letter was dated March 20, 1957.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if any progress is being made on this, and City Manager Stevens said there is, and he will report back on this matter soon.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens said Planning Director Powell would like to have time on the Agenda of the next Council meeting to discuss a proposed plant in the area by Coleman Engineering.

Mayor Isen directed this to be on the program of the Pre-Council meeting, at 5:15 P. M. Tuesday, April 2, 1957.

City Manager Stevens reported that some time ago, the County Recreation Department had worked out what most cities felt to be the most equitable distribution of recreation funds that has been worked out, but nevertheless there were some objections, one of which was that it was too late in the year for next year's budget. He did not feel this was valid in our own instance. The Board of Directors of that Department, had voted, apparently unanimously, to go back to last year's distribution of funds. He told the Council that under that distribution, our City got only \$4800, the City of Lynwood got about \$15,000, and the City of Pasadena got \$73,000.00. This will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 2, and the City Manager recommended that we have a letter there opposing this very strongly.

There were no objections, and the City Manager was directed to write such a letter for his and the Mayor's signatures, and the City Attorney was directed to prepare a Resolution to follow this letter, with the letter to state that the Resolution is to be prepared.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager when we will call for bids on the lights and the control tower at the Airport.

The City Manager reported that the engineers who are preparing the plans and specifications, Levinston Electrical Engineers, have told him these are very nearly ready, and as soon as they have been thoroughly checked with material being furnished by the CAA, they will be sent to us.

The City Manager said he thought these would probably be ready in about a week.

Mayor Isen called attention to an article by Assistant City Manager Mansfield in the March issue of "Western City" about the moving day at Torrance City Hall. Mayor Isen suggested this article be posted for the benefit of those employees who do not usually see the magazine. He congratulated Mr. Mansfield.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By *I. J. Hallanger*  
 DEPUTY I. J. Hallanger, Deputy  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance