

Torrance, California
May 7, 1957

MINUTES OF A PRE-COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance met in a scheduled Pre-Council Meeting with representatives of the Longren Aircraft Company at 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 7, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

The entire City Council was present, as was Hampden Wentworth, representing the Longren Aircraft Company.

At 5:20 P. M., at the direction of the Council, the meeting with Mr. Wentworth was summarized as follows:

Mayor Isen announced that the Council had received a letter from Longren outlining the improvements they have made at their Carson Street plant and those they propose to make, this being dated May 2, 1957.

Councilman Blount commented that Mr. Wentworth reported they had moved their Shipping & Receiving Department to their Crenshaw Boulevard plant, and asked if they had removed the signs designating that department from their Carson St. plant.

Mr. Wentworth said an occasional truck will still go to that address so they cannot, but that they have notified all of their customers and suppliers of the change, and if a truck does come there that should not, it would be routed to the Crenshaw plant.

Councilman Jahn asked if they had notified all of their regular suppliers of this change.

Mr. Wentworth said they had, and offered to read the paragraph of his letter carrying the instructions.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Wentworth if he would explain to the Council what the material called 'Ultra Light', referred to by Mr. Wentworth, is like and what it is used for.

Mr. Wentworth said it is a fire-proof material used to deaden sound and attaches to the ceiling and walls.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Wentworth the measures he described as being planned would have to be approved by the Fire Chief.

Mr. Wentworth said both Ultra Light and Firtex are fireproof materials.

Councilman Drale said he had investigated the conditions prevailing in the neighborhood of the Carson St. plant, and found it to be noisy late at night, say at 10:00 P. M. and after. He feels most of the complaints being made are caused by that. He believed Mr. Wentworth should do everything possible to eliminate the night noises. He did not know what good a block wall would do.

Mayor Isen said there is an engineer's report on the block wall included in the material before the Council.

Councilman Drale did not feel the block wall would solve the problem; he said the plant employees are noisy when they leave the plant and enter it, and operate their cars in a noisy fashion; he suggested Mr. Wentworth caution them about this, but said he realized Mr. Wentworth could not be held responsible for what they do off his property.

Mayor Isen said the report discussed here would merit formal action and would be taken up during the regular Council meeting.

The Pre-Council Meeting was adjourned at 5:29 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk
By I. J. Hallanger
I. J. Hallanger, Deputy City Clerk
of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:
Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance