

Torrance, California
May 28, 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, May 28, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

Mr. John Mulvihill, Planning Commissioner, led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend McGuinness opened the meeting with an invocation.

One minute of silence was observed in honor of Mr. Joseph McCall, former City Attorney, who passed away May 27, 1957.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 1957, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids on the installation of automatic sprinklery system for the swimming pool area.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved only the bid totals be read.

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

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

BIDDER:

TOTAL BID

Acme Sprinkler Co. W. Pico Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid	\$5,868.00
Western Sprinkler Corp., 4555 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond in amount of \$550.00	\$5,244.00
United Sprinkler Co., 2448 Lee Ave. El Monte, California	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid	\$6,120.00
Automatic Irrigation Co. 925 W. Hyde Park Blvd. Inglewood, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid	\$5,975.00
D & M Sprinkler Co. 15925 So. Garfield Ave. Paramount, Calif.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid	\$6,010.00

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.
The bids were given to the City Engineer to examine.

Mayor Isen announced the Council welcomed the group of students from the Adult Education classes at Torrance High School, and asked Mr. Marasglian, the instructor, and his class, to stand. The group was then invited to visit any of our City Council or Commission meetings.

Mayor Isen also advised this group that he or any City official would be glad to answer any questions they might have.

HEARINGS:

Hearing on Assessment - Ellinwood Improvement District

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer, or the quality of work performed, or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract or the correctness of the assessment or diagram.

The Deputy Clerk presented the affidavits as to Mailing, Publishing and Posting Notices of filing of Assessment.

Councilman Benstead moved that the affidavits be received and filed, seconded by Councilman Drale, and duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen then inquired if any written protests had been filed with the Clerk.

The Deputy Clerk reported that no protests had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing.

City Engineer Bishop announced he had received one written protest.

The City Attorney advised this should become a part of the record.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read a letter from James J. Sullivan, 4539 Highgrove, Torrance, which congratulated the City upon the lights installed but asked that his parkway lawn be raised to the level of the surrounding lawn along a strip approximately 10' x 1' as more dirt was removed on their corner and this is now a sunken area.

The City Attorney asked when this was received.

The City Engineer said the letter was received on May 28, 1957.

The City Attorney reported that under the law, any protests must be filed prior to the day fixed for the hearing, so the City Council might legally reject the protest.

Councilman Jahn asked if the contractor would not correct the condition mentioned, and the City Engineer said he was sure he would.

Mayor Isen then asked if anyone present desire to be heard in this matter.

There were no verbal protests.

All protestants having been heard, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a fair and impartial hearing having been granted and the City Council having before them the Assessment diagram with Assessment attached, and being familiar with the assessment district, and also having considered all written appeals or objections filed and all verbal protests made, the following action was taken: Councilman Jahn moved the hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Blount moved that any and all appeals and objections be denied, seconded by Councilman Drale, and duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE LAND WITHIN THE ELLINWOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND OTHER STREETS BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that Resolution No. 3205 be passed and adopted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and upon roll call, it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN; Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Engineer to contact the electrician who did this work and ask him to correct the sunken condition of Mr. Sullivan's parkway lawn, and advised him that if further action is necessary, in order to get this done, he might return that to the Council.

Mayor Isen announced there had been some discussion this evening at the Pre-Council meeting with representatives of the Don Ja Ran Corp., particularly with Mr. Stearns, the discussion having been recorded and made a part of the record by reference. The file covering the original proceedings under which the Don Ja Ran company was given a Change of Zone on Lots 143 to 168 of Tract 18379 was present. Mayor Isen told Mr. Stearns the Council would like copies of the proposed plans of the improvement.

Mr. Stearns said they would be furnished.

Mayor Isen explained that the Council and Planning Commission had allowed the Change of Zone from R-3 to R-4 for the specific purpose of Don Ja Ran building a resort type hotel on that property.

Mr. Stearns showed the Council their plans for development of the property, which included kitchens with the room. He felt the plans did comply with the statements made when the zoning was given, and did not know why the meeting this evening was held. He added that their plans are informal, and that financing arrangements have slowed their progress. He added that until they have definite plans for approval or rejection by the Council, they did not understand why the meeting is being held.

Mayor Isen asked if they had any present plans, or plans for the immediate future, for building any type of public building on that land.

Mr. Stearns said they have plans showing where a restaurant would be put in.

Mayor Isen asked when this would be done.

Mr. Stearns replied when the units are up it will be done. He said they are hoping to make a profit there, and said 'kitchen rooms' are in other resort-type hotels. He pointed out how much business is being done at luxury restaurants in the vicinity, and said as soon as they get the right type of operator for their restaurant, they would build it. He stated Don Ja Ran is not a restaurant company and they are not people who understand the operation of restaurants, however, they are in a position to build such a facility.

Mayor Isen asked if his company is prepared to build a public facility before the roomettes are built.

Mr. Stearns said their plans are to develop the lobby area where there will be facilities of a desk and the area, and when the restaurant operator is located they will build the restaurant. He said these plans

are subject to approval of the financing agent.

Mayor Isen asked how big the lobby would be.

Mr. Stearns checked the plans and said 32' x 45'.

Councilman Drale asked if each building would have a lobby, and how many buildings there would be.

Mr. Stearns said one lobby would serve the development, which would be a series of coordinated buildings.

Councilman Jahn did not believe the representations made when the Change of Zone was procured have been fulfilled. Therefore, he moved some time ago that the Planning Commission initiate proceedings to change the zone of the property under discussion to R-1. He felt it was out of courtesy to Don Ja Ran this meeting was held.

Councilman Jahn then moved to request the Planning Commission to institute proceedings to rezone Lots 143 to 168 of Tract 18379 to R-1.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, and asked if the Ordinance governing the Change of Zone should be repealed.

The City Attorney said it would not be necessary.

Mr. Stearns pointed out that the property involved had been zoned R-3 before this zone change was requested.

Councilman Jahn said he had moved to zone it R-1.

Mr. Stearns thought this unfair and suggested that they have spent money on the basis of the zone now on the land. He said he would think the motion illegal on the basis of the money they have spent.

Councilman Drale did not believe Don Ja Ran had intended to build a hotel when they got the zone change.

Mr. Stearns said there would have been no reason for them to spend as much money as they have on this unless they had intended to build a hotel.

Councilman Jahn said they have had the zone for the hotel for more than a year.

Councilman Blount did not believe there was anything to be gained from debating this now. He recalled that when they applied for this zone change, they had presented the Council with drawings and promises which have not been fulfilled. He cited the deed restrictions of the area in question, and said the general area around this is R-1. The people in the area were only prevailed upon not to protest violently by the drawings which were presented. He believed Councilman Jahn's motion to be well taken, and that it could be legally defended.

Mr. Stearns repeated that the property had been zoned R-3 before the Change of Zone was granted. He added that the deed restrictions in this particular area have always been for multiple dwellings, and were not R-1. He did not believe anyone had been misled by this. He told the Council every buyer in that area had signed a statement saying they would approve multiple dwellings or a hotel on the site.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Blount, and said he felt the members of the Planning Commission, City administration, and the Council, all had felt the zone change was given for a high-type of hotel. He recalled that many people had protested against it. He did not feel the proposed development would be that type of hotel.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Hearing on Duschak's Helicopter Rotor Service:

Planning Director Powell reviewed the complaint made about 60 days ago to the Council by neighbors of Duschak's Helicopter Rotor Service, saying they had protested against the noise and dust attendant upon the operation. Mr. Duschak at that time agreed to do what he could to better conditions, and the Council had asked for a report back on the matter.

The Council had requested a letter from Mr. Duschak saying he would correct the situation.

The residents of the area had thought the hearing would be held last Tuesday, and had been present. They were present again this evening and Mr. Duschak was also in the audience.

A copy of the letter from Mr. Duschak, dated May 7, 1957, was given to each Councilman by Mr. Powell.

Mr. Duschak's letter outlined the steps he had taken to alleviate the nuisances which were said to be caused by his operation.

Mr. George P. Reed, 2604 Martha St., Torrance, did not agree that Mr. Duschak had improved the situation. He agreed that the amount of flying being done there might have been less for the last few days, but did not agree that the situation had been improved.

Mr. Duschak told the Council that since last February, they have only delivered 12 aircraft, and as they averaged 7 hours per craft, the total hours flown since then was 84 hours. He stated less than 1/2 of that time has been flown in the immediate area. He said they now bring the craft in but only run them up and fly out of the pattern. He averred incoming craft are received at Torrance Airport and then leave from there. He said the dust from his operation had been one of the causes of complaint and said they do not do any flying there now, and have grass growing to keep the dust down.

In reply to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Reed said he did not agree with Mr. Duschak that conditions had been improved, and said his neighbors, who were with him, would not agree either. He said the helicopters still hover there.

Mayor Isen gave Mr. Duschak and Mr. Reed a file of material on this case, and asked them to sit down together and read it, saying the Council would return to the matter shortly.

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time for the award of contract for the improvement of Arlington Avenue from 190th Street to Del Amo Boulevard.

A letter dated May 23, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, said that after due consideration of the bids, he recommended that the contract be awarded to Warren Southwest, Inc., the low bidder, whose total bid was \$77,755.07.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to award the bid to Warren Southwest, Inc., whose bid was \$77,755.07, and that all other bids be rejected.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3206

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3206.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer if he was prepared to make a recommendation upon the award of the contract for the sprinkler system in the swimming pool area.

The City Engineer was not.

Mayor Isen then directed the City Engineer to hold this over and make a recommendation at the next meeting of the Council, as there were no objections. He also directed the proper Resolution be presented then.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Duschak if he had read the material given to him. Mr. Duschak said he had.

Mayor Isen referred to the statement that Mr. Duschak had intended to manufacture parts, but had changed his operation, and asked if this was true.

Mr. Duschak said they had always been a maintenance organization.

Councilman Blount recalled that Mr. Duschak had told the Council when he was here before that by now he would know better what his plans would be, and asked if he had any more information now.

Mr. Duschak said he did; he reported that he had arranged to lease a hangar at the Torrance Airport which would be expanded, and as soon as it is, they will move the major share of their activities to the Airport and proportionately reduce their activity at their present plant.

Mayor Isen asked what part of the activity will be reduced at this location, and Mr. Duschak said the flying has been and will be reduced, when he gets the facility at the Airport.

Mr. Duschak reported that one of his ships is now in New York and has been since March 4, and there is another of his ships working on the Hyperion sewer, and the third is torn down, so there are three of his ships which are not flying from this location now.

Mr. Duschak answered a question from Councilman Jahn by saying he would move most of his operations to the airport, but would want to maintain the present plant as a component parts overhauling plant. He plans to do that when the expansion he mentioned has been approved and done.

Mr. Reed said they had asked to have a representative here from the CAA, but there was not. He said there are helicopters at the Duschak plant every day.

Mayor Isen said the City Attorney could probably declare this to be a public nuisance, but he did not believe that was what anyone wanted. He suggested that, in a spirit of live and let live, Mr. Duschak, the City Attorney, and some of Mr. Reed's neighbors get together and set up rules for acceptable operation of the plant, and set a time schedule for compliance with the schedule.

Mr. Reed said the CAA had permitted this; for some time after the plant opened, he said the parts to be repaired were brought in in boxes by truck and there was no problem, but now the planes fly in, creating dust and noise.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Duschak the term of his lease.

Mr. Duschak said he has a 3 year period left on his lease, with an option to renew for 5 years.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Duschak would need to settle these disagreements with his neighbors, in all probability, before taking up any such option.

Mr. Reed protested that women and children go up in the helicopters.

Mr. Duschak reported any flying done is within CAA regulations.

Mr. Duschak said at one time they had had 29 craft brought in at once; he said this would not be the case this year. He said after August, they plan to have not more than 3 craft per month for repair. He said all of the repairs would not be made within the area.

Councilman Blount felt that 6:00 A. M. would be too early to fly these craft, and that even 7:30 or 8:00 in the morning would be objectionable.

Mr. Duschak said he would be glad to conform to hours set by the neighbors. He said he would begin as of tomorrow.

Councilman Benstead said he would be interested to know what Mr. Duschak proposes to do and when he proposes to do it to alleviate the nuisances to his neighbors.

Mayor Isen appointed a Committee composed of Councilman Benstead, Councilman Blount, the City Attorney, Mr. Duschak, Mr. Waterman of 1767 Marinette St., and Mrs. Howard Nelson of 1804 Marinette St. to work out a suitable solution to the problems discussed here. He asked for a report from them within a week. He instructed the City Attorney to draw up the rules agreed upon, and if this is not successful after a fair trial, said

the City Attorney would be instructed to draw up public nuisance proceedings.

A lady in the audience, one of the group with Mr. Reed, assured Mr. Duschak the neighbors would cooperate with him.

Mayor Isen asked them all to hold the meeting suggested and formulate rules, sending them to the Council, and asked for a report back to the Council within 90 days as to how the attempt at cooperation had worked out.

Mr. Duschak agreed this would be fair.

Mr. Waterman asked if they would confine flying to the hours between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on week days and 8:00 A. M. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays, with no flying on Sundays.

Mr. Duschak said he would.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to formulate rules in this matter which aimed at the removal of flying from this area within 3 years.

At 8:55 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:05 P. M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated May 21, 1957, from Max S. Schreiber, general manager of the Bowl-O-Drome, requested consideration of ordinances of the City which regulate the ages of persons who bowl in public bowling alleys.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney the status in the City of bowling alleys, and particularly the rights of minors.

The City Attorney reported that Ordinance No. 136, passed in May, 1926, and Ordinance No. 197, passed in December, 1929, limit the hours during which bowling alleys may operate in the City of Torrance and prohibit minors from bowling. He reported that Ordinance No. 350, adopted in February, 1944, repealed Ordinances 136 and 197 as they apply to bowling alleys, but it was not incorporated into the Code of the City as the other two were, and the Code supersedes Ordinances.

Mr. Slabosky was present to represent the Bowl-O-Drome, and said conditions which prevail in bowling alleys today are entirely different than they were in the times when these two old Ordinances were passed. However, the PTA has sent out letters reminding youngsters and their parents of the law, and this has affected their business. They feel it is not fair for them to be hindered by laws written in a different time and to govern an entirely different type of operation than theirs. He pointed out it is now a participating family sport, and one of the most popular. He said they do not want youngsters under 21 in their pool room.

Councilman Blount moved the Ordinance No. 350, adopted in 1944, rescinding the action of Ordinances No. 136 and 197 as they apply to bowling alleys, be incorporated into the Code by an emergency Ordinance.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, saying he could see nothing wrong with allowing children to bowl.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that the City does have a curfew law.

The Mayor directed the Chief of Police to write a letter to the Council of PTA's telling them of this action of the Council, and that the action refers only to bowling.

2. A letter dated May 16, 1957, from the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Association, signed by Gene Voorhees, Corresponding Secretary, requested certain traffic control measures be taken in the Hollywood Riviera section of the City.

Mayor Isen reported that this had already been referred to the Traffic Commission for their study and recommendation.

3. A petition signed by 151 residents of the vicinity of the High School Park protested the proposed straightening of Carson Street through that park.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anyone present who wanted to be heard regarding this.

Councilman Jahn believed Carson is intended to be a major street under the Master Plan of Highways of the County.

Mr. Fred Kirk, 2207 Carson, protested against the plan for straightening Carson; he said he and the residents there appreciate the beauty of the park, and they feel this action would create more fast traffic and more traffic danger.

Councilman Drale did not know whether the residents of the area were familiar with the plan to straighten Carson, but re-arrange the park so that the area was still a park area, and asked the City Engineer to get the plans that have been worked out.

Councilman Jahn reiterated that Carson is shown on the County's Master Plan of highways as a 100' artery; he did not know when they plan to widen it, but said if Carson is to be extended through to Hawthorne, it should be widened. He spoke briefly of the new shopping center which is to be built on Hawthorne and the advantages to the entire City of making that shopping center easily accessible.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if the park is not a dedicated park, and if it can be used in this manner.

The City Attorney thought it could, but said he is not positive; he is working on this, and will have an answer for the Council within two weeks.

Mayor Isen asked if an effort is not being made to get this right of change from Remco.

The City Attorney said it is, but there might still be some question.

Mr. Kirk protested again, saying he did not believe this would help the City as a whole, and suggested that other routes be used.

Councilman Drale agreed with Councilman Jahn that part of the area not now used for parks is to be used for parking and park, and that Carson is to be a 100' boulevard. It is already a main thoroughfare in the Kauffman tract west of Hawthorne, and he believed that providing this as a main thoroughfare would take much traffic off residential streets and help people find their way through the maze of downtown streets.

Mr. Benton Witt, 1617 El Prado, agreed with Mr. Kirk that this was not a plan which appealed to the residents of that area. It seemed to him that other through routes would be more desirable.

Mayor Isen assured the residents that nothing would be done soon, at any rate; the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record in connection with this matter.

4. A letter dated May 21, 1957, from the local YWCA, signed by Mrs. Ruth Clutter, Secretary of the Branch Committee on Administration, supported the request of other organizations that the old City Hall be kept and used as a Community Center.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to City Manager Stevens for consideration with similar requests.

5. A letter dated May 22, 1957, from the Inter-City Highway Committee, signed by Wilburn E. Baker, President of that Committee, asked for an appointment of one of the City's representatives from the Inter-City Highway Committee to act on their sub-committee formed to screen the agenda for their regular meetings.

Councilman Drale said they would like to have two laymen appointed to that Committee, preferably one of the Planning Commissioners as one of the appointments.

Mayor Isen directed that the Planning Commission select one of the members of that Commission to serve on the Inter-City Highway Committee and appointed Mr. John Barton, 24215 Neece St. in Waltheria, as the other member of this Committee. The City Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Barton of this appointment.

Mayor Isen felt that the group representing our City on this Committee should select the man to serve on the sub-committee.

6. A letter dated May 15, 1957, from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, File No. 5-320.10.14, referred to the City's request that they construct a trunk sewer to serve the area between Del Amo and Torrance Blvds. and Henrietta St. and Maple Avenue. The County did not consider this to be a suitable project for them, and made alternate suggestions.

The City Manager believed we should urge them to reconsider this, and presented a map to the Council for their study, showing the questions involved.

The City Manager recommended that the City Council request the County Sanitation Districts to reconsider their decision and follow our proposal, which would have the sewer originate at Maricopa and Maple and which would do much more good at not much more cost. He thought this would serve the area much better and the cost should not be much more.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the City Manager to present the appeal from this letter.

7. A report to the City by the Palos Verdes Riviera Homeowners Association protested against the condition of the park site in their area. They proposed a plan of planting. The report consisted of photostatic copy of the tract map, photos of the homes in the area showing the causes of the complaints, and letters signed by numerous residents.

Mr. Eugene Pinsky, 5331 Via del Valle, said he had turned in the report to the Council. He wanted to make two points here, being

- a. that the Council consider future development of the park in the event of a bond issue next fall;
- b. the existing situation of the home owners near "Los Arboles Park" which is the name of the park site in question. He cited the fact that the sand blowing from this park has caused expense and discomfort to the residents of the area. He asked that the City grade this area and plant rye grass, watering it from the fire hydrant nearby.

Mr. Pinsky said the group with him - who stood when he requested them to - would be happy to answer any questions the Council might have.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if the City could do this.

City Manager Stevens replied that a survey has been made of the area, and the map has been prepared. The Engineering Department is now laying out the grades.

Councilman Jahn asked if the side of that hill is covered now.

The City Manager said it is covered with native grasses and shrubs; it could not be graded because of its sandy structure. The rest of it is more or less level and could be planted and sprinkled if the money were available.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City had done that for the other park in the southwest area.

The City Manager said no. He said there is a slight grass cover on that other park in the area from the rains. He pointed out that if Los Arboles Park is graded, it will break the crust now existing and allow even more sand to blow.

Councilman Jahn moved Los Arboles Park be brought to grade and then referred to Mr. Clemmer to determine the most hardy planting he could put in and then water it from the fire hydrant nearby.

Mr. Pinsky said if this would take too much time they would object. He felt referring this to Mr. Clemmer would slow down the action.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, adding the Council would like this done in a hurry.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to add 'expediently'.

Mayor Isen accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Councilman Benstead moved the balance of this be referred to the Park & Recreation Commission for their recommendation.

Mr. Pinsky told the Council they do not want ice plant put in there as it would stain their children's clothing.

The City Manager explained this would not be a suitable plant anyway.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

8. Letter dated May 22, 1957, from the CAA; attached was a list of equipment which the City might use to establish an Airport Traffic Control Tower. They pointed out that the use of the transmitting channels must be approved by the FCC before operation can commence.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager what disposition he would recommend of this letter.

The City Manager said application for the channels should be made.

Councilman Jahn commented that this figure was lower than others that have been given the City for the tower.

Councilman Jahn moved to go ahead and purchase the equipment suggested by the CAA and make immediate application to the FCC for the proper channels.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount pointed out that there are people on the Airport who might be of assistance to the City in locating this equipment.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from the License Inspector, Gail Whitacre, reported a request from the Blind Industries of California, 1716 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles, for a free license and solicitors' permits for their salesmen to solicit orders for blind made products.

Mr. Whitacre reported this is a privately owned company operated for profit which they retain. They have a wholesale and retail license in the City of Los Angeles which they pay for. He said under Ordinance No. 624 he could not recommend a free license.

Mr. R. B. Beeler, 8636 San Luis St., South Gate, one of the owners of this company, asked the Council for the free license for his company and the free permits for their men. He explained they use blind and handicapped people and while they are a privately owned enterprise they do rehabilitation work.

He said they get the free licenses and permits in many cities.

Mayor Isen asked if they had applied in a previous year and been refused.

Mr. Beeler said yes, but since that time the laws of the City had changed.

Mr. Whitacre reported to the Council that under our laws, the solicitors would have to be approved by the Police Department, and after making a check with Acting Chief of Police Bennett, he did not know whether it would be recommended by the Police Department.

Councilman Jahn asked if the County Welfare Department was not usually referred to for references on charitable institutions.

Mr. Whitacre said yes, but this is not a charity.

Mayor Isen moved the request be denied.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated May 21, 1957, from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., recommending refund to Parker-Smith Construction Co. of permit fees paid in error, in the amount of \$8.00 per permit, there being two taken in error, #1586S and #1585S.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Schlens in this matter.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated May 20, 1957, from the Airport Commission and signed by Jack White, President, recommended to the Council that Mrs. Pfleiger be given a new lease with the stipulation she agree this would be for 5 years, and she is to agree to move her building when required, with no option for renewal of the lease. This letter referred to the 30' x 30' lease near Pacific Coast Highway where Mr. Pfleiger had an office building.

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

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

2. A letter dated May 20, 1957, from the Airport Commission and signed by Jack White, President, recommended to the Council that Mr. R. L. Marks' application for a lease on a 30' x 30' piece of property at the Airport be granted. The letter gave the area recommended, rates, etc.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from the Parks & Recreation Commission, signed by Herma Tillim, Chairman, recommended approval of a small permanent snack bar along with the block wall, parking area, and pavement.

Mayor Isen recalled that the Council had decided against building a permanent snack bar this season, and that the parking area had been held over for a week.

Councilman Benstead moved the parking area be put in according to the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission on the north side.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, subject, of course, he added, to the funds being available.

The City Manager said there is some money left in their fund and it could be used, but it is not budgeted.

Councilman Jahn asked if part of the sprinkler system bid on this evening would be affected by this.

The City Manager replied he could not say, as he did not know what this plan is.

Councilman Blount suggested there might be better places to use the funds in the Park & Recreation fund than here.

Councilman Benstead asked if anyone knew about what these improvements would cost.

The City Engineer thought it would be about \$6,000.00.

Councilman Jahn asked how much parking this would provide.

The City Engineer was not sure.

An engineer in the audience told the Council a strip such as they were discussing would cost between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

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

2. A letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission, dated May 23, 1957, signed by Herma Tillim, Chairman, recommended to the Council that the report presented by Robert L. Gold of Louis Kroeger & Associates be accepted in principle as a working plan, with additional recommendations to be made later; and that the City Council concur and authorize the Parks & Recreation Commission to proceed to make the detailed refinements in the plan to make it completely workable so that it may be presented on a bond issue to the voters.

Mayor Isen said if this had not been accepted in principle as a work-
ing plan, the Council would not have spent the money for the report.

Mrs. Tillim was present, and said they only want the official
confirmation of the Council. They feel there is no use in going ahead
unless the Council as a whole is going to support their program.

Councilman Jahn asked if concurrence in this request would mean
the Council would be supporting the bonds.

Councilman Drale pointed out the report mentioned had recommended
taking over a utility plant.

Mrs. Tillim said they could not do that even if they would. She
said they had found an alternate site in that area.

Councilman Benstead asked if this should go back to the Commission
for clarification.

Mayor Isen felt the Council would want to have 100% agreement from
the responsible elements in the community on this.

Councilman Drale asked if the Parks & Recreation Commission has
decided on the bond issue, and how much they want.

Mrs. Tillim said they want a bond issue of \$5,000,000.00.

Councilman Drale said then he would vote no on this.

Mrs. Tillim said this program would be planned to cover the whole
City.

Mayor Isen said he would agree, and so would Councilman Drale if
that is what the people want. He felt this question tonight to be an
idle one.

Councilman Blount said he did not understand this question. He
pointed out that the minority members of the Council have opposed the
Park program and this puts everyone into an awkward position.

Mrs. Tillim said this was written to give the Commission a framework
to go ahead with.

Mayor Isen thought the job of the Commission is to work with this
as a framework and give the Council recommendations they can vote on.

Mrs. Tillim asked for a letter to the Commission to that effect.

Mayor Isen said the Minutes of these proceedings would serve as
proper notification. He pointed out that the plan presented by Mr. Gold
would be wonderful for a City of 150,000 people, but to put the burden
of such a program on 90,000 people would not be right; he agreed that
we must look forward. He thought the Parks & Recreation Commission, at
this time, should be interested in the acquisition of the land they need.
Then perhaps the bond issue can be divided into two pieces, with part of
the money for the acquisition of land and then the planned improvements.

Mrs. Tillim said that was a practical and constructive suggestion.
They know the cost of this plan, and it is planned for a series of devel-
opments. She felt the land should be acquired now, as there is not much
land left.

Mayor Isen said the acquisition of land in the right places to take
care of the needs of a City of 150,000 people is a big undertaking, but
this was not intended to be completely in operation in a year or two.

Mrs. Tillim acknowledged this would not be possible.

Councilman Drale moved this letter be tabled.

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

Councilman Drale withdrew his motion, and seconded Councilman Jahn's
motion.

Mrs. Tillim said the Commission had only hoped for an expression of
opinion from the Council.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

Councilman Drale withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Isen moved the City Council concur in the necessity for
adequate park facilities in all of Torrance.

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

Mr. Gene Alford, speaking in support of Mrs. Tillim's statements,
said the Commission only wants a written recommendation that they use
this report as a framework.

Mayor Isen said without specific recommendations from the Commission,
an undue burden is placed on the Council, and that is what the Commission

is for.

PLANNING & ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. A report from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, on the present status of Prairie Avenue Improvement District was dated May 23, 1957; he stated that the acquisition of easements is only about 20% complete, and that he would turn in a supplementary report next week with a recommendation.

Councilman Drale asked if the City had not engaged a man to secure the necessary easements.

City Engineer Bishop said we had, and that man had turned in a report which was not very encouraging.

Councilman Drale said he would like to see the work on this District get under way, as it was started a long time ago.

The City Engineer said the people don't want to grant easements without compensation.

Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Drale, and asked if this cannot be expedited. He asked to have a report on this District lot by lot to see what can be done.

At 10:15 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:25 P. M.

2. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer Bishop, submitted the necessary Resolution for the vacationing of a portion of the alley northerly of Carson St., between Acacia and Madrid Avenue, as approved by the Council on May 21, 1957.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN THE TORRANCE TRACT 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 Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3207.

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

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 18363: Letter of transmittal from Planning Commission and Engineering Dept. recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 18363, located southerly of 174th St. and westerly of Ainsworth Ave., containing 29 lots presented by Jan Investment Co. Attached were:

- a. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of May 16, 1957;
- b. Letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., dated May 15, 1957;
- c. Letter from Southern California Edison Co. dated May 14, 1957;
- d. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District dated March 13, 1957;
- e. Letter from Torrance Municipal Water Dist. No. 3, dated January 18, 1957.
- f. Sketch of tract.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell if this conformed substantially to the Tentative Map, and Mr. Powell said it did.

Councilman Jahn asked if the wall would go up in the Tract as requested, and Mr. Powell said it would.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

Councilmen Benstead and Blount both voted 'No' on this because the lots in this tract are less than 6,000 square feet.

4. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, recommended release of Bond No. 15 1 9560, Continental Casualty Co., which we hold in connection with the construction of curbs and gutters on Maple Avenue north of Torrance Boulevard.

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

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

5. A letter dated May 24, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, submitted a sewer easement from Ronald A. White in Hollywood Riviera Sewer Dist. No. 2.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3208

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM RONALD A. WHITE AND EMILY P. WHITE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3208.

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

6. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, submitted a consent to easement given by General Telephone Co. of California over a portion of Block "K" in Tract No. 10300, to enable us to construct sewers in property over which this company held a prior easement.

Councilman Drale questioned this easement, and the City Attorney explained that under this, they agree to give us the easement for nothing and we agree to indemnify them for any damages we cause.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3209

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN CONSENT
TO EASEMENT FROM GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

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. 3209.

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

7. A letter dated May 24, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, submitted an easement given by Paul Leon Smith and Marcella J. Smith over a portion of Lot 8 in ~~Block~~ ^{Block} 298, ~~Tract~~ ^{Tract} 1933, for street purposes. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3210

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM PAUL LEON SMITH AND MARCELLA J. SMITH.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3210.

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

8. CASE NO. 443: Transmittal form recommending approval of petition of Planning Commission for Change of Zone from C-2 to R-1 in Tracts 14338, 15716, 17103, and 20019. This on the Agenda for the setting of Third and Final Hearing.

Mayor Isen set the date of the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 443 as June 25, 1957, at 8:00 P. M. in these Council Chambers.

9. CASE NO. 444: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of application of T. M. Normann for Change of Zone from M-1 to M-2 at 1948 W. 174th St. This on Agenda for setting of Third and Final Hearing.

Mayor Isen set the date of the Third and Final Hearing on Case no. 444 as June 25, 1957, at 8:00 P. M. in these Council Chambers.

10. CASE NO. 446: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of application of First Methodist Church for Variance to permit erection of a sanctuary on Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 25, Torrance Tract.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

11. WAIVER - NATIVITY SCHOOL: Recommendation of the Planning Commission that a rear yard waiver be granted, to permit the Nativity School addition to be built within 4' of the alley and 10' of Madrid. This was also recommended by the Waiver Board.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Waiver Board.

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

12. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from Planning Director Geo. C. Powell, submitted the following matters for the Planning Commission:

Anthony Golisky, 3807 W. 172nd St., requesting permission to build on addition from his house to the garage, per plot plan on file.

In view of the fact that this is a 60' corner lot, and the man across the street has done almost the same thing, the Planning Commission had recommended approval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

Watt Construction Co., request for waivers on two lots, 16 and 83, in Tract 23151, per plot plans and application submitted.

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

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, and asked that from now on, the recommendation of the Commission show on the cover sheet.

Councilman Drale asked where these lots are.

Councilman Blount withdrew his motion, and Councilman Jahn withdrew his second to the motion.

Planning Director Powell presented sketches of the properties in question, which the Council studied.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Watt Construction Company's request.

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

Councilman Benstead and Blount voted 'No' on the request because the lots are less than 6,000 square feet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from the City Attorney, submitted for study a proposed Ordinance amending the City Code, relating to "Waivers and the Procedure therefor". Attached:

- a. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Torrance repealing Section 19 of Appendix I of "The Code" (Adopted by Ordinance No. 791) entitled "Waivers and the Procedure therefor" and substituting a new section therefor relating to the same matter.

Mayor Isen said the change made by this provides for cases passed by the Waiver Board to come to the Council for approval, and if cases are denied, that they be sent to the Planning Commission for study.

Councilman Jahn moved to send this to the Planning Commission with a recommendation for approval.

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

2. A letter dated May 23, 1957, from the City Attorney, submitted for study a proposed Ordinance relating to the installation of garbage grinders.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that under this Ordinance, Garbage Grinders shall not be installed in any building where the City Engineer has determined that the sewer lines servicing such building are inadequate to efficiently transport the material which would be expelled therein by such installation.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented:

ORDINANCE NO. 876

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING TO CHAPTER 13 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ARTICLE III RELATING TO THE INSTALLATION OF GARBAGE GRINDERS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 876.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 876 at its first reading.

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

REPORTS:

The Council was advised that a Warrant in the amount of \$398,334.17 has been received for Secured Realty Taxes.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3211

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONGREN AIRCRAFT COMPANY, HI-SHEAR RIVET TOOL COMPANY AND SHERIDAN-GRAY, INC., AS LESSORS AND PACIFIC - AMERICAN BABE RUTH LEAGUE, AS LESSEE.

The City Attorney suggested this be referred to the Airport Commission, as they may not favor granting this.

Councilman Blount did not agree; he said the field is there and has cost thousands of dollars.

Councilman Jahn asked if there are any legal questions involved.

There were not.

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

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

The City Manager reported that we should be sure we are held to be harmless in this, and that the Council should know the Airport management says a dangerous condition is being created by children walking across the Airport to reach this installation.

Councilman Blount said he has talked to the League Manager, who has agreed to thoroughly disseminate information as to how to reach the field and to forbid trespassing on the Airport.

The City Attorney pointed out that insurance covering the City is required by the Agreement.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3211.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3212

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING MODIFICATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HI-SHEAR RIVET TOOL COMPANY, A CORPORATION.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3212.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 875

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 24.2 OF CHAPTER 24 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 842 RELATING TO SIGNS) ENTITLED "SCOPE" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 875 at its second and final reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 877

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION "I" OF SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", ENTITLED "PROVISIONS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SUBSECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 877.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to send this to the Planning Commission.

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

With the concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of June as National Recreation Month in the City of Torrance.

With the concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen then proclaimed the week of June 1 - June 8, 1957, as Scout-O-Rama Week in the City of Torrance.

The Mayor ordered George C. Powell's letter on the status of hog ranches filed as a matter of record and made a part of the Minutes by reference.

Councilman Blount moved a copy of the letter of thanks to the Fire Department from Richard H. Sommers, dated May 18, 1957, on the Agenda for information, be sent to the Fire Department to be placed on their bulletin board, and made a part of these proceedings by reference.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND T & E ELECTRIC (CORPORATION), A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3213. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen referred to a report made by the Committee headed by Councilman Blount to investigate the complaints of Mr. Richard Holmes about the Little League games in the Seaside sump area. He asked if a copy of this could be sent to Mr. Holmes by the City Clerk, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

The report was ordered made a part of these proceedings by reference.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens said at the Pre-Council meeting, Mr. Bjorklund, who has a lease at the Airport for construction of a motel, had asked for a 90-day extension which he said would be the last extension asked for.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

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

Councilman Jahn, reporting for the Committee working on an exchange of property at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton St., said they had referred Mr. Dorsey's recommendation to the Engineering Department for them to prepare a map showing the correct alignment and showing the improvements to be made on Denny, after they are negotiated with Mr. Rogers.

The City Engineer reported that after talking with Mr. Dorsey, he found that Mr. Dorsey had suggested that traffic signals be placed there at Pacific Coast Highway and Newton, and then at the entrance to the Airport as shown on the new Master Plan, saying these are ideal distances for them, in relation to the other streets in the area.

Councilman Jahn pointed out the time needed to get signals.

The City Engineer suggested the need for these be pointed out to the State and every effort made to have their installation speeded up.

The City Manager said we will have to pay for about 1/3 of the cost of the signals.

City Engineer Bishop said if the signals are refused by the State, the acceleration widening would be in order.

Councilman Jahn said the Committee would prefer to submit the recommendation as made by Mr. Dorsey.

The City Attorney reported that the disagreement between the City and Dominguez Water Co. about the area west of Hawthorne had been under discussion, and the Public Utilities Commission had ruled the entire proceeding must be started all over again.

Councilman Blount commented that it had been stated it would cost the City about \$440,000 to pick up combustible rubbish; he asked if we might be better off to advertise for a private firm to handle this, and have the City Manager find the cost of having it done.

Mayor Isen wondered whether this would pay.

Councilman Blount said the City Manager could negotiate with such a contractor and see if it would be cheaper.

The City Manager said he had looked into this, but would be glad to investigate further.

Councilman Blount said it might be a way to cut spending right now; he said he thought we needed the help at present.

The Mayor suggested an analysis be made and a report made to the Council.

Councilman Jahn suggested that the City Manager find out whether or not such a contractor would use some other dump than ours.

Councilman Blount brought up the matter of the 'moratorium' on leases on the airport, saying he could not understand how some leases could be

granted and others refused.

Councilman Jahn said he thought the Council had lifted the moratorium.

Councilman Blount referred to the Minutes of the last Airport Commission meeting; he asked if anyone knew when the applications for leases would be processed.

Councilman Jahn said he thinks right now they are working on T-hangar ideas, trying to decide whether they should be built by individuals, by the City, or both, and are trying to conserve space as much as possible.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if any decision had been reached on that as yet.

The City Manager said he did not think so; he said he had sent rough estimates of cost and space needs for hangars to the Airport Commission, and had told them the first group of 10 hangars could probably be built at any time.

Councilman Blount asked when they are going to allow people to build there.

Councilman Jahn agreed there is something wrong, that this has taken too long.

The City Manager said sometimes there would be problems from trying to get people to build together.

Councilman Blount said there are people who have applications on file who want to get going.

Mayor Isen asked if there is any legal restriction preventing building there, and no one thought there was.

Councilman Drale asked if the Council would direct the City Manager to write the Airport Commission a letter saying the Council would like to see the building and expansion at the Airport get under way.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale recalled that at one time he had brought up the matter of oil at the Torrance Beach but nothing was done about it. He had with him a clipping from one of the local papers showing that the City of Santa Barbara had annexed the ocean three miles offshore to protect their beach. He said Torrance does not own the oil rights, but Santa Barbara had not owned their oil rights either.

He thought the City of Torrance should attempt to do this same thing.

There were no objections, and the Mayor directed the City Attorney to get the details on this matter for the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Council authorize Mr. Stevens to negotiate with T & E Electric on changing the lighting system at the airport to a flat system instead of extending out into the open, providing the cost is not too great.

Councilman Blount moved that instead, the City Manager negotiate with T & E on this and let the Council know the difference in cost first.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who withdrew his original motion.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen referred to the letter from Charles Edward Chapel, Assemblyman, to D. W. Mansfield, Assist. City Mgr., dated May 15, 1957, which was on the Agenda for information only. Assemblyman Chapel had transmitted to Mr. Mansfield a copy of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 172, requesting the California State Highway Commission to allocate funds for the commencement of the San Diego Freeway. Mayor Isen suggested we should aid him in this, and a letter of thanks should be sent him.

Councilman Drale so moved, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mr. Mansfield reported he had thanked Mr. Chapel for the Council.

Mayor Isen called the attention of the Council and the Traffic Commission to the last issue of the magazine "Western City"; in it he had noted there is a sign company which has most traffic signs in stock. He thought perhaps the Traffic Commission could look into this matter of uniform signs and the cost of these signs, which people are used to.

He suggested it might be well to use the same signs which are used uniformly throughout Los Angeles, as people are used to them.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Traffic Commission for study.

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

Mayor Isen said at the meeting this afternoon on the budget, the Council had been trying hard to keep our tax rate low, and now had noted that the County is considering adding more employees, which would probably raise taxes even more. He said there are rumors that the School District may have to use the whole 75¢ of the over-ride. He reported the Council had agreed this afternoon they would like to pass a Resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to try to hold the line on taxes and consider every factor, hiring as few people as necessary, so this Council would be on record to this effect.

Councilman Jahn suggested asking them to not raise the tax rate any higher than we raise ours, and that the Resolution to them ask them not to increase the County tax rate.

The City Attorney was instructed to prepare such an ordinance for the next meeting of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked when the County adopts their tax rate.

The City Manager said it is usually in August.

The Mayor asked when they have public hearings.

The City Manager thought they might be holding the hearings now.

Mayor Isen asked when the School Board holds their public hearings.

The City Manager did not know.

Mayor Isen said Resolutions 3214 and 3215 would be appeals from this Council to the County Board of Supervisors and the School Board asking them to do everything they can to hold taxes down and citing everything we are doing to do so, in spite of our unprecedented growth.

Councilman Jahn asked that at the same time a Resolution be sent to the Board of Supervisors asking them to abolish the Lakewood plan of services to an incorporated City, and moved that the City Attorney prepare the Resolution.

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

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk of the City
of Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance