

Torrance, California
August 20, 1957

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, August 20, 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.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Administrative Assistant Bob Rogers led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held August 6 and 13, 1957, and the Special Meeting of August 12, 1957, as written.

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

Councilman Blount asked that the record show he had abstained from voting on the Minutes of those meetings which he did not attend.

Mayor Isen reported that at the Pre-Council meeting, the matter of the intersections by the Jump 'n Jack restaurant was discussed, and a memo report was handed to the City Council on this. The report, which was unsigned, was ordered made a part of the record and given the number "R" on the Agenda. Mayor Isen said the Council had agreed they would like to have the fifth paragraph of that report changed to require an ornamental block wall or brick wall to be completed within 6 months of the opening of the restaurant, and he asked Mr. Jack Rogers, proprietor of the restaurant if this could be done at once.

Mr. Rogers said he could not do it now.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation as shown in Item R from the Superintendent of Public Works, with paragraph 5 to be amended to require a masonry wall as reported by Mayor Isen.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant the City would put the curb and gutter along the Standard Cil property there.

The City Manager said that would improve the traffic pattern in the entire area, and he thought it would be the responsibility of the City to do this.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the Superintendent of Public Works be authorized and instructed to contact the Standard Cil Company and notify them of the proposed improvements and work it out with them.

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

HEARINGS:

1. HEARING ON DEBT LIMIT REPORT (Continued) - PRAIRIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks, 1911 Act.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place fixed for the Continued Hearing of protests or objections against the work proposed to be done or the district proposed to be assessed, as described in the Resolution Determining the Nature, Location and Extent of the Proposed Improvement, Resolution No. 3037, adopted on the 11th day of November, 1956.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre then read the Debt Limit Report, except as to the map, plot or diagram and the assessed valuations and the true valuations of and assessments and estimated assessments upon each parcel of land.

Councilman Jahn moved this report be accepted and filed as a matter of record.

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

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre reported that one written protest had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing, and the protest, from Bodkin, Breslin & Luddy, for Dr. Arthur Olson, owner of Parcel No. 11, had been read in full at the Hearing of August 6, 1957.

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

There was no reply.

All protestants having been heard, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a full, fair and impartial hearing having been granted, and the City Council having before them the "Debt Limit Report", and a diagram of the assessment district and being familiar with the assessment district and also having considered all protests filed and also having considered all protests filed and also having considered the matter as to the area or frontage of the property represented by said protestants, the following action was taken:

Upon motion by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Blount, and duly passed unanimously, the hearing was declared closed and any and all protests were denied.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre then presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 3262

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF PRAIRIE AVENUE AND OTHER STREETS WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS PRAIRIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES, IS REQUIRED BY THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY; DENYING PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AND FINDING THAT THE LIMITATIONS UPON THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS, AS IMPOSED BY PART 5 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED:

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3262.

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

Councilman Drale moved the adoption of this resolution, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and upon roll call it was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked those people present interested in this matter to meet with the City Engineer to determine what their next step should be.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the third and final Public Hearing on Amendments to the Land Use Ordinance, relating to Off-Street Parking.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of Hearing.

There were no objections, and this was ordered received and filed.

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

There was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell if there was not a section

of this Ordinance which required additional study and may need changing. Planning Director Powell said there was, and requested this be held over for a week.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Public Hearing on Ordinance governing Waivers and the procedure therefore.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing, which was ordered received and filed as there were no objections.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this Ordinance. There was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 896

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 19 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791) ENTITLED "WAIVERS AND THE PROCEDURE THEREFOR" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked if the change had been made in Section 8 of this Ordinance as requested, and the City Attorney said it had.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 896 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Public Hearing on Ordinance providing for the regulation of Fences, walls and Hedges on property used for residential purposes.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing, which was accepted and ordered filed as there were no objections.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this Ordinance.

There was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 897

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 31 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 864) PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES ON PROPERTY USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR SUB-SECTION "M" OF SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 897 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen then invited Ralph Gompertz, reporter for the Torrance Press to speak to the Council.

Mr. Gompertz, who has been Editor of the Press for some time, thanked the Council for their cooperation with him and introduced his successor, Mr. Tony Habib, formerly of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Gompertz that the Council will be sorry to see him leave the City, but that they wish him every good fortune on his new work.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mr. Abe Robinson, 111 Via Segó, said he was here to present a plea for immediate aid to the downtown merchants in the problem of parking. Mr. Robinson, as Vice President of the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said the merchants feel the assessment district will take a long time to accomplish, and the fall season is now beginning, and there is an opportunity to acquire two fine pieces of property at a cost which will require little more than the funds the City now has in the Parking Meter Funds. He said Mr. Binder is prepared to donate \$5,000 to this cause by reducing the price of one piece of property he has offered for parking purposes. He said the cost of maintenance could be less than goes into the Parking Meter Fund. He told the Council the merchants have agreed to begin staying open on Monday nights as well as Friday nights, and the merchants hope the City will acquire these two pieces of property and get them cleared and ready for use as parking lots as soon as possible.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager for an opinion on this.

The City Manager said the City Attorney has ruled that if the City does buy this or other property within the Assessment District, then it cannot be entered in the District. The Council will have to decide what is going to happen about the Parking District. Both of these lots are entered in the District, but if the City buys them, they cannot then be picked up by the District.

The City Attorney reported that the City Manager had interpreted this correctly.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager how much money there is in the Parking Meter fund, and if the funds will carry this expense as Mr. Robinson reported.

The City Manager replied that there is at present a sum of about \$35,000 in the Parking Meter Fund. If we acquire these two lots and the District goes ahead, it is doubtful if we could contribute to the District, because it would be spending the money in two places.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney the status of the condemnation against the 'Creamery Property'.

The City Attorney said the pre-trial hearing has been set for October. The Council must decide now whether we are going to buy the property or buy the suit. The District will not be formed in time to transfer the lot to them. While the property is under condemnation we will not be able to keep it unless we intend to pay for it. He said this problem must be considered.

Mr. Robinson said the problem is immediate. Some of the lots in the District will not do much good, but he felt these two lots will probably take care of the problems of the downtown district. He said those merchants must compete with other areas or will lose out completely.

Mr. Robinson said Mr. Binder has other plans for what is known as the 'Creamery Property'.

Mayor Isen said attempts have been made to benefit the whole area.

Each time the Assessment District drops any property, this must be started all over again. He said someone had told him today the whole Assessment District was as dead as a dodo, which had upset him. If the merchants are in favor of this plan they should carry it out, and have some kind of self-help.

Mr. Binder has offered the property to the District for what seemed to the Mayor to be a very reasonable price, and Mayor Isen suggested the merchants and property owners get together and form some sort of corporation or organized group and get this in running order.

Mr. Robinson said that would take too long. He explained that there are some merchants and property owners who will not cooperate in forming this District.

Councilman Drale felt we had been stale-mated, and should either cancel the District and use the funds to purchase these two lots or decide against it.

Councilman Blount felt we have been working on this District for three years, and he did not believe we were as close tonight as we were a year ago. He felt buying these two lots would provide parking, which was the purpose of the Parking Meter Fund. As it would appear that the City is going to have to provide the parking for the downtown merchants, he said it would be his opinion that we should go ahead after the Retail Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce tell the City the Parking District is through.

Mayor Isen felt if that were true, the thing to do would be to spread the money as far as we can.

Councilman Benstead asked what has been done on this.

Mr. Robinson said the Retail Merchants have been working hard on this. Some just will not sign this who should.

Mr. Fitzgerald, Manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said a concerted effort has been made. He pointed out the many difficulties in connection with getting the petitions signed. He said two of our prominent business men are fighting the District. The majority of the merchants feel we should take this land while it is available.

Councilman Benstead said this has been going on a long time and he felt it should have been done.

Councilman Jahn said he could see a problem exists. He would be in favor of the City purchasing these two lots as they are for sale at a reasonable price, providing:

1. Before we enter into an agreement to purchase them, the District must be stopped. Otherwise, we would be paying interest on money that would be of no benefit to us.
2. If the Council would adopt as policy that the purchase of these two lots will not be the end of the matter, and to use the money in the Meter Fund it had been planned to use it under the District;
3. That the Council agree to drop the condemnation of the 'Creamery Property'.

In answer to a question from the Mayor, the City Manager said one of the lots as it exists would park only about 23 cars, but if the street is realigned it would be a very good parking lot.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he had talked to Mr. Dorsey, the City's traffic expert, and Mr. Dorsey had felt the price reasonable and thought it would be good business to get these two lots.

Councilman Drale said he would feel the first order of business would be to hear from the Retail Merchants as to the Parking Assessment District.

Mr. Robinson said he and Mr. Fitzgerald were authorized to tell the Council at this time that the District is through.

Mayor Isen suggested this be held a week to see if Mr. Binder could do better than the \$500 per month payment.

Councilman Blount moved the Council negotiate on the two lots on the basis of this letter from Mr. Binder on the Agenda and the stipulations of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and with the three points made by Councilman Jahn in his statement, namely, to stop the district, adopt the policy, and drop the suit on the dairy property.

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Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Jahn asked if there would any expense in connection with dropping the condemnation, and the City Attorney did not think there would be at the present time.

Mayor Isen thought the \$500 per month to be a large payment.

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

Councilman Drale thought the City should have a communication from the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce asking that the District be dropped.

Mr. Fitzgerald said one would be sent in at once.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated August 9, 1957, from George Binder, 404 No. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, California, offering to sell the City two lots for use as parking lots.

This letter was ordered filed, as the action immediately prior to this had taken care of the parking needs.

2. A letter dated August 6, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, which he had received from the State of California Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, regarding certain street improvements at the intersection of Newton St. and Pacific Coast Highway, with pertinent memo.

The matter of this intersection had been the first item attended to by the Council at this meeting, therefore the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

3. A letter dated August 9, 1957, from Carl H. Quandt, 1045 State Park Highway, San Jacinto, California, requested the City to sell him the property purchased by the City some years ago from C. H. Quandt, in Waltheria.

A comment from the City Manager was appended, to the effect that this had been referred to Mr. McVicar of the Water Dept. to determine whether the property is for sale.

4. An August 9, 1957, letter from Cecil O. Johnson, Secretary of the Central Labor Council of San Pedro and Wilmington, 602 Broad St., Wilmington, California, urged the City Council to take favorable action on a request from the Torrance Fire Fighters Local No. 1138 for a 3% wage increase, over and above the 5½% increase awarded to them as of July 1, 1957.

Mayor Isen said both the fire department and police department are represented. He asked the City Manager when we will adopt a tax rate.

City Manager Stevens said it must be adopted next Tuesday.

Mayor Isen thought the tax rate should be adopted before we go any further with this. He said he had been asked by one of the Councilmen for time to study the comparative figures furnished to the Council tonight.

Councilman Benstead asked if this could be held until October 1, when we will have a definite answer on the tax income.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if we have officially been notified of the assessed valuation of the City.

The City Manager said we have; he has been working on it trying to get the budget ready for presentation next Tuesday. The total assessed valuation is something over \$152,000,000; there is contested about \$1,750,000; in computing revenues, he said he has always used a delinquency factor of 2%. All of this cuts the figure to about \$149,500,000.00.

Councilman Drale asked what figure had been used for the tentative budget approved by the Council.

City Manager Stevens said \$139,000,000.00.

Councilman Jahn asked how much increase this gives, and the City Manager said something like 10%; our revenues, as nearly as he was able to compute, would be something like \$108,000 more than originally estimated. He said this would work out so that instead of having a 6¢ tax rate increase, we would have a 4¢ one. The unappropriated reserve would be \$204,000.00. Of that amount, we have already committed between 60 and 80 thousand dollars. Last year, the unappropriated reserve was \$218,000.00.

Councilman Drale asked about how much money this would amount to, and the City Manager said for one year, the figure would approximate \$30,000.00.

Councilman Drale said he was willing to go along with this.

Councilman Jahn asked if the sheet of comparative figures given the Council tonight was accurate.

The City Manager said it was supposed to be.

Councilman Drale favored granting this.

Councilman Jahn thought our rate was high in comparison with others.

City Manager Stevens said we are on a 3-step plan. He does not know of any other cities who are. Actually, the final step is higher on the 5-step plan, but our starting step is higher than most others.

Councilman Drale felt the number of employees we have in this City, doing their jobs and doing them well, is far below average. We have only 65 policemen, and Burbank has over 120; the same comparison would hold in Pasadena. When the men are doing the job he feels they should get the pay.

Councilman Benstead said he had no objection to giving this increase if the City has the money.

Mayor Isen said he did not know what would happen to the other employees. He asked the City Manager if we have other inequities, and the City Manager said quite a few.

Mayor Isen said if this was done the first of the year it would be better.

Councilman Drale protested this would only retard something. He did not think they should have to wait.

Councilman Drale moved they be granted this 3% increase as of September 1, 1957, after the budget is approved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked what that would make their increase total for this year.

The City Manager said 8½%.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:35 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:45 P. M.

The City Manager said since the police and firemen have been given this increase because of an inequity, others should also be considered. He said he knows of some other inequities. He recommended these be considered, and that a quick survey of obvious inequities be made, to be corrected as of September 1, 1957.

Mayor Isen so moved.

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

5. A letter dated August 14, 1957, from the Harbor Osteopathic Hospital, Inc., 841 W. Ninth St., San Pedro, applied for permission to solicit funds in the City for assistance in raising money for a hospital.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

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

6. A letter from the Torrance Plant of the Rome Cable Corporation, dated August 14, 1957, and signed by Glenn Koger, went on record as advising the City they are still interested in buying the City property adjacent to their plant.

Upon being questioned, the City Manager thought the offer they made the City the last time this was discussed with them was about \$10,000 an acre, totalling \$50,000 for the 5 acres. Mr. Levy has offered the City \$60,000 for the property.

The City Manager said it has been some time since the appraisal was made, and he would have to check on it before giving definite information.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Manager to do so, and to inform both Rome Cable and Mr. Levy of the price of this land.

7. A letter dated August 14, 1957, from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, signed by Bessie Slonecker, Secretary, requested the extension of bus service to Pacific Coast Highway and Avenue I in Redondo Beach.

A comment from the City Manager was appended, dated August 15, 1957, and reported the request had been referred to Bus Supt. Chamberlain for investigation and report.

8. A letter from the County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks & Recreation, 834 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles 15, dated August 8, 1957, was signed by N. S. Johnson, Director of the Department. The letter submitted a proposed lease between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance covering the operation of El Nido Park. Mr. Johnson said it had been the original intention of both the City and the County to provide a transfer of fee title to the City, but a review by the County Counsel's Office has indicated a more current interpretation that there exists no means at this time by which the County can transfer title of a local park to a new city. Therefore this Joint Powers Agreement is submitted.

An August 15, 1957, comment from the City Manager recommended that paragraph 11 of the Joint Powers Agreement be changed by adding the following: "With the exception that the Second Party shall be entitled to reimbursement or payment from the First Party for all permanent structural improvements made or placed upon said property subsequent to the date of signing this agreement, the payment to be based on the appraised valuations of such structures at the date of termination of this agreement."

A comment from the City Attorney, dated August 15, 1957, was that the agreement appears to be alright if the Council is willing to approve the transfer of interest to the City by means of a Joint Powers Agreement. If the amendment suggested by the City Manager is accepted by the County, none of the provisions would be onerous.

The City Manager said he had called the writer of the letter and asked about his reference in a previous letter to the City of Torrance as an 'unincorporated city', and was told that the ruling by the County Counsel covered all cities, whether they be old or new.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the writer of the letter is still misinformed, as he has referred to Torrance as a new city in this letter.

The City Attorney read in full a letter of apology from the writer which he had received.

Mayor Isen asked if we could not enter into an agreement whereby we would operate the park as their agents.

Councilman Jahn said he had asked during a previous meeting what would happen if we did nothing on this.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen said this did not have to be accepted tonight.

Councilman Jahn agreed, saying they want this agreement to get out from under the load of operating the park.

City Manager Stevens understood that the City of Redondo Beach had wanted to buy this park. He was sure the County had the authority to sell property. He said this question of their right to give away land or money had just been raised.

Councilman Benstead suggested this be referred to the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Jahn asked if the intent of the motion was that Mr. Stevens should negotiate on the recommendation he made and then the Council consider this.

The City Manager said if he was not able to reach this agreement, he would try something else.

Mayor Isen thought the best thing would be for us to operate this as their agent.

Councilman Drale said he would accept any amendment to his motion. He just did not want to close the door on any suggestions.

Councilman Drale reminded the Council that at one time, we had wanted the County to operate this park.

Mayor Isen agreed, but said Councilman Drale's motion did not do that. He wanted to make one more attempt to see if the County would not operate the park.

Councilman Blount asked if the County had not spent some money out there.

Mayor Isen said at the time this came up, they had not known they could not transfer title.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, if the County had improved the park.

Mr. Van Bellehem said some improvements have gone in. He agreed with the City Manager's recommendation. He doubted that the County would allow us to operate this park as their agent. He thought the County is trying to work out a plan so they can turn the titles of such land over to cities.

The City Manager agreed, saying he believed that to be the case.

Councilman Blount asked the Mayor if he did not want the park.

Mayor Isen said who was owner of the land did not matter; the cost of maintenance is what he was thinking of. He asked Mr. Van Bellehem if he had any idea of what maintenance would be for that park for a year.

Mr. Van Bellehem did not know what the park maintenance would cost, but thought from the recreation standpoint it would run from 6 to 10 thousand dollars per year.

Mayor Isen thought this should be delayed for a week so the possibility of saving this money could be explored.

Councilman Jahn recalled that the people in the El Nido area had been interested in having the City run the park when they were voting on the question of annexing to the City. He said he would concur with the City Manager's recommendation.

Motion to concur carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. A communication dated August 1, 1957, from the City Engineer of Gardena, requested that the City of Torrance share with them in the cost of installing traffic signals at Van Ness and Redondo Beach Blvd.

On August 15, 1957, the City Manager had appended the following comment: "This matter should be referred to the Department of Public Works for investigation to determine more closely, if possible, what the installation cost would be and to determine if an equitable method of paying for the cost of operation and maintenance can be worked out."

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

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

Councilman Drale suggested that the Director of Public Works determine the boundary lines of the City at that corner before conclusion of this matter.

10. An August 7, 1957, letter from the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn., signed by B. J. Russell, President, reported the speed limit is being exceeded on Via Monte D'Oro, and asked it be enforced, and that "Children At Play" signs be posted. The letter also suggested a traffic study be made for other areas in the Hollywood Riviera where these signs are needed.

The City Manager reported the action taken on this was reported in a letter from Acting Police Chief Bennett.

An August 15, 1957 letter from Chief Bennett reported the various actions being taken, and that a study is being made of the need for the signs mentioned with a view to posting them very soon.

Mayor Isen gave Mr. Russell a copy of Chief Bennett's letter.

11. A letter from the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn., dated August 6, 1957, and signed by B. J. Russell, made their recommendation on the zoning of Lots 143 through 168, inclusive, of Tract 18379.

Mayor Isen ordered this filed and to be back on the Agenda when the Case involving these lots is considered, as there were no objections to his suggestion.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. A letter from the City Manager, dated August 14, 1957, submitted a proposal from Warren Southwest, Inc., which he had discussed with Mr. John Russell and Mr. Ralph Perkins, that they be granted the exclusive right to remove material from the Torrance City Dump Site. The letter from Warren Southwest, dated August 1, 1957, suggested the following basis for the exclusive removal of the material:

1. Material to be loaded and hauled by Warren Southwest, Inc., at the rate of approximately 5,000 cubic yards per month, with a minimum of 70,000 for one year. The period of the agreement to run for one year.
2. The royalty payment to the City to be at the rate of 8¢ per cubic yard, the present rate in effect.
3. The City to maintain the haul roads in the dump area.

The City Manager reported our investigation showed the following facts:

That the cost of operating and maintaining the present City-owned crane for the past 13 months was as follows:

Labor	\$2,197.81
Parts	4,537.80
10% charged from Garage	453.78
Gasoline	890.00
	<u>\$8,079.39</u>

In addition, the cost of an Operator part-time would be a minimum of \$3,000, making a total cost to the City of \$11,079.39.

If the above agreement was made with Warren Southwest, Inc., the City would retire its crane, thereby making a saving of operation and maintenance in excess of \$10,000 per year.

Recently the only steady customer that we have had at the dump has been Warren Southwest, Inc. Only their steady hauling has made it possible for the City to keep the excavation ahead of our fill needs without hiring trucks to haul the material away.

The material taken from our dump site by Warren Southwest, Inc., is used in the preparation of their asphaltic concrete. This low-cost material to them has resulted in a direct saving to the City so that we get a two-fold benefit on the company using material from our dump site.

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

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn expressed some concern whether this was not the only local source of dirt.

The City Manager said it is not.

Councilman Drake asked the City Attorney if the Council could grant this exclusive right, and the City Attorney said they could.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A letter dated August 16, 1957, from City Manager Stevens, re Airport Runway Lights, was as follows:

"Mr. Bob Rogers, Administrative Assistant, who has been working on Airport projects, informs me that the runway lighting system should be ready for operation within the next ten days.

The policy governing the hours that the lighting system will be in operation and whether the system will be available for emergency purposes during other hours, should be established. It will be necessary to inform the C.A.A. of the hours of operation, also we must notify the nearest Air Route Communication Station, C.A.A. controlled.

Mr. Dietrich, Airport Manager, has expressed concern over the responsibility and liability involved in the operation and maintenance of the lighting system. So that these matters might be properly settled from the start, I asked him to write a letter to the City Council stating his views. A copy of his letter is attached. The views expressed are completely his own."

A copy of Mr. Rogers's report, dated August 15, 1957, and Mr. Dietrich's attorney's letter, dated August 15, 1957, were attached.

Mayor Isen asked if these should not go to the Airport Commission. Councilman Jahn did not think there was time for that.

Councilman Jahn said when he made the motion that the lights be installed, he had made the motion that the City install the lights and operate them, meaning pay for the electricity so there would not be a burden on the Airport Manager. Except for the wording in paragraphs a and b, therefore, he saw no particular problem except upkeep, maintenance and repair, and operation. Some of that we have already agreed to do. He did not agree that they should be relieved of the liability, as he said their agreement with the City accepts the responsibility of the improvements we put on the Airport. He suggested we make clear to them we will pay the bill for the electricity. There is a clock installed to turn the power off and on, but he would not agree to removing the liability from them.

Councilman Blount said he would like to know what the policy should be about how long and how often the lights will be on, and who would supply the personnel.

Councilman Drale said he would also like to know the answer to that question.

Mayor Isen said it will be necessary to notify the C.A.A.

Councilman Jahn felt the lights should run all the time as long as they are there.

Councilman Blount asked if some arrangement should not be made for personnel during those hours.

Councilman Jahn did not know why, saying planes now land there in the dark.

Councilman Blount said he thought with lights we would be inviting them to land, whereas now they land in the dark without our invitation. He asked the City Attorney if we did not put ourselves in line for a greater liability with these lights.

The City Attorney said we do.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this entire matter to the Airport Commission.

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

Councilman Blount said as long as the Airport was being discussed, he had a question. To his knowledge, the Airport Commission had agreed to let some leases not too long ago. We have applications for hangar leases. He asked when we are going to let leases. He gave examples of people who have approached him and asked for leases on the Airport.

Mayor Isen thought the new Administrative Assistant had been assigned to work on the Airport problems.

Councilman Blount asked if he would have the power to negotiate a lease.

It was explained these have to go through the Commission, and Mr. Rogers said he would have more information next Tuesday.

Councilman Blount said he did not want information, but wanted leases made. We have been three years without a lease, he said, and the City has lost money. Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney be instructed and authorized to draw the leases for the Airport based on the list of applicants which has been prepared in the chronological order in which the applications were received.

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

Councilman Blount asked that the Commission be requested to proceed at once on applications for commercial leases.

Mr. Lyman Turner, of Century Helicopter Service, said he would like a commercial lease at the Airport.

Mayor Isen instructed him that he would be required to appear before the Airport Commission.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if the Administrative Assistant is going to devote time to the Airport, and asked if some of the detail of this could be assigned to him.

The City Manager said it could.

Mayor Isen asked for a memo on this as a matter of policy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

A memo dated August 15, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre, recommended refund of a business license fee to Sanders & Taylor Masonry Contractor, 826 Patronella, Torrance. They were charged \$25 and the resident fee is \$12; therefore, he recommended a refund of \$13 be made to them.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from J. H. Paget, Recreation Commissioner, dated August 15, 1957, conveyed to the Council his resignation from the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Councilman Jahn moved the resignation be accepted and that Mr. Paget be sent the usual letter of regret and thanks.

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

Mayor Isen announced that next week he would appoint Mrs. Rose Craig to serve the unexpired portion of Mr. Paget's term on the Commission.

2. A letter from Herma Tillim, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, dated August 15, 1957, tendered to the Council her resignation from that Commission.

Councilman Jahn moved the resignation be accepted and that Mrs. Tillim be sent the usual letter of regret and thanks.

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

Mayor Isen announced that next week he would appoint the Reverend Milton Sippel to fill the balance of Mrs. Tillim's term on the Commission.

3. A report from H. B. Van Bellehem, dated August 15, 1957, on the present status of the Sea-Aire Golf Course was submitted as requested by the Council at their meeting of August 13, 1957.

There were no objections, and this report was referred back to the Parks & Recreation Commission for their recommendation as to whether the Recreation Department or the Parks Department should be in charge of this park.

Councilman Drale said Mrs. Tillim lived in North Torrance, and the appointments mentioned by the Mayor left North Torrance without any representation on the Commission. He asked that a person from North

Torrance could not be appointed to one of these vacancies.

Mayor Isen said he understood there would be a third vacancy soon, and he would be glad to entertain suggestions from the Council with regard to filling it.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENTS:

1. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 18920: Transmittal from Engineering Department submitting Final Tract Map No. 18920, located along the northerly side of 164th St. between Casimir Avenue and Daphne Ave., southerly of Radium Theater. Attached were:
 - a. Letter from Planning Director, dated August 15, 1957, containing the Planning Commission's recommendations;
 - b. Letter from Dale Gasteiger of Pioneer Theatres, Inc., dated June 10, 1957, re 3-foot strip along Casimir Ave. which is not a part of this tract;
 - c. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of June 5, 1957;
 - d. Letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., dated June 5, 1957;
 - e. Letter dated June 3, 1957, from Wayne L. Nelson, re the utility poles in this tract;
 - f. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control Dist., dated April 30, 1957;
 - g. Letter from A. E. McVicar re water service;
 - h. Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn asked about the 3' strip shown on the sketch which is not a part of this tract.

Mr. Powell explained this was held by a previous subdivider in the area, who had obtained more land than was needed for the street and had dedicated only what was necessary to the City.

Councilman Jahn asked if the buyer of this lot would have access to the street, and Mr. Powell said they would.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Tract 18920 with all special conditions.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who thought the buyer of Lot 13 should be notified in writing of this strip, prior to buying the lot, and sign a letter to the effect he had been so notified, with a signed copy of the letter to come back to the City.

Councilman Jahn so amended his motion.

Councilman Blount accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Councilman Drale suggested that the City institute condemnation proceedings against the 3' strip and the subdivider bear the expenses of the condemnation.

Mayor Isen asked how long the strip is.

Mr. Jack Spahn of Barclay Engineering said this runs along that portion of the street which was dedicated to the City by Mr. Everett Powell. The street plans have been approved by the Engineering Dept., and the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks are being put in.

Councilman Jahn asked to change his motion, moving that Tract 18920 be approved with all the special conditions and with the No. 3 of Mr. Powell's letter of August 15 to be removed and insert as follows: 'a condemnation suit be instituted by the City to get the 3' strip inside Lot 13, and the subdivider to sign a letter saying he will bear all the cost of such condemnation.'

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

Councilman Benstead said he voted against this because the lots are smaller than required by our Ordinance.

2. STREET EASEMENT: A letter dated August 15, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted a street easement for the northerly 27' of Lot 21 in Tract 3458, to give a full width street, to be known as Garnet St. A location sketch was attached.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3263

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM HAZEL IRENE DAY.

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. 3263. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. STREET EASEMENT: A letter dated August 15, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted a street easement for the northerly 27 feet of Lot 22 in Tract 3458, to give a full width street to be known as Garnet St. A location sketch was attached.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3264

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM HENRY SHIGEKUNI AND VIOLET SHIGEKUNI.

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. 3264. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. STREET EASEMENT: Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engr., submitted a street easement for the southerly 10' of the westerly 50' of the easterly 274.43' of Lot 34 in Tract 2675, for the proposed widening of Carson St. A location sketch was attached.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3265

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SIDNEY P. FRASER AND MABEL P. FRAZER.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3265.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated August 15, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitted to the Council a revised BILL OF SALE executed by the Edison Co. in accordance with the June 25th instructions of the Council to him. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN BILL OF SALE CONVEYING CERTAIN ELECTRICAL FACILITIES TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3235.

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

2. A letter dated August 15, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer, submitted to the Council an Ordinance for study which amends the Fire Prevention Code relating to the construction, operation, maintenance and use of aircraft refueler units.

Councilman Jahn said on Page 3, under D1, some planes fuel from below, so this would not be practical.

The City Attorney said he would change that section. He said he would bring this back to the Council next week.

At 7:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 7:45 P. M.

M-x-1: An undated memo from Acting Chief of Police Percy Bennett submitted recommendation to the Council for consideration and approval for the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney prepare the necessary Ordinances in concurrence with this recommendation.

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

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk advised that a complaint and summons was received in that office on August 13, 1957, in the action of Katherina Loos, Plaintiff, against the City of Torrance and the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, et al, for alleged personal injuries and damages sustained as a result of accident involving a City bus on or about April 20, 1957, submitted by Attorney for Plaintiff, Joseph Schecter. This claim was denied by the City Council at their meeting of June 18, 1957.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS:

A letter from the City Attorney, dated August 15, 1957, submitted to the Council for study a proposed Charter Amendment providing for the election of the Mayor by the people, together with the necessary ancillary changes.

The letter stated the Council must decide on this matter no later

than the meeting of August 27th for the amendment to be placed on the ballot by October 29, 1957.

The City Attorney included a copy of the City Charter and the amendments thereto adopted at the last election in order that the proposed amendment may be analyzed.

The City Attorney stated that Section B should be inserted to replace the original Section B. He felt that Section A was self-explanatory, but pointed out that it specified no person shall be a candidate for more than one of said offices at any municipal election.

Councilman Jahn felt the Amendments really covered two questions, i.e., 1) Should the City Council be increased to 7 members, and 2) the Mayor shall or shall not be elected at large.

The City Attorney said the Mayor would be elected at large as are all the Councilmen.

Councilman Jahn said he would prefer to see this amendment to the Charter stated in two questions on the ballot.

Councilman Benstead felt the amendment clearly stated that the Mayor shall be elected at large.

The Council, with the exception of Councilman Jahn, agreed with him.

Mayor Isen said the Attorney could be assured that the majority of the Council has approved the draft of this amendment.

The City Attorney said the Section B presented to the Council tonight was to implement the amendment. He had been assured by a Deputy in the office of the Legislature there is small likelihood this would not be approved by the Legislature in time for the next general election in April, 1958. The Legislature will convene on the first Monday in March. This should be approved within a few days, and will become effective at once. In case this does not happen, there is a proviso in the amended Section B to cover it, so that when the measure is approved, the duly elected members of the Council will take office.

Councilman Jahn asked if this must be Amendment No. 1 on the ballot.

The City Attorney said it did not have to; he said O'Melveny & Myers would check this and prepare the other three amendments, and then all will come to the Council for the necessary Resolutions.

Councilman Blount asked if all the other changes shown here were necessary in connection with this amendment, and the City Attorney said they were.

Mr. Remelmeyer explained that the 4/5ths vote now required on some matters would necessarily change, and the majority vote of the Council would also change. Every section of the Charter must agree if this amendment is accepted by the voters.

Councilman Jahn said he could see no reason for making this the top item on the ballot, and Mayor Isen thought it should be the last.

The City Attorney pointed out that Section C was here so the Council could consider whether the Mayor should receive more compensation from the City than the Councilmen receive.

It was agreed that he should not.

Councilman Blount suggested that the Council consider whether the Mayor should not serve a two-year term.

Councilman Jahn said he would second a motion to that effect.

Councilman Drale didn't agree, saying that to campaign is a trial and to campaign every two years would be too much.

Councilman Blount thought this would be better for the City.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn favored a two-year term for the elective Mayor.

Mayor Isen polled the Council on this point, with the following results: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.

The City Attorney said the next item which should be decided was the salary of the Mayor.

Councilman Blount recommended a salary of \$100 a month.

Councilman Jahn so moved, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Attorney reported that Section D is a technicality, and Section E merely changes from 3 to 4 the number of Council votes required for a majority, Section F changes the number of Council votes required for an Emergency vote, as does Section G change the number of votes required for contracts on public works. Section H outlines the powers and duties of the Mayor.

The Council was polled, and favored these changes as drafted, by a roll call vote which was unanimous.

Councilman Blount felt that if Councilman Jahn wanted these questions posed separately on the ballot, his wishes should be considered.

Councilman Jahn asked to clarify his position, saying he would go along with the majority acceptance of this draft, but while he favors the 7-man Council, he does not agree with the rest of this question.

CRAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported that negotiations have been going on with the County to allow them the use of our old City Hall for a Court House, rent free. They want to make their final plans. He thought they should be responsible for the interior decorations, exterior painting as required, payment of all utilities; they will use about 60% of the building. They will use everything on the east side of the building, the old Jury Room, and probably the office formerly occupied by the City Manager and his secretary. They would like to have the City maintain the landscaping and custodial services, with an agreement that they would pay the full cost of both. The City Manager thought this would be a good way to handle the matter.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager.

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

Councilman Benstead asked if their occupancy of the old City Hall would interfere with plans for a Court House on the Civic Center site, and the City Manager said it would not; they hope to be in their new building within a year.

The City Manager reported an offer of \$90,000 for the old City Hall, with \$15,000 down and payments of \$400 per month including 5% interest and a 5% commission on the selling price. He said he did not recommend acceptance of this offer, but thought it should be submitted to the Council. If this offer is accepted, the building would be used for general and professional offices.

Mayor Isen moved the offer be rejected.

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

Mayor Isen thought the rest of the City Hall should be used.

The City Manager agreed, saying the offices formerly used for the Engineering Department would be vacant. He felt any use approved for those offices in the old City Hall should be of such a nature they would not interfere with the Court procedures.

Acting Chief of Police Percy Bennett reported the signs illegally posted on the trees on Torrance Blvd. have been removed.

Mayor Isen suggested a bill for the cost of such removal be sent to the people who posted the signs. There were no objections, and he directed Chief Bennett to meet with the City Attorney and prepare such a bill.

Councilman Blount told Councilman Drale the traffic and drainage question he had brought up last week is being worked on by the Traffic Commission, who should have an answer next week.

Councilman Drale said all Council members had received a letter from Supervisor Hahn regarding the extension of the Harbor Freeway. All the Cities represented on the Intercity Highway Committee should be represented when this matter comes up in Sacramento. He suggested our City send

two or three members of the Committee to the Hearing. He recommended that three be sent.

Councilman Blount moved three of our representatives on the Inter-city Highways Committee be sent to the Hearing mentioned by Supervisor Hahn with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead asked who those people would be. Councilman Drale listed our representatives on the Committee.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if the Council had the authority to do this for people outside the official family, as some of our representatives are not in the employ of the City nor are they elective officials.

The City Attorney said the Council could do this as these men do represent the City and will be attending to City business.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, saying he would like to name the members of the Committee who would go. He named Councilman Drale and Messrs. Bundy and Barton, with City Engineer Bishop and John Mulvihill as alternates.

Councilman Blount accepted the amendment to his motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn said there has been a great deal of publicity about a building permit in Walteria, which will be before the Council at their next meeting. He asked if Building Superintendent Schlens would give the Council a brief explanation of the matter.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said he has the complete records on the case available in the building department. The case concerns a Mrs. Schurrschmitt at 24249 and 24249½ Ward Street. He explained that Mr. Crow had taken out a permit on that property in 1943, when he owned it, for an 18 x 20' workshop. In 1950, Mr. Crow took out another permit for a 12 x 20' building. The plot plan on this latter building locates it 22' from the rear lot line. The building Mr. Crow originally put up for a workshop and presumably transformed into a dwelling unit is about 2' from the south property line and about 4' from the rear property line. It does not conform to the plot plan as submitted in 1950.

The Schurrschmitts came in and made application for a building permit on the day Mr. Schlens came to work for the City. The building and its location on Lot 13 did not conform so far as the zoning ordinance of the City is concerned. Until a variance or waiver has been secured he cannot write a permit, Mr. Schlens said. He told Mrs. Schurrschmitt this, but she and her husband thought Mr. Crow should attend to that for them.

Mr. Schlens said he and the inspector, Mr. West, had contacted Mr. Crow, who agreed to go back and make repairs required on the building. Mrs. Schurrschmitt had refused to allow Mr. Crow to enter the property to make the repairs.

Mayor Isen suggested she be advised that until she lets him in to do the work, the Council is powerless.

Councilman Jahn said Mr. Crow seems willing to make the building comply, which is the only cure for the situation.

Mr. Schlens told the Council Mrs. Schurrschmitt's sister is secretary to the Chief Building Inspector of the City of San Bernardino, who had contacted him in the matter. That letter is dated June 4, 1957. The Building Department has been working on the matter since before that time.

Councilman Drale asked how serious the violations are.

Mr. Schlens said some violations of safety requirements exist. He explained that the property had been zoned R-1 at one time, and the last permit shows zone R-2. He cannot tell whether or not some of the existing circumstances were put up in violation.

Mayor Isen directed Don Mansfield, the Assistant City Manager, to contact this lady and talk to her about this situation, telling her the Council has taken this up with both Mr. Schlens and Councilman Jahn, who have called on her about it. Mr. Crow will make the corrections if she will give him permission to do so.

Mr. Schlens said he would thoroughly check all angles of this case.

Councilman Drale suggested the Council send a letter to Donald Armstrong congratulating him on his appointment as judge.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered.

Mayor Isen said when the letter is made ready he will sign it.

Mr. Arnold Souza of 2278 - 236th Place spoke to the Council about a drainage problem existing on his property.

He was instructed to take this to Mr. Russell of the Dept. of Public Works and Mr. Perkins of the Street Dept., who have an appointment with him in the morning.

Councilman Jahn moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
Torrance, California

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance