

Torrance, California
August 27, 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, August 27, 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, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Assistant City Manager Mansfield and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bert Lynn, President of the Planning Commission, led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 1957, meeting of the Council as written.

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

Councilman Jahn introduced to the Council and the audience Mrs. Winifred English, a resident of the Hollywood-Riviera section of the City, who has been kind enough to offer to represent the city at the Nisei Businessmen's Convention in Tokyo at no cost to the city.

Mayor Isen invited Mrs. English to come forward, and the Deputy City Clerk was asked to read in full a Resolution authorizing Mrs. English to represent the city at that gathering.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read in full the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3266

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. WINIFRED ENGLISH
TO ATTEND THE NISEI BUSINESSMEN'S CONVENTION IN TOKYO
AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3266.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen presented Mrs. English with a signed and sealed copy of the Resolution, and said another copy would be sent to the leader of the Convention in Tokyo. He expressed to her the thanks and best wishes of himself and the Council.

Mrs. English thanked the Council for the assignment, and said she would do her utmost to convey the good will of our All American City of Torrance to the Convention.

HEARINGS:

VACATION OF CASIMIR AVENUE. Hearing on Resolution
of Intention No. 3254.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on the Resolution of Intention No. 3254.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Posting and Publication of Notices of Street Vacation.

These were accepted and ordered filed, there being no objections.

Upon being asked, Planning Director Powell reported this property when vacated would revert to the homeowners adjacent to the property.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding this matter. There was no reply.
 Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be closed.
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.
 Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the proper Ordinance for the vacationing of Casimir Avenue as stated in the Resolution of Intention.
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

VACATION OF CERTAIN STREETS IN TRACT NO. 18416 (Pacific Coast Highway and Dalemead Street, Portion of.
HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 3255.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution No. 3255.
 Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavits of posting of notices and publication.
 Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed.
 Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.
 Upon being asked, Planning Director Powell reported this was the vacationing of the service road between Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Road on Pacific Coast Highway, and a small strip of land along Dalemead at the back of the property to allow a wall to be built behind the commercial development planned for the property to protect the privacy of the residents of the area.
 Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard in this matter.
 Mr. Leo J. Maas, 2718 Dalemead, presented a petition from residents of the area opposing the vacationing of a portion of Dalemead Street. He told the Council the street is too narrow now.
 Councilman Jahn asked whether the people to whom this property is being vacated are the identical people who gave the land to the City and improved it.
 Mr. Mansfield reported that they are. He said they are asking for it under a different corporate name, but they are the same people.
 Councilman Jahn asked if we have something on file to show that this is true.
 Mayor Isen said the City should have an affidavit to that effect.
 Councilman Drale moved this Hearing be continued until such time as an affidavit to the effect that these are the same people has been furnished to the City.
 Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.
 Mayor Isen suggested that Planning Director Powell arrange a meeting in the City Hall with Mr. Maas and the other signers of his petition to explain this to them.
 Motion to continue the Hearing carried unanimously by roll call vote.

CASE NO. 426 (RESUBMITTED). Third and final Hearing before the City Council on petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone in Case No. 426, on lots in Tract 3458, lying between Madrona and Hawthorne, and between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 426.
 In reply to a request, Planning Director Powell said the Planning Commission held a number of hearings on this and had held numerous meetings with the residents of the area. After a great deal of work and study, the Planning Commission had recommended zoning according to Exhibit A, which showed the proposed zoning of the different parcels of land. Mr. Powell reported he had received calls from two property owners since this was prepared who protested the zoning of their property under this plan.

One of them was from Mr. Ryland, owner of Lot 31, who asked that lot be zoned M-1 instead of A-1 as shown; the other call was from attorneys who represent the owners of the property between Amie and Torrance Blvd., east of Hawthorne, where C-3 zoning was proposed. They asked this be zoned C-2 because they are preparing plans for the development of the whole corner and would like more latitude than C-3 allows.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell what the Planning Commission would recommend on those two pieces of property.

Planning Director Powell said if there are enough people interested in changing the zoning of their property from what was proposed, the Planning Commission would be glad to take this back and give the plan further consideration.

Mr. A. W. Litton, representing the owners of the property between Amie and Torrance Blvd., east of Hawthorne, said they are content with the zoning proposed for their property except on Lot 15, where they would prefer C-2 zoning.

A. J. Trahan, 3707 Emerald, Lot 18, protested the plan as he felt the whole area should be more uniformly zoned.

Mr. Ryland, 3720 Spencer, Lot 31, said he would prefer that his land be zoned M-1. He explained he had tried to get a Cal-Vet loan on his land there to build a home, and had not been able to, and he did not think he would be able to get it under this zoning.

Mr. Ryland said he thought his neighbors, named Hart, also wanted M-1 zoning.

The Council decided that rather than send this back to the Planning Commission, the matter would be held over for a week so Mr. Ryland could bring in a letter from his neighbor affirming this stand.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

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

Councilman Blount asked to hear once more from Mr. Trahan, who had objected to the zoning of his land.

Mr. Trahan said he did not object to the zoning of his own land, but felt there should be more uniform zoning.

There were no objections, and the Case was ordered to be continued to 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, September 3, 1957.

CASE NO. 453. Third and final hearing before the City Council on petition of Howard Bros., Inc., for a Change of Zone from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-3 (Solely Commercial) for commercial operations such as small retail stores in the El Nido District, between 186th and 190th Sts., on the west side of Hawthorne Blvd., 18701 Hawthorne.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 453.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Drale moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Planning Director Powell explained this request had been made before the zoning for the area had been settled. This fits the recommended zone for the land.

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

There was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved to close the Hearing.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of this petition.

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

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the proper Ordinance for this.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A petition signed by 15 residents on Dalemead for the widening of that street in the 3000 and 3100 blocks, which had been received in the office of the City Manager on August 21, 1957, bore a notation saying it had been circulated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gish of 3120 Dalemead St.

A comment from the City Manager, dated August 23, 1957, said a part of this street would be widened in Tract No. 17180, and that the Planning Commission had been told the adjoining property owners would grant easements for the widening of the street. He also said the Engineering Dept. is working on the easements.

A location sketch was submitted with the petition.

Councilman Jahn agreed it should be widened.

Councilman Drale suggested the Engineering Dept. see what could be done to acquire the land needed for the widening of the street.

Mayor Isen asked Acting Police Bennett if the street was posted for one way traffic, saying it should be if it is not.

Mr. Bennett said it is posted for one-way traffic.

Planning Director Powell said the three land-owners adjacent to this have agreed to give the easements for the widening of the street.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Powell to reply to this petition, addressing the reply to Mr. and Mrs. Gish.

Councilman Jahn moved the Engineering Department pick up the necessary easements for the widening of this street, which have been offered to the City.

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

2. A letter dated July 3, 1957, from D. C. Kane, 5014 Mindora Drive, drew the attention of the Council to the objectionable condition of the area known as the extension of Lomita Blvd. between Kathryn and Palos Verdes Boulevard, and suggested several methods of cleaning it up.

A memo dated August 23, 1957, from City Manager Stevens, reported surveys and plans have been ordered in accordance with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

A memo from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, to the City Manager, dated July 29, 1957, reported a survey is being made of the cost of paving a portion of Lomita Blvd. from Kathryn Ave. to Palos Verdes Blvd. He said when the cost has been determined, he will try to use State or County funds for the work.

Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Russell to send a copy of his letter to Mr. Kane, so he would know this is being done.

Councilman Drale pointed out that Lomita Blvd. is on the Master Plan of Highways to be continued as full-width streets; he thinks plans are under way for this.

Mayor Isen referred to Mr. Kane's suggestion that the weeds there be burned.

The City Attorney reported we do not own that property at present.

There were no objections, and Mr. Russell was instructed to reply to Mr. Kane's letter.

3. An open letter to the Council, dated August 21, 1957, was signed by 80 residents of the area known as Allied Gardens, and requested use of the Allied Gardens Sump as a Parkette.

A comment from the City Manager, dated August 23, reported the fence around the sump is being repaired by the Street Dept., and will be painted. The City Manager also reported this is a small sump for the area drained, and only the constant alertness of the Street Department and their improvement of the sump has prevented the overflow of the sump during heavy winter rains.

Building Supt. Schlens said this is located at Susana and Sunny View.

Mayor Isen suggested referring this to the Engineering and Park & Recreation Departments for consideration and recommendation.

Councilman Benstead understood the residents did not want a woven wire fence around the backs of their lots.

Mayor Isen asked if it would be the pleasure of the Council to refer this as he suggested.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

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

Mr. Al Matagore, 22711 Susana, said they did not want the fence with barbed wire on top of it, which he was under the impression is going to be done. He said children could get into the sump under the gate. He requested more analysis of the idea of a Parkette.

Councilman Jahn told Mr. Matagore the sump must be fenced in accord with the Ordinance governing that.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Matagore the idea of making the sump into a Parkette should be discussed with the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Isen asked the Director of Public Works, John Russell, to meet with Mr. Matagore to discuss the problems involved.

Mr. Russell said he would like to have this in time to bring it before his staff meeting on Monday.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Green, 5558 Fairside St., protested that the sump is badly kept. She said it was supposed to be a park. She also objected to the barbed wire fencing.

4. A petition dated August 16, 1957, signed by 39 signatures of residents in the Hollywood-Riviera area, requested the Council to recommend immediate action by the County Supervisors for acquisition of the privately-owned lots along the ocean front in Hollywood Riviera for recreation purposes.

Councilman Drale said he had investigated this and talked to Mr. Newton, who had suggested a copy of this and the letter be sent to the Board of Supervisors. He moved this be done.

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

Mayor Isen moved the Board of Supervisors be asked to expedite this as much as possible.

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

5. A letter from Dwight Crum, Capt. of Lifeguards, County of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Aquatics Division, Municipal Pier, Hermosa Beach, had been received in the office of the City Manager on August 20, 1957. Capt. Crum requested adoption of an Ordinance regulating the use of surf boards, boats and other wave-riding devices at Torrance Beach.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the City Attorney.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead wondered why we are asked for this, and Mayor Isen replied because the Torrance Beach is in our City.

6. A letter from the City of Turlock, dated August 16, 1957, and signed by E. S. Christoffersen, Mayor, requested we proclaim the week of September 25-28, 1957, as Sunday School Fair Week. A copy of their Proclamation dated August 16, 1957, was enclosed.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this request.

There were no objections, and the City Attorney was instructed to prepare such a Proclamation.

Councilman Drale suggested a copy of this be sent to the Ministerial Association of our City.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. A letter dated July 30, 1957, from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Co. Law Dept., 448 Santa Fe Bldg., Los Angeles, requested the City to vacate portions of Date, Fern and Juniper Avenues, in Tract 10778, saying they are 'paper streets'.

A recommendation to the City Manager dated August 14, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, was to the effect that if this is granted, they be requested to grant a 17-foot strip on the north

side of Sepulveda for the widening of that boulevard.

The City Manager, under date of August 23, 1957, commented that he concurred in Mr. Patrick's recommendation.

Councilman Jahn asked if the streets have been improved.

Planning Director Powell said no, they are 'paper streets', not improved. The Planning Commission had held hearings on this request. There is one other land owner there, and the AT&SF is buying the property. They are now investigating to be sure there will be no land-locked property if this is done.

Councilman Blount suggested the Council get a letter on this from the Planning Commission when they finish their investigation and have it back on the Agenda at that time.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

The following recommendations were submitted for Council consideration and approval under date of August 23, 1957:

PERSONNEL:

That Police Chief Bennett and Finance Officer Scharfman be authorized to attend the League of California Cities Conference in San Francisco on September 22 - 25, 1957, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation under Personnel.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

That the following funds be transferred to the General Fund, effective September 1, 1957:

<u>From:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
1. Parking Meter Fund	\$20,000
2. County Aid to Cities	\$40,000
3. Spec. Gas Tax Street Improvement	\$60,000
4. Park and Recreation Fund	\$13,000
	<u>\$133,000</u>

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations under Transfer of Funds.

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

Assistant City Manager Mansfield told the Council a letter had been received this afternoon from the Department of Commerce Bureau of the Census, indicating the cost of the Special Census we have requested will be \$15,280.00. He asked for permission to prepare the checks and go ahead with this, as part of the cost must be paid in advance. He explained to the audience, at the Mayor's request, that due to the Special Census we will get special funds from the State, based on our population. He thought this would be about \$60,000 in additional funds.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Mansfield's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who asked when the last such census was taken and how large our population was at that time.

Mr. Mansfield said the census was taken last fall, being finished on November 2, 1956, and showed our population to be over 82,000.

Motion to concur carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A letter from the City Manager, dated August 23, 1957, reported that due to the recent changes in the City Charter regarding the duties of the Finance Officer, the present job description for the position of Accountant no longer applies. Submitted for the Council's approval was the position of Accountant, rewritten to conform with the actual duty requirements.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the job description submitted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked to consider at this time a letter dated August 26, 1957, from Acting Chief of Police Percy Bennett, concerning Officer Albert Winkler, as follows:

"Officer Albert Winkler, who was injured while on duty about a year ago, on the three wheel motor cycle, requests that he be returned to duty in a limited capacity. His doctor states that he could return to duty in which the hazards would not be too great.

"We could employ him in some way at the pistol range or possibly to assist Officer Trezise in the care and maintenance of the traffic meters.

"Officer Winkler states that sometime in the future he will recover from his injuries sufficiently to enable him to perform all the duties of a police officer.

"If this meets with your approval, I can put Officer Winkler to work September first."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Police Chief, if the last paragraph of this letter is his recommendation.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if the City Council has any jurisdiction in such a matter.

The City Attorney said the Council does not.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

Councilman Drale suggested the man not lose any pension or retirement time, and be employed at the discretion of the Police Chief.

Councilman Blount said the Council has no jurisdiction over that.

Councilman Benstead and Councilman Drale both asked why.

Mayor Isen said Management must do the hiring and firing.

Councilman Drale said the man was injured in the line of duty and the doctor has released him. He should move back into his job at the same rate of pay.

Councilman Benstead asked if he was coming back on his regular rate of pay.

Acting Police Chief Bennett said he would if the Council wants him to.

The City Attorney said our Charter specifically prohibits such action by the Council. Mr. Winkler is now on a leave of absence and must be reinstated by the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Isen, in view of this statement from the City Attorney, ordered the letter filed and any motions out of order.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. A memo dated August 21, 1957, from J. J. Benner, Fire Chief, recommended granting a request from the C.S.F.A. Delegates representing the Torrance Fire Dept. that the sum of \$200 be advanced to them to help defray the expense of one delegate and one alternate to the California State Firemen's Conference to be held in San Mateo, California, September 22 - 26, inclusive.

The City Manager, in a memo dated August 23, 1957, reported that in the past the Council has authorized expenses for this conference.

Councilman Blount moved this request be granted.
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:53 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:05 P. M.

Councilman Drale asked to return to the matter of Police Officer Winkler, saying the Council would not be changing a job classification or creating a new job. He considered this a policy matter of the Council to restore this man to his job at the same rate of pay.

Councilman Benstead agreed, saying a man could not be demoted unless charges are filed against him. He said he would not agree to cutting this man's pay.

Councilman Blount moved the City Council go on record as adopting a policy that an employee disabled or injured in an on-duty accident be given fair treatment, and those employees will be restored to a job they can do and be paid in accord with the job they had when they were hurt.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen said a motion on policy was in order.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A letter dated August 23, 1957, from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, told the Council the Prairie Avenue Improvement District is in jeopardy. He pointed out that some easements have not been given to the City, and will be given only at some cost.

Mr. Russell advised financial assistance or aid has been assured the City in the improvement of Prairie Avenue so that this important link in the Los Angeles County Master Plan of Highways might receive this improvement. This aid is based on the immediate improvement of Prairie Avenue in this area by the City of Torrance. He therefore recommended that consideration be given for an immediate effort in the following procedure:

1. The curbs, gutters, base and paving throughout the proposed Prairie Ave. Improvement District will be built by the City of Torrance at no cost to the property owners;
2. To provide these curbs, gutters and paving at no cost to the property owners merely requires the easement for these improvements. I believe this will be granted by the subject property owners;
3. The matter of sidewalks and driveways will become the responsibility of the individual property owner. Grades will be established and as the individual property owners improve their properties it will be done at their own individual expense.

Mr. Russell recommended the consideration of the cancellation of the Prairie Avenue Improvement District as such and recommend this alternate method of securing the necessary improvements, which will be at no cost to the property owners EXCEPT they grant the City the necessary easements, wherein this outside financial aid will be applied.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Russell.

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

Mr. Russell was told to follow through and try to accomplish this as soon as possible. He replied that he would, that time is of the greatest importance in this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated August 22, 1957, from Harry B. Van Bellehem Director of Recreation, asked the Council to authorize the City Attorney to enter into negotiations for a contract with the School District on their use of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge. He explained that during the past 12 months, the department has cooperated with the School District because it was felt that all the children in Torrance should be given the opportunity to learn to swim. There has never been any written contract regarding the use of the pool by the District. Mr. Van Bellehem believed this to be of sufficient importance to warrant developing a written contract.

Mr. Van Bellehem was present, and said he was interested in negotiating a contract which would take care of the respective liability.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Councilman Benstead asked whether the schools would contribute anything to the bills, at least those for personnel.

Mr. Van Bellehem replied that they furnish all the personnel needed for their programs, with the City doing that during the summer.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw up and negotiate such a contract with the School District.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Van Bellehem reported to the Council that at several meetings he has attended among professional recreation people throughout the State, it has been called to the attention of those present that our City has one of the most outstanding cooperative programs in the State for the community. He said it has been a real pleasure to work with the School District in this.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated August 23, 1957, from the Airport Commission and signed by Jack White, Acting President during Mr. Abrams' absence from the City, recommended that El Rancho Palos Verdes Corp. be given an extension of 30 days in which to begin building on their lease at the Torrance Airport.

Mr. Don Killian came forward to represent El Rancho Palos Verdes. He explained they were schedule to begin construction of a 22 unit motel this week on their lease at the Airport, dependent upon the recommendation of this body. He explained further that the Master Plan requires their lease to be moved 50 feet forward, which they feel will necessitate revision of their plans. He said they have applied for an additional lease at the Airport for about 300' of highway frontage west of the property next to this on which they have the right of first refusal. They want the land to the west so they can go ahead. They will need at least 30 days to prepare new plans, change the bonds, etc., as required by this change of 50' in their front and back boundaries. They are ready to begin construction at once, but do not think it would be wise to go ahead with the construction which would interfere with the Master Plan.

Councilman Benstead was not in sympathy with the request.

Mayor Isen said he might be willing to extend the period to begin construction for 30 days, but not for any more.

Mr. Killian said everything was changed under the Master Plan.

Councilman Jahn asked when the plans were presented to the Building Department, and why there was any question about the Master Plan, which was accepted a year and a half ago.

Mr. Killian said the City is interested in modifying the lease to fit the Master Plan.

Councilman Jahn said that modification would only move them forward 50', and said he could not understand what changes they would have to make.

Mr. Killian said there is a structure on the property now, and they would not want to build in front of it.

Councilman Jahn asked if it could not be moved, and Mr. Killian replied that would not be possible.

Councilman Jahn asked if the corporation is still in the same ownership, and Mr. Killian said it is the same as it was at the last application.

Councilman Jahn said he had heard this extension was being asked because it is in escrow.

Mr. Killian said not to his knowledge. He said there may be no change in ownership, but the people he represents are interested.

Councilman Jahn asked how they could make a commitment to the man who grows strawberries there to go ahead with his crop if they intended to build by September 1.

Mr. Killian had no knowledge of such a commitment.

Mr. Bill Fortney, an employee of the builder, asked who had made that commitment, and Councilman Jahn did not know.

Councilman Jahn asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens if he has checked the plans and issued a permit on this property.

Mr. Schlens said the plans are being checked, and it would be possible to get them out by the end of the week. He said the plans and check came in Thursday.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Schlens if he could estimate what amount of money the construction of the 22 units would cost.

Mr. Schlens could not remember.

Councilman Drale said if they have put up their fees and will take out the permit by the First of September, he would go along with this.

Mayor Isen asked what the builders estimate these units will cost.

Mr. Killian said they estimate the 21 units and manager's apartment, including the furniture, will cost about \$75,000.00. This figure is a cost figure with no overhead or administration included. With the structure already there, he said this ran well over the original estimate of \$100,000.00.

Councilman Benstead asked the completion date which was specified, and Mr. Fortney replied 9 months from September 1.

Mayor Isen stated that if the 30-day extension is granted now, the completion date would not necessarily change.

Mayor Isen asked if they plan to use rock construction.

Mr. Fortney said these units would be toward the rear of the property and it was not considered desirable to use much stone in their construction.

Mr. Killian said the first 21 units will be by the liquor store, and the entrance will be some distance away, so there will not be much frontage at these buildings.

Councilman Jahn asked if the swimming pool was to be put in.

Mr. Killian said it was to be put in with the second development of units when they perfect their lease on the 150' west of this leasehold, to serve the greater number of units.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney our position if we do not grant this extension.

The City Attorney said if they do not build, we may get the lease back, and if they build they will probably keep it.

Councilman Benstead asked the proposed name of this motel.

Mr. Killian said it is proposed to call it El Rancho.

Councilman Jahn moved the 30-day extension be granted to El Rancho Palos Verdes on their lease at the Airport, providing they take out a building permit and pay the fees on it before September 1, 1957, move their lease 50' forward to comply with the Master Plan, in order to give the City the new service road, with the 30-day extension to apply to the starting date of construction only and not to the completion date, and that there be no more requests for extension.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mr. Killian said they cannot get their plans redrawn by September 1. With the change in the lease it would be impossible. They cannot put units in front of the liquor store. They cannot go straight back.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said someone on the telephone, supposedly from El Rancho Palos Verdes, had told him they were not going to use the plans now in the Department. He said he did not know who told him that, it was over the telephone.

He added that if they do not intend to build it that way, it should be clarified.

Councilman Jahn pointed out his motion really gave them until September 3 to get under way.

Mr. Killian said if that is required, they cannot conform to the Master Plan, but must conform to the building plans.

Mayor Isen moved to amend the motion made by Councilman Jahn by striking out the date of September 1 and making it September 10.

Councilman Jahn seconded the amendment.

Mr. Bjorklund said if they make application for a permit with these plans they must encroach on the 50' the City wants.

Mr. Fortney said that date would be an impossible one for them to meet.

Councilman Drale called for the question.

Amendment to the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Schlens how long it would take to check their plans, and Mr. Schlens replied that he could not say.

Mayor Isen said Airport Commissioner Malcolm Neal had asked to present a letter to the Council, and asked if he was prepared to read it now.

Mr. Neal read the letter, dated August 24, 1957, signed by himself, John Simpson, and Robert C. Herrick as Airport Commissioners and approved by Jack White, member of the Commission.

The letter stated it has been indicated to them the touch-and-go strip would cost about \$25,000 to \$28,000 instead of the \$9,000 figure which they based their recommendation on. Therefor they requested all action on this installation be stopped at once and the matter be returned to the Commission for a review of the cost and safety factors.

Councilman Jahn said he had thought the City would do the work, and Mr. Neal replied that was what was planned.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this request from the Airport Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated August 21, 1957, signed by City Engineer Bishop, recommended release of Bond No. 521073 LA - in the amount of \$46,130.00 on Tract No. 22654 to the Subdivider, Property Management Corporation.

A memo from Park Supt. Clemmer, dated June 20, 1957, supported this recommendation, with copy attached to the Engineer's letter.

A location sketch was also attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation on release of Bond No. 521073 LA.

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

2. A letter dated August 22, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, submitted a street easement over a portion of Lot 71, McDonald Tract. A location sketch was attached.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read:

RESOLUTION NO. 3267

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM EMMETT BARRETT AND GWENDOLYN BARRETT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3267.

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

3. A letter dated August 22, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement over a portion of Lot 20, resurvey of R. O. Hickman Tract. A location sketch was attached.

Councilman Drale asked for some explanation of this.

Planning Director Powell explained that the extension of Amie St. is important. The Edison substation is there, and they have agreed to grant all they can for this. When the house that is there now is removed the City can get the land and have the street widened. North of this is a State yard.

Councilman Jahn asked if this is all we can get now and Mr. Powell said it is.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3268

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM MANNING SIEMON, BERNICE
SIEMON, WM. SIEMON AND MARGARET T. SIEMON.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3268.

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

4. A letter dated August 22, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted an easement over the northerly 27 feet and southerly 2 feet of Lot 67, Tract 437, given by Glenn C. and Mary A. Keith. A location sketch was submitted with the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3269

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM GLENN C. KEITH AND
MARY A. KEITH.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3269.

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

5. A letter dated August 22, 1957, from Asst. to the City Engr. J. R. Patrick, submitted to the Council an easement over a portion of Lot 85 in Tract 639, given by John L. and Lillian M. Giff. A location sketch was attached to the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3270

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM JOHN L. GIFF AND LILLIAN M. GIFF.

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. 3270.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION AND WAIVER BOARD:

1. CASE NO. 434: Transmittal form from Planning Commission submitting for the purpose of fixing a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on application of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on Lots 1 through 13, Block D, Tract 10307, immediately south of Torrance Beach from R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residence) to P-1 (Open Area - Parking) and R-1 (Single Family Residence). Attached to the transmittal form were an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of August 7, 1957, and a copy of Notice to Property Owners.

Mayor Isen set the date of the Third and Final Hearing on Case 434 as September 10, 1957, at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chambers.

Councilman Jahn asked if Commissioner Mason, who was present, would explain what he meant by P-1 (Open area - Parking) as shown in his motion.

Commissioner Mason said he had actually meant to recommend this for use as park land, but had copied the exact wordage of the Land Use Ordinance.

Mayor Isen suggested this be corrected before the Third Hearing.

2. CASE NO. 452: Transmittal form from the Planning Commission submitting for the purpose of fixing a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on application of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-4 to R-1 on Lots 143 to 168, inclusive, of Tract 18379, in the Hollywood Riviera District. Attached was an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of August 7, 1957.

Councilman Jahn referred to the motion which was made at the Planning Commission, saying they made 'no further recommendation', and asked the City Attorney the Council's status in this case, whether they can initiate a Change of Zone, or whether the Commission must make a recommendation.

The City Attorney replied he did not believe the Planning Commission to be required by law to make a recommendation. If the Council wishes, they may send it back and ask for a recommendation.

Mayor Isen said the date of this Third Hearing would normally be September 10, but he would not be here at that time.

Councilman Drale felt the Council has been creating a problem for the Planning Commission, by their recommendation for zone change when this was sent back. He did not feel it would be best to send it back to them.

Mayor Isen felt the Council should have an answer from them.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council could zone this on their own, and the City Attorney said they could at their discretion, or send it back, whichever they chose.

Councilman Jahn asked if a motel can be built in R-4 or R-3.

Planning Director Powell replied a motel can be built in R-4 zone, and in an R-3 zone under certain conditions and stipulation.

Planning Director Powell reported that the Planning Commission had held 5 hearings on this Case, and innumerable meetings with the residents of the area and others concerned.

Councilman Blount said the Councilmen needed a recommendation.

Councilman Benstead agreed with Councilman Blount, saying the Council had sent this to them with a recommendation. In his opinion, they had ignored that recommendation.

Councilman Jahn favored holding it here.

Mayor Isen suggested the Hearing be set for October at the first regular 8:00 P. M. Council meeting.

Councilman Blount felt this should go ahead normally. He asked the Building Superintendent whether these people could be prevented from taking out a permit if the matter is delayed further.

Mr. Schlens did not know.

Councilman Jahn moved the 3rd and Final Hearing on this Case be set for September 10, 1957, at 8:00 P. M.

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

3. CASE NO. 458 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of petition of Southern California Edison Co. for a Variance on Lots 25 and 26, Block 60, Torrance Tract, situated at Madrid Ave., one-half block So. of Torrance Blvd., between Torrance and El Dorado St., Zone R-3, for the purpose of enlarging present substation, subject to stipulations set forth in transmittal. Attached was an excerpt from the August 7, 1957, Planning Commission Minutes.

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

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

4. CASE NO. 459 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of request of Louis F. Hughes, dba Hughes Paint Co., for a Variance to construct and operate a retail paint and wallpaper store on Lot 45, Tract 14707, between 177th and 178th Sts. at Crenshaw Blvd., in Land Use Zone R-2.

Mayor Isen asked who wished to be heard, asking anyone who might come forward to limit themselves to 3 minutes.

Mr. George Eltinge, 10724 Crenshaw, Inglewood, said he represented the owners of 4 lots just south of this on Crenshaw, where they wish to build apartments. He protested against this Variance.

Mayor Isen asked if this had not been heard before the Planning Commission, and the City Attorney ruled that this was properly before the Council.

Mr. Eltinge spoke at considerable length in detail of the protests the residents had against this Variance.

Mr. H. Belcher, 2903 W. 178th, presented a petition against this Variance, which he said bore 78 signatures. He presented a chart showing the various lots near this location where the property owners oppose the Variance.

Mr. Bert Hertzog presented a petition which he said bore 27 names opposing this Variance.

Mr. John Benarian protested against the Variance.

Mrs. Edith Shoroshefsky, 2702 W. 178th, protested against the Variance.

A lady who gave her address as 17708 Crenshaw protested against this Variance.

Jack Beckler, 3128 W. 178th, protested against this Variance.

At 10:20 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:30 P. M.

A Mrs. Sarukian protested against this Variance.
 H. L. Perkins, 3112 W. 180th, spoke opposing of this Variance,
 Allen M. Biddle, 17720 Crenshaw, opposed the Variance.

C. C. Cunningham, 3221 W. 179th St., spoke in favor of the Variance.
 Mr. W. E. Buffington, 3111 W. 178th, adjoining Mr. Hughes' property,
 spoke in favor of the Variance.

Mr. Dave Fleming, 3111 W. 177th, spoke in favor of the Variance.
 Mrs. Frotato, 3112 W. 177th, whose property adjoins Mr. Hughes'
 property, favored the Variance.

Mr. Hughes, 645 Canterbury Road, San Marino, presented Exhibits to
 the Council showing the store he planned to build, providing for parking
 for customers, enclosed trash and oil rooms, a masonry wall at the back
 6' high dropping to 3' at the building line of his neighbors, and told
 the Council the store he planned would cost about \$100,000 to build.

Mr. Hughes presented lists of neighbors for 600' around his property
 the majority of whom had signed approval of his Variance. He said he
 had caused surveys to be made showing that this would be an excellent
 area for a store such as his, and would be glad to cooperate with his
 neighbors. He had checked with the County Assessor, who said he would
 be glad to support his statement that this store would not devalue
 the property around it.

Mr. Eltinge spoke in opposition to this store.

Dave Sachs, 3229 W. 177th, protested against this.

A County employee said the County Assessor does not set the price
 on property.

Councilman Jahn moved the discussion be closed, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead asked if it was true petitions had been presented
 to the Planning Commission on this and had been lost.

Planning Director Powell presented to the Council a petition filed
 with the Planning Commission, reading a petition bearing 19 signatures
 which opposed this.

Mayor Isen asked if every petition received, and every petitioner
 who wished to be heard, was considered at the Planning Commission.

Planning Director Powell said they were. He added he has received
 a great number of letters since the time this was sent on to the Council,
 most of which approved this. He had the letters with him and read some
 of them, all of which favored the Variance.

Councilman Jahn said this has been before the Council at least
 twice that he can remember for consideration of such matters. The
 residents of the area had agreed to accept controlled commercial use
 of the property the last time this was here, and he said this was a
 controlled use.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the
 Planning Commission with all Exhibits and parking ratio to be a part
 of the Variance.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved the Variance in Case 459, recommended for
 approval by the Planning Commission, be denied.

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

At 11:10 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council
 reconvening at 11:20 P. M.

5. WAIVERS: George C. Powell, member of the Waiver Board,
 submitted requests for Waivers which have been approved by
 the Board, as follows:

Case 173-W, Jacob Kinsgold, 2606 W. 178th St.
 Case 171-W, Louis Corso, 4347 W. 176th St.
 Case 170-W, Robert Bullington, 4827 Green Meadows Ave.
 Case 165-W, Milford Bauman, 1504 Post Avenue

Case 161-W, Robert H. Shultz, 2517 W. 178th St.
 Case 172-W, Paul Fuller, 4917 Bindewald Road
 Case 175-W, Gerald Salisbury, 16823 Glenburn Ave.
 Case 174-W, A. F. Kupa, 4247 W. 178th St.
 Case 162-W, Hanley Rogers, 23720 Lucille Ave.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Waiver Board for approval of these applications for Waivers.

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

Mayor Isen said Mr. Ben Russell, President of the Hollywood-Riviera section of the City had asked to speak to the Council and had waited patiently. He asked if Mr. Russell could be heard now. There were no objections.

Mr. Russell, 400 Via Linda Vista, told the Council the people in his area wanted to report to the Council the fine cooperation they have been getting from Acting Police Chief Bennett and the Traffic Commission, and to thank the City for it.

Mayor Isen thanked Mr. Russell for the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. An August 21, 1957, letter from the City Attorney was submitted with a Resolution of Intention to sell a franchise to Four Corners Pipe Line Company. The letter explained that the franchise was prepared in accord with the instruction the Council gave the City Attorney on July 2, 1957. This was a franchise confined to a specific route and payment to the City will be under our new formula. The City Attorney's letter also reported that he and the City Manager estimate this will bring an annual revenue to the City of \$1,210.68.

Councilman Drale suggested this be held over, saying he thought it was being laid to benefit the Edison Company. He asked the representative of the Four Corners Pipe Line Company if this line was being laid to carry gas to the Edison Company in Redondo Beach.

Mr. Roger Chaffin, 1052 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, representing the Four Corners Pipe Line Co., said it was not. He said it would be used mainly for carrying oil from New Mexico to the refineries in this area. The franchise involves Crenshaw Blvd. from about 203rd Street to Lomita Boulevard. He said it would be a 16" crude oil line, essentially.

Councilman Drale asked if the Edison Company line would tie into this at Crenshaw and Lomita Boulevard.

The City Attorney said they had applied for a franchise, but the application had been withdrawn.

Councilman Drale said he had asked these questions only to protect the City.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3271

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
 DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO SELL AND AWARD A FRANCHISE
 TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, OPERATE, REPAIR, RENEW,
 CHANGE THE SIZE OF, AND REMOVE PIPELINES FOR THE TRANS-
 PORTATION OF PETROLEUM, OIL, AND LIQUID HYDROCARBON
 PRODUCTS THEREOF IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A
 TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR
 THE PUBLICATION OF SAID HEARING.

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

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

Councilman Drale suggested the City employ an inspector or use one we have to see that the streets are put back in proper condition.

Mayor Isen said this only set the date for the Public Hearing. The City Attorney told Councilman Drale the new franchise covered this point quite well.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to furnish Councilman Drale with complete information on this at the Public Hearing.

Councilman Benstead asked that the City Attorney, at the same time, furnish him with information as to who would pay for the expense involved in this matter.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the Resolution set the date of the Hearing as September 24, 1957; there will be no meeting that day, as the Councilmen will all be away.

Mr. Chaffin requested this be set ahead to September 17, 1957, as they must also meet a schedule with the Public Utilities Commission.

Councilman Jahn asked if this could be published in time.

Mr. Chaffin said it could, and that he would be responsible for it.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the Hearing Date as September 17, 1957, at 5:30 P. M., and the Resolution was ordered to be corrected to conform.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3271 as corrected.

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

2. Under date of August 22, 1957, the City Attorney submitted a Resolution of Intention re the adoption of O.A.S.I. coverage for City employees. It was written so that employees would be covered effective January 1, 1958, on a supplemental prospective plan as previously directed by the Council.

When the Resolution has been adopted, the City Attorney said he would send it to Sacramento for approval, after which the State Employees' Retirement System (which administers the O.A.S.I. Program), will appoint a supervisor of the referendum election.

The City Attorney said the last part of Page 1 of the Resolution should be corrected so the exclusions apply to all classes by scratching out 'certain classes or in'; he said the Council may not wish to agree with him and the City Manager that they would not want to be covered on the \$100 per month they receive.

There was no disagreement on those points and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked about the employees of the Water Department.

The City Attorney replied he had been told by the State offices that even though the Water Department employees are under a different contract, this would be sufficient.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3272

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OLD AGE AND SURVIVORS' INSURANCE PROGRAM (O.A.S.I. PROGRAM), LISTING THE CLASSES OF POSITIONS IN THE CITY TO BE EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE; DESIGNATING THE CITY CLERK TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING A REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE THE DESIRES OF THE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; REQUESTING THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO AUTHORIZE SAID REFERENDUM.

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. 3272.

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

3. An August 27, 1957, letter from the City Attorney submitted for Council consideration the following: (1) Letter to the Council re employment of O'Melveny & Myers; (2) Draft of the proposed charter amendment re airports, which will be Charter Amendment No. 1; (3) Draft of the proposed charter amendment re mayor and six-man Council; (4) Alternate draft of the proposed charter amendment re mayor and six-man Council; (5) Draft of Bond Proposition No. 1 - Airport Facilities; (6) Draft of Bond Proposition No. 2 - Park and Recreation Facilities; and (7) Resolution approving measures to be submitted to the electors of the City of Torrance at a Special Election to be held October 29, 1957, and directing the City Attorney and the City Clerk to prepare the necessary documents and take all steps necessary to present said measures before the electors at said special election.

Councilman Blount moved O'Melveny & Myers be retained by the City as outlined in their letter of August 23, 1957.

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

Mayor Isen thought the nomenclature of the letter was confusing; he suggested the Charter Amendments should be either Numbers 1 and 2 and the bonds A and B or vice versa.

Councilman Benstead moved the Bond issues be designated as A and B on the ballot.

Mayor Isen said the Airport bond should be A.

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

Mayor Isen said Proposition 1 should be the Airport Revenues and Proposition 2 the six-man Council and mayor.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

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

Councilman Jahn questioned Section 2 of the proposed Proposition 1, saying it did not spell out the fact that if any monies were left from this they could be used for capital improvements, but asked whether Section 3 set that up.

The City Attorney said it did.

The City Attorney said the matter of the Parks & Recreation bonds is very carefully worded to cover anything that might be included in these uses. He said it would be illegal to specify that 2 of the 3 million dollars would be used for land acquisition and the other million for improvements.

Mayor Isen moved the City Attorney be instructed to set this up as a matter of policy.

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

Councilman Jahn said he favored the original Amendment submitted to the Council concerning the 6-man Council and mayor, rather than the alternate submitted for consideration.

The City Attorney said O'Melveny & Myers had submitted the alternate because of a case involving a similar provision recently enacted in the city of Bakersfield, which became involved in a court case. He pointed out that there is a most remote possibility that the Legislature will not have approved our Charter Amendment by the time for our Municipal Election in April, 1958.

Councilman Blount asked how faint that possibility was.

The City Attorney reported he had talked to Legislative Counsel and Senator Richards, both of whom thought this would go through the Legislature on the first day of the Special Session.

The Council agreed to discard the alternate.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3273

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING CERTAIN MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 1957, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO PLACE SAID MEASURES BEFORE THE ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3273.

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

The City Attorney submitted to the Council for study and approval a Grant of Easement between Dominguez Estate Co. and the City.

There were no objections, and the Mayor ordered this held for study.

REPORTS:

1. The City Clerk advised that the Resolution of the Metropolitan Water District No. 5039, levying a tax for the fiscal year 1957-58 upon taxable property, including property lying in the City of Torrance, is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

2. The City Clerk advised the reports submitted by the General Manager and Chief Engineer and by the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the month of July, 1957, are now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

ORDINANCES:

1. In a memo dated August 22, 1957, the City Clerk reported that Ordinance No. 896, amending Section 19 of the Land Use Ordinance Governing Waivers and the Procedure therefor had passed unanimously at its first reading on August 20, 1957, and submitted the Ordinance for its second reading.

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 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. 896 at its second and final reading.

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

2. In a memo dated August 22, 1957, the City Clerk reported that Ordinance No. 897, amending the land use Ordinance providing for the regulation of fences, walls and hedges on property used for residential purposes had passed unanimously at its first reading on August 20, 1957, and submitted the Ordinance for its second reading.

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 SUBSECTION "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 to adopt Ordinance No. 897 at its second and final reading.

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

Councilman Jahn noted that the next Ordinance, and Urgency Ordinance, set the rates of taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1957, and asked if this rate was lower than had been estimated.

Assistant City Manager Mansfield said it was 4¢ lower.
Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 898

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1957.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 898 at its first and final reading.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 899

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN
AND SALARY SCHEDULE ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 885
BY ADDING CERTAIN POSITIONS TO THE POSITION CLASSI-
FICATION PLAN, BY GRANTING A THREE PERCENT (3%)
SALARY INCREASE TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, BY GRANTING CERTAIN
OTHER PAY INCREASES, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF
AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Councilman Benstead asked if this took in all the personnel of the Police and Fire Departments.

Assistant City Manager Mansfield said not the clerical or miscellaneous employees.

Mayor Isen said they should not get this if they got the 5% increase.

Councilman Drale asked if the women who work in those departments are under the State Retirement plan, and whether they would be under O.A.S.I.

Mr. Mansfield said the File Clerks and Matrons are under the Peace Officers' system.

Councilman Blount said they should come under this, too.

Councilman Drale thought everyone who works for the Department and does not contribute to the State Retirement plan should come under this.

Councilman Drale moved the File Clerk-Matrons in the Police Dept. who come under the Peace Officers' plan should come under this, too.

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

Councilman Drale thought the last word in the next to the last line, and the last line, Section 3 (a), should be stricken from the Ordinance.

Mayor Isen polled the Council, who were in accord with this.

It was ordered to strike the following from Section 3 (a) of the ordinance: "excepting the positions of Chief and miscellaneous and clerical personnel."

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 899 at its first and final reading.

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

Mayor Isen read his Proclamation which proclaimed the week of September 2, through September 8, 1957, as "Union Label Week" in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen asked for a poll of the Council on his appointments to fill vacancies caused by resignations from the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Reverend Milton Sippel was appointed by the Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Tillim.

The Council concurred unanimously by roll call vote.

Mrs. Rose Craig was appointed by the Mayor to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Paget.

The Council concurred unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale suggested that North Torrance be represented on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Isen said he would be glad to entertain suggestions, as another vacancy on the Commission is expected.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. John Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., told the Council that Governor Goodwin Knight will be in Los Angeles and is scheduled to give a luncheon speech at the Biltmore on Tuesday, September 3, 1957. He said Alter Realty would furnish transportation for those who wished to go, if they would be at their main office before 11:00 A. M. that day. He asked if a group would go, saying it would be nice to have a Torrance table at the luncheon. He asked that any reservations be made before Friday, August 30, at noon.

Councilman Benstead asked to have a report on what has been done about the trees on 168th and 171st Sts. which were damaged by Macco Construction.

Director of Public Works J. V. Russell said they are being replaced by trees of the same size by Macco.

Councilman Benstead moved that during the Mayor's absence from the City, Councilman Jahn act as Mayor.

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

Councilman Benstead moved Mayor Isen be granted a leave of absence during the month of September, 1957.

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

Mayor Isen said the Councilmen were all aware that the Parking Assessment District is dead, and said a letter dated August 22, 1957, signed by A. E. Thompson, President of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and J. H. Paget, President of the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber had been received verifying that. The letter was ordered filed with the label of 'Z' on the Agenda.

The Mayor said Mr. Dorsey had been engaged by the City at a rate of \$300 a month to work on that District. He is entitled to 30 days' notice. Mayor Isen reported the City Manager had written a letter notifying Mr. Dorsey of the termination of the contract today, and suggested the Council concur with Mr. Stevens' letter.

Mayor Isen moved the Council confirm Mr. Stevens' action terminating the use of Mr. Dorsey's services as of October 1, 1957, and hoping that in the future when we need him, he will accept further employment from the City.

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

Mayor Isen said there have been many discussions about the City's need for a 'teen-age' building, and on many occasions this has come from the children themselves. He felt everyone was agreed we should have such a building on the Civic Center site. He asked the Parks & Recreation Commission to make a study in connection with the bond issue meeting on some kind of recreation building on the Center. He moved that be entered in the improvements.

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

Mayor Isen said during his absence, the bonds will be under consideration. He has discussed this with Assistant City Manager Mansfield, who is taking over Mr. Stevens's duties during Mr. Stevens's absence. There is a fine Committee which was formed for the Civic Center Dedication, the Steering Committee. He asked everyone on that Committee to cooperate with Mr. Mansfield, whom he asked to take this over during his own absence from the City to get it going.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale reported the members of the Intercity Highways Committee felt their journey to Sacramento had been very successful. He thought the money for the freeway between 124th and 190th will be in the 1957-58 budget.. While our group was also concerned with other arteries, they were all agreed the Harbor Freeway should come ahead of the others. He stated he had an appointment on Thursday of this week to discuss and attempt to further the San Diego freeway.

Mayor Isen commented that Supervisor Hahn had really worked for that section of the freeway in his District, and asked if Supervisor Chace would also do that.

Councilman Drale moved a letter be written to Supervisor Chace suggesting early completion of the Harbor Freeway from 190th Street to its terminus.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 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