

Torrance, California  
September 3, 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, September 3, 1957, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were:  
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen.  
The Assistant City Manager was also present.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Jahn, Mr. Lee Schlens led the salute to the Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held August 27, 1957, as written.

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

HEARINGS:

CASE NO. 426: (Continued from Meeting of August 27, 1957).  
Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on lots in Tract No. 3458, lying between Madrona and Hawthorne, and between Torrance Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard. Attached were:

- a. An excerpt from the Council Minutes of August 27, 1957;
- b. Transmittal form (Resubmitted) from Planning Commission recommending approval in accordance with Exhibit A;
- c. A location sketch;
- d. A September 2, 1957, letter from Jo Ellen and Ed Hart, supporting a Change of Zone from A-1 to M-1 in portions of Tract 3458, Case No. 426.

Planning Director Powell reported that the Planning Commission had recommended the following three changes from the plan submitted to the Council on August 27:

- a. The North East 1/4 of Lot 31 changed to M-1;
- b. The Lot 15 changed from C-3 to C-2;
- c. The North West 1/4 of Lot 31 changed from A-1 to M-1.

Unless there was someone present to protest the zoning of their land, Mr. Powell thought it was indicated by the acceptance of the residents of the recommendation that it is a fair recommendation. He explained that the property owners of record had been notified by letter of the zoning proposed for their land.

Mr. Powell said the depth of the M-1 zone on Lot 31 would be 305'.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn asked about the gentleman who owned Lot 18 and who had been present at the August 27 meeting.

Mr. Powell had not heard from him.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn asked if anyone wished to be heard on this Case.

There was no reply.

Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 426, as corrected here tonight.

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

The City Attorney joined the meeting at 5:35 P. M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A Statement of Franchise Earnings for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, under Ordinance No. 417, from Union Oil Co., accompanied by a check in the amount of \$644.40 in payment of the earnings, was submitted by J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance. Mr. Scharfman reported the computations had been checked and the amount due the City was found to agree with the remittance.

Councilman Blount moved the payment be accepted and the Statement filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, so ordered.

2. A Statement of Franchise Earnings for the period from August 4, 1956, to August 3, 1957, under Ordinance No. 811, from Pacific Coast Gasoline Co., accompanied by a check in the amount of \$801.58, was submitted by J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance. Mr. Scharfman reported the computations had been checked and the amount due the City was found to agree with the remittance.

Councilman Drale moved the money be deposited with the City Treasurer and the letter filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, so ordered.

3. A petition for an overhead pedestrian crossing for students attending South Torrance High School, which bore signatures of 391 residents of the area, was read in full at the request of Councilman Blount.

A memorandum from Director of Public Works J. V. Russell, dated August 29, 1957, was also read in full at Councilman Blount's request. Mr. Russell recommended the petition be referred, by the signers, to the Board of Education, for the following reasons:

- a. The location of the High School was determined by the Board of Education;
- b. The overpass will be over a State highway and could not even be considered until an investigation has been made and permission granted by the State.
- c. The location, design and type of construction will require considerable time and study before plans can be developed.
- d. The Board of Education and City Council must determine the policy regarding this type of expenditure and determine the feasibility of an Assessment District.

Mr. Russell added it is quite probable that at least a two-year period of time would elapse before this structure could be built and finally, the expediting of the placing of signals on the corner of Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway, (which have already been purchased), would accomplish adequate safeguard for the commuting High School students.

Mr. Russell spoke to the Council and told them he had contacted the State Highway Department and the Division of State Architecture. He said he had found there is such an overpass at Long Beach, another near Dominguez, and still another at San Diego. There are two going in at Ventura. All have originated in the Board of Education and have been paid for by them. None have been paid for by a City. He was told that under no consideration could this be developed by the City, in fact, the State would be the one to say whether there should be an overpass or a tunnel. The City could not even have an inspector on the job.

The City Attorney said we have absolutely no jurisdiction of any kind over a State Highway.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said the Assistant City Manager had suggested a letter be sent to the person who signed the petition first, to notify them of any action taken here.

Councilman Drale suggested, and so amended his motion, that a letter be sent to the Board of Education as well, telling them the City cannot participate in this.

Amendment seconded by Councilman Blount.

There were no objections to the amended motion, and it was so ordered.

4. An August 29, 1957, letter from Mrs. George W. Peck, 4538 Newton St., supporting the petition just read, stated copies of the petition had been sent to the California State Division of Highways and to the Torrance Unified School System.

Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

5. A request dated August 22, 1957, from the El Nido Church of Christ, for a waiver of rear yard requirements for a proposed addition to their present structure, was signed by Ottis L. Castleberry, Minister.

Planning Director Powell, in a comment dated August 29, 1957, and appended to the copy, reported that the request was not within the scope of the Waiver Board, as this request is to build an addition to a Church on property presently zoned R-1. The property will become C-2 on or about September 13. Only the City Council can grant this request.

Mr. Powell reported that no permit can be issued until the zone is changed, and this will be zoned C-2 on September 13, 1957.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted.

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

6. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read in full a request from Mrs. Joy Furtado, 3112 - 177th St., dated August 30, 1957, for a re-hearing of Case No. 459. Mrs. Furtado reported that the group she represents did not feel they had an opportunity to present their case adequately.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn told the Council he had been asked to meet with this group to discuss their problem, and had told them their only recourse would be to ask that the motion be rescinded; they had decided to write this letter. He asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mrs. Furtado told the Council the group favoring the Variance under Case No. 459 had been told their letters would be considered as much as a personal appearance, and so many of them had written letters favoring the Variance, but they felt the letters were not considered.

Mrs. Edith Shorshefsky spoke against granting this request.

Mrs. Bert Hertzong, 3119 W. 177th, spoke against granting this request.

Mrs. Doris Cruces, 3119 W. 178th, spoke in favor of the request, saying she had written a letter favoring the Variance and it had not been read.

Mrs. Grushevsky, 17714 Crenshaw, spoke in support of the request for a re-hearing, saying she had written a letter favoring the Variance.

Councilman Drale asked Planning Director Powell when Hughes could apply for a new Hearing.

Planning Director Powell said not before 180 days have elapsed.

Councilman Drale said as there were two members of this Council away, he thought it would be best to let this go now and let Hughes re-apply, so everyone could state their case, and so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who told Mrs. Furtado there is no such thing as a 're-hearing'. He said the Council would be willing to hear the people, but the Case is closed, and must conform to all the legal requirements, including the waiting period.

Councilman Drale agreed with Councilman Blount.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said the motion before the Council now is to deny the request. He told the audience that a request for a Variance does not require a public hearing, and the Council had granted it as a courtesy.

Mrs. Furtado thought the opinion of the Council to be more than fair, and thanked them for their consideration.

No one else wished to be heard, and the motion was ordered carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney submitted to the Council a copy of a letter from James M. Hall, of MacFaden, Browne & Hall, Attorneys, dated August 22, 1957. Mr. Hall said he would not be able to represent the City in their

litigation with the Dominguez Water Corporation, and recommended a Los Angeles firm, Newlin, Tackabury & Johnson, who have had experience in similar cases.

Councilman Drale suggested this letter be referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer for his consideration and recommendation at the next regular meeting of the Council, and so moved.

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

- 2. In a letter dated August 29, 1957, the City Attorney submitted:
  - a. letter from John D. Howard requesting an extension of one year on a part of the lease held by Longren;
  - b. recommendation from the Airport Commission, dated August 27, 1957, signed by Jack E. White as Acting President, for approval of this request;
  - c. Modification of Lease (Exhibit A);
  - d. Deed of Trust (Exhibit B);
  - e. Resolution authorizing and approving the execution of the Deed of Trust and Amendment Modifying the Airport Lease to Longren Aircraft Co., Inc.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission and the facts Mr. Remelmeyer submitted in the letter.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3274

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A DEED OF TRUST AND AMENDMENT MCDIFYING THE AIRPORT LEASE TO LONGREN AIR-CRAFT COMPANY, INC.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3274.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

FINAL TRACT M&P NO. 23871: Transmittal from Engineering Department submitting Final Tract Map No. 23871, located along 180th Place, westerly of Gramercy Place, containing 10 lots, presented by Thomas R. Dale. Attached were:

- a. Letter dated August 29, 1957, from Planning Director Powell;
- b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of August 21, 1957;
- c. Letter dated August 20, 1957, re this tract from J. R. Patrick; Asst. to the City Engr.;
- d. August 9, 1957, letter from T. R. Dale, re poling of the tract;
- e. July 24, 1957, letter from L. A. County Flood Control District signed by W. J. Manetta for H. E. Hedger, Chief Engineer;
- f. July 3, 1957, letter from A. E. McVicar, saying we should obtain usual joint service agreement with Moneta Water Co. in connection with this tract;
- g. sketch of the tract.

Councilman Blount said the builder has not decided what will be put on this tract, so he moved this be re-submitted on September 10, when the Change of Zone from A-1 to R-1 on this will be before the Council.

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

Councilman Drale said the Letter of Transmittal should state the size of the lots, and Councilman Drale agreed. It was so ordered.

2. Letter of transmittal dated August 29, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted an easement for street purposes over a portion of Lot 34 in Tract 2675 for the widening of Carson Street. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3275

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM BERTON F. SCOTT AND VIRGINIA SCOTT.

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

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

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3275.

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

3. A letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted a street easement over a portion of Lot 42, Tract 639, for the widening of 229th Street and for proposed 228th St. The letter was dated August 29, 1957.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3276

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT  
DEED FROM NARBONNE HOMES, INC.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3276.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Councilman Blount asked how many communications there were from this Commission, and Mayor Pro Tem Jahn replied there were four.

Councilman Blount said he had noted some matters in the Minutes of that Commission which should be considered. He noted one of the Commissioners had not agreed with a motion which he, Councilman Blount, had made regarding hangar leases at the Airport; Councilman Blount pointed out that it is the Council who is responsible to the people, and the Commissioners are appointed only in an advisory capacity, and should be so informed. He suggested they read the copies of the Ordinances setting up the Commission, where their duties are clearly outlined. He said he was not sorry about the motion he made about the leases, and if any of the Commissioners do not like that motion, perhaps they should resign. Councilman Blount said he would like to have information from the City Manager on the statements made by the Commission, and read from their Minutes a statement that their work had been held up waiting for a report from the City Manager.

Councilman Blount felt that the Commission was going to recommend the City go into the hangar building business. He stated that he is violently opposed to government getting into any business, and did not think it necessary for the City to get into the hangar business. He said many individuals want to build hangars there, and are only waiting for the opportunity to proceed. He favored having standards set up so the hangars which are built there conform to the codes and will not be eyesores, but what the Commission is doing, he feels, is saying the City will

build the hangars. He commented that people want to build hangars there who are citizens of this community and should get some courtesy. Many people stand ready, willing and able to build excellent hangars. We are simply holding the space. He asked for a policy on this, saying he would like to know how the rest of the Council feels on this.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn agreed with Councilman Blount in some of his statements. He believed those people who have their names on the list for leases should get the leases and be able to build hangars on them. He had not formulated in his mind any definite decision on whether or not the City should build hangars or not, saying he could see some advantages for the City in building them. On the Long Beach Airport, the City does this. It is less expensive because the hangars can be built without the problem of space between hangars and because of the conservation of space. However, he stated he did not like the idea of government going into too much business. He agreed with Councilman Blount motion to let the people whose names are on the priority list get their leases and go ahead.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn commented that he agreed with Councilman Blount in respect to the powers of the Commissions. Often cities find themselves in bad positions because the Commission start to take on more power than the elective officials, and he said this had been discussed several times at various conferences he has attended.

However, Mayor Pro Tem Jahn went on, he was somewhat in sympathy with them because it is hard to see a lot of work which has been done put aside.

As to setting a policy now, as to whether or not the City should build the hangars, he was not ready to vote on that, but he did agree the priority list should be considered and those on it should be given leases.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn agreed with a comment from Councilman Blount that some of these matters could be held over, but asked that Item 3 be considered tonight.

Councilman Drale asked if there is any reason why individuals cannot lease the spaces set aside on the Master Plan for individual hangar leases.

Mr. Bob Rogers, Administrative Assistant, said the space is available.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn directed Mr. Rogers to consider that there are names on the priority list of people who wish to build more than one hangar; we cannot remove them because we cannot show partiality, but he commented that in the future we could discourage that sort of application.

Councilman Blount said we could issue them one lease only, and if they do not want that, we can refuse them a lease. He felt that would be best, saying his motion was to favor individuals who own planes and want to build a hangar for their own plane on our airport.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn moved that the policy of the Council be that the word individual should be underlined and if a lease is desired for an individually owned plane they should get it, and those who do not want this type of lease should be discouraged.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn referred to the Agenda, saying he felt another item should be considered before the Item No. 4, a recommendation from the Airport Commission that a steel tower be erected for the beacon we are to install at the Airport.

Councilman Drale referred to Item 1 from the Airport Commission, a recommendation that the City Council provide whatever is necessary for the lights to be practical at the Airport. He knew we had installed lights there at what he considered a terrific expense, and did not understand this.

Councilman Blount considered the motion in Item 1, and said before the Council could act on that they should decide who will operate the lights, what hours, which days, etc. He felt the Council could not make a good decision on obtaining additional lights which may be necessary without making those decisions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said only a system of runway lights have been installed; he knows if we are going to use the field at night for any operation some of these things will have to be done. He had thought we

would be getting all the necessary lights with this system, but we did not.

Councilman Blount asked if this meant portal lights, a beacon, and taxiway lighting.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said yes, he meant the portal lights, the beacon, and plastic or rubber reflectorized markers to show the taxiway boundaries. He believed those to be necessary no matter how we use the field, how long the lights are on, or anything of that nature.

Councilman Blount said if we have a green light in the beacon we must light the field all night every night; if we put in a white light we can operate it at our discretion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn checked with Mr. Rogers, who said that was correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said then the only answer would be to put in a white light.

Councilman Drale asked if putting a white light in the beacon would mean planes can come in at any hour of the day or night without control or supervision.

Councilman Blount said by installing a white light, we assumed no liability, saying this is the type used at the Hawthorne field.

Councilman Drale asked if we should not have some kind of supervision at all times, and asked if the present Airport Management does not operate only from morning until dark.

Councilman Blount said that was right.

Councilman Drale asked what is going on, and whether we are going around the Airport Manager in this.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn felt his problems are exactly those things the Council is discussing now.

Councilman Drale said he did not oppose this, he just wanted to be sure we do not create any additional problems.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn felt that Mr. Dietrich, manager of the Airport, had several things in mind. On some of them, he agreed with Mr. Dietrich and on some he did not. On the matters of portal lights, marking the taxiways to make them visible at night to people equipped for night flying and the beacon, he agreed with Mr. Dietrich the lights should not be turned on until they are in.

Mr. Rogers said obstruction lights may be necessary.

The Council agreed with him.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn felt when those things are put in, the Airport Manager should not be released from any liability, and said this seems to be the opinion of the City Attorney as well. However, he did not feel a burden of assuming liability for something which is not right should be placed on the Airport Manager.

Councilman Blount said the problem of the attendant should also be considered, asking who would pay for the attendant.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said when the lights are on, there should be an attendant on the field. If we have a white light in the beacon, we are merely providing a courtesy. If a flyer cannot land and then park his plane at the end of the taxiway, he should not be flying at night.

Councilman Blount felt if the field is lighted at night we should have an attendant there, saying if we do not, we are making our liability even heavier.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if this was not correct.

Councilman Drale asked if anyone knew of an airport which operates without an attendant at any hour. He felt this should be clarified.

The City Attorney said we would undoubtedly minimize our damages in case of an accident at the field if there was an attendant there.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn pointed out that there has been pilfering going on at the field at night for some time, and that he felt there should be a watchman on duty there at night any way. Such a man could fulfill the necessary duties.

Councilman Blount said he would like to have a policy before any more money is spent at the Airport. As it is, he said we did not know how long we will have the lights on, or which nights.

Councilman Drale said he did not feel he should agree to proceed on

these matters until we have cleared up these questions with Mr. Dietrich.

Councilman Blount moved Items 1, 2, and 4 from the Airport Commission be postponed until a full Council is present.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, saying someone should investigate other airports and see how they are handled.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered.

Item 3: An August 30, 1957, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by President Thos. B. Abrams, recommended that the Council instruct the City Attorney to investigate the Ishibashi lease, and notify him we are cancelling the lease, which is on the land El Rancho Palos Verdes has signified their intention of leasing; the Commission believed this lease to Mr. Ishibashi has an automatic renewal clause which goes into effect October 1, 1957.

The City Attorney replied to a question by saying he thought the Ishibashi lease is on a year to year basis, and expires September 30. He said he has not determined from the Engineering Dept. whether this is the land on which El Rancho Palos Verdes has the first right of refusal.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said he could answer that, by saying Mr. Ishibashi is growing strawberries on that land. He asked if the lease does not automatically renew on October 1 unless we cancel it.

The City Attorney said he would have to check the lease to be sure, and suggested putting this on a month to month basis.

There were no objections, and the City Attorney was instructed to proceed with this and watch it closely, with the letter from the Commission being referred to him.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission, dated August 29, 1957, signed by Herbert Albright, Jr., conveyed to the Council that Commission's recommendation that the Sea-Aire Golf Course be under the control of the Park Department and the supervision of Mr. Casper Clemmer.

Councilman Drale felt this should be under the Recreation Department, and Councilman Blount agreed.

Mr. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, said the only staff there from the Recreation Dept. would be the starter. He said it is difficult to supervise Park personnel from the Recreation Department. Setting up the schedules of watering, etc., could more easily be done in the Park Department.

Councilman Blount said that could be done by Mr. Clemmer, and the Recreation Dept. would operate the recreation facilities.

Mr. Van Bellehem said if his Dept. would have the responsibility he would like to have the authority to control the staff at the park.

Councilman Drale said Parks & Recreation are under the same Commission.

Mr. Van Bellehem agreed; he said this had been brought up a little prematurely, adding he thought it could be worked out.

Councilman Blount said he could see no problem here. The recreation facility will be operated by the Recreation Dept., and if the watering schedule, and other maintenance, does not fit in, Mr. Van Bellehem can talk to Mr. Clemmer about it.

Councilman Blount moved they keep the Sea-Aire Golf Course under the control and operation of the Recreation Department.

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

2. An August 29, 1957, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Herbert Albright, Jr., Acting Chairman, recommended that the matter of constructing a parkette in the Allied Gardens sump had been considered by them as requested by the Council. After other consideration, the Commission felt it would be ill advised to start recreation development on such sumps at the present time.

The Assistant City Manager said this had been considered by the Staff, and asked that the Council hear their report.

J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, reported for the Staff; a delegation of residents of the Allied Gardens area had come before the Staff on this, and the Staff had gone into this very thoroughly, however, it is not an easy problem to solve.

Planning Director Powell said there are several groups of residents interested in this, all of them having divergent views about how this could and should be handled. A study is being made, and the report should be ready for the next Council meeting. The gate will be repaired at once, and the fence at the intersection will be painted.

There was no objection, and this was ordered held over for a report from Mr. Powell on September 10, 1957, at the regular meeting of the Council.

3. Herbert Albright, Jr., Acting Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, in a letter dated August 29, 1957, told the Council that the Commission had studied the request of the Council regarding construction of a recreation or teenage center on the Civic Center site. A Committee of that Commission has been appointed to study the idea, and they hope to have a report on the matter following the next meeting of the Commission on September 11, 1957.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

4. An August 29, 1957, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Herbert Albright, Jr., Acting Chairman, reported to the Council that they recommended that protective fences be installed and bids be called for installation of protective fencing at Sea-Aire Park Golf Course.

Councilman Blount asked why they had waited until now to make this recommendation.

Mr. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, said he was going to ask that they wait another couple of weeks, saying more fencing than is listed here may be required. Because the building there is open at night, the people want to play at night, and we should probably fence off the course from the building area.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Recreation Director and postpone this for two weeks.

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

5. A letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission, dated August 29, 1957, and signed by Herbert Albright, Jr., Acting Chairman, referred to a letter from Mr. John K. Eardley, 2072 Santa Fe Ave., Torrance, which they said was addressed to the Council. Mr. Eardley had recommended fencing at the Torrance Park. The Commission had discussion this with Recreation Director Van Bellehem, and felt that the Council should be advised of the following facts: A plan for the installation of a fence at the park has been made; in addition to this, the Park Dept. just recently purchased sufficient fence posts and woven wire galvanized fencing material to construct this fence. As soon as the Park Department has the men and time available to do the work, they will install the fence, as suggested in Mr. Eardley's letter. Further information on this will be available from Mr. John Russell, Director of Public Works.

There was comment from the Council that they had not seen Mr. Eardley's letter.

Councilman Drale recalled purchasing the fencing, and said he agreed the area should be fenced, especially along the railroad tracks.

Planning Director Powell reported Mr. Clemmer had sent men to pick up the fence material today.

Councilman Blount said the fencing will be done, according to his understanding of this letter, but said he would like to see Mr. Eardley's letter.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3277

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERMIT THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 29, 1957.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3277.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3278

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO GIVE NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE CALLED AND HELD ON OCTOBER 29, 1957, UPON CERTAIN PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE CHARTER OF SAID CITY.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3278.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn proclaimed September 25-28, 1957, as SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR WEEK at the Stanislaus County 38th District Fair Grounds, Turlock, and urged the attendance of the head of each family, and the whole family, to attend this great first fair of its kind in America in promoting the importance and value of Sunday School attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said that the Personnel memo under Information Only, should be corrected; in paragraph 2, Item 3 should read William Dunmyer instead of Jonathan Dunmyer.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount said the Traffic Commission has met twice and both times discussed providing safety devices on 182nd Street; he would like to know where they are.

Mr. Bob Rogers reported this matter is now in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Russell said he had sent it on to the Engineering Dept. today, for an estimate. He believed he would have it next week.

Councilman Blount noted a letter from El Rancho Palos Verdes which states they are going to exercise an option. He did not believe they had an option, but do have a right to negotiate, and he thought the Council should negotiate with them on the basis of what it deems right and proper.

Councilman Blount moved the Airport Commission be respectfully

requested to bear that in mind; that the negotiations for the amount of the lease is a negotiation that must be handled by this body and not by the Commission. He moved they be informed they shall not negotiate the lease, the Council will do that; we will appreciate their recommendations on price, etc., as soon as possible.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, who asked if we were talking about the land on which they had been given an extension until September 10, 1957, or that land to the west of it.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said we were talking about the land west of that on which they had the first right of refusal, and he agreed with Councilman Blount that this did not constitute an option.

Councilman Drale asked if this right of refusal would not be cancelled if the master lease is cancelled.

Both Councilman Blount and Mayor Pro Tem Jahn said it would be.

Councilman Drale suggested no negotiations on this be carried on with them until after September 10.

Councilman Blount so amended his motion.

Amendment seconded by Councilman Drale.

There were no objections to the motion as amended, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale said he had received complaints about the 1-hour parking on Crenshaw between 174th and the high tension lines of the Edison Company; the people would like to have 2-hour parking if it is possible.

Councilman Blount said the Commission had considered that, and agreed it could be done.

Mayor Pro Tem Jahn asked when we would have the signals on Crenshaw which the Council had asked for some time back.

City Engineer Bishop said when the Board of Supervisors approves the Resolution.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens reported the revised plans from El Rancho Palos Verdes were brought in to his department today at 4:45 P. M. He believed they could be checked by September 10th.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if Mr. Schlens would submit a report at the next Council Meeting on what the plans contain, and whether they are approved.

Mr. Schlens said he would if he could.

Councilman Drale said if Mr. Schlens was too busy, it might be wise to hire an extra plan checker and charge the fees to the applicants.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

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

By Gale Whitacre  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Jahn  
Mayor of the City of Torrance