

Torrance, California
October 1, 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, October 1, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Director of Public Works John V. Russell led the salute to our Flag.

The meeting was opened with an invocation led by Reverend Milton Sippel.

One minute of silence was observed in memory of Gordon Arnold, an employee of the Torrance Municipal Water District, and of Adolph Lynn, father of Bert Lynn of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Council meetings of September 10, 1957, and September 17, 1957, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids for the demolition of structures at 1204 and 1205 El Prado.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice Calling for Bids.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the Bids summarized here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>BOND:</u>	<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Walter E. Hesse 14800 Avalon Blvd. Gardena, Calif.	Accompanied by Cashier's Check in the amount of \$1165.00	\$11,650.00
Bruce Sanger 2213-17 North Rosemead Blvd. El Monte, California.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond in the amount of 10% of bid.	\$ 7,375.00
Forsythe Excavating 18156 Prairie Ave. Torrance, California.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond not to exceed \$900.00	\$ 8,700.00
J. Henry Harris 3012 The Mall Los Angeles 23, California.	Accompanied by Bidders' Bond in the amount of 10% of bid	\$ 8,572.00

Councilman Jahn asked if there was any reason why this should not be awarded tonight, as the Bruce Sanger bid was much lower than the others.

The City Manager referred the bonds to the City Attorney for inspection.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that the Sanger bond was in order.

Councilman Jahn moved that Bruce Sanger's bid of \$7,375.00 for the

demolition of the structures at 1204 and 1205 El Prado be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids for the construction of 10 T-Hangars at Torrance Airport.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

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

Assistant City Manager Mansfield reported that no Bond had been asked on this bid.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Dresser-Ideco Co., 8909 S. Vermont, Los Angeles, Calif.	\$25,250.00
Anderson Structural Steel Co. 1700 Sawtelle Blvd. Los Angeles 25, California.	\$20,500.00
Federal Steel Corporation 1550 Canal Avenue Long Beach 13, California.	\$25,965.00
Empire Steel Buildings Co. 2137 Marianna Ave. Los Angeles 32, California.	\$22,850.00
Columbia Structural Steel Co. 2303 Jefferson Street Torrance, California.	\$25,878.00

Councilman Jahn commented that the plans call for the hangars to meet certain specifications and engineering designs, so they should be inspected to be sure they are adequate.

Mayor Isen asked if the City plans to erect these for rental purposes, and the City Manager said that is the plan.

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be referred to the Building Superintendent for his investigation and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening Bids for the fencing of portions of the Dominguez Channel.

Councilman Drale said he had noted some of the installation is already in.

The City Manager explained that the County has done some of this, and these informal bids were asked for the purpose of the City installing the fence where it was agreed we would do so at the time this was arranged with the County.

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the bids summarized here, with no bond being required:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Guardian Fence Co. 3550 Long Beach Blvd. Long Beach 7, California.	\$1,376.00

BIDDER:TOTAL BID:

Anderson Fence Co.,
5965 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, California.

\$1,253.00

Cyclone Fence Co.
P. O. Box 7104
Long Beach 7, California.

\$1,142.00

There were no other bids.

Councilman Drale moved the bid be awarded to the Cyclone Fence Co., and their bid of \$1,142.00 be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids for protective fencing at Sea-Aire Golf Course, which had been recommended by the Park & Recreation Commission at their meeting on September 25, 1957, and for which the Recreation Director and City Manager had asked informal bids.

A letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, dated September 27, 1957, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman Pro Tem, explained the necessity for this fencing.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council had requested these bids.

The City Manager explained that, due to the two-week period between the last Council meeting and this one, and as it was thought that the cost of the fence would be less than \$2000, he and the Recreation Director had asked that these estimates be submitted.

Mayor Isen directed that the estimates be opened and read.

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the bids summarized here, with no bond having been requested:

BIDDER:TOTAL BID:

Southern California Fence Co.
1454 W. Compton Blvd.
Compton, California.

\$ 2,157.00

Guardian Fence Co.
3550 Long Beach Blvd.
Long Beach 7, California.

\$ 3,029.00

Anderson Fence Co.
5965 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles 43, California.

\$ 1,232.00

Cyclone Fence Co.
P. O. Box 7104
Long Beach 7, California.

\$ 2,701.00

Santa Monica Fence Co.
2834 Colorado Ave.
Santa Monica, Calif.

No Bid

In reply to a question, the City Attorney reported that the Council's acceptance of one of these bids would amount to ratification of the City Manager's calling for them.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the action of calling for these bids, and that they constitute action of the Council.

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

The Recreation Director reported this would be only a fraction of the total fencing needed at that park.

The City Manager said these should be checked to be sure all are bidding on the fencing called for.

Councilman Drale moved these bids be referred to the City Manager for his investigation and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council.

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

HEARINGS: City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing on Resolution No. 3279, which was accepted and filed.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3279 to vacate a portion of Newton Street.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare and present to the Council the proper Ordinance for vacation of that portion of Newton Street as shown on the sketch presented to the Council.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Public Hearing on adoption of amendment to the Fire Prevention Code.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 901

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 695) BY ADDING TO THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE SECTIONS RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF AIRCRAFT REFUELER UNITS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 901 at its first reading.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A claim dated September 27, 1957, from Ella Schwartz, 3244 Eldorado St., for damages to her property located at 1925 Carson St., being Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 of Block 17, Torrance Tract, as a result of sewage backing up into the premises.

Councilman Jahn moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney's office.

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

2. A letter dated September 17, 1957, from the Inter-City Highway Committee, 350 Main St., El Segundo, was signed by Wilburn E. Baker, President. The Committee extended to the Council an invitation to attend their next regular meeting on Thursday, October 10, 1957, at 6:30 P. M. at the Pen 'N Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.

Councilman Drale, a member of the Inter-City Highway Committee, reported that the Councilmen and City Manager were invited.

Mayor Isen asked those who could attend to contact Councilman Drale. There were no objections and the communication was ordered filed.

3. A letter dated September 19, 1957, from Milton W. West, Deputy Inspector, South Bay Humane Society, suggested a short 'grace period' in the fining of persons who do not buy licenses for their dogs before October 1, and gave his reasons for this suggestion.

The City Attorney said this could only be handled by an amendment to the Ordinance, and thought it would be better to look into the whole policy before taking any action. He believed the Council could probably waive that one provision if they wished to do so.

Mayor Isen said he would not object to this, but suggested this be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to extend the 'grace period' if it could be done without adoption of another Ordinance.

There were no objections, and the City Attorney was instructed to reply to the letter from Mr. West, without returning the matter here.

4. A letter dated September 16, 1957, from the Chamber of Commerce, signed by Dick Fitzgerald, Manager, thanked the Council for the Downtown Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber for the Council's support and cooperation relative to the off-street parking problem, and asked when completion of the acquisition of the two lots at El Prado and Cabrillo and their preparation as parking lots is contemplated.

There were no objections, and the City Manager was instructed to reply to the letter.

5. A letter from the General Petroleum Corp., 2619 E. 37th St., Los Angeles, applied for the erection of a 62 sq. ft. post sign, which will be their standard identification sign, at 17400 Hawthorne Blvd. This letter was dated Sept. 19, 1957, and signed by H. Warren, Division Engr., Southwest Division.

The letter asked for approval to be given so as to be a blanket approval for this sign in other locations in the City, subject of course, to issuance of permit in each case by the Bldg. Dept.

Councilman Jahn asked if this sign would be located at a service station.

Supt. of Bldg. Lee Schlens replied that it would. He said our Ordinance allows signs of 42 sq. ft. Mr. Schlens said he had discussed this with Mr. George Powell, Director of Planning, and they believe there may be times when such signs will pose zoning problems.

Mayor Isen said the Council would not give a blanket approval of such signs.

The Bldg. Supt., Lee Schlens, recommended approval of this sign at 174th and Hawthorne, which will be near an intersection, subject to the approval of the Police Chief and the Fire Chief.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve this application for a sign at this specific location, without blanket approval of similar applications, and with this approval to be subject to the approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

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

6. A letter from Oscar Maples, Inc., dated Sept. 12, 1957, and signed by L. Packard, Office Manager, asked approval of the assignment of their interest in the Lease Agreement with the City of Torrance covering the leasing of Police Units, to Universal CIT Credit Corp., 110 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

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

7. A letter dated September 23, 1957, from the Pilot Club, 3240 Eldorado St., requested permission to use the old City Hall in which to hold a rummage sale on October 12 1957. This was signed by Mrs. Leola Cork, President.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant the request, subject to the usual stipulations.

Councilman Drale asked whether the County had indicated whether they may be using the building by that date.

The City Manager reported he is to meet with County representatives tomorrow to discuss the matter of Court sites for temporary use with them, and that he would know then.

Councilman Drale asked if the motion could grant the request subject to the City Manager's discussion tomorrow and the decisions reached during that conference.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen requested that the City Manager would notify the Pilot Club of the decision of the Council after his conference of October 2, when he will know whether the building will be in use by then or not.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

8. A letter from the Torrance Civil Service Board, dated September 20, 1957, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, advised the Council that the Civil Service Board had considered the request of Officer A. W. Winkler for reinstatement to his former position in the Police Dept. at a special meeting held September 19. In view of the recommendation of Dr. Cook that Mr. Winkler has recovered sufficiently from his injury to return to limited duty, it was the unanimously made recommendation of the Civil Service Board that Officer Winkler be restored to such limited duties as indicated by Chief Bennett in his letter of September 13, as being available. The Civil Service Board further recommended that in view of the delay in authorizing Mr. Winkler's reinstatement, that he be reinstated with full pay effective September 1, 1957, at which time he was supposed to report for work.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with this recommendation from the Civil Service Board.

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

9. A September 24, 1957, letter from REMCO, 2117 Cabrillo Ave., referred to the proposed vacation of the unimproved portions of Date, Fern and Juniper Avenues on the north side of Sepulveda Blvd., and advised that REMCO has agreed to deed its reversionary interests in said streets to the Chanslor-Western Oil and Development Co., with the deed having been placed in an escrow, and to be released to said Company when the City of Torrance has given assurance that it will vacate the streets in question.

This letter was for information, and was ordered filed as a matter of record in connection with the vacation of these unimproved streets.

10. Under date of September 24, 1957, Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., submitted a sign application for Mr. Dudley Gray, located at 20800 Hawthorne Ave., and reported that Mr. Schlens would bring the application to this meeting.

Mr. Schlens said he had thought this would not be on the Agenda until next week, so he did not bring the material with him.

There were no objections, and the matter was ordered to be on the Agenda of the next meeting.

11. A letter dated August 30, 1957, from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Supt., referred to a request from the Walteria Civic Organization to

extend Torrance Bus Lines service to Catalina and Avenue I via Walteria, and said this has been investigated.

Mr. Chamberlain reported in full on his findings, saying that he believed the necessary alterations would cause a loss of \$4800 per year. He recommended that unless the Bus Operation fund is increased to \$20,000 the extension of Walteria line to Catalina and Avenue I be denied.

The City Manager replied to a question by saying he had gone over this with Mr. Chamberlain. He reported that we now serve both areas but not together. He agreed with Mr. Chamberlain in his findings.

There were no objections, and the City Manager was instructed to send a copy of Mr. Chamberlain's letter to the Walteria Civic Organization. The matter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

12. A letter from Woolley & Woolley, Attorneys, 1308 Sartori Ave., dated September 26, 1957, and signed by Boris S. Woolley, requested the removal of a tree in front of 2271 Torrance Blvd., as it interferes with the construction of a new building at that address.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, with the expenses of removing the tree to be born by the applicant.

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

13. A letter dated August 30, 1957, from the office of H. L. Byram, Tax Collector for the County of Los Angeles, signed by A. B. Allenbaugh, Chief, Redemption Division, referred to Auction Sale No. 80-A, and reported that they had enclosed a list of properties that had been tax deeded to the State because of delinquent taxes. As it appeared that some of those properties were located within our City, they advised the City of the costs for acquisition of those parcels if they should be needed for public use purposes.

The City Manager reported that certain of those parcels should be acquired by the City for public use.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3291

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND
AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE
SAID AGREEMENT.

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 Jahn asked if the lots described in this Resolution were the only ones in the City of Torrance.

The City Manager replied that these were the ones the City could use, and that there may be another one or two of these lots but they were completely land-locked.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3291.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A memorandum dated September 26, 1957, from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, submitted an application for a free license to solicit funds in Torrance from the Prince of Peace Ministerial Association, Inc., 4445 East 5th St., Los Angeles. Mr. Whitacre reported that the Dept. of Social Service, Room 1302, City Hall, Los Angeles, stated they do not endorse this association, therefore he recommended the request be denied at this time.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Whitacre's recommendation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll

call vote of those present.

2. A memorandum dated September 27, 1957, from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, recommended a refund of \$25 to the Hub Cabinet Co., 6535 E. Compton Blvd., Compton, for overpayment made by them in error. Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Whitacre's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a memorandum dated September 27, 1957, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

- 1. To Barclay Surveying Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of August, 1957, on the Airport Drainage Job, the sum of \$1,218.75.
- 2. To Barclay Surveying Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of August, 1957, on the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2, the sum of \$660.00.
- 3. To Attorney Robert C. Pannell, for legal services rendered in connection with Case LB C 23839 (City of Torrance vs. Foley, et al) the sum of \$675.00). City Attorney Remel-meyer has approved the statement for this amount.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations 1-3, inclusive, under 'Appropriations'.

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

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

- 1. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 17180: Transmittal from Engineering Department, submitting Final Tract Map No. 17180, located Sly. of Newton St., Nly. of Dalemead Ave., Wly. of Weston Rd., presented by Gilbert D. Sellan. Attached were:
 - a. Letter from G. C. Powell, Planning Director;
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Aug. 7, 1957;
 - c. Letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., dated July 12, 1957;
 - d. Letter from Southern Calif. Edison Co. re poling;
 - e. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control Dist., dated July 15, 1957;
 - f. Letter dated June 13, 1957, from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Municipal Water Dist. #3;
 - g. Sketch of tract.

Mayor Isen recalled that the zoning of this land was C-2, and asked if it should not be changed before approval of the tract, saying otherwise the people who build there can put up signs, run business offices in their residences, etc.

The City Attorney, in reply to a question, said that interpretation was correct.

Planning Director Powell reported the only solution is that there be instituted a Change of Zone on the property.

Mayor Isen asked if the City could do that, and Mr. Powell said they can when they know what it will be used for.

Mayor Isen asked if these will be 3 or 4-family units.

Planning Director Powell said he did not know; when the Planning Commission knows, he added, they can institute a Change of Zone.

Mr. Powell said the Planning Commission has tried to find out what the land will be used for. It is planned to retain the frontage on Newton as commercial frontage; but no other definite information is forthcoming.

Councilman Blount pointed out that the Council can institute these Change of Zone proceedings at any time.

Councilman Drale moved to hold this over for study until the Council meeting of October 15, in hopes that this information will be at hand.

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

Mayor Isen moved to instruct the Planning Commission to institute change of zone proceedings to zone this land R-3.

Councilman Jahn asked if he did not mean R-4, but the Mayor said he had meant R-3.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council request a letter from the subdivider of this land notifying the Council of how they intend to develop the property.

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

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell if it would be possible for the Planning Commission to review the zoning in various parts of the City where there are residences and, where this property is zoned for business, rezone it properly.

Mr. Powell reported that the Planning Commission now has such a program under way.

2. A letter dated September 27, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, referred to a report on our storm drain needs as given to the Council on September 13, 1957. This was given to the Council for study in compliance with request received from the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, signed by C. G. Petrie, Chairman, Storm Drain Committee.

Mr. Patrick reported they would like to present this for consideration and action so that they may submit it to Mr. Petrie.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be sent in, and Director of Public Works Russell said it would.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the report.

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

3. A letter dated September 26, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, submitted an easement from Jack Doyle Rogers for an 18' widening on the easterly side of Denny Road as was required by the Council in the approval of the vacation of Newton St.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3292

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM JACK DOYLE ROGERS.

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 Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3292.

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

4. A September 26, 1957, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted sewer easements for the Hollywood-Riviera Sewer Dist. No. 2.

City Clerk Bartlett read titles to the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3293

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM WARD W. BAKER AND JACQUELINE L. BAKER.

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3293. Motion,
seconded by Mayor Isen carried unanimously by roll call of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 3294

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM CHARLES R. MAHONEY AND ELEANOR D. MAHONEY.

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 Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3294.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3295

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM MARK U. MC KIE AND JANET E. MC KIE.

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. 3295.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3296

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM AUSTIN O. SANDERSON AND ELAINE L. SANDERSON.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3296.

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

5. A letter dated Sept. 26, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to
City Engr., submitted a street easement deed from Narbonne Homes, Inc.,
for a 2' widening of 229th St., and 27' at the rear of Lots 59 and 60 in
Tract No. 639 for a future St.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3297

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 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. 3297.

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

6. A letter dated Sept. 26, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted street easements for the widening of 230th St. and a 27' easement for future street from Donald Moreau and Clement Moreau. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3298

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM CLEMENT J. MOREAU.

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 Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3298.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3299

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM DONALD J. MOREAU.

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 Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3299.

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

Councilman Blount believed both of the Resolutions, Nos. 3298 and 3299, to be faulty.

The City Attorney agreed there is a question on these two Resolutions and said there is also a question in the Resolution covering the easement from Jack Doyle Rogers. He said the question is the same in each instance, and it is raised by the fact that their wives have not signed the easement deeds. He believed the easements should be accepted, however, with the correction to be made in each instance,

Mayor Isen moved in each instance there should be accepted from the wives of these gentlemen quit claim deeds and the necessary easements.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion.

The City Attorney said these could be accepted and that he would follow through to be sure that the correct procedure is followed in each case.

There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

7. A letter dated September 27, 1957, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, recommended a refund of over payment on inspection fee to Joseph Hall, in the amount of \$4.50, paid September 12, 1957, Receipt No. 1216.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the City Engineer.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WAIVER BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Under date of September 26, 1957, Lee Schlens, Member of the Waiver Board, submitted for approval the following request for Waivers, all with a recommendation for approval from the Waiver Board:

Case 176-W: Richard A Teel, 23023 Anza Avenue
Request for occupancy of 8'6" of the required 20' rear yard, for an addition to the house.

Case W-180: W. R. Dye, 2432 W. 237th St.
Request for 1'6" side yard from side of garage to property line. A breezeway is to attach garage to dwelling.

Case W-185: Darrell D. Holstrom, 3735 W. 168th Street
Request for 5' rear yard to connect garage to dwelling with breezeway.

Case W-186: Jack Becker, 17820 Florwood Avenue
Request for 4' side yard to enlarge the kitchen.

Case W-187: George C. Speer, 3909 W. 184th Street
Request occupancy of 6' of the required 20' rear yard for an open porch, attached to the dwelling.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked why we have an Ordinance governing these Waivers if we grant so many, saying he did not think this to be good policy.

Planning Director Powell said at the next Council meeting he believed there would be presented a new formula to show how much of the back yard can be used for building, which, it is thought, will cut out a lot of Waivers.

2. An application from Chuck Robbins Realty for a license to solicit in the City of Torrance was withdrawn at the request of the applicant, transmitted to the Council at this time by Planning Director Powell.

There were no objections to this.

3. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of application of William R. Burrows for Variance to construct a second dwelling on the rear of Lot 84, Tract 15933, 18228 Roslin Ave., in an R-1 zone. Attached were:

- a. Letter of October 3, 1957, from Wm. R. Burrows, agreeing not to split the lot in any manner; this had been notarized.
- b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of September 18, 1957:
- c. Location sketch (CASE NO. 466).

Mayor Isen asked the Planning Director for a brief comment on this.

Mr. Powell reported that the property is on an alley, and that the Commission had considered this to be a hardship case.

Mayor Isen thought the agreement which was notarized and submitted by Mr. Burrows was not properly drawn. He thought this should be corrected and recorded and should run with the land.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney for a proper document to be drawn and recorded.

4. A September 26, 1957, letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted to the Council the Planning Commission's recommendation that the request that the City vacate the 'paper streets' north of Sepulveda and between Crenshaw and Maple Ave. be granted, with the added stipulation that a 17' strip along the north side of Sepulveda be deeded to the City for street purposes.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this to be referred to the City Attorney to be put in proper form and to be placed on the Agenda of the next regular meeting of the Council.

5. A letter dated September 26, 1957, from Planning Director Powell, submitted to the Council a proposed Ordinance covering Building Site Area, as directed by the Council at their meeting of July 2, 1957.

The City Attorney said this Ordinance created a C-3 zone and amended the Building Site Area.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this to be taken from this Agenda and put back on the Agenda of the next regular meeting of the Council with a clear written explanation of it.

6. A letter dated September 26, 1957, from George C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted an Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 426, on which the Councilmen had approved a Change of Zone on September 3, 1957, by the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 908

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 426.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 908.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 908 at its first reading.

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

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated September 26, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer, outlined certain delays which have arisen in the matter of the Moneta Water Co. appraisal, and recommended that the Council, by motion, authorize the City Attorney and James M. Hall to file and prosecute a declaratory relief action and take any other action necessary in order to ascertain the nature of Moneta's interests in the disputed territory.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation.

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

2. The City Attorney submitted to the Council a letter dated September 19, 1957, from O'Melveny & Myers, signed by Franklin T. Hamilton. This letter referred to City of Torrance Vehicle Parking District No. 1, and with it a resolution was submitted which, upon adoption of the Council, would have the effect of terminating the proceedings initiated by the petition in the District.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3300

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA, ABANDONING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CREATION OF
A VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT.

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 Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3300.

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

3. A letter from O'Melveny & Myers, dated September 20th, signed
by Franklin T. Hamilton, was submitted by the City Attorney. This letter
submitted their invoice for legal services in connection with the Vehicle
Parking District, in the amount of \$750.00.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said he would recommend
paying this as he did not consider it excessive for the work they have
done, and that he believed we were obligated to pay it.

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

Councilman Drale thought perhaps this should go to the merchants,
saying this has cost the City a great deal of money.

Mayor Isen asked if this would be paid from the parking meter funds,
and the City Manager thought it would be.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to concur with the recommendation
of the City Attorney to specify that this be paid from the parking meter
funds.

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

4. A letter dated September 27, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer,
submitted a Grant Deed from Dominguez Estate Co. for the 27-acre sump
area in Tract No. 21725 to be used by the City for a sump for drainage
water and/or for parks and/or recreation.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3301

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED
FROM THE DOMINGUEZ ESTATE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3301.

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

5. A copy of a letter from James M. Hall, of MacFaden, Browne & Hall,
attorneys, dated September 13, 1957, concerned the revised instrument of
release from the C.A.A. Mr. Hall stated he was concerned, from the City's
viewpoint, that the recent Instrument of Release received from the Civil
Aeronautics Administration be accepted by the City, and gave his reasons
for that concern. He believed the Council should consider the value of
this, apart from any amended lease negotiations now proceeding for the
development of the property and predicate its action accordingly.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3302

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE RECORDATION THEREOF.

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 Drale asked if this covered the whole airport, and the City Attorney said it covered only that portion known as 'The Triangle'. Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if he agreed with Mr. Hall on this.

The City Attorney said for some time he has had some question in his mind about it, as this has been a means of negotiating with the owners of the leasehold, but he thought Mr. Hall to be correct in his opinion that we might lose it. He believed we have a moral obligation to accept this now.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3302.

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

Mayor Isen asked if proceedings had been instituted to change the zone of this land to 'solely commercial'.

Mr. Powell said that was on the agenda of the Planning Commission meeting to be held on October 2, 1957.

The City Attorney said he and the leaseholder had considered this, and they had agreed to allow the Change of Zone. He will have a draft to present to the Council at their next meeting to translate 'shopping center' into something that will stand up in court if necessary.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3303

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THOMAS R. DALE AND HESTER L. DALE WITH REFERENCE TO TRACT NO. 23871.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3303.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3304

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE BETWEEN THE CITY AND MONETA WATER COMPANY WITH REFERENCE TO TRACT NO. 23871.

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 Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3304.

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

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a deed of trust and deed of trust installment note for the purchase of certain real property was removed from the Agenda at the request of the City Attorney, who said this might need different action. There were no objections.

A resolution authorizing the purchase by the City of certain real property from John R. Winters and Rosearnold Winters was also ordered removed from the Agenda upon the request of the City Attorney, and was ordered to be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council. There were no objections.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3307

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THOSE CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO REMCO-REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY; CHARLES A. CURTISS, KATHERINE B. CURTISS, WALTER C. BRADFORD, NELLIE M. BRADFORD AND DONALD FINDLEY.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3307.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. A memo from the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 900, which was introduced and adopted at its first reading on September 17, 1957, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 900

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING, CALLING PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1957, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY TWO PROPOSITIONS TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS BY SAID CITY FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 900 at its second and final reading.

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

2. A memorandum from the City Clerk submitted Ordinance No. 905 for its second reading, amending the Appendix of The Code of the City of Torrance, reclassifying certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 443. At the regular meeting of the Council held September 17, 1957, this Ordinance was introduced and adopted at its first reading by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN:

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 905

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 443.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 905.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 905 at its second and final reading.

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

3. A memorandum from the City Clerk submitted Ordinance No. 906 for its second and final reading. This was introduced at the September 17, 1957, meeting of the Council, and was adopted unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 906

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 453.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 906.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 906 at its second and final reading.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to the following Resolution, which had been handed to him today to present at this meeting:

RESOLUTION NO. 3308

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST THE EXECUTION OF THE NOTE AND MORTGAGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE TRUCK BODIES WITH PACKER UNITS.

Councilman Jahn 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. 3308.

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

REPORTS:

1. The Office of the City Clerk reported that the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District Report for the August - September period is now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

2. The Office of the City Clerk reported that they now have on file the reports of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and the Controller of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the month of August, 1957.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale said there seems to be a lot of confusion about the City's rubbish pick-up program; he asked if there is not a way to notify the people of the City about the program. He believed a notice would clear up a lot of confusion and answer many questions.

The City Manager said there is supposed to be a notice sent out to every property owner at the time the first bill goes out.

Councilman Drale felt this should be sent out before the billing, so everyone would understand it.

The City Manager said the bills should be sent this month. It had been planned that these and the notices would go out early in August, but the Water Department has not been able to get this organized as yet. It is a matter of getting the 25,000 plates made for addressing that is holding this up. We have thought they would be ready each week, but they are not ready yet.

Councilman Drale said the public should be told of the proposed program.

Mayor Isen said proper press releases in the local papers would help a great deal.

Assistant City Manager Mansfield said the program is all set up and it was expected the plates would be ready the 5th or 6th of August. The problem is, how we could get notices out without them. He said the newspapers have been most cooperative and have given us excellent coverage.

Councilman Drale said it might be necessary to put notices on the doors of the homes.

Mr. Mansfield estimated that this would take about a man year.

Mayor Isen suggested the newspapers carry the information once more, and that notices go out with the water bills to all water users.

Councilman Drale did not think it would be proper to send the notice and the bill together. He said the people should have the notice first.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen referred this to the City Manager, who was instructed to use his best judgement in the matter.

The City Manager reported to the Council that he had just been told that one of the parties from whom we are buying a parking lot has indicated that they will not sell to the City if this is not closed. He felt this to be serious. He said he would go to them and try to talk to them about it.

Councilman Jahn asked what is wrong with the item on this which was held up tonight.

The City Attorney replied that the escrow is set up wrong, as if a private person were buying the land, and it will create a debt for the City. He explained the prohibition of debt of this type.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney what he would suggest.

The City Attorney said he would either have to draft certain provisions to attach to the mortgage or write a new agreement.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Manager be instructed to contact those people the first thing in the morning and talk to them.

The City Attorney said he had a preliminary title report on both properties, and they are in good order.

In reply to a question, the Assistant City Manager said it has been planned for the City to take possession of the properties November 1, 1957.

The City Attorney said it might take a little while to straighten this out, but suggested we might be able to negotiate to lease the property for a month.

Councilman Jahn suggested an extension of the escrow.

The City Attorney said the whole transaction is void.

Councilman Drale said he would go along with Councilman Jahn's idea on extension of the escrow.

Mayor Isen said the people in question are friends of his, and asked the City Manager to call him for help if he thought it necessary.

The City Manager reported that the examination for Police Chief has been carried out, and the results submitted, and that he would like to announce that Percy Bennett was first on the list and has been officially appointed Chief of Police for the City of Torrance.

After congratulations were extended by the Council, Mayor Isen made a short speech telling the audience that it is felt Chief Bennett will be an extremely fine Chief of Police, from the standpoint of public relations as well as from an organization viewpoint.

Councilman Blount asked if the Assistant to the Chief had been appointed.

The City Manager replied that the examination had been given and the results received, but these had been turned over to Chief Bennett and no appointment received as yet.

Councilman Blount said some time ago the Council had requested that in the event of the death of a City employee, they be informed. He said that in the future, he would like to see this done.

The City Manager said his department would assume that responsibility, and would notify the Council from now on in such instances.

Mayor Isen asked whether the Council felt it would be in good taste to adopt Resolutions commemorating people who die while in the service of the City.

Councilman Drale felt an appropriate letter would serve.

Councilman Blount agreed that a letter would serve, saying he felt the Mayor should sign this letter on behalf of the City Council.

Mayor Isen said this would be policy of the Council, and asked the Assistant City Manager to prepare a proper letter.

Councilman Drale complimented the Dept. of Public Works and the Street Department upon the fine job they are doing on 182nd Street.

Councilman Jahn asked when the traffic lights will be installed on Crenshaw Blvd. at 182nd, 190th, and Torrance Boulevard.

Director of Public Works Russell said he believed he could report on that on next Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Council.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager to prepare for the Council information about how many of the lots considered for condemnation for the Airport are vacant.

The City Manager said he would do so.

Mayor Isen reported that a Mr. Gatlin has reported to him that a school cross walk is needed at 164th and Wilkie. He referred this to the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Isen told the Council that in driving across the country, he had noted that traffic light posts are often painted a vivid yellow, which makes them visible to all traffic. He suggested that the Traffic Commission consider testing this, saying the posts at 190th and Crenshaw and Sartori and Torrance Blvd. might be good ones for such a test.

Mayor Isen referred to the special election to be held October 29, and wondered whether adoption of a slogan such as "Building Torrance is everyone's business" might not be a good idea. He reported that he had

called a meeting of civic leaders, heads of organizations, etc., to be held at the Villa Capri, and a complete file will be prepared and given to them on the matters which are being considered at that election. They will be able to take these files to their organizations and answer questions which may be asked. A night letter has been sent to these people extending the invitation to them.

Mayor Isen reported also that City employees are asking what they can do to promote the bond issues, and wondered if the Council would care to adopt a policy under which anything such people would do to promote the bond issues, which are a matter of civic improvement, would not be considered as political activity.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would constitute blanket approval of such action, and the Mayor said it would.

Councilman Jahn did not think the Council should adopt any policy in such matters.

The City Manager reported to the Council that in the past it has been considered more or less the duty of City employees to supply facts on such matters, as they are in a position to realize that the welfare of the City is greatly affected by these bond issues.

Mayor Isen asked whether the Council would give City employees the 'go-ahead' on the matters, exclusive of the Charter Amendments.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

Councilman Drale said he would not do this. He felt if the City's employees want to do this, they can, and if they do not want to do it, they should not have to. He asked to go on record as making his attitude the policy of the Council.

Mayor Isen asked if the Council could then adopt a policy of telling City employees they could do as they wished in this.

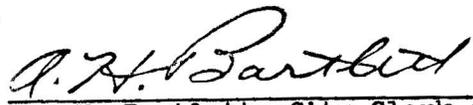
Councilman Drale felt that the City employees would favor these issues if they felt they were beneficial to the City, but did not think they should be asked to adopt any particular attitude on them.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance