

Torrance, California  
October 8, 1957

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, October 8, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. James Hall led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Nathan Bond opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 1, 1957, as written.

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

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Melvin Fisk of the Torrance Press, who is new to the area.

HEARINGS:

1. SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3 (1911 Act) - Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3286.

The hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3286 for the Improvement of South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 was opened at 8:02 P. M. in the Council Chamber. The Clerk filed his affidavits as to publication of Resolution of Intention No. 3286, and also as to mailing notices to property owners regarding adoption of this resolution and time of hearing. The Street Superintendent filed his affidavit as to posting notices of improvement.

Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed, motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed, or both. The Mayor then inquired if any written protests had been filed with the Clerk. The Clerk reported that 4 written protests had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing and then read in full all the protests filed by:

Laura E. Barrone, 724A No. Kenwood Ave., Glendale, Calif., owner of the property located at Lot 30, Tract 437, at Arlington & 236th;  
Stella Howard, Administratrix of the estate of Melissa A. Walker, 85 Valmonte Plaza, Palos Verdes Estates, California, on Lots 96, 97, and 82, in Tract 639;  
Orin K. Conant & Clara L. Conant, 2312 W. 231st St., owners of the West 110 feet of Lot 112 of Tract 639, or 2312 W. 231st St.;  
Thelma Russell, 2131 W. 233rd St., Torrance, owner of the North 200 ft. of the West 60 ft. of the East 165 ft. of Lot 41, Tract 530, and the West 55 ft. of Lot 9 and the East 10 ft. of Lot 8, Tract No. 437, and Lot 39, Tract 437; and  
Two pieces of property on 233 on L. A. County sewer, and East 157 ft. of the West 470 ft. of the South half of Lot 16, Tract 15.  
Selmer Langerud and Myrtle Langerud, 2040 - 237th St., asked how they would be charged for the sewers.

Mayor Isen then asked if anyone present desired to be heard from the floor.

No verbal protests were made from the floor.

All protestants having been heard, and an opportunity having been given to all persons desiring to be heard, and a fair and impartial hearing having been granted and the City Council having before them full and complete information as to the proposed work to be done and the extent of the district proposed to be assessed and the estimated cost of the proposed improvement, and also having considered all written protests or objections filed, and there being no verbal protests from the floor, the following action was taken:

Councilman Jahn pointed out that some of the lots listed in written protests here are not in the District. The City Engineer was directed by the Mayor to reply to the people who had written such letters, and to reply to Mr. Langerud's question as to how he would be assessed.

Councilman Benstead moved that the hearing be declared closed, seconded by Councilman Drale, and duly passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn then moved that all protests and objections against the proposed work or against the extent of the District to be assessed be overruled and that all such protests and objections be denied, seconded by Mayor Isen, and duly carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Clerk then presented Resolution No. 3305, ordering the work done, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 3305

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS:

Councilman Jahn moved to read the title only of this Resolution, seconded by Councilman Drale and duly carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved that Resolution No. 3305 be passed and adopted, seconded by Councilman Benstead, and upon roll call it was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Clerk then presented Resolution No. 3306, Fixing the Minimum Wage Scale, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 3306

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO:

Councilman Benstead moved to read the title only of this Resolution, seconded by Councilman Jahn, and duly carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved that Resolution No. 3306 be passed and adopted, seconded by Councilman Drale, and upon roll call it was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Clerk then presented Resolution No. 3309, Directing Engineer to Make and Sign Assessment, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3309

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE:

Councilman Drale moved to read the title only of this Resolution, seconded by Councilman Benstead and duly carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 3309 be passed and adopted, seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by the following vote:

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

2. CASE NO. 434: (Resubmitted) Continued from September 10, 1957.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing (Continued) on petition of Planning Commission for a Change of Zone in Lot 7 to 13, inclusive, of Block D, Tract 10307, immediately south of Torrance Beach, from R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residence) to P-1 (Open Area Parking) and R-1 (Single-Family Residential).

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. Neville, 417 Paseode la Playa, favored the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Mr. J. E. Hall, 624 Calle Miramar, representing some of the owners of some of the lots, namely, Messrs. Constable, Hutton, Marlowe, Walker, and others, opposed this Change of Zone for his clients. He pointed out the size of the lots, and that they had been bought under the R-3 Zone for multiple residential use. He suggested that the zoning of these lots should remain as it is at least until such time as the Council's action in the Don Ja Ran matter shall have been accepted.

In answer to a question from Councilman Benstead, Mr. Hall said the land is now zoned R-3, and was bought under that zone. He added that there is a difference between the zoning and the deed restrictions, but his clients had assumed the zoning by the City to be effective. His clients want the land to remain R-3.

Mayor Isen said the Planning Commission has recommended this land be zoned R-1, as the deed restrictions are.

Mr. J. R. Neville, 417 Paseo de la Playa, felt the action of the Council on the Don Ja Ran matter and on this matter should be kept apart, with each standing on its own merits.

Councilman Jahn asked to see a map of the area, which Planning Director Powell presented.

Councilman Jahn asked why a portion of some of the lots was zoned for parking and the other portion of the same lots was not.

Mr. Powell explained that the County owns parts of those lots, and uses them for parking for the beach.

Mayor Isen asked the depth of the lots, and Planning Director Powell said Lot 6 is 443' deep, Lot 7 and Lot 8 are both 443' deep, and Lot 9 is 493' deep.

Planning Director Powell presented a detailed map of the area which

had been prepared by Planning Commissioner Wm. Mason.

Mr. Newville pointed out that the full depth of the lots would not serve for building, as a bluff intersects the land. He believed only portions of the land would serve for building.

Councilman Jahn asked how he would consider building to be restricted on the lots, and Mr. Newvill said by the flat land.

Mr. Mason, who was present, pointed out that the bluff was shown on the map he had prepared by a red line.

Mr. W. H. Constable, 4049 Via Solano, Palos Verdes Estates, owner of Lot 8, said he had bought it as R-3 property and had intended to grade and compact down to the beach area, erecting multiple units which would not interfere with the view from the property behind his.

Councilman Jahn asked the status of the case in the courts on the deed restrictions.

Mr. Constable did not know this, nor did Mr. Hall.

Mr. Newville said he knew this, as his attorney is handling the opposition. He said the attorneys had asked that this be taken off the calendar about six months ago, and it has not been put back on.

Councilman Jahn thought the Council might be setting precedent and he did not believe they should.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

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

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

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

Councilman Jahn said he voted no on this because he did not think the Council should take part in this, and should let the courts adjudicate the case.

Mayor Isen said he had voted yes on this because the City needs that type of residential area, and the deed restrictions are of long standing and are a matter of public record.

### 3. CASE NO. 455:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) on Lot 3, Tract 20019, situated at 2244 West Redondo Beach Boulevard.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Blount moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no response.

Councilman Blount moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in this Change of Zone.

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

### 4. CASE NO. 457:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on the petition of Thomas R. and Hester L. Dale, for Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) on the northerly 254 feet of the easterly 25ths of the westerly half of the southeast 1/4 of Lot 67 and of the east 1-1/2 acres of the west 2 (two) acres of the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Lot 67, McDonald Tract, situated at 182nd St. on the north and Arlington Avenue on the west, said property at the rear of 2049 West 182nd Street.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.  
 Councilman Jahn moved this be accepted and filed.  
 Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.  
 Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this case.  
 There was no response.

Councilman Drale moved to close the hearing.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll  
 call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Plan-  
 ning Commission and change the zone of this land.

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

5. CASE NO. 460:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and  
 Final Hearing on petition of R. A. Watt, 7862 S. Western Avenue, for a  
 Change of Zone from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-1 (Single Family Resi-  
 dential) on Lots 6-60 except Lot 24 of Tract 22758, and Lots 13 through  
 108 inclusive, of Tract 22712, situated at Arlington Avenue on the east,  
 182nd Street on the south, Casimir Avenue on the west, and the south  
 boundary line of Tract 20561 on the north, except for area encompassed  
 by Tract 22660.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Councilman Drale asked if there is not a gas station on one of these  
 lots, and Mr. Powell said there is.

Councilman Drale asked if it was intended to keep the rest of the  
 land R-1, and Mr. Powell presented a sketch which showed the lots which  
 were exceptions to this.

Councilman Drale asked how many lots at Arlington and 182nd would  
 be for commercial use, and Mr. Powell said 6.

Planning Director Powell explained that the land is already mostly  
 developed for R-1 use, and this change is sought to make the zone fit the  
 use. There are two tracts involved in this Change of Zone action. He  
 said the unimproved lots shown on the sketch, fronting on 182nd St., are  
 being left under the C-2 zone.

Councilman Drale said it would be all right to have the corner lots  
 zoned for commercial use, but he felt the rest should be zoned R-1.

Mayor Isen asked if the area could all be zoned R-1 except Lots 1  
 and 24.

The City Attorney said we would have to give notice of that, if it  
 is done that way.

Councilman Drale asked if this land was zoned R-1 when the map was  
 approved.

Mayor Isen said it was not.

Councilman Blount said at one time the City had a law that was changed,  
 which would have made the zone change automatic. He asked the City Attorn-  
 ey to put such a law back in the City's code.

The City Attorney told the Council that he believed such a law would  
 be unconstitutional. He believed policy could be set to handle the matter  
 better.

Mayor Isen asked if the Council wished to hold this over for a week  
 to get the matter clear in their minds.

Councilman Drale said he did not believe any commercial development  
 was shown on the original tract map, and he felt this should all be R-1.

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney look into all the tracts  
 mentioned in this Case and see if they did not come under our old re-  
 zoning laws which would have automatically zoned this land R-1, and that  
 the Council be advised, as soon as possible.

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

6. CASE NO. 464:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-3 (Limited Multiple Family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) on property legally described as a portion of Lot 48, McDonald Tract, bounded on the west by Crenshaw, on the south by 166th Street, on the north by 164th, and on the east by Atkinson Avenue.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no response.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale asked if the necessary easements had been granted for widening of the street.

Planning Director Powell did not recall.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, subject to the widening of the street as required, and with all stipulations of the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen said it had been requested that one of the tracts on the Agenda be considered as early as possible tonight, and as there was no objection, ordered that Item N-2 on the Agenda, Tentative Tract No. 17180, be considered at this time.

TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 17180: Subdivider, Gilbert Sellan.

A letter dated October 3, 1957, from George C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted to the Council a letter from the subdivider as asked by the Council on October 1, 1957, in their consideration of the above captioned tract.

The letter from the subdivider was dated October 3, 1957, and signed by Mr. Sellan and Chris Sorenson. The letter stated that Lots 2 through 14 of the tract would be improved by multiple family residential units and that he would process a Change of Zone on those lots upon completion of construction.

The letter from the subdivider stated that Lots 1 and 15, having a Newton Street frontage, would be developed commercially and will remain in a C-2 zone.

Mayor Isen questioned the lots on Newton St., and Planning Director Powell said the entire area bounded by Tandem Way, Denny, Dalemead, and Newton is zoned for commercial use. The tract map was submitted. The subdivider says he will develop those two lots for commercial use.

In answer to a question from Councilman Benstead, Planning Director Powell explained that in a C-2 zone, R-1, R-2 or R-3 developments can be put up.

Mayor Isen believed the Council had asked the Planning Commission to institute Changes of Zone in cases such as this.

Councilman Benstead said the developer should have asked for the Change of zone first.

Councilman Drale asked what would be built on the land.

Mr. Jack Spahn of Barclay Engineering, speaking for the developer, said he was told by the builder that they plan to build multiple units on all the lots except the two facing Newton, which are zoned for commercial use and which will be developed for commercial use. He said they face the new Jump'n Jack restaurant. His firm has worked out the grading plans, but have not seen the building plans. The property is graded. He understood these would be modern buildings in every way. The builder had not instituted the Change of Zone because he wished to retain the set-back advantages of the C-2 zoning, and after construction is completed the builder says he will apply for the Change of Zone.

Councilman Benstead asked if this meant that Mr. Spahn was as much in the dark about this development as the Council.

Mr. Spahn said he did not know what was going to be put on the land.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Spahn whether he did not have to have the information for the grading plans, sewers, etc., but Mr. Spahn said they do not. He explained that grading and sewers were the same for individual homes or limited multiple dwellings.

Mayor Isen believed the Change of Zone should be processed through the Planning Commission before final approval of the map.

Councilman Drale asked the Planning Commission what the land was zoned before this map came in.

Planning Director Powell said it was C-2.

Councilman Drale asked if this meant the multiple dwellings could have been built there without application to the Council, and Mr. Powell said it did.

Mayor Isen said under this zoning, businesses could be run in the homes in the tract. This would deteriorate property values.

Mr. Spahn asked if the Council could approve this subject to final inspection being withheld until the Change of Zone is processed.

Mayor Isen did not think that could be done. He thought this should go through the Planning Commission, for their recommendation on Lots 1 and 15.

Mr. Spahn said Mr. Sellan had assured him the zone change was not asked at this time so he could take advantage of the set-back requirements of C-2 land. He would be willing to process the change now if the set-back requirements of C-2 zone could be retained.

Councilman Blount did not feel good faith was evidenced here.

Mr. Sellan, the builder, came forward. He gave his address as 1318 S. Gertruda, Redondo Beach. He explained he had bought the land under the C-2 zone, and had paid the proportionately higher price for it. He said he planned to build modern multiple units on the land, and could only make a profit if they were allowed to take advantage of the setback required in a C-2 zone, saying the R-3 zone required such deep setbacks that it would make it almost impossible to build them there. He said the plans are completed for some of the units. There will be duplexes, triplexes, and some 4-unit buildings. They had not given this information to the Council earlier because they were not sure of the financing, but this has been obtained now. He said they have obtained \$438,000 for this development, and can begin now.

Mr. Sellan added he would be glad to apply for the Change of Zone if he can be assured that he will be allowed to use the setback advantages of C-2 zone.

Upon being questioned, the City Attorney said if the Council pleased, they could pass this subject to the receipt of an assurance from Mr. Sellan that he would build on this land, nothing out of an R-3 zone, but subject to C-2 setbacks. He said this would have to be a written statement.

Mr. Sellan said he would write such a letter.

Mr. Spahn reported that Building Supt. Schlens said final inspection could be withheld if the Council so ordered.

Councilman Jahn said there would have to be some protection for the people who buy the units and move in there.

The City Attorney asked if this could be given to him for a week for study.

Councilman Drale moved Tract 17180 be referred back to the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn asked why, and Councilman Drale said he did not think he should give his reasons.

Mayor Isen thought it would be better to hold this for a week and have Mr. Sellan work on this with the City Attorney.

Mr. Spahn reported the subdivider has asked him to point out to the Council the time limits set forth in the Subdivision Act.

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

Mayor Isen moved the matter be held for a week, during which time a complete statement in writing be made by the subdivider similar to what he has stated here tonight, and with the subdivider to get together with the City Attorney and the Building Supt. and see if they can work out some way for the building to go forward with the C-2 set-back and the Change of Zone required.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from the Torrance Unified School District, dated October 1, 1957, signed by J. H. Hull, Secretary to the Board of Education, thanked the Council for the information pertaining to the proposed bond issues. The letter stated the Board's position in the matters of the bond issues.

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

2. A petition submitted by G. A. Fopiano containing 8 signatures re the proposed extension of island between Sepulveda Boulevard and service road to cause closure of Leyte Drive which is a short cul-de-sac. This was dated October 3, 1957.

A note appended to the petition stated this had been forwarded to the Traffic Commission for study and a recommendation.

Councilman Blount said the Traffic Commission had met today and had acted on this. It was their unanimous recommendation that this closure not be effected.

Councilman Blount also reported that the police feel the traffic conditions mentioned here should not exist, and that there will be steps toward more rigid enforcement there.

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

3. A request from the Los Angeles County Heart Association, dated October 2, 1957, signed by Emerson Spear, Chairman, and Dr. M. D. Covel, President, was for permission to solicit funds in Torrance during February, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

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

Mayor Isen directed the City Clerk to notify them of the Council's action on their request.

4. A letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, dated September 27, 1957, signed by John K. Kesson, President, asked the Council if something could be done to prohibit certain types of 'lewd and obscene' literature from being for sale in Torrance.

Councilman Benstead believed the City already had such an Ordinance.

The City Attorney said we have an Ordinance, but thought it might not be constitutional.

Councilman Jahn said the City of Inglewood had contacted the magazine supply house which furnished most of the magazines and periodicals sold in their City and managed to arrange with him not to furnish certain items in the City. He suggested that this method might work for the City of Torrance as well. In Inglewood, he went on, they asked this man to appear before the Council and agree not to distribute some magazines in their City, and this may well be effective here.

Mayor Isen agreed, saying he had thought this should be referred to the Police Dept., and to the Juvenile Dept. there, and they could report back to the Council in two weeks with their recommendations, which the Council could then consider.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

5. A letter dated October 3, 1957, from Slim Kidwell Aviation Co., signed by Mr. Kidwell, requested permission to change the tenant of part of his airport lease from the Verde Corporation to the Nickalou Corp.

Councilman Jahn protested that the letter was not clear, and did not specify whether this was to be a sub-lease or a sale.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Jahn, and asked the City Manager if the Council could get more information.

The City Manager thought this was to be a sublease.

Councilman Jahn had heard it was to be a sale. He pointed out that the Council does not approve of speculation with Airport leases, and said he would have to have more information before he could take any action on this.

Councilman Blount moved that Mr. Kidwell be informed of the question posed by Councilman Jahn and asked to clarify or rephrase his letter.

Mayor Isen asked if the motion could be amended to specify that the information be furnished to the City Attorney along with the terms of the transaction.

Councilman Jahn did not want to know that, saying he only wanted to know whether this is to be a sublease or a sale of the lease.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to know who the people are who are taking over the lease.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered.

At 9:10 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:20 P. M.

Councilman Blount left the meeting during the recess, as he was not well.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Under date of October 4, 1957, the following recommendations were submitted for Council consideration and approval:

#### PERSONNEL:

Percy G. Bennett was appointed to the position of Police Chief, effective October 1, 1957, being No. 1 on the Eligible List.

At the time of appointing an acting Chief, the Civil Service Board recommended that if the Acting Chief succeeded in getting the appointment, his probationary period and his salary as Police Chief be made retroactive to the date of his appointment as Acting Chief. Mr. Bennett was appointed Acting Chief of Police April 1, 1957, and has satisfactorily served in that position as of that date. I concur in the recommendation of the Civil Service Board on this matter and recommend that Chief Bennett be given permanent status effective October 1, 1957, as he has satisfactorily performed the duties of Chief for the past six months.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager under Personnel on the Chief and Assistant Chief.

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

Mayor Isen congratulated Assistant Chief of Police Porter upon his appointment.

Mayor Isen said the Council would like this to be clear, and so he moved that Chief Bennett's salary as Chief be retroactive to the date he began his service as Acting Chief of Police, with his status also to be retroactive.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To the Committee of Mayors of the Cities of Los Angeles County, the sum of \$125 for September 1, 1957, to September 1, 1958, dues.
2. To Inter-City Highway Committee, the sum of \$100 for October 1, 1957, to October 1, 1958, dues.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under Appropriations, both 1 and 2.

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

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. The bid for T-hangars at the Municipal Airport submitted by Anderson Structural Steel Company has been checked by the Building Department and found to comply with the specifications and with the Building Code.

I recommend that the bid of Anderson Structural Steel Company for constructing the ten T-hangars at the Airport, for the sum of \$20,500 be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and that all other bids be rejected.

2. That the bid of Anderson Fence Co. for fencing at the Sea-Aire Golf Course, in the amount of \$1,232, be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the City Manager's two recommendations on Award of Bids.

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

A letter dated October 3, 1957, to the Council from the Director of Recreation, submitted the following Resolution:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3315

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE AND THE ANDERSON FENCE COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3315.

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

A letter dated October 8, 1957, from the City Manager to the City Council, was given the number of H-2 for Agenda purposes.

This letter concerned the use of the old City Hall as a Municipal Court, and that Supervisor Chace requests a formal offer to be presented to the Supervisors. The basis of negotiation has been that the City has offered the County the use of the old City Hall on a rent-free basis, with the understanding that necessary alterations be made at the expense of the County. Officials of the County Administrator's Office believe that it would be to the City's and County's advantage to have custodial services and gardening maintenance performed by City forces. We have estimated the cost of these services to be \$523 per month, and recommend that the City

perform said services and bill the County for this amount each month.

The City should officially offer the County the use of the old City Hall and the provision of custodial services and gardening maintenance, as outlined above.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the negotiations on the use of the Old City Hall as a Municipal Court as outlined in the City Manager's letter, and that the offer be made.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. In a letter dated October 3, 1957, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, the Civil Service Board recommended approval of a request from William Leetz, Park Maintenance Man, for two weeks leave of absence without pay, from October 14th to 25th, inclusive, in addition to his regular earned vacation. The request was approved by Mr. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., and in accordance with Civil Service Rules will require ratification by the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. Building Superintendent Lee Schlens resubmitted an application from Mr. Dudley Gray for a sign to be located at 20800 Hawthorne Ave., as required by Sign Ordinance #842. Mr. Schlens said this was not processed at the October 1, 1957, meeting because of lack of sufficient information.

Mr. Schlens was present, and told the Council this would be an 8x12 sign, and Mr. Gray has posted a bond. The period of time this could stay up was at the discretion of the Council, but Mr. Schlens believed 6 months or less should be the limit.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission requested and to concur with the Bldg. Superintendent's recommendation on the time limit.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A memo dated October 4, 1957, from License Inspector Whitacre, submitted a request for a junk dealers license from Cozby & Wilson, 1860 Torrance Boulevard. Mr. Whitacre reported the request had been approved by Chief Bennett, and therefore Mr. Whitacre recommended the license be granted.

Councilman Benstead moved the license be granted.

Councilman Drale asked if they only want to pick up junk or to establish a junk location, and asked the zone of the property.

Planning Director Powell said the property is zoned M-2, but they could not establish a junk location there under that zone.

Mayor Isen directed that the record show the Council does not want a junk yard there, and that if this is granted, it will be so the applicants can pick up junk in the City only.

Councilman Benstead so amended his motion.

Motion, as amended, was seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated October 4, 1957, from H. B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, recommended that the Community Recreation Agreement between

the County of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance be approved and properly executed by the Council. Mr. Van Bellehem pointed out that, after four years of effort, we have been successful in getting the subvention from the County increased by \$10,686 -- from \$4,822 to \$15,508, the sum in the present contract.

Councilman Jahn said he had thought this had been planned for a sum in the neighborhood of \$40,000 instead of \$10,000.

Mr. Van Bellehem said not on this.

The City Manager said actually, we were one of two cities in the whole County who got an increase, and most had been cut.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3310

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO  
EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN COMMUNITY RECREATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958.

Councilman Benstead 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. 3310.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. PRAIRIE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT: Submitted were:
  - a. Report on present status, by J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, was dated October 3, 1957. Mr. Russell reported the easements not received as yet, but recommended that authorization be given to proceed with the improvement of Prairie as planned, with the exception that curbs and gutters be omitted where the easements have not been granted.
  - b. A letter dated October 3, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, submitted 8 easements for the widening of Prairie Ave. Right-of-Way between 182nd & 174th streets.
  - c. Sketch of the District.
  - d. Resolution accepting easements from the following:  
Faith Christian Assembly  
LeRoy & Lucille G. Forsythe  
LeVane M. and Helen B. Forsythe  
Bill T. and Lilly T. Hashimoto  
Henry and Emma Specht  
Anthony Venuto.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation made by the Director of Public Works.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3311

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THOSE CERTAIN EASE-  
MENT DEEDS ON PRAIRIE AVENUE.

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 to adopt Resolution No. 3311.

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

2. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 18962: Submitted were:

Transmittal form from Engineering Dept. recommending approval of Tract No. 18962, presented by Al Wechsler, containing 8 lots, located southerly of 187th St., between Cordary Ave. and Prairie Ave. Attached were:

- a. Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, dated October 3, 1957;
- b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of May 16, 1957;
- c. Letter from Asst. City Engr. John R. Patrick, dated May 16, 1957;
- d. Letter from Sou. Calif. Edison Co., dated May 9, 1957;
- e. Letter from B & A Investment Co., Inc., dated May 8, 1957;
- f. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District, dated April 2, 1957;
- g. Letter from James G. Felker dated February 15, 1957;
- h. Letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt., MWD #3, dated Jan. 18, 1957.
- i. Sketch.

Upon being asked by the Council, Planning Director Powell reported this Final Map is substantially the same as the Tentative Map, and has 60' lots in this tract.

Councilman Benstead asked if houses of this size meet the City's requirements for 3-bedroom houses, and Mr. Powell said they do.

Councilman Benstead asked how the property is zoned, and Mr. Powell said it is zoned A-1. He said that now, when a new subdivision comes in, if it is necessary for the zone to be changed that is done before the tract comes to the Council, however, he pointed out that this was submitted many months ago.

Councilman Benstead asked if these meet the City's requirements for 6,000 sq. ft. lots.

Mr. Powell said they do.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation for approval of Final Tract Map No. 18962.

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

3. TRAFFIC SIGNALS - Arlington Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

A letter from J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, dated October 3, 1957, recommended that the City of Torrance enter into an agreement with the City of Gardena to pay one-half the installation cost and one-half the maintenance cost of the traffic signals at Arlington Ave. and Redondo Beach Boulevard. Mr. Russell submitted a request from the City of Gardena that Torrance pay half of this.

Councilman Jahn asked why we should pay half of this, saying we do not own half of the street.

Mr. Russell explained that he had gone into this, and we own one side of the intersection; therefore, we have the same obligation as we would have if we did own half of the street.

Councilman Benstead asked if we would have two signals on our side of the street, and Mr. Russell said we will.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, John V. Russell.

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

4. CABRILLO AVENUE IMPROVEMENT - L. A. County Aid to Cities

A letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to grant the City \$18,425 of Aid to Cities Gasoline Tax Funds for the resurfacing of Cabrillo Ave. from Border to Carson, in compliance with the request of the Council.

Councilman Jahn asked when this was requested, saying he did not remember asking for it.

Councilman Drale said it was included in one of the Engineering Department recommendation.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3312

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

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

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

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager about the island in the center of the street for installation of parking meters, as ordered by the Council, and whether this would take care of that.

The City Manager reported we are going to put the island in ahead of this.

Councilman Jahn said the Council wanted redesign of that corner, and asked if that section of the street will be re-paved, causing a duplication of work.

The City Manager said he would see this does not interfere with the re-design of the corner, and that we would not have a work duplication.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3312.

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

5. RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT - Probationary Personnel

A letter dated October 3, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, requested an extension of two months for completing arrangements to move into the City for Lee D. Roulston and William A. Fagan, and recommended this extension be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation on this two months extension.

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

6. TRAFFIC SIGNALS:

A letter dated October 3, 1957, from Asst. to City Engr. J. R. Patrick reported that bids will be received for the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw, 190th St. and Crenshaw, and 182nd St. and Crenshaw, at the Council Meeting of October 15. As we now have additional funds available, he asked to receive a list of four other intersections at which the Council would like to have four-way traffic signals installed.

Councilman Drale suggested signals be installed at the following intersections: Carson and Crenshaw; Carson and Cabrillo; 174th and Arlington, where he thought they had been ordered, half to be paid for by the City and half by the State; Highway 101 and Calle Mayor; Anza and Torrance Boulevard.

The City Manager said the one at Highway 101 and Calle Mayor has been ordered.

Mayor Isen referred these suggestions to the Traffic Commission. Councilman Jahn suggested that the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw be included in the list.

It was so ordered.

City Engineer Bishop reported regarding the signal ordered for Highway 101 and Calle Mayor, saying November is the target date for completion of the design, with installation in February of 1958. He added there were 65 signal requests in ahead of ours.

7. FENCING - DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL INTERSECTIONS WITH TORRANCE STREETS:

In accordance with the action of the Council at their meeting of October 1, 1957, in awarding the bid for the fencing of the Dominguez Channel at its intersection with Redondo Beach Blvd., Crenshaw Blvd., Arlington Ave., and Gramercy Place in the City of Torrance to the low bidder, U. S. Steel Corp., Cyclone Fence Dept., J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted with a letter dated October 3, 1957, the appropriate resolution.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3313

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, AMERICAN STEEL AND WIRE DIVISION, CYCLONE FENCE DEPARTMENT.

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. 3313.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A letter from Planning Director Powell, dated October 3, 1957, submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation on Case No. 405, Variance, Torrance Blvd. and Date St. (Dick Miller). The Commission recommended approval of the new plan, which calls for a 1-story building and more parking than originally planned.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and all their special stipulations on this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, who asked if there was not a time limit on the life of a Variance.

The City Attorney said there is not unless the Council stipulates such a limit.

Councilman Drale commented that this Variance is over a year old, and asked if this action of the Council would be legal.

The City Attorney said it would be.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Mayor Isen asked if it was the pleasure of the Council to hold all these over until there is a full Council present, or to have a special meeting on them.

Councilman Drale said such a meeting could be held after the 29th.

Mayor Isen so moved, motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn protested, saying he felt Item 2, a recommendation from the Airport Commission that a group be appointed to inquire into the offer of Collins-Dietrich for mutual termination of the airport management lease should not be postponed.

Mayor Isen ordered that item excluded from the motion to postpone.  
 Councilman Jahn thought the grading plan should also be considered.  
 Mayor Isen ordered it be taken up as well.

Item 2: A letter dated October 3, 1957, from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, submitted to the Council an offer from Collins-Dietrich for mutual termination of the airport management contract. They recommended that the Council appoint a group to inquire into the reasonableness of the offer, and that the Airport Commission be represented in the group, and to conduct final negotiations with Collins-Dietrich.

Councilman Jahn said he would oppose anyone being on such a Committee except Councilmen, members of the Airport Commission, and City management.

Mayor Isen suggested that Airport Commissioner Simpson, City Manager Stevens, and the Finance Officer, and himself, constitute this Committee. There were no objections.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the appointment of the Committee.

Councilman Benstead said he would want to know the following things before voting on the renegotiation:

1. The total 'take' of the Airport to Collins-Dietrich;
2. Overhead at the Airport;
3. What it would cost the City to run the Airport if they took it over;
4. Approximately what the City would have left after everything is paid.

Mayor Isen told the City Manager that he would like to meet with the Committee and go into these things before any meeting is held with anyone else.

Councilman Benstead asked if it would be possible to find out what Collins-Dietrich have made from the Airport for the past 5 years. The City Manager said it would.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Committee appointment. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Item 3: In a letter from the Airport Commission, dated October 3, 1957, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, the Commission recommended approval of the grading plan as proposed for the south central portion of the Airport and the highway frontage, as submitted to the Commission by Mr. Rogers, and that Mr. Rogers be authorized to go ahead with this plan as submitted on a step-by-step basis.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the grading plan as submitted, and that City Manager Stevens be authorized to call for bids on it.

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

Item 4: A letter from the Airport Commission, dated October 3, 1957, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, recommended that leases be let for T-hangars at the Airport.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that had been taken care of and leases are being let.

Item 5: A letter from the Airport Commission, dated October 3, 1957, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, recommended padlocking of the switches for the landing lights at the Airport until their use is authorized.

Councilman Jahn suggested the City Manager attend to this matter. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Item 6: A letter from the Airport Commission, dated October 3, 1957, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, approved the T-hangar plans submitted by Bldg. Supt. Schlens for single-engine planes, and recommended plans be adopted for hangars for twin-engine planes.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the approval of the T-hangar specifications, and that plans for hangars for twin-engine planes be prepared.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. As directed by the Council at their regular meeting held September 10, 1957, the City Attorney submitted an Ordinance ordering the vacation of certain streets in Tract No. 18416, in a letter dated October 1, 1957. A sketch was attached showing the location of the parcel to be vacated.

The City Attorney told the Council that Mr. Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., has advised him that Mr. Daryl Anderson has amended the Plot Plan for his proposed construction at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd. deleting the driveways to Dalemead St. and substituting 8' pedestrian entrances as required by the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 909

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF CERTAIN STREETS IN TRACT NO. 18416 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if the stipulations were all taken care of in the Ordinance.

The City Attorney said they have been taken care of except for the reservation.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 909 at its first reading.

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

2. With a letter dated October 3, 1957, re the Franchise granted to Four Corners Pipe Line Co., the City Attorney submitted for its first reading an Ordinance with a correct legal description of the franchise.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 910

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO FOUR CORNERS PIPE LINE COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 910 at its first reading.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3314

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO BE USED AS MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3314.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3314.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Jahn asked if the bids have been ordered for this work, or if the lots must go through escrow first.

The City Manager said they would go through escrow first.

#### ORDINANCES:

1. A memo from the office of the City Clerk presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 901, which was passed unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead Absent) at its first reading at the Council meeting of October 1, 1957.

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 Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 901 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. A memo from the office of the City Clerk presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 908, which was passed unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent) at its first reading at the Council meeting of October 1, 1957.

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 Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 908 at its second and final reading.

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

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. John Broe, 17036 Daphne, spoke to the Council concerning the fact that a fence he is building must exceed the 6' limit set by Ordinance. Building Supt. Schlens said the Planning Commission is working on a

plan which will cover such cases as Mr. Broe's.

The City Attorney said a case such as this must be handled by Variance.

Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Broe to contact the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale commented on the copy of the "Truck Ordinance" he had received, and asked that the City Attorney present it to the Council.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Ordinance is still being worked on by various City departments.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to present the Ordinance to the Council.

Councilman Jahn said he had attended a meeting of Mayors, Councilmen, and Chamber of Commerce managers of the South Bay Cities on the so-called 'Lakewood Services' plan. He said it had been asked that each Council appoint a citizen member of this Committee.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen instructed Councilman Jahn to appoint a person to that post as Councilman Jahn will be serving on the Committee.

Councilman Jahn said there was a letter about school bus stops under 'Information Only' on the Agenda. He asked if the City Manager would reply to the letter.

The City Manager said he would reply, telling the person writing the letter that this matter is not under the jurisdiction of the City.

Councilman Drale reminded everyone of the dinner meeting at the Pen 'n Quill Thursday evening, October 10, 1957, with the Inter-Cities Highway Committee. He said this would be at 6:30 P. M.

Mayor Isen commented that it seemed there had been some misunderstanding on the Parks & Recreation Commission as to their duties, which are to make studies and advise the Council. He read the portion of the Ordinance governing that Commission which outlines their duties. He also pointed out that any member of that Commission who does not attend 3 consecutive meetings without special permission must relinquish the post of Commissioner. He said the Council had considered the Commission's recommendation on bonds, and had felt that the \$3,000,000 bond issue should be requested.

Mayor Isen read in full a letter of resignation from the Parks & Recreation Commission from George Vico.

Mayor Isen moved the resignation be accepted and the usual letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Vico.

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

Mayor Isen said he would make appointments tonight to fill the Commission, and we will have a Commission of which everyone in the City will be proud.

Mayor Isen then read in full a letter of resignation from the Commission by Herb Albright, Jr., and pointed out that in his letter Mr. Albright stated he favored the bond issue.

Councilman Drale moved the resignation be accepted and the usual letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Albright.

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

Councilman Jahn told Mayor Isen that during the month of September, while the Mayor was away, Mrs. Boswell had made a statement to the newspapers saying that she was resigning from the Commission, however, no letter of resignation had been received from her.

Mayor Isen said that a great deal of correspondence had accumulated at his office during his absence, and that it was quite possible a letter from Mrs. Boswell had been sent there and mislaid in the effort of getting that mail in order.

Mayor Isen said he was sure she had resigned from the Commission.

Mayor Isen moved Mrs. Boswell's resignation from the Commission be accepted and the usual letter of thanks be sent her.

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

Mayor Isen said it has been a matter of policy for him to name the persons nominated to such positions one week, and ask the Council for ratification of the appointments at the next meeting, however, due to the urgency of the Commission's business at this time, and due to the fact that he has asked both the Park & Recreation Commission and the Airport Commission to hold special meetings each week to spearhead the bond drives, he will make the appointments to the Commission tonight. Mayor Isen was sure, he said, that when the Council heard these names there would be no hesitancy in ratification of the appointments.

Mayor Isen made the following appointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission:

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, 3825 W. 176th St., to fill out Mr. Albright's term;

Mr. Ralph Morris, 312 Via Pasqual, Hollywood Riviera, to fill the unexpired portion of Mr. Vico's term;

Mr. Bernard Dougan, 1327 Cota, to fill the unexpired portion of Mrs. Boswell's term.

Upon polling, the Councilmen present unanimously approved the appointments.

Mayor Isen appointed Mr. William Hanson, 327 Paseo de Gracia, to the Library Board, saying that the next new library in the city would be in the Hollywood-Riviera area, which should be represented on the Board.

The Council approved the nomination unanimously by roll call vote of those present when polled.

Mayor Isen re-appointed Mrs. John G. L. Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., to the Library Board.

Mayor Isen expressed regret that there had been a misunderstanding by some of the Parks & Recreation Commission of the duties of the Commission, and said the Council has appreciated their diligent service to the City. He reported that Mrs. Tillim, who resigned from that Commission a few weeks ago, is strongly favoring the bond issue.

Councilman Benstead moved that each new member of that Commission or any other be given a copy of the Ordinance governing the Commission and outlining their duties.

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

Mayor Isen reported on the rally held Monday night, October 7, to spearhead the bond drive. He said there had been questions asked about how the money would be paid, if one area would benefit more than another, and so forth. He suggested that if the bond issues pass, a Citizens' Advisory Committee be set up, to be known as the Torrance Advisory Committee, composed of members appointed as follows: one appointment by each Councilman; one appointment from the Chamber of Commerce; one appointment by Labor; an appointment made by the bona fide Homeowners' groups, or service organizations. This Committee could meet with the Council and advise them on the expenditure of the funds, and could keep their parent organizations posted as to the fairness of the methods of expenditure.

Councilman Drale thought there should be a limitation on the number of people on such a Committee.

Councilman Jahn moved such a plan be adopted in case one or the other or both bond issues pass.

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

City Manager Stevens spoke to the Council about their request that the Engineering Department prepare plans and specifications for the library in the Hollywood-Riviera section. He explained that they are not in a position to do that work, and recommended we employ Mr. Varner to do that work. He told the Council that Councilman Blount is in agreement with this recommendation.

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

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

Mr. Elvin Schoonover, speaking for the Pacific Hills Homeowners' Association, told the Council that the Madison Street ditch is in bad shape and should be cleaned.

The City Manager said it would be cleaned, and probably the job is already scheduled.

Councilman Jahn moved all bills properly audited be paid.

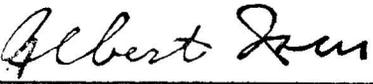
Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance