

Torrance, California  
November 5, 1957

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, November 5, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn, and Isen. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: None.

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

The Reverend William K. Schatz, of the Seaside Community Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 29, 1957, as written.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

CANVASS OF RETURNS - SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CONSOLIDATED -  
OCTOBER 29, 1957 - (Charter Amendments 1 and 2 - Airport Fund;  
Mayor and City Council; Bond Propositions A and B - Airport and  
Park and Recreation Facilities).

This being the time and place fixed for the canvass of the returns of the Special Election held on October 29, 1957, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Torrance two proposals by this Council for amendments to the charter of said City, the returns of said election (and the absentee votes cast at said election that have been received) were duly and regularly canvassed as provided by law.

It was moved by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Benstead, that the following resolution declaring the result of said canvass be adopted, and that it, together with the City Clerk's Statement, be set forth in full on the Minutes:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Resolution No. 3329, declaring the result of the canvass and City Clerk Bartlett's Statement adopting said Resolution follow, being Pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and a part of Page 8 of these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3329

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 29, 1957.

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The City Council of the City of Torrance, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. That a special election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Torrance two proposals for amending the charter of said city was duly called and regularly held in said city on the 29th day of October, 1957, at which election there were submitted to the qualified voters of said city the following two proposals, to wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1: Shall a new article be added to the Charter of the City of Torrance to be known as "Article XX, Airport Fund" (consisting of Sections 1 to 4, inclusive), establishing a separate fund in the treasury of said city to be designated "Airport Fund," in which shall be placed all receipts from the use or operation of all airport facilities owned by the city, all of said receipts to be used for the expenses of operating and maintaining said airport facilities and for the payment of principal and interest on bonds of the city, including general obligation bonds, issued for the acquisition, construction, improvement or financing of airport facilities or for additions, extensions or capital improvements thereto?

CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2: Shall Sections 1 and 3 of Article VI, Sections 2, 13 and 14 of Article IX, Section 7 of Article X, and Section 1 of Article XII of the Charter of the City of Torrance be amended, providing for a Mayor and six members of the Council and making them elective officers of the city, providing for the election of elective officers at the general municipal election of 1958, changing the minimum vote required for the adoption of certain types of resolutions and ordinances, and establishing the rights, powers and duties of the Mayor?

Section 2. That the returns of said charter amendment election have been duly and regularly canvassed by this City Council as provided by law, and all absentee ballots received have been counted and canvassed as provided by law.

Section 3. That the votes cast in the precincts established for said charter amendment election upon said proposals and for and against said proposals, the absentee votes cast upon said proposals and for and against said proposals, and the total votes cast at said election for and against said proposals and upon said proposals are as follows:

<u>PRECINCT NOS.</u>	<u>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>			<u>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>		
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	41	32	73	61	11	72
2	40	26	66	56	10	66
3	33	32	65	46	19	65
4	19	43	62	42	20	62
5	19	34	53	36	16	52
6	17	15	32	29	4	33
7	21	33	54	32	22	54

<u>PRECINCT NOS.</u>	<u>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>			<u>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>		
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
8	40	49	89	62	27	89
9	32	27	59	51	10	61
10	22	27	49	41	9	50
11	24	28	52	39	13	52
12	61	19	80	69	11	80
13	31	16	47	43	4	47
14	49	30	79	63	15	78
15	48	39	87	63	19	82
16	33	26	59	44	16	60
17	35	19	54	46	8	54
18	32	18	50	41	8	49
19	34	30	64	56	9	65
20	43	31	74	54	17	71
21	47	23	70	67	4	71
22	65	38	103	86	16	102
23	22	18	40	32	7	39
24	35	13	48	43	5	48
25	37	17	54	47	7	54
26	34	27	61	49	13	62
27	40	27	67	58	10	68
28	30	18	48	40	7	47
29	34	38	72	58	12	70
30	59	36	95	71	23	94
31	64	30	94	85	9	94
32	84	57	141	125	18	143
33	99	59	158	139	19	158
34	77	73	150	126	27	153
35	75	90	165	127	40	167

<u>PRECINCT NOS.</u>	<u>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>			<u>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>		
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
36	68	61	129	88	41	129
37	62	63	125	88	34	122
38	40	61	101	57	41	98
39	41	37	78	59	19	78
40	68	53	121	96	30	126
41	38	59	97	68	33	101
42	34	50	84	71	15	86
43	44	25	69	56	12	68
44	41	57	98	78	19	97
45	48	51	99	79	19	98
46	64	97	161	116	46	162
47	83	84	167	129	39	168
48	27	26	53	45	8	53
49	37	18	55	56	1	57
50	34	38	72	58	13	71
51	25	37	62	46	13	59
52	58	68	126	105	19	124
53	53	67	120	99	20	119
54	36	40	76	62	14	76
55	43	70	113	87	27	114
56	38	51	89	72	16	88
57	52	49	101	85	13	98
58	51	65	116	102	16	118
59	64	49	113	93	15	108
60	72	44	116	97	19	116
61	51	34	85	63	22	85
62	48	46	94	69	25	94

PRECINCT NOS.	CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1			CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2		
	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL
63	42	20	62	55	6	61
64	47	18	65	57	9	66
65	41	35	76	71	4	75
66	45	11	56	54	2	56
67	33	39	72	49	22	71
68	77	23	100	95	5	100
69	90	69	159	142	18	160
70	81	52	133	113	20	133
71	86	71	157	124	35	159
72	66	73	139	104	32	136
73	70	46	116	96	17	113
74	44	49	93	80	13	93
75	57	43	100	87	13	100
Total votes in Precincts	3575	3087	6662	5378	1270	6648
Absentee votes	7	6	13	11	2	13
TOTAL VOTES IN CITY	<u>3582</u>	<u>3093</u>	<u>6675</u>	<u>5389</u>	<u>1272</u>	<u>6661</u>

Section 4. That the votes of more than a majority of all qualified voters voting at said special charter amendment election were cast in favor of each of said proposals and each of said proposals is hereby declared to be carried, and each of said charter amendments is hereby deemed to be ratified and shall be submitted to the Legislature at the regular or special session next following such election, to be approved or rejected, without power of alteration, in the

form and manner as provided in Section 8 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of California.

Section 5. That the City Clerk of this City is hereby directed to enter this resolution in full in the minutes of this City Council.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 5th day of November, 1957.

s/ Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of  
Torrance, California

ATTEST:

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

STATEMENT OF CITY CLERK

I, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct statement of the facts of canvass of the special charter amendment election held in said city on the 29th day of October, 1957, and of the results thereof as declared by said City Council, and said resolution as entered in full on the minutes of said City Council is hereby adopted by me as my statement of the canvass of the returns of said election and the results thereof.

DATED: November 5, 1957.

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

This being the time and place fixed for the canvass of the returns of the special election held on October 29, 1957, the returns of said election (and the absentee votes cast at said election that have been received) were duly and regularly canvassed as provided by law.

It was moved by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Jahn, that the following resolution declaring the result of said canvass be adopted, and that it, together with the City Clerk's Statement, be set forth in full on the Minutes:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Resolution No. 3330, declaring the result of said canvass, and the Statement of the City Clerk, are incorporated in these Minutes, being Pages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and a part of Page 15.

RESOLUTION NO. 3330

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 29, 1957.

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The City Council of the City of Torrance, California, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. That a special bond election was duly called and regularly held in said city on the 29th day of October, 1957, at which election there were submitted to the qualified voters of said city the following propositions, to wit:

BOND PROPOSITION "A" - AIRPORT FACILITIES:

Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said city of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: additions to and improvements of the public airport of said city, including the acquisition and improvement of land for aircraft landing approach zones, runways, taxiways, and other airport facilities and improvements, together with all grading and the removal of buildings, and the acquisition of fencing, lighting, apparatus, equipment and property necessary for any of the foregoing?

BOND PROPOSITION "B" - PARK AND RECREATION

FACILITIES: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of the acquisition and construction by said city of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: park and recreation facilities for said city, including the acquisition and improvement of land for park and recreation sites, the improvement of existing park and recreation sites, and the construction of all buildings, structures, roadways, vehicle parking facilities, and other improvements necessary for park and recreation purposes, together with landscaping and the acquisition of furniture, furnishings, apparatus, equipment and other property necessary for any of the foregoing?

Section 2. That the returns of said election have been duly and regularly canvassed by this City Council as provided by law, and all absentee ballots received have been counted and canvassed as provided by law.

Section 3. That the votes cast in the precincts established for said election upon said propositions and for and against said propositions, the absentee votes cast upon said propositions and for and against said propositions, and the total votes cast at said election for and against said propositions and upon said propositions are as follows:

PRECINCTS NOS.	BOND PROPOSITION "A"			BOND PROPOSITION "B"		
	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL
1	33	39	72	53	20	73
2	33	32	65	45	22	67
3	17	47	64	33	32	65
4	20	42	62	19	43	62
5	16	39	55	32	24	56
6	14	19	33	20	13	33
7	17	39	56	30	26	56
8	35	53	88	64	26	90
9	32	27	59	42	18	60
10	14	37	51	31	20	51
11	15	38	53	38	16	54
12	52	27	79	67	12	79
13	25	21	46	38	10	48
14	39	39	78	48	31	79
15	41	48	89	52	36	88
16	25	35	60	34	26	60
17	25	30	55	37	19	56
18	27	25	52	41	12	53
19	27	38	65	46	20	66
20	39	35	74	47	27	74
21	41	29	70	56	17	73
22	54	49	103	102	13	115
23	13	25	38	32	8	40
24	33	15	48	41	7	48
25	29	25	54	48	6	54
26	28	34	62	53	9	62
27	34	35	69	53	16	69
28	26	29	55	37	18	55

PRECINCTS NOS.	BOND PROPOSITION "A"			BOND PROPOSITION "B"		
	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL
29	20	54	74	58	16	74
30	41	54	95	78	17	95
31	60	35	95	76	19	95
32	68	72	140	108	36	144
33	77	80	157	107	51	158
34	61	88	149	85	67	152
35	67	102	169	84	83	167
36	52	73	125	53	93	146
37	41	82	123	59	67	128
38	35	62	97	47	56	103
39	36	42	78	35	42	77
40	63	64	127	60	71	131
41	36	63	99	36	62	98
42	21	64	85	27	60	87
43	30	37	67	36	32	68
44	37	77	114	62	51	113
45	37	61	98	58	41	99
46	47	115	162	71	89	160
47	60	101	161	90	80	170
48	19	34	53	36	17	53
49	29	28	57	49	8	57
50	22	50	72	53	19	72
51	21	39	60	42	20	62
52	34	91	125	88	38	126
53	40	81	121	82	40	122
54	27	50	77	55	22	77
55	33	81	114	74	38	112
56	39	49	88	63	25	88

PRECINCTS NOS.	BOND PROPOSITION "A"			BOND PROPOSITION "B"		
	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL
57	40	61	101	78	23	101
58	32	86	118	84	33	117
59	46	69	115	93	20	113
60	47	69	116	61	55	116
61	35	51	86	46	40	86
62	45	49	94	56	38	94
63	33	28	61	42	20	62
64	41	25	66	48	19	67
65	43	34	77	61	16	77
66	38	20	58	47	10	57
67	28	44	72	43	29	72
68	54	45	99	83	17	100
69	65	97	162	147	15	162
70	65	68	133	89	44	133
71	80	82	162	84	75	159
72	62	78	140	84	56	140
73	61	57	118	85	33	118
74	36	56	92	59	31	90
75	47	53	100	71	29	100
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Total votes in Precincts	2855	3852	6707	4372	2410	6782
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Absentee votes	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>
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TOTAL VOTES IN CITY	<u>2855</u>	<u>3859</u>	<u>6720</u>	<u>4374</u>	<u>2421</u>	<u>6795</u>

Section 4. That the votes of less than two-thirds of all the voters voting at said election were cast in favor of the adoption of either of said bond propositions and both said bond propositions are hereby declared to have failed to carry at said election.

Section 5. That the City Clerk of this City is hereby directed to enter this resolution in full in the minutes of this City Council.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 5th day of November, 1957.

s/ Albert Isen  
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Mayor of the City of  
Torrance, California

ATTEST:

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

STATEMENT OF CITY CLERK

I, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing resolution is a full, true and correct statement of the facts of canvass of the special bond election held in said city on the 29th day of October, 1957, and of the results thereof as declared by said City Council, and said resolution as entered in full on the Minutes of said City Council is hereby adopted by me as my statement of the canvass of the returns of said election and the results thereof.

DATED: November 5, 1957.

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

At 6:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:35 P. M.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council at this time consider a letter dated October 31, 1957, from City Attorney Remelmeyer, concerning the proposed amended Lease between the City and Jefferson, Incorporated.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that the letter dated October 28, 1957, from Newlin, Tackabury & Johnston, attorney for Jefferson, Inc., contained their counter proposals to the City's ideas regarding zoning and construction time limits.

Attorney Remelmeyer said they want 12 months instead of 9 months from the date of marketable title in which to commence construction of a quarter of a million dollars worth of improvements, and they agree to have constructed four million dollars worth of improvements six years from the date of construction, rather than in four years as required by the Council.

Councilman Jahn said he would favor the 12 month period to begin construction, but not the 6 year period for completion of construction.

Councilman Drale felt that the extension of time in which they may begin construction actually constitutes giving them an extra year in which to complete construction.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone objected to giving them 12 months from the date of marketable title in which to begin construction.

Councilman Drale felt that a certain date should be set ending the extension of time, and suggested December 31, 1958.

There were no objections, and it was agreed that date should end the period for beginning of construction.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone felt they should be given a 6 year period in which to complete construction of the four million dollars worth of improvements.

Councilman Jahn felt four years would be better.

Councilman Drale pointed out that the 4 year period actually gained a year by the extension of the commencement date.

After discussion, it was generally agreed the date of completion should be 4 years from the date of marketable title.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Jefferson, Inc., objected to paying the 5% in lieu tax as asked by the Council on rents paid by businesses which would not produce sales tax revenue.

Councilman Drale felt the City should receive this in lieu tax.

Mayor Isen felt Jefferson should be able to put in one each of such businesses as barber shop, beauty shop, travel agency, etc., without paying the in lieu tax, but that if more than one each of these go in the area the in lieu tax should be paid on them.

The City Attorney asked if the Council felt they could put more than one of such businesses on the area by coming in for Variances in each instance.

The City Attorney reported the Council had agreed to exempt the super-market from paying such tax.

Councilman Benstead felt the lease could be drawn in such a manner as to make variances unnecessary. He pointed out that such a tax could not be expected from a post office.

Mayor Isen felt that one each of such businesses, as shown in a list on page 2 of the City Attorney's letter to the Council, could be put into the area, but if they want to put in any others, they would need a variance and should pay a 5% in lieu tax on the rentals from them to the City, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen's motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that the letter from Jefferson's attorney's limited the floor area to be occupied by non-sales tax producing businesses.

Mayor Isen directed this be stricken from the agreement.

The City Attorney asked the Council's wishes in regard to the zoning of the property, and whether they wish this to be governed by the lease or by zoning.

Mayor Isen felt it should be governed by both.

The City Attorney said the number of each type of businesses to be put in the area can be governed by the lease, and the type of businesses could be governed by the zoning ordinance.

The City Attorney reported he had received a notice of assignment of lease from Store Properties stating they have assigned their interest in this lease to Jefferson, Inc. He asked if the Council wishes this to run to Jefferson, Inc., or Store Properties, saying he had been informed that Store Properties is going to dissolve as a corporation.

Mayor Isen felt that since this has been assigned, and Store Properties is going to dissolve, the lease should be drawn directly to Jefferson, Inc., with the lease to embody all the changes and corrections so there will not be amendments to contend with.

Councilman Jahn asked what disposition would be made with regard to the \$25,000 deposit Store Properties has with the City.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if this would be transferred to Jefferson, Inc., and Attorney Remelmeyer said it has already been transferred.

Mayor Isen said we would require a statement from Store Properties to that effect, and a disclaimer from them showing the money now is the property of Jefferson, Inc.

AWARD OF CONTRACT - SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3.

A letter dated October 31, 1957, from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, recommended that the contract for the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 be awarded to the lowest bidder, Charles J. Dorfman, 124 North La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, in the amount of \$84, 379.95, and all other bids be rejected. A summary of bids was attached to Mr. Patrick's letter, as was a sketch of the District.

City Clerk Bartlett read the title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3331

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF ARLINGTON AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3331.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3331.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A petition bearing 66 signatures of residents and property owners in North Torrance requested water service from the City of Torrance.

A note from the City Manager was appended, and reported a copy of the petition had been forwarded to the Water Department to determine the feasibility of such service. The City Manager's memo was dated November 1, 1957.

Councilman Jahn asked to have a copy of the petition sent to the Moneta Water Company, who serve the area at present.

Mr. Norman J. Smith, 2510 - 179th St., asked to have the water sampled, and presented to the Council a jar containing water and an algae growth which he said was typical of the water they get.

Councilman Benstead moved the water be analyzed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mr. Smith said he would be glad to have samples of the water taken from his home at any time.

Mayor Isen felt the person making the analysis should go to the homes in the area and get the samples for analysis.

Mrs. Jean Foster, who said she lives in the area, said that at times the water was fairly clean, so she suggested the samples be taken over a period of time, or that they be taken during the time the water was bad.

Mayor Isen ordered a copy of the petition sent to the Moneta Water Company, and an analysis to be made, and asked the City Manager to see these things were done.

Councilman Drale referred to the matter of Moneta Water Co., saying a survey has been made, at a cost of about \$4,000 each to the City and Moneta Water Co., with a view of the City buying that company. The survey was made by Stone & Webster, and it was made and the purchase price predicated on the future income of that Company. He felt the figure to be totally unrealistic, and said the difference between the price they will ask and what the City could pay is so great as to be almost insurmountable. He reported that the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light is interested in the purchase of that part of the Moneta Water Co. which extends into their territory. He suggested that the City Manager, the Supt. of the Water Dept., the City Council, and the representatives of the Moneta Water Co. and the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light sit down and see if they can work out some solution to this problem.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if it would be necessary for another water district to be formed in that area if this property is acquired.

The City Attorney said it would be. He reported the appraisal was very unsatisfactory, and the value of their holdings was shown at a very high figure. He reported a suit is being prepared to determine whether their leases are exclusive or not. That will be important.

He also reported that he and the City Manager could not accept the basis of the appraisal, which was the future earnings of the Company.

Mayor Isen felt the water should be cleaned up now.

Councilman Blount asked for a re-affirmation of two things, namely, (1) whether a new Water District would have to be formed, and (2) what exclusive rights they may have, or whether they have any.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to give the Council a written opinion on this matter.

Mayor Isen suggested the County Health Dept., and the Health Officer, should also have copies of this petition and should make the analysis of the water.

The City Manager suggested that a Committee from the Council work with him and Mr. McVicar and possibly representatives of the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light on this matter. He felt the appraisal was not realistic.

Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Drale and Benstead to act in this matter as a Committee.

Mr. Stevens suggested to Mr. Smith and others from the affected area that they call him whenever the water is bad, and reassured them that samples would be taken in a matter of minutes whenever such calls are received.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to be sure the Health Dept. received all of this information.

2. An October 31, 1957, letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John G. L. Crain, President, asked that the Council consider certain traffic problems in North Torrance.

Councilman Drale asked that Chief of Police Bennett give the Council a report on this, saying the light at 174th and Arlington was needed and had been asked for prior to this time.

Chief Bennett said that is a State Highway, and the request has to go to the State, and that letters on some of the signals on that Highway have been sent in, but replies have not been received. He felt the other requests would be properly considered by the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Drale felt 174th Street needs more lights.

Mayor Isen suggested that Senator Richards might be able to help us in this regard. He offered to co-sign a letter regarding these lights to Senator Richards and to the State.

Councilman Jahn wanted Mr. Crain to know that the traffic expert referred to in this letter was no longer in the employ of the City.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this letter to the Traffic Commission.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. A letter dated November 1, 1957, from City Manager Stevens, submitted the following recommendation for consideration and approval:

##### PERSONNEL:

1. I recommend that Casper Clemmer, Assistant Park Superintendent, be authorized to attend the In-Service Education Program on Park Maintenance to be held in Glendale, November 21-25. The expense to the City will not be more than \$75.00, including tuition, meals and housing.

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

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

##### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. Stone and Webster has again billed us for our portion of the appraisal of the Moneta Water Company. In accordance with our agreement, the City of Torrance was to pay 50% of the total bill. Although we are not in accord with the

findings of the appraisal, I believe that we should pay our proportionate share of the appraisal, funds to come from the water department.

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

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

Recommendation on present City Dump operation:

A letter dated November 1, 1957, from the City Manager to the Council, gave a complete resume' of the present City Dump operation, and recommended that our present system of operation be retained.

The City Manager told the Council he had spent a lot of time on this, and gave a complete oral report on the reason for operation of the dump as it is now conducted.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

The City Manager said there is one portion of the dump where we have not as yet excavated. He said we would excavate to track level there, and said he felt that would be a case of first come, first served. He said he did not recommend changing our present dump operation.

Councilman Drale asked if the City Manager thought we would improve our situation by calling for bids, but the City Manager did not. He gave his reasons for thinking we are better off under our present situation.

At 7:25 P. M., Mayor Isen left the Chamber, after asking Councilman Benstead to take the Chair during his absence.

The City Manager reminded the Council of the history of the dump operation.

The City Manager told Councilman Benstead, in reply to a question, that he had not been able to contact Mr. Palmiere since the last meeting of the Council.

At 7:30 P. M., Councilman Benstead declared a recess.

When the Council re-convened at 7:35 P. M., Mayor Isen was present.

Motion to concur with the City Manager's recommendation carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. A memo from the City Manager, dated November 1, 1957, concerned the height of the beacon tower at the Torrance Airport. The memo informed the Council that Mr. Carmen, lighting consultant and expert for the CAA, stated the best height for a beacon tower is 51 feet or higher. Mr. Carmen had informed the City that Dresser-Ideco Co. supplies 90% of the towers in this area, and their fee is \$1,500 (not installed).

There were no objections to Councilman Drale's motion to file this as a matter of record, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn asked that the record show that both he and Councilman Blount felt the location of the tower should be unchanged.

4. A November 1, 1957, letter from the City Manager, concerned the termination of the Airport Management Contract, and presented to the Council a copy of a letter from Collins-Dietrich dated October 30, 1957, giving the City their understanding and interpretation of the mutual termination agreement of the Airport Management Contract.

Mayor Isen asked if any of the Council wished to discuss this letter.

Councilman Drale asked for the City's plans for the Airport if we do buy the contract.

The City Manager replied that would be a matter for the Council to decide. He thought the Council would want to take this over as of January 1, 1958, and employ a manager and the necessary personnel to manage the Airport for the City.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would not be under Civil Service, and the City Manager said it would.

Councilman Drale asked what we could gain, saying it would cost the City about \$18,000 to take over the contract. He asked if the City would profit from this.

The City Manager said the City would; with the present leases, he believed the City would profit about \$2,000 over the 18 months. He pointed out that if the City took over the contract, they would be able to proceed with activation of the master plan without the approval of another party.

Councilman Drale did not believe the Airport concerned enough of the population of Torrance to make it worth while.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Airport would become a safer operation under the Master Plan.

Councilman Jahn asked if the \$2,000 profit would be shown after paying the necessary personnel for Airport operation, and the City Manager said it would.

The City Manager explained that the City does not plan to sell petroleum products, and gave the various reasons for that.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is not a controversy at present concerning the industrial rents, and the City Manager said there is, and explained it.

Councilman Drale asked why the City did not wait until the contract is completed before taking over the lease, and explained his feeling that the City should wait.

The City Manager explained that this is at the discretion of the Council.

The Mayor felt that there had been many areas of dispute, and that it would be advantageous to the City to proceed with the immediate improvement of the airport. He pointed out that this operation would pay its own way, and might even prove to be profitable.

Councilman Drale recounted the history of the letting of the contract to Collins-Dietrich.

The Mayor explained that this was an offer from them that the Council was considering.

Councilman Blount asked to have the record show that he objected to the inference by the Mayor that the present management of the Airport had held up leases there. He did not believe that to be a fact, and asked that the record show this statement.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager again what profit the City would show in the next 18 months from operation of the Airport, and the City Manager repeated that he believed it would be about \$2000 after payment of personnel.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that this seems to be a mutual agreement, and said he considered it to be an excellent basis for negotiation. He thought the City should accept it, and go ahead and develop the Airport as they wish.

Councilman Drale asked to be informed of the points of dispute.

Councilman Jahn told him there were several points, for instance, the matter of the rentals on the industrial leases, refusal of the present management of the airport to assume any responsibility or liability for the lighting system, refusal to cooperate in the change of grade and installation of improvements along Pacific Coast Highway, or approval of the new Master Plan.

Councilman Drale felt the contract should be allowed to run its course.

Mr. David Stewart of Vegas Air, who was present, talked to the Council about the failure of the Airport bond issue, as mentioned by Councilman Drale earlier in the discussion. He did not believe this could be construed as a true picture of the feelings of Torrance residents in this matter.

Councilman Benstead felt this matter deserved more study.

Councilman Jahn said he was in favor of concurring with the suggestions, with the following recommendations:

He would move to concur with the recommendation of the Committee and the City Manager, but he thought the City Attorney should report to the Council how any changes under the Master Plan would be handled, and what will be done about the Improvement Fund; Councilman Jahn said he would also like to find out who owns the gas equipment on the field and if it would be included in the extension of the leases to Collins-Dietrich as mentioned in this agreement.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, with the stipulation that, if the properties leased to Collins-Dietrich have to be moved, they should agree to move if the expenses of the move were paid, so if that is necessary the Master Plan won't be retarded.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to have more time on this, and moved to table it for two weeks.

Councilman Drale recalled that Councilman Benstead had asked for certain financial records and statements on the Airport, and said he would like to see these as well.

The City Manager said a report of the earnings of the Airport would be forthcoming.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Benstead's motion to table, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn told the City Attorney he would like to have the answers to his questions as soon as possible.

Councilman Benstead asked to have the financial reports sent to him by mail as soon as they are ready.

The City Manager said they would be mailed to all Councilmen; he said this would be done as soon as they are ready.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated October 31, 1957, from the City Attorney, concerned bringing the City Code up to date, and requested and recommended that the Council authorize payment to Michie City Publications Co. in the amount of \$2,656.68 for this. The letter from the City Attorney gave the details of this matter.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney be authorized to pay \$2,656.68 for bringing the City Code up to date.

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

2. An October 31, 1957, letter from the City Attorney, briefed to the Council his previous recommendation that the City should hire an attorney to represent the City in the pending litigation with Don Ja Ran Corp., and gave his reasons for that. He presented with the letter to the Council a letter from Mr. Charlton A. Mewborn of the firm of Mewborn & Hitchcock setting forth his proposed charges for representing the City if he is hired as our Counsel.

Mayor Isen thought the letter from Mr. Mewborn was a bit ambiguous, and felt it should include some preparation of the law. He thought the letter should be amplified, and felt that a ceiling price should be placed on this.

Councilman Jahn felt that perhaps a long law suit and much trouble could be saved by remembering the City Attorney's opinion that a motel could not be built in an R-3 zone. He thought that by re-zoning the property to R-3, this could be settled without going to court, and the fears of the residents of the area could be allayed by reference to the zone limitations.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney when the Ordinance concerned would be final, and the City Attorney said on November 21, 1957.

Mayor Isen asked to hold this over for two weeks, to see if the letter from Attorney Mewborn would be amplified.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. A letter from the City Attorney, dated October 31, 1957, presented to the Council an Ordinance governing truck routes in the City.

Councilman Benstead asked if this will put weight limits on the streets.

The City Attorney thought that weight limits should be established by a separate Ordinance if the Council wanted them.

Councilman Benstead moved the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance for putting weight limits on certain streets in the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 915

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VII TO CHAPTER 17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES IN THE CITY; DESIGNATING CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY FOR TRUCK TRAFFIC; PROVIDING FOR TRUCK ROUTE PERMITS; AND OTHERWISE REGULATING TRUCK TRAFFIC.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 915 at its first reading.

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

4. A letter from the City Attorney, dated October 31, 1957, presented to the Council for study a revised Excavation Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn asked to have a report from the City Attorney outlining the exact changes made.

There were no objections, and it was ordered, with the Council to study this revised Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., submitted to the Council an October 30, 1957, application from Sign Hangers, Inc., to put up two Richfield Oil Co. signs on property located at 16400 Crenshaw Blvd. These are of the standard type, neonized, and are 80 sq. ft. in size.

Mr. Schlens told the Council that only 30" of the signs would project over public property.

Councilman Jahn moved the permit be granted for this one location only.

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

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. An October 22, 1957, application from the Torrance Branch of the YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., signed by Samuel S. Van Wagner, Chairman, Christmas Tree Sales, and Joe Wilcox, Jr. Executive Secretary, for a permit to sell Christmas trees at the southwest corner of Torrance Blvd. and Arlington Avenue from December 10th to December 24, 1957.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre recommended this free license be granted, subject to the YMCA obtaining a fire permit, the

necessary permits from the Bldg. Dept., the posting of the usual clean up fee of \$25 and the furnishing to the License Dept. of the necessary forms.

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

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

2. An October 27, 1957, request from Boy Scout Troop 951 for a free permit to establish a Christmas Tree sales lot near the corner of 190th and Crenshaw, during the period of December 10 to December 24, 1957.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre recommended this free license be granted subject to the Troop obtaining a fire permit, depositing the usual \$25 clean up fee, and obtaining the necessary permits from the Bldg. Dept.

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

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

3. A memorandum from License Inspector Whitacre, dated October 31, 1957, recommended a refund of the \$6 license fee paid by Park View Realty Co. and a \$16 solicitor's fee paid by Mr. Cecil H. Winn, in accordance with the "Code of the City of Torrance, 1954", Section 16.46 Paragraph C. The full history of these fees was given.

The License Inspector also recommended that Ordinance No. 846 be amended to include the licensing of solicitors for real property.

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

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. A report from the Juvenile Bureau of the Torrance Police Department, signed by Lt. D. C. Cook, as ordered by the Council, concerned the sale and distribution in the City of Torrance of certain literature which may be deemed to be lewd, lascivious, or risqué'. Lt. Cook's letter concluded by saying that due to not having a ruling, they are unable to determine what is classified as lewd and obscene photographs, or writing, a letter has been sent to the Attorney General asking for an interpretation. They hope that this will enlighten them in regards to the magazines now being sold in our City.

Lt. Cook was present, and explained to the Council that what one person might consider to be lewd and obscene, another might construe to be art. That was his reason for sending a letter to the Attorney General's office asking for a ruling.

Councilman Jahn said he had not wished to raise a hue and cry about this; that had been his reason for asking how many distributors cover this area, thinking that by contacting them an agreement might be reached whereby they will discontinue delivery of certain magazines in the City.

Lt. Cook had listed the two distributors in his report.

Councilman Jahn suggested the Council meet with the two distributors and ask them to cooperate by not putting such magazines in a place where they would be displayed publicly, and he suggested they be kept behind the counter where children would not see them or have an opportunity to leaf through such magazines. He did not believe it would be necessary to wait for a ruling from the Attorney General if such a solution could be reached.

Lt. Cook reported he had been contacted by many people on this, as there are a lot of people who read this literature and enjoy it. If it is legal, they will ask for it.

Councilman Jahn said he would only wish to keep it well away from

children, but did not want to interfere in any way with freedom of speech.

Mayor Isen felt the credit for this action rightly should go to the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association. He suggested that our Ordinances might be lacking in regard to such matters.

The Mayor pointed out that Lt. Cook had furnished copies of the Los Angeles and Long Beach codes governing such literature. He asked the City Attorney if we had an ordinance governing such matters.

The City Attorney said we do have, and reported that we must comply with the Penal Code.

Mayor Isen requested that the City Attorney make a thorough study of this and prepare an ordinance comparable to those of Long Beach and Los Angeles to govern distribution in the City of such literature, and so moved.

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

Mayor Isen asked that the two distributors come in promptly at 7:00 P. M. on November 26, 1957, to meet with the Council, and bring copies of the questionable printed matter, so that the Council and the distributors can discuss this fully.

Mayor Isen suggested that Lt. Cook make another call on the dealers he has listed and ask if they are willing to cooperate and agree to take such literature off their stands, and return them to the distributors. He said he thought the Council should know who is willing to cooperation. Mayor Isen moved that be done before November 26th.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn said he would second a motion to embody his suggestion that these magazines be handled from behind the counter, and and believed this would get cooperation from all the dealers.

Mayor Isen told the Council that he intended to write letters to these dealers telling them how he felt about this, and asking them to cooperate.

Mr. John G. L. Crain, President of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, spoke from the audience. Mr. Crain agreed with Councilman Jahn's suggestion, but asked that the dealers be required to keep such magazines out of sight, and post a small sign saying they sold such 'risque' literature from under the counter only.

Councilman Drale said he would like to see the Ordinance requested tonight before any further consideration was given to this matter.

Councilman Drale suggested that the rest of the business on the Agenda be held over for the next meeting of the Council.

As there were no objections, Mayor Isen agreed and ordered that this be done, with the exception of the following Resolution, which was of an urgent nature.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3335

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND C. R. BUTTERFIELD COMPANY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3335.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager told the Council that the Building Department is now receiving requests for building permits for buildings within the confines of the so-called 'Airport safety zone'. There is nothing to stop such buildings from going up. The Building and Planning Depts. asked him to notify the Council of this.

Mayor Isen presented to City Clerk Bartlett a letter of resignation from the Inter-City Highways Committee, written by Mr. Reid Bundy.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the resignation with regret, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Bundy.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen then appointed Thomas Brewer of 18423 St. Andrews Place to fill the vacancy on the Inter-City Highways Committee, and instructed the City Clerk to notify Councilman Baker of El Segundo of this appointment, in order that the Committee would know of Mr. Brewer's appointment.

Mayor Isen commented that there had been a great deal of confusion about the rubbish collections by the City. He moved it be the policy of the City to begin billing for collection service as of October 1, 1957.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

The City Manager explained that no billings had been made to anyone except commercial installations, and that this meant individuals would be billed for the service beginning October 1, 1957.

Councilman Jahn believed some billings had been sent out.

The City Manager said if there had been, they would be cancelled. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen told the Council that the next issue of the "Look" magazine would carry the Torrance story. He thought a Resolution should be prepared to thank them for this coverage, and asked the City Attorney to present such a Resolution to the Council on Tuesday, November 19, 1957.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen reported that the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. had prepared an issue of their plant publication which honored Zanesville, Ohio, and Torrance, which are the homes of their two plants.

Mayor Isen asked that a Resolution be prepared honoring them and thanking them for this, to be presented to the Council on November 19.

There were no objections.

Mayor Isen spoke of the fine cooperation of the Torrance Unified School District with the City, mentioning Dr. Hull particularly. He thought the City should show their appreciation of this, and said he would like to make arrangements for a presentation to Dr. Hull of a plaque and a Resolution in appreciation for the cooperation they have given us. Mayor Isen suggested this be prepared for the first week of December.

Councilman Drale asked if this was planned as a special award, and the Mayor replied that it was not.

Councilman Drale protested that he did not believe such a presentation would be in order unless it were to be more general.

Councilman Jahn agreed with Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen moved that a Resolution of appreciation be prepared to honor Dr. Hull and the School District, and that presentation be planned for the first week in December.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount said he would want to read the Resolution before he voted on it.

Mayor Isen informed the Council that he would not be here for the next meeting of the Council, as he will be at a briefing regarding missiles, rockets, etc., in El Paso, Texas.

Mayor Isen detailed a serious matter involving the brother of Mrs. Helen DeFiore, 16392 Elgar Ave., who had an auto accident in Mexico recently. Mrs. DeFiore's two brothers and father were jailed because of this accident, and although they were blameless in the whole affair, the fines and bail amounted to about \$1200.00. One of the brothers was seriously injured, but was not given medical attention by the Mexican authorities.

Mayor Isen asked that if other Torrance residents had suffered similar bad treatment at the hands of the officials of Baja California, they contact him.

Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney prepare a Resolution to be sent to President Eisenhower, the Secretary of State, the Governor of California, Senator Richards, the American Consulate and the Mexican Consulate in Tia Juana protesting this treatment of an American citizen. The Mayor suggested that the Resolution contain the resolve that, unless the Mexican law could be interpreted to give fair treatment to American citizens, economic sanctions be imposed, or the border be closed. He pointed out that this would protect the citizens of our country and city from the high-handed tactics exhibited in this instance.

Councilman Jahn suggested the Mayor make such a motion and amend it to read 'if no action is found that can be taken, the border will be closed', saying he would second that motion.

Mayor Isen so moved, accepting the amendment.  
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

  
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City Clerk of the City of Torrance,  
California

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City of Torrance