

Torrance, California
November 19, 1957

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, November 19, 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. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Baxter Omohundro, Jr., led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Schatz opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held November 12, 1957, with the following correction: Page 8, Resolution No. 3334, 3rd line of the heading of Resolution should read "Date Ave., Fern Avenue and Juniper Avenue, in Tract 10778 instead of Date Avenue, in Tract 10778."

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

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the continued Hearing on the following Case:

CASE NO. 460: (Continued from Meeting of November 12, 1957).
Third and final hearing, continued, before the City Council on the petition of R. A. Watt, 7862 South Western Ave., for a Change of Zone from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) on Lots 6-60 except Lot 24, Tract 22758; also Lots 13 through 108, inclusive, of Tract 22712, situated at Arlington Avenue on the east, 182nd St. on the south, Casimir Avenue on the west, and the south boundary line of Tract No. 20561 on the north, EXCEPT for the area encompassed by Tract No. 22660.

Submitted with this for Council consideration were:

- a. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval.
- b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Aug. 21, 1957.
- c. Location sketch
- d. Excerpt from Council Minutes of October 8, 1957.
- e. Excerpts (pp 2 through 6) from Council Minutes of November 12, 1957.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Drale moved the Change of Zone be denied.

Motion for denial seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked Councilman Drale the reason for his motion, and Councilman Drale replied that he felt this would result in residences being 'sandwiched' between commercial and apartment developments.

Councilman Benstead asked Planning Director Powell if he had the

material Councilman Drale had asked for at the last hearing on this Case.

Planning Director Powell replied that the Tract Map had been filed on January 31, 1956, and the Ordinance became effective February 16, 1956. The City Attorney had ruled that, inasmuch as that was the Tentative Map, and the Final Map had been accepted after the effective date of the Ordinance, the Ordinance governed the tract.

The City Attorney told the Council that in his opinion, the lots were not automatically re-zoned under the old Ordinance, but were governed by the new Ordinance, and are still in a C-2 zone.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this zone change would effect the result the Council wanted.

Councilman Drale felt the change to be unnecessary, saying he believed these lots were already zoned R-1. He pointed out that the developer had already taken out permits to build rental units on 182nd St., on property excluded from this Change of Zone.

The City Attorney explained that the effective date of the Ordinance was February 16, 1956. The Final Tract Maps, which are the ones concerned with zoning, were acted on after that effective date. He felt the Council would be taking a tremendous chance if they did not approve this change of zone. He explained that if the Council wished, they could institute Change of Zone proceedings on the other lots.

Motion for denial failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve this Change of Zone.

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

Councilman Drale moved that proceedings be instituted to re-zone Lots 1 to 12, inclusive, of Tract 22712, as R-1.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen asked if building permits had been taken out on those lots, and Building Supt. Schlens said they had been taken out on some of the lots excluded from this action.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if the action can be taken under those circumstances.

The City Attorney replied that taking out a permit is not enough to give them a vested right, and that construction work must be done to establish that. How much work they have to do is questionable.

Councilman Benstead asked if, before this goes to the Planning Commission, work has been done there, the Council could go ahead with this.

The City Attorney did not think so.

Mayor Isen pointed out that as the lots are now zoned the builder may proceed.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

Councilman Blount expressed his displeasure with Ordinance No. 791, saying he would like to have the land rezoned to R-1 where a tract is being built, as was done under the old Ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved Ordinance 791 be amended so that Hearings are required and the land where single-family dwellings are being built is automatically zoned R-1.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be legal under the State Sub-division laws.

The City Attorney pointed out that he had reported this would probably be unconstitutional. He said we could require that when a map comes in, the subdivider institute proceedings to change the zone to residential in such a tract.

Councilman Jahn asked Councilman Blount if it were his intention that any subdivider coming in to apply for a subdivision, whether it should be commercial, industrial, or residential, apply for this Change of Zone.

Councilman Blount said he was interested only in protecting the single-family residence.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A November 11, 1957, request from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John G. L. Crain, President, that the Council re-employ Mr. Dorsey to carry out a traffic survey for all of North Torrance.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that Mr. Dorsey had not been employed by the City as a traffic consultant, and that if we did such things as make traffic surveys, it should be on an overall basis.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Mr. Dorsey had been employed on the problem of off-street parking, and that his salary had been paid from parking meter funds.

Councilman Drale asked if the Traffic Commission should make such a survey on a section-by-section basis.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the Traffic Commission and Police Department for consideration.

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

2. A request from the Grandview Bldg. Co., 470 So. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, to issue a renewal permit for four Grandview Palos Verdes signs existing in the City was dated November 8, 1957, and signed by Joseph Meyerson.

A November 12, 1957, memo from Bldg. Supt. Schlens reported that the signs are subject to approval by the Council or removal, as the 6-month period has expired. They advertise property for sale outside the City.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted, with the stipulation that the bonds be renewed.

Councilman Drale protested that they advertise houses in another City.

Mayor Isen commented that his stand on signs is well known, but that the builder is willing to comply with all of our laws and ordinances, and he has been told the signs are essential to the sale of the tract. He seconded Councilman Jahn's motion.

Councilman Drale said a subdivider who is building in this City was refused the same right recently.

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

3. A letter from the City of Rolling Hills, dated November 8, 1957, and signed by Gilbert B. Myers, City Clerk, contained that City's request to erect a sign approximately 1' wide, 3' long, on a 4" x 4" white painted post not over 6' high at the intersection of Rolling Hills Road and Crenshaw Blvd. to direct people who are trying to reach that City. The said they would be glad to be informed of whatever formalities or requirements are connected with such permission.

A November 12, 1957, comment from Bldg. Supt. Schlens was appended and he reported that the sign would be controlled by the Sign Ordinance although it would not advertise products for sale. If the Council approves the sign, he asked they give clarification as to a no-fee permit, and the waiving of the regular six-month renewal if such is their desire.

Councilman Jahn moved they be permitted to erect this sign on a no-fee basis, with the 6-month renewal waived.

Councilman Drale asked if this is the usual highway directional sign.

He was told that it is not.

Councilman Drale asked if the State would not have to approve such a sign, but Bldg. Supt. Schlens said it is going to be on private property, so they will not.

Councilman Drale seconded Councilman Jahn's motion.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to make the sign subject to approval by our Chief of Police.

Councilman Drale accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

4. A November 12, 1957, request from the Hollywood Riviera Home-owners' Association, signed by Gene Voorhees, Corresponding Secretary, that they be permitted to circulate a petition for the formation of an assessment district for sidewalks in that area, and that the Engineering Department prepare the petitions for them.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the request.

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

5. A November 7, 1957, request from E. B. Patterson of the Southern Counties Gas Co. of California for permission for the Harbor Area Service Center of the Community Chest to use part of the old City Hall as a service center.

Councilman Benstead asked to refer this to the City Manager for recommendation at the next meeting of the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

The City Manager reported that he knew there would be very little room available, and said he would not recommend this use, as he feared it might interfere with the operation of the court in that building.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to write to Mr. Patterson and explain to him that there would not be room available for this use.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion, and Councilman Drale withdrew his second to the motion.

6. The Berloc Mfg. Co., Inc., 13263 Crenshaw Blvd., Hawthorne, in a letter dated November 14, 1957, applied for permission to erect a sign at 1920 West Carson Blvd. in Torrance.

A November 15, 1957, comment from Bldg. Supt. Schlens was to the effect that the sign is 60-1/2 square feet, which is over the 42 sq. ft. permitted without Council approval.

Mr. Schlens was present, and at the request of the Council gave them a description of the type of sign this would be. He said a photo had been submitted with the application.

At the request of Councilman Jahn, this matter was ordered held over until Councilman Jahn had an opportunity to see the plans which were mentioned in the letter from Berloc.

7. A November 13, 1957, letter from Kissel Homes, P. O. Box 639, Inglewood, California, signed by George B. Hershman, requested a renewal permit on three existing signs in Torrance. They enclosed pictures showing the location and copy of the signs, which will be used to advertise their new tract in Torrance, Tract 23988.

A November 14, 1957, comment from Bldg. Supt. Schlens read as follows: "The Council previously denied renewal of approval of these signs. Mr. Hershman requested permission to resubmit to the Council with the understanding that the signs would be changed to advertise property for sale in Torrance. This letter and accompanying information is the resubmission."

Councilman Jahn moved to grant the request, asking if the signs are being re-worded.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens asked to clarify the fact that such applications should not come to him, but to the Council. He said he had no way of making copies of the signs, and that the applicant should furnish copies

of the signs.

The City Manager presented to the Council the pictures of the signs which had been furnished.

Councilman Benstead asked if the homes had been built.

Mr. Schlens said there had been no construction on the homes in Torrance.

Mr. Hershman was present, and said construction will begin as soon as they have approval of the Final Tract Map, which should be forthcoming in a matter of a few weeks. He said the signs would be re-worded as soon as they begin construction.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, with the comment that these people are willing to conform to our laws.

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

8. A letter from James Van Dyck, Director of the Torrance Area Youth Bands, requested that the City give them financial aid for their trip to the Mid-West National Band Clinic in Chicago on December 18, 19, 20, and 21st, 1957.

Mr. Van Dyck was present, and told the Council that they believed now they would need only \$4,000 from the City instead of the \$5,000 which their letter asked for. He answered questions from the Council by saying they intend to fly both ways, leaving Monday, December 16, and coming home from Chicago on the 22nd. He said their plans have been made for months, as have their reservations, and he told of some plans which they have cancelled because the funds they have been able to raise have fallen short of their expectations.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Van Dyck how much financial aid they normally receive from the City, and Mr. Van Dyck said they get \$2500 which goes to the Youth Band and the Cadet Band.

Mrs. Nancy Carpenter, 1014 Kornblum, told the Council of the work the youngsters have done to raise this money, and pointed out the obvious advantages of the advertising the City would receive from this trip.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if the funds would be available for this.

City Manager Stevens replied that this money, if it is granted, would have to come from the Unappropriated Reserve. He reported we had begun the Fiscal Year with that Reserve at \$204,000 and in the 4-1/2 months of the year which have passed the Reserve has sunk to between \$43,000 and \$44,000 as of today.

Councilman Blount felt the cause to be a good one, and moved to approve the expenditure of these funds.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, who thought the money should be earmarked for promotion and advertising to be paid through the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Blount so amended his motion, and Councilman Drale accepted it in the second to the motion.

Mr. Van Dyck told the Council of the publicity which the band has secured for the City during the past year.

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

Councilman Jahn explained his vote by saying there is a business recession at the present time and he felt the money should not be spent on this because our funds are so low. He said he also thought the cost of this trip was a little high, and that he did not like to see City money spent to make a trip of this nature.

Mayor Isen explained that he had voted yes on this because it is an opportunity which may never come again, and he felt the City stood to gain from the activity. He pointed out that the City had increased their tax rate only 4¢ this year, and that the large tax increases had been made by the schools and the County.

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

9. A November 6, 1957, letter from W. B. Mullin, owner of property at the corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne, concerning drainage, was on the Agenda tonight as referred from the November 12, 1957, meeting of the Council.

The City Manager reported he had called Mr. Don Wilson, owner of the sump where it is proposed to drain Mr. Mullin's property, and Mr. Wilson had said it would be agreeable to him for this property to drain to the sump subject to the following conditions: (1) that the engineers report that it was safe to do it, and that it would not endanger the capacity of the sump; our engineers have been assured by Engineering Service Co. that this is safe. (2) Mr. Wilson said he would feel he was entitled to a fair compensation for this use. The City Manager thought both the conditions logical and reasonable, and said Messrs. Mullin and Kelly are now working this out with Mr. Wilson.

Councilman Blount asked if the City is guaranteeing anything here.

The City Manager said our Engineering Department would receive the report of the Engineering Service Co. and check it. Their engineers will make the estimate as to whether or not this will be safe, and would check with our Engineering staff.

Councilman Blount asked if we assume any liability by this action.

The City Attorney thought not, but added we would have to be very careful as to how we phrase our permission for this work.

Mayor Isen thought that in any agreement between the parties concerned, there should be a clause stating that both understood the City is only trying to help out on this, and that they would hold the City free and harmless.

Councilman Drale referred to the next to last paragraph of Mr. Mullin's letter, and thought if the statement made there were true, the City might already be liable.

City Engineer Bishop said Messrs. Mullin and Kelly had assured him on May 29, 1957, that they had made arrangements with the fee owner of the sump that he would allow them to drain their property into the sump. On the basis of that, the City Engineer said he had taken the action indicated in the letter, thinking that it would serve to protect the City. He added that he had believed the developer, and stated he did believe the sump could handle the water.

Mayor Isen asked if the City could not now step out of the picture in the matter completely, and let the two developers settle it, and the City Manager thought this could be done.

The letter was ordered referred to the City Manager, with a request that he keep the Council informed on the matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a memo dated November 15, 1957, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

- a. To W. Ross Campbell Company the sum of \$300 for consulting service regarding airport shopping center lease (Airport Funds).
- b. For the purchase of 1 Toro 27" Starlawn Mower for hillside mowing the sum of \$395 for City-wide use by the Park Dept.
- c. For the purchase of 1 Motoraire aerater the sum of \$412.50 for City-wise use by Park Dept.
- d. For the purchase of 1,000 ft. of 1" Forestry Hose for the Fire Cept., the sum of \$572.20, a budget item.

- e. For the purchase of Elkhart Power Expander complete with 2½" segments for the Fire Dept., the sum of \$1,413.98, a budget item.
- f. For the purchase of 1000 ft., 2½" fire hose for the Fire Dept., the sum of \$1,840.80, including tax, a budget item.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations.

Councilman Benstead felt the items for the Fire Dept. should be bid on, saying they amounted to more than \$2,000.00.

Councilman Drale rescinded his motion, and moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations a, b, and c, with Items d, e, and f to be put out for bids.

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

2. In a memo dated November 15, 1957, the City Manager made the following recommendation:

"I recommend that the request of Ted R. Cooper Co. for the removal of trees on Crenshaw Blvd. be granted subject to the removal being made at their expense and that installation of curbs and gutters be made upon removal of the trees."

The memo from the City Manager was accompanied by a memo to him from the Asst. Park Supt., recommending this and giving his reasons.

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

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

3. A November 19, 1957 letter from the City Manager read, as follows:

"Subject: Sale of City Yard at 1730 Torrance Blvd.

"I recommend that the bid of Rome Cable Corporation in the amount of \$90,000 for land and improvements at the present city yard located at 1730 Torrance Blvd. be accepted as the most favorable bid to the City and all other bids be rejected.

Sale to be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the City be granted a period until May 13, 1958, to move its operations, equipment, materials, and such buildings as are to be moved from the site.
- 2. That the City be granted at their option the privilege of moving all buildings, bunkers, fuel tanks and pumps from the site with the exception of the two prefabricated steel buildings approximately 50' x 100' each that are currently being used as a garage and Street Dept. storage building.
- 3. That escrow negotiations be opened without delay.
- 4. That Rome Cable Corporation pay to the City the sum of \$45,000 out of escrow at the time that escrow proceedings are started.
- 5. That Rome Cable Corporation pay to the City the final \$45,000 at the time escrow proceedings are closed on or before May 31, 1958.

The acceptance of this bid will not constitute an agreement of sale on the terms and conditions above, but such agreement will be consummated at such time as a formal written instrument is approved by the City Council and Rome Cable Company."

City Manager Stevens told the Council that Mr. Koger of Rome Cable was present, and would like to be heard on this.

Mr. Koger told the Council that they feel the \$45,000 payment immediately out of escrow, as shown in Item 4 of the memo from the City Manager, is too large. They believe there should be not more than \$20,000 paid at this time.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, with the Item 4 amended to read 'That Rome Cable Corporation pay to the City the sum of \$20,000 out of escrow, etc.', and Item 5 amended to read that 'Rome Cable Corporation pay to the City the final \$70,000 at the time escrow proceedings are closed, etc.'.

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

4. A November 14, 1957, memo from the City Manager submitted to the Council a job description for Park Foreman.

Councilman Drale said he understood from some of the men in that Department that this work could be carried on by the leadmen, and that it was not a necessary job.

The City Manager explained that it is the City's policy in any large department, such as the Park Department, to have an assistant to the head of the department. He explained that this serves the City well in many ways.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the job description and send it on to the Civil Service Board.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

In answer to a question from Councilman Benstead, the City Manager said the work load in that department has grown enormously during the past year, and that they have added about 10 or 12 more men this year.

Councilman Benstead asked if this would do away with the leadmen, and the City Manager said it would not.

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

5. A November 14, 1957, letter from the City Manager gave the Council a report of an estimate of the finance change which would result if the City purchased the Collins-Dietrich Airport Agreement, under the terms proposed. The letter from the City Manager gave the assumptions under which the estimates submitted were prepared.

Councilman Jahn referred to the City Attorney's letter on the same subject which was on the Agenda, saying he had meant to ask what would be necessary if the entrance at the Airport were moved to concur with the Master Plan.

The City Attorney replied that the City could be protected as much as possible during the time of the negotiation of the termination of the contract with Collins-Dietrich.

Councilman Jahn moved to remove the motion for concurrence from the table and consider it at this time.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, so ordered as there were no objections.

At 7:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 7:05 P. M.

The motion made at the November 12, 1957, meeting of this Commission was read in full, as was the motion to table that motion.

Councilman Jahn moved to rescind his motion, with permission of the second.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and the Airport Commission's Committee set up to negotiate this contract with the following stipulations: (1) the agreement to specify that the City be held harmless from any changes in roadways or entrances, and with Item 2 of the City Attorney's letter of Nov. 15, 1957, to be a part of this motion.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn said he believed this termination was by mutual consent, and asked the City Manager how much longer the contract has to go.

The City Manager believed the contract would expire May 1, 1959. He said we may have to move this agreement up a month or more because we may need time to get ready to take over.

Councilman Drale referred to the finance report submitted by the City Manager, and said we will do all this for a difference of about \$140 a month. He believed such a small difference might be lost by personnel required, or unforeseen expenses. He believed that Mr. Dietrich is doing a fine job on the airport, and should be allowed to fulfill the contract.

Mayor Isen pointed out this termination is by mutual agreement, and said he thought the City would gain more and more income from the property.

Mayor Isen felt this termination by mutual consent might save the City unnecessary litigation.

Councilman Drale pointed out that was an assumption.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter from the City Attorney, dated November 15, 1957, subject, "Questions propounded by Councilman Jahn on Termination of Airport Management Contract", had been considered by the Council in connection with the City Manager's finance report concerning the Airport.

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

2. A November 14, 1957, letter from the City Attorney concerned the approval of Charter Proposition No. 1, (Airport Amendment), which was approved by the voter at the special election held on October 29, 1957, and asked the Council for an expression of policy on it.

Mayor Isen believed it would be the wish of the Council that this go on the books.

Councilman Blount agreed.

The City Attorney explained this had been prepared in connection with the Airport Bonds, and served little useful purpose since those bonds were not carried at the election.

Councilman Jahn said if it proved to be a hindrance, the people could be asked to take it off the books.

There were no objections, and the City Attorney was instructed to proceed with getting this Proposition on the City's books.

3. The City Attorney submitted to the Council a copy of a letter dated November 13, 1957, from Charlton A. Mewborn of the law firm of Mewborn & Hitchcock. This letter gave a more detailed outline of their proposal in an October 7th letter concerning the representation of Torrance in a zoning matter. (Don Ja Ran).

Councilman Jahn said he could see where the City is going to spend quite a bit of money on this. He has heard that the residents of the area concerned would be satisfied if the zone of this property were to be changed to R-3, which would not permit a motel to be built. He felt some compromise could be worked out.

Mayor Isen said that if a complaint were served on the City, he believed that through courtesy we could get at least a two-week delay, and perhaps even a 30-day delay. He asked the City Attorney for an opinion as to what the position of the City is on winning or losing such a suit. He could see no reason for retaining an attorney at this point.

As there were no objections, the letter was ordered to be filed for the present time.

4. In a letter dated November 14, the City Attorney submitted, FOR STUDY, information concerning A. B. No. 2781, concerning the preservation of local government.

5. With letter dated November 15, 1957, the City Attorney submitted for council consideration an ordinance prohibiting the distribution of lewd and obscene literature, photographs, etc., as directed by the Council on November 5, 1957.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is any authority for describing what is lewd and obscene literature and photographs.

Asst. Police Chief Porter said his department had received a reply to a query directed to the Attorney General's office. They feel they can act in some instances.

The City Attorney said there have been decisions in the past, and the courts usually decide each case on its merits.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 917

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.33 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING THE MAKING, EXHIBITION, SALE, OR POSSESSION, ETC., OF LEWD, INDECENT, OR OBSCENE WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHS, RECORDINGS, AND OTHER ARTICLES.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 917 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if he had asked the gentlemen who distribute magazines and publications in the City to attend the 7:00 P. M. meeting with the Council on Tuesday, November 26.

The City Manager had not, but said he would do so.

Asst. Police Chief Porter was directed to give the City Manager the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the men.

6. A November 7, 1957, letter from the City Attorney was re-submitted from the meeting of November 12, 1957. This was a cover letter Ordinances re moving buildings and tanks, and re the relocation of buildings.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 918

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE III THEREFORE, REGULATING THE MOVING OF BUILDINGS AND TANKS OVER STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AND REQUIRING A PERMIT THEREFOR.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 918 at its first reading.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 919

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTCILE II OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE II THEREFOR REGULATING THE RELOCATION OF BUILDINGS AND REQUIRING A PERMIT THEREFOR.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 919 at its first reading.

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

7. A letter dated November 15, 1957, from the City Attorney, submitted to the Council an Excavation Ordinance. In his letter, the City Attorney reported that the changes and revisions were shown by various notations and underlinings.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 921

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING THE MAKING AND REFILLING OF EXCAVATIONS, CUTS AND FILLS IN STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AND THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THEREIN.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 921 at its first reading.

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

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 24148 - R. A. Watt Construction Co., RESUBMITTED. (Held over from meetings of November 7 and November 14). Attached to this were:
 - a. Letter of Transmittal from Engineering Dept. for approval of Tentative Tract No. 24148, located along 180th and 181st Sts. westerly of Doty Ave. and northerly of 182nd Street.
 - b. Letter from Planning Director Powell, dated Oct. 31, 1957.
 - c. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Oct. 16, 1957.
 - f. Letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., dated August 20, 1957.
 - g. Sketch of tract.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation for approval, with all stipulations listed in the Oct. 31 letter from Planning Director Powell.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked what the zone of this land is.

Planning Director Powell replied that it is being changed from A-1 to R-1, with the date of the Third and Final Hearing before the Council to be set tonight.

Councilman Blount asked if such a zone change would be legal.

Mr. K. Batrum, 5368 Spencer St., an agent of the subdivider, said the company would be glad to have that made a condition of acceptance.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion for approval by adding that the land should be zoned R-1, with all heirs, assigns, etc., to be bound by this zone.

Amendment accepted in the second to the motion.

Mr. Wally Pollock, 16923 Wilton Place, Asst. Secretary to Watt Construction Co., told the Council that as an officer of the company he was authorized to speak for them. He said they would be glad to accept this condition.

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

Councilman Drale said he would not vote until he knew the policy of the Council on the size of lots; he pointed out that one subdivider had been required to provide 60' lots, and this one was not.

Planning Director Powell reported the three Planning Commission members from North Torrance had recommended this for approval because it was in an area surrounded by similar lots, and was almost an extension of an existing tract.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that these lots are well over 5,000 sq. ft., and asked for a new roll call on the motion.

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

Councilman Drale said he would not vote until he knew the policy of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved the next order of business.

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

2. BOND RELEASES - RESUBMITTED - Tracts 20873 and 20475:
 Tract No. 20873, Bond #31-B-45888, \$58,000.00;
 Tract No. 20475, Bond #31-B-49609, \$22,959.00, both
 recommended for release at Council meeting of November 12,
 1957.

A letter from the City Engineer, dated November 14, 1957, was written in reply to a query from the Council at that meeting, and reported to them that the subdivider had promised to deliver to him before this meeting a complete report on the tracts.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer on these two items under "J2" on the Agenda.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

City Engineer Bishop distributed to the Councilmen copies of the subdivider's report.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation for release of Bond on Tract No 20475, in the amount of \$22,959 to the G. & G. Construction Co., subdivider.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation for release of Bond #31-B-45888 in the amount of \$58,000 to the G & G Construction Co., the subdivider.

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

3. A letter from the City Engineer, dated November 14, 1957, recommended release of Bond No. 520819LA on Tract No. 19835 in the amount of \$47,250 to the subdivider, the Property Management Corp.

An April 24, 1957, letter from C. W. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., concurred with the recommendation.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation for release of this bond.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. An October 31, 1957, letter from Planning Director Powell was resubmitted. This letter presented to the Council an Ordinance reclassifying property described in Planning Commission Case No. 434 as approved by the Council on October 8, 1957, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 920

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. 434..

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 920 at its first reading.

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

- 2. CASE NO. 467: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of application of George Steinkamp for a Change of Zone in all of Tract 22214, situated at Dorman Avenue between 182nd Street and 186th St. in North Torrance from R-2 and A-1 to R-1. Attached were (a) an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of November 6, 1957, and (b) a location sketch.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and date of the Third and Final Hearing on this Case for 8:00 P. M. December 10, 1957, in this Council Chamber.

- 3. CASE NO. 469: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval of application of Aspen Land Co. (R. A. Watt, Agent) for a Change of Zone on the east half of the west half of the southeast quarter of Lot 27, McDonald Tract, EXCEPT the northerly 450 feet thereof, situated at 182nd St., approximately 150' west of Doty on the north side of the street from light agricultural zoning to single-family residential zoning. Attached were an excerpt from Planning

Commission Minutes of November 6, 1957, and (b) a location sketch of the land.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Third and Final Hearing on this Case as 8:00 P. M. December 10, 1957, in the Council Chamber.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to the following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3342

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING DR. J. H. HULL FOR HIS SIGNAL SUCCESS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR THE COOPERATION WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP HAS AFFORDED THE CITY ADMINISTRATION.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3342.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3343

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THANKING LOOK MAGAZINE FOR HONORING TORRANCE AS AN "ALL AMERICA CITY" IN ITS ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 26, 1957.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3343.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3344

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THANKING PITTSBURG PLATE GLASS COMPANY AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR HONORING TORRANCE AS AN "ALL AMERICA CITY".

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3344.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3345

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ASK THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE TREATMENT OF AMERICAN CITIZENS TRAVELING IN MEXICO AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT SUCH CITIZENS.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3345.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3345.

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

Councilman Blount asked which United States Government officials would get copies of this, and the City Attorney told him he had been directed to send copies of this to the President, the Secretary of State, the American Consul in Tia Juana, and other officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 3346

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager whether we had received the quarterly statement from the Chamber.

The City Manager did not recall whether or not we had received such a statement recently, but said we had in the past.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3346.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3347

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: A PORTION OF THE 1028.61 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE RANCHO SAN PEDRO ALLOTTED TO MARIA DE LOS REYES DOMINGUEZ.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3347.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3348

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: LOT 1 OF BLOCK 2, TORRANCE TRACT AND LOT 3, BLOCK 1, TORRANCE TRACT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3348. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. A November 15, 1957, transmittal from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second and final reading Ordinance No. 916, which was adopted unanimously by those present at its first reading on November 12, 1957 (Isen absent).

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 916

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. 464.

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. 916 at its second and final reading.

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

REPORTS:

1. The Office of the City Clerk advised that a complaint and summons was received by them on November 13, 1957, in the action of Helen M. Vowles against the City for damages resulting from alleged personal injuries sustained in a fall behind the Safeway Store building in downtown Torrance on July 12, 1957. NOTE: This claim was denied by the City Council at their regular meeting held August 6, 1957.

2. The Office of the City Clerk advised that a complaint and summons was received by the City Clerk on November 14, 1957, in an action against the City for plaintiffs Jose Adolfo Sandoval, guardian ad litem of Mary Luch Sandoval, a minor, in accident involving a Torrance Municipal Bus driven by Phillip Willy, Jr., which occurred October 24, 1956.

Note: The office of the City Clerk has no record of a claim against the City in this matter, however, the Bus Department filed an accident report on October 25, driver Willie J. Phillips.

Mayor Isen read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of December 2, 1957, through December 7, 1957, as Muscular Dystrophy Week in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen read in full a November 18, 1957, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Torrance Airport Commission, in which Mr. Abrams reported that the Commission recommended a statement be issued to the effect that the City is not going to buy the property west of the Airport because, due to the failure of the recent bond issue, the funds are not available.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the statement of the Airport Commission.

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

Mayor Isen directed that a copy of that statement be sent to the Chamber of Commerce at once.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Isen, who had an early appointment, asked to make his oral communications first, saying he would have to leave the meeting and asking if Councilman Jahn would take the Chair until the meeting was ended.

Mayor Isen announced that the County officials had issued a statement that they are considering sites for a new Juvenile Hall, and that several of those sites are in Torrance. He reported he had investigated and found that these are really prisons, having high fences with barbed wire around the top and armed guards on duty. As we have an extremely low rate of juvenile delinquency, he felt it would not be a desirable installation in our City. As this will have to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, he suggested we prepare an appropriate Resolution to oppose any such installation in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen moved the City Attorney prepare such a Resolution to be sent to the Board of Supervisors and each member of the Board to oppose a Juvenile Hall being erected in the City of Torrance.

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

Councilman Blount took issue with the Mayor's request that Councilman Jahn take the Chair, saying he had no objection to Councilman Jahn holding the Chair, but did object to the Mayor requesting him to do so.

Mayor Isen did not leave the meeting.

The City Manager asked if the Council wished him to have the magazine distributors here at 7:00 P. M. next Tuesday, and was told that they do.

The City Manager reported that in accordance with the conditions of the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce, they have requested their last quarterly payment because they need the money badly so they can assure a float in the Tournament of Roses parade. The City Manager said he would recommend they receive this payment now.

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

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

Councilman Drale said he had received a letter from a Third Grader, Ronnie King, who had failed to give his address. He commented upon the excellence of the writing, and said he had enjoyed getting the letter and would like very much to answer it.

Councilman Jahn said that under 'Information Only' there were letters from Mr. Telford of the Highway Dept. and from Senator Richards about the signals on Highway 101. He had meant to include in his motion a query as to whether the State Department of Public Works would give Torrance and Redondo Beach permission to proceed to install the signals and the State repay them the funds later. He asked the City Manager to check on this, saying he would like to include the proposed signal at Calle Mayor as well.

Councilman Drale asked if he would include the signal at 174th and Arlington, and Councilman Jahn did so.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn referred to a letter under "Information Only" from the State Board of Equalization, and asked the City Manager if he thought they did a good job of checking records.

The City Manager replied that he did, and told Councilman Jahn of

used to determine the people to be checked.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by
roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance