

Torrance, California
November 26, 1957

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. on Tuesday, November 26, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Charlton Mewborn led the salute to the Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sipple opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount joined the meeting at 8:05 P. M.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 1957, meeting of the Council as written.

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

Mayor Isen said there were two gentlemen present from the Optimists Club who must leave here as soon as possible and attend a meeting of their Board of Directors. As a courtesy to them, he asked that Item N1 on the Agenda, under "Department of Public Works", be considered at this time.

N-1: A letter dated November 22, 1957, from J. V. Russell, the Director of Public Works, submitted to the Council for their consideration a letter from the Optimist Club signed by Dave Figueredo, Committee Chairman, Hal Massie, George Bradford, John Marshall and Vernon Coil of the Optimist Club. The letter requested City help to grade the property adjacent to Federal Burner Corporation on Jefferson Street (just off Crenshaw) so they can improve their Little League Ball Field, thereby making ample room for four diamonds.

Mr. Figueredo was present, and told the Council the Little League has split into two units, but cannot play at the same time because of the lack of space. Members of the Optimist Club have contacted various industries in the City who hold land, and the Federal Burner Corporation has offered them this piece of land for their use, a 400' x 600' plot. They have worked about two weeks getting the land clean and plowed. Now they want it graded, and would like to have the City help with this.

Mayor Isen pointed out it is absolutely not possible for the City to pay for this, and asked if the Optimists would pay for the man hours involved if the City crews do the work.

Mr. Figueredo said the Optimists would pay for the man hours needed to do the work, if the City would use anything needed to do it.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request if the employees will do the work on their days off, thus allowing them to use City-owned equipment to do the work.

Councilman Blount thought the money would be well spent, and asked the City Manager how many man hours this would take.

The City Manager thought it might be one day, or possibly two.

Councilman Blount felt if this would benefit 800 boys the public would be well pleased, and he thought there need be no reference to time involved.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Blount's principle, but felt this would be setting precedent.

Councilman Blount said we would not be, because we have done this before.

Mayor Isen felt we should have a policy, saying the time he could recall when we had done this, it had been on City-owned property.

Mr. Figueredo advised the Council he had talked to both Jack Stevens, the Asst. Supt. of the Street Dept., and to the man who runs the City's grader, and they both thought this work could be done in a couple of hours.

Mayor Isen moved to amend the motion to specify that the Optimists would pay the City for the actual man hours used for this project.

Mr. Figueredo said they would be glad to pay for the man hours.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Russell, Director of Public Works, how long he thought this work would take.

Mr. Russell thought it could be done in a couple of days.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion as amended.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. In a letter dated November 15, 1957, the State Department of Public Health advised of Public Hearings to be held on regulations relating to sanitation, healthfulness and safety of ocean water-contact sports areas; hearing scheduled in this area for December 11 at the Division of Highways Building at 120 So. Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Councilman Jahn moved this be filed as a matter of record.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. A November 15, 1957, letter from the Metropolitan Water District, signed by Charles C. Cooper, Jr., General Counsel, asked whether or not the City elects to pay out of its Municipal Funds any portion of the District's taxes levied for the Fiscal Year 1958-59.

Councilman Blount moved that the Metropolitan Water District be informed that the City of Torrance does not elect to pay out of its municipal funds any portion of the District's taxes levied for the fiscal year 1958-59.

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

3. In a letter dated November 18, 1957, Mr. Reginald C. White of Park Vista Realty Company requested the Council to take action to provide the County Engineer with new maps showing the revised City boundary lines, to eliminate his having to pay double taxes on two lots he owns.

Councilman Jahn asked why this had to be done, as the lines had been changed a long time ago.

Mayor Isen referred this question to the City Engineer, who told the Council the Engineering Dept. had notified the County Engineers of the changes in City boundaries as they were made, saying this was a routine matter.

Councilman Drale moved to refer this letter to the Engineering Department.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn said any notification should be accompanied by a letter telling them that the County should know the boundary lines and should not need any help from us.

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

Councilman Blount asked if the City Engineers office did not make proper notification of changes in our boundaries, and Mr. Bishop said we do.

The City Attorney reported that before any change can be made in our City boundaries, it must be approved by the County Boundary Commission, so they know every change before it is made.

4. A letter dated November 12, 1957, signed by Clark Sidwall, Alonzo Mond, M. D., G. W. Grace, M. D., Reinhold Ullrich, M. D., and Harland Apfel, 2401-2405 Torrance Boulevard, requested a study of the traffic and parking situation on the northeast corner of Torrance Blvd. and Acacia Street.

A November 20, 1957, memo from the City Manager, appended to the letter, stated this had been referred to the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Isen stated that, as there were no objections, the Council would wait for a recommendation from the Traffic Commission.

5. A November 20, 1957, letter from Properties Investment Corp., signed by Axel Niska, President, requested exception to the requirement to construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks in connection with their commercial construction at 17026 Prairie Avenue. They asked this as they believe the freeway will pass through their property frontage, and said that after the freeway route has been established they would cooperate to the fullest extent possible and would be willing to post any required bond at that time.

A comment from the Bldg. Supt. was to the effect that he had no information on the request.

City Engineer Bishop, in a memo appended to the letter, thought an exception to the Ordinance might reasonable be granted, but thought we should require the usual 20' right-of-way widening from the developer.

Councilman Jahn asked if they contemplate building on the property.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said they are now putting up a building, and that when he wrote the memo to the Council he had not known they had been advised they would have to put in the curbs, gutters and sidewalks. He pointed out that their letter does not mention that notification.

Councilman Jahn asked if the building they are putting up will have to be moved when the freeway goes in.

Mr. Schlens said the building is at the back of the lot.

Councilman Drale felt the curbs, sidewalks and gutters should be continuous from Redondo Beach Blvd., and that these people should put in the curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and so moved. He pointed out it may be years before the freeway goes in.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale said we are putting in the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks south of 174th on Prairie, and we should have this uniform. He asked how they could get the permit without agreeing to install these.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said the builder was told he would have to put them in; under our Ordinances, he has a right to make this appeal to the Council to allow him to be exempted from the City's requirements.

City Engineer Bishop explained the procedure involved to the Council, saying they are asking for an exception to the Ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked if the freeway will necessitate the removal of any such improvements they put in.

The City Engineer said the freeway, as it is now planned, would require cutting off part of these.

Mayor Isen asked if a bond could not be posted guaranteeing they will put these in when the freeway comes in, and give the 20' to the City now for street purposes.

Councilman Benstead said when and if the State freeway does affect this, the State would pay for any required changes. He felt they should install the improvements now.

Councilman Jahn asked if there was a map of the proposed freeway available, and the City Engineer said he does have a small map.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved the City's Engineering Dept. prepare a scale map of the proposed freeway route and give copies to both the Building and Planning Departments, so any builder in the area can be warned of the proposed route if it affects his property.

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

6. A November 22, 1957, letter from Foster & Kleiser Company, signed by David H. Larson, requested Council approval of a building permit for the erection by them of one of their standard illuminated highway bulletins to be used as a directional sign for Marineland of the Pacific. They propose to locate this on Pacific Coast Highway near the easterly city limits, and said it would be constructed and

maintained in accord with all building and safety regulations of the City.

Building Supt. Schlens, in a memo appended to the letter, requested that if the Council approves this, they clarify whether the sign would be subject to the regular six month renewal request.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Schlens had the information concerning the sign.

City Manager Stevens presented this material to the Council.

Mr. Larson was present, and said they want to put up this 14½' x 42' sign to direct traffic to Marineland. This would be one of their standard signs.

Motion to deny carried unanimously by roll call vote.

7. A November 21, 1957, letter from the Kunz Sign Co., 15312 Arrow Highway, Baldwin Park, requested permission to erect and maintain a metal sign for California Car Wash Co., to identify their new business location at 1872 Torrance Boulevard, at the northeast corner of Cabrillo and 213th Street.

A Memo from Bldg. Supt. Schlens reported this sign requires the approval of the Council only because it exceeds 42 sq. ft. in area. It will advertise services obtainable on the same property as the sign.

City Manager Stevens presented to the Council the material which described the sign.

Mayor Isen asked if this would pose a traffic problem.

Mr. Schlens replied this has been approved by the Chief of Police.

Councilman Blount reported that he found it had been approved by both the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.

Mayor Isen moved to grant this request.

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

8. A November 20, 1957, letter from the Southwood Businessmen's Association, signed by A. B. Gilbert, Chairman, requested permission to decorate Palos Verdes Blvd. on both sides of the street from Sepulveda south to the end of the shopping district, about 800 feet.

A comment from the Police Dept. reported that Chief Bennett and Asst. Chief Porter had discussed this with the representative of the applicants, and have approved it.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request in accordance with the conditions of the Chief of Police.

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

Mr. George Quinn, 4838 Reynolds Dr., representing the petitioners, invited the entire Council to the opening of this 'Christmas Tree Lane', which will be held at about 6:45 - 7:00 P. M. on Friday, November 29, beginning at the intersection of Palos Verdes Blvd. and Sepulveda, and which he said has been publicized as 'the world's shortest parade'.

Mayor Isen said he could not be present, and Councilman Jahn was not sure that he could be, but all other Councilmen said they would be there.

Mr. Quinn extended the same invitation to the Chief of Police and the City Manager.

9. A November 14, 1957, request from the Berloc Mfg. Co., Inc., 13263 Crenshaw Blvd., to erect a sign at 1920 W. Carson Blvd. in Torrance, had been held over from the last meeting to give Councilmen an opportunity to see the plans for the sign.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the application.

Councilman Benstead asked how much over size this is, and Mr. Schlens said it is over 60 feet square, and 42 sq. ft. is the largest size which is legal without special permission from the Council.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion to deny, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a memorandum dated November 22, 1957, the City Manager submitted the following recommendation to the Council for their consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. The office of the Attorney General is urging city attorneys, particularly those who function as prosecuting attorneys, to attend the Annual Institute for Prosecuting Attorneys to be held at the School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, California, on December 4, 5 and 6, 1957. I recommend that Robert Pannell, Prosecuting Attorney, be authorized to attend said Institute with appropriate expenses paid. I believe this session would be profitable to Mr. Pannell and to the City. City Attorney Remelmeyer also recommends attendance.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation under "Personnel".

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. Annual Membership fees in the American Municipal Association for the period October 1, 1957 through September 30, 1958, the sum of \$200.00.

2. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during October 1957 the sum of \$189.75.

3. For the purchase of a Victor Printing Calculator, Model 75-85-54 for the Recreation Dept., the sum of \$594.36. This is a budget item. This is the lowest priced and most suitable calculator for the particular purpose for which it is to be used.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Items 1, 2, and 3, under 'Appropriations' as submitted by the City Manager.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. It is necessary to select an auditing firm for the 1957-1958 fiscal year. This may be done by extending the present contract, by negotiation, or by calling for bids.

Councilman Jahn moved to extend the present contract by negotiation by the City Manager, with the City Manager to submit the figures to this Council.

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

Item G-5 from the Agenda was taken up next by the Council.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the installation of drains at the Torrance Municipal Airport, the sum of \$700.00. Attached is an estimate of C. R. Butterfield Company for installation of City-owned 54" corrugated metal pipes, in conjunction with the grading plan at the Torrance Municipal Airport. The estimate has been approved by Mr. Rusell, Director of Public Works.

2. To James M. Hall, as a retainer cover pre-trial preparation for the case of City of Torrance v. Moneta Water Company, the sum of \$400.00.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with Item 1 and 2 under 'Appropriations' on Item G-5.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, and asked the City Manager if Item No. 1 was to be paid from Airport Funds.

The City Manager said it was.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if he was prepared to give an oral report on the fire insurance rate matter.

Councilman Jahn said he would prefer to have a written report, adding he had not had time to read the material on the agenda concerning this.

Mayor Isen ordered the report held over and to be given under 'Oral Communications'.

A November 22, 1957, letter from the City Manager read as follows: 'Attached is a copy of the job descriptions for Airport Superintendent, Assistant Airport Superintendent, and Airport Attendant for your information and approval.'

Councilman Jahn said he had some questions. He pointed out that the Airport Superintendent would have to supervise flying and safety at the Airport, and would sometimes have to stop people from flying. He thought it would be well to require that he hold, or have held in the past, a commercial pilot's license, so he would know the problems in the case and be able to discuss them intelligently. Such a man, the Councilman continued, might have held a license in the past which he decided not to renew, or which might have been dropped because of some slight physical defect, but he would still have the required knowledge.

Councilman Benstead agreed that this was desirable.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that he thought having held such a license in the past was sufficient, and that the applicants need not hold such licenses now.

Councilman Blount said he believed that such a man should have held, or should hold, such a license, but need not necessarily have worked as a commercial pilot.

Mayor Isen asked if the Councilman felt this should be a requirement for the Airport Superintendent only, and Councilman Jahn said he did.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Manager believed a \$5,000 bond was large enough to require, and the City Manager said he did. He explained that the City would collect the rentals, and he did not think large sums of money would be in the hands of the Airport Superintendent.

Assistant City Manager asked what the Council would think of a man who had been an Air Force officer and had experience in one of the services.

Councilman Blount said they get a commercial license automatically.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the three job descriptions with the one amendment he has outlined under 'Minimum Qualifications' for the Airport Superintendent.

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

3. In a letter dated November 22, 1957, the City Manager submitted to the Council information that Mr. George Green is requesting an extension of his contract with the City for the collection and disposal of garbage and non-combustible refuse. The City Manager gave the Council information as to the fees being paid, length of the contract as it is now, and a brief resume of Mr. Green's plans for the future.

The City Manager told the Council this was for study.

Councilman Jahn asked the motive of this request.

City Manager Stevens said Mr. Green is going to have to buy heavier equipment to haul to Saugus.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that most homes now have garbage disposal equipment, and asked if this had been considered.

The City Manager said the garbage was only a small portion of the necessary collections, and that tons and tons of non-combustible material are involved.

Councilman Benstead thought there should be a comparison with what other contractors would charge us.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Benstead, and asked the City Manager to give the Council figures for comparison.

4. Under date of November 21, 1957, the City Manager submitted the following letter to the Council regarding 'Airport Projects Progress Report':

Gentlemen:

1. Federal Communications Commission on Request for Control Tower license: An airmail-special delivery letter has been dispatched from this office on November 20, 1957, to the FCC, Washington, D. C., requesting information as to the status of our application to operate a control tower at Torrance Municipal Airport. The application was resubmitted approximately October 1, 1957.

2. Beacon Tower: Mr. Kenneth H. Brust of the Dresser-Ideco Co., 8909 So. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, was contacted and stated that their company sold the standard 51' beacon tower (CAA approved) for a cost of \$1,650 plus tax and that the cost of installation and erection would be an additional \$650.00. Mr. Brust added that he could promise delivery and erection to be completed within one month from date of contract. This tower conforms to Plan E 906 Sheet E1A, Form 7A, CAA Spec. 252, a copy of which is in this office.

3. Three Obstruction Lights at West End of Airport: Letter written to Jack Wilts, Edison Co., Nov. 20, 1957, authorizing him to proceed as per his estimate of September 20, 1957, (\$100) plus minor incidentals. Estimated completion date, Dec. 5, 1957.

4. One Obstruction Light at Nike Site East End of Torrance Airport: Commanding Officer, Capt. Mahoney, Battery "D", Nike Site, Torrance was contacted on November 19, 1957, outlining problem and he forwarded our request to Army Corps of Engineers, Fort MacArthur; Capt. R. J. Mella, Corps of Engineers, Fort MacArthur, called same day and was asked to proceed with obstruction light specified in CAA L810. He replied that he would and said that this obstruction light would be installed by December 1, 1957.

5. Beacon Light, Flasher (Right-turn indicator) and Portal Lights (3 Places): Received, this date, a firm bid on above mentioned items, by T & E Electric Co., (runway lighting contractor) in the amount of \$3,466.00. A copy of this bid is attached. It is broken down by the Bidder into three items. Item No. 1 is the taxiway marker or portal lights for three separate places - two lights on either side of the taxiway adjacent to the runway. Four lights each location, three locations - total of 12 lights. Item No. 2 - Beacon light. Item No. 3 - a light indicating a right hand traffic pattern.

6. The Illumination of the Lightning Rods on the South Side of Union Oil Co., Lomita Tank Farm, adjacent to the north side of Torrance Airport: Mr. Johnny White, Union Oil Co., Santa Fe Springs

(Oxbow 6-1161) was contacted on November 21, 1957, and stated he knew of no specific company policy which would govern in this situation. White added that he would investigate the matter and advise this office as soon as possible.

7. The 'Smoothing Out' or Fine Grading of the Infield to the South of the Main Runway: Mr. Perkins, street superintendent, has been notified to proceed with this project, and estimates that it can be completed by November 27, 1957.

Councilman Blount said he believed we had a contract with Mr. Mohr to install certain items in the tower. He asked the City Manager if he would give the Council a report on this, and tell them what remains to be done there.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to see some bids on the Item #2 and on the #5.

The City Manager said Item #5 gave the bid of T & E Electric Co. on the work.

Councilman Drale thought that should be sent out for bid.

Councilman Blount agreed.

Councilman Jahn moved that Item #5, 'Beacon Light, Flasher (Right-turn indicator) and Portal Lights (3 places),' be sent out for bid.

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

Councilman Blount said the Council had adopted a motion on Item #2, 'Beacon Tower', some time ago, and he moved to renew that motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn thought the Council had acted on certain of these things before.

The City Manager said that was right, but we have not received bids.

Councilman Blount withdrew his motion, and the order was rescinded.

Councilman Blount moved to place this item for bid as with Item 5.

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

At 8:50 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:00 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A November 18, 1957, recommendation from the Airport Commission that the Council accept the agreement offered by Collins-Dietrich for mutual termination of the Airport management contract, was signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission.

There were no objections and this was ordered filed, as action has already been taken on this matter.

2. A November 18, 1957, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, made the following recommendation to the Council regarding the Eagle Aviation Lease, unfinished hangar, at Torrance Airport:

"that the 2 lots at the west end of the double row of individual hangars as shown on the Master Plan be leased to Mr. Johnson, so the lease will be a 100 x 200' lease, for the length of time remaining in his present lease, with the same option to renew for 10 years, at a price of \$102 per month; Mr. Johnson is to turn back his present lease and move his building to the new site at his own expense, and to bring the building up to Code. The building is to be moved to the new site and completed within 4 months from the date he receives the new lease and the plot plan, which is to be prepared by our Engineering Dept."

Councilman Jahn thought this an excellent solution, and moved to concur with the recommendation.

Councilman Benstead asked if the problems regarding the Eagle Aviation lease had been settled, and was told that they had been.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. In a memo dated November 21, 1957, Mr. J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, recommended the refund of a dog license fee to Henry Kopp, at 1696 - 223rd Street, as that address is not in the City of Torrance, but in the County.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A November 22, 1957, memo from G. Whitacre, License Inspector, reported a request from the Director of the Torrance Area Youth Bank for a free license to conduct a Christmas Candy Sale, funds to be used to help pay expenses for their Chicago trip. Mr. Whitacre recommended this be granted.

Councilman Blount moved the free permit be granted to the Youth Band as requested.

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

2. A request for a free license and electrical permit to sell Christmas Trees from Boy Scout Troop No. 209, Nativity Catholic Church Annex, was signed by Sam Battaglia, 2415 Cabrillo Ave., Troop Treasurer. The Troop asked to be permitted to sell trees on the corner of Marcelina and Arlington Avenues, starting one week before Christmas. This was dated November 13, 1957.

License Inspector Whitacre, in a memo appended to the request, recommended the free license be granted subject to the deposit of the \$25 cleanup fee.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens submitted a memo with this request to the effect that if the request is granted he would recommend that the no fee electrical permit be granted to the contractor who does the wiring.

Councilman Blount moved to grant the request, subject to the recommendation of the License Inspector and Bldg. Supt.

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

3. A November 22, 1957, memo from G. Whitacre, License Inspector, informed the Council we had received a request from Boy Scout Troop 241 for a free license to operate a Christmas Tree Lot to be located at the Southwest corner of 220th St. and Western, the same location they have used for the last two years. Mr. Whitacre recommended the free license be granted, subject to the \$25 clean up fee being deposited.

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

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

4. A November 19, 1957, letter from the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist Church, requested permission to do their Christmas carolling during their annual ingathering of funds for welfare from Thanksgiving to New Year, as they were permitted to do last year. They wish to use the same Public Address systems they were allowed to use last year, with the tape recordings of the Kings Herald's Quartet.

They also wish to visit just residential areas at this time to give them an opportunity to contribute again.

The letter was signed by Glenn L. Goffar, Pastor.

License Inspector Whitacre reported the request has been approved by Asst. Chief of Police Porter providing the loud speakers are not

operated after 10:00 P. M.

Mr. Whitacre reported they had been issued a free license for this same type of drive in November 1956, and he recommended the granting of a free license to solicit and the use of the public address system.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector and the stipulations of the Asst. Chief of Police.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney's office submitted a November 13, 1957, letter from O'Melveny & Myers, 433 So. Spring St., signed by Franklin T. Hamilton, re: TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, ELECTION 1957 and TORRANCE - CHARTER AMENDMENT (AIRPORT). The letter advised they would forward the statement for their fees concerning the Charter amendment election upon completion of their services in the matter. They submitted with the letter a statement as follows: RE: TORRANCE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, to legal services in connection with drafting proceedings for the calling of an election on issuance of bonds, \$1,000.00.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with City Attorney's recommendation in this matter, and pay the amount due.

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

2. The City Attorney submitted, with a letter dated November 21, 1957, Resolution No. 3339, which has been corrected and which was submitted to the Council for adoption.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3339

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN NORA PFLIEGER, DOING BUSINESS AS EAGLE AVIATION, AS LESSEE, AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS LESSOR, FOR A PARCEL OF LAND AT 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. 3339.

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

3. With a letter dated November 21, 1957, the City Attorney submitted to the Council FOR STUDY ONLY an Ordinance regulating the use of surf boards, boats and other wave riding devices at Torrance Beach.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the Recreation Commission and the Recreation Director for their study and recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated November 15, 1957, signed by Percy G. Bennett, Chief of Police, for the Traffic Commission, submitted certain recommendations from that body regarding stop signs, 'no parking at any time' zone postings, and parallel parking.

2. A letter dated November 19, 1957, signed by Percy G. Bennett, Chief of Police, for the Traffic Commission, submitted certain of their recommendation regarding stop signs, a lantern-type signal, speed limits, and 'no parking at any time' zone postings.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with both letters from the Traffic Commission as submitted.

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

The City Attorney said he would prepare the necessary Ordinances.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A November 18, 1957, letter from the Parks & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, submitted their recommendation for a ventilation system for the Adult Center.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if he had any idea of how much this would cost, and the City Manager replied that he thought a fan in a window would do what was necessary, and that it should not cost \$100.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission, with the stipulation that this is not to cost in excess of \$100.00.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

A November 22, 1957, letter from J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, had been considered and disposed of as the first order of business before this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter dated November 21, 1957, from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, submitted to the Council street easements for the widening of Prairie Avenue right-of-way between 174th and 182nd Streets. A location sketch was enclosed, along with the necessary resolution accepting the easement.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3349

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASMENT DEED FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3349.

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

2. A November 21, 1957, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, submitted street easements for the widening of 236th St. and a 27-ft. easement for a future street granted by A. J. Fieri.

The necessary resolution and the location sketch were submitted with Mr. Patrick's letter.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3350

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

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3350.

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

3. J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted under
date of November 21, 1957, easement for sanitary sewer on p tions of
Lots 1 and 2 in Tract No. 847, granted by A. J. Fieri.

The necessary resolution was also submitted by Mr. Patrick.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3351

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

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3351.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A November 20, 1957 letter from Planning Director Powell
submitted to the Council the Planning Commission's recommendation that
the walkway in Block F, Tract 10303 be vacated to the owners of the
abutting property. Supporting material was submitted with Mr. Powell's
letter.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3352

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN JOINT
RECREATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3352.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll
call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. Submitted for its second and final reading, Ordinance No. 917;
the cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett, dated November 21, 1957,
reported this had been unanimously adopted by the Council at the time
of its first reading on November 19, 1957.

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, RECORD-
INGS AND OTHER ARTICLES.

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. 917 at its
second and final reading.

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

2. With a letter dated November 21, 1957, City Clerk Bartlett
submitted for its second and final reading Ordinance No. 918, which
he reported had been unanimously adopted at its first reading on
November 19, 1957.

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 THEREFOR 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 Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by
roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 918 at its
second and final reading.

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

3. A cover letter from A. H. Bartlett, dated Nov. 21, 1957,
submitted for its second and final reading Ordinance No. 919, which he
reported had been unanimously adopted by the Council at its first
reading on November 19, 1957.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 919

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 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 Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 919 at its second and final reading.

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

4. A Nov. 21, 1957, letter from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 920, which he reported had been unanimously adopted at its first reading by the Council on November 19, 1957.

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 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. 920 at its second and final reading.

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

5. A November 21, 1957, cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett reported that Ordinance No. 921, submitted by him for its second and final reading, had been unanimously adopted at its first reading on November 19, 1957.

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 Ordinance No. 921.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 921 at its second and final reading.

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

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk advised that the 1957 issue of the Tax Payers Guide, issued by the office of J. M. Lowery, L. A. County Department of Auditor-Controller, is now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

The City Manager reported we have been given a report from the Board of Fire Underwriters, who have placed our City in Class 5; the City was formerly in Class 6 and portions of it in Class 8. This means a probable saving to the people carrying insurance on dwellings in the City. He suggested that within not too long a time we have another survey made, as he believes we can have the City eventually in Class 4, saving the citizens of Torrance even more money.

City Manager Stevens reported that the Finance Officer had requested a clarification from the Council on a motion made at the last meeting regarding the funds to be given to the Torrance Area Youth Band. The motion, as shown in the Minutes of the meeting, had not clearly stated the sum to be given to the Band.

Councilman Blount said he had clearly stated \$4,000 and asked that a check be made to ascertain this.

Councilman Drale added that he personally had suggested this be earmarked for advertising and publicity and paid through the Chamber of Commerce.

City Manager Stevens referred to the Library in Hollywood Riviera, saying he had contacted their Community Association with questions as to whether they would give us their opinion on placing this in El Retiro Park. He had contacted Mr. Marsh, who had said he could see no objection to it, but had asked that Mr. Stevens write to Mr. Callahan about it. Mr. Callahan had replied to the City Manager, under date of November 22, 1957, and the City Manager read his reply in full, as follows:

"This will acknowledge yours of the 5th directed to Mr. Clyde Marsh in reference to the placing of a library in El Retiro Park.

"The Huntington-Redondo Company has no objection to this proposal. Unfortunately, however, the property was conveyed to the City by the Hollywood Riviera Community Association for park purposes, and in a preliminary discussion with the Directors of the Association there seems to be some objection on the part of the local members of the Board of Directors. I think it might be well if you would have someone talk with Commander Mason and Larry Wing, who are both Directors in the Association.

"With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,
HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
S/ E. L. Callahan, President."

Councilman Blount suggested the letter be filed.

Councilman Drale said he recalled the 2¢ tax for library purpose, but that he did not recall that the money, probably \$20,000, was to be used for this one library.

Mayor Isen said there was a formal resolution governing the expenditure.

Councilman Blount repeated his suggestion that the letter be filed.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that a letter from him to the Council recommending the employment of Mr. Mewborn in the Don Ja Ran matter had been ordered filed. Since that time, the majority of the Council has been served in the matter.

The City Attorney said he and Mr. Mewborn had already done a considerable amount of work in the matter, as time is short.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney and hire Mr. Mewborn to represent the City in this matter at a reasonable fee.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn asked if this could not be postponed.

Attorney Remelmeyer replied we could not, because Mr. Peck had refused our request.

Councilman Jahn asked if we could not ask the judge for postponement.

Attorney Remelmeyer replied that we can on December 13, when the first court appearance is to be made, but that we must be prepared to go ahead with this in case the request is refused.

The City Attorney explained that he cannot do a really good job on this himself because he does not have the time it will require.

Councilman Jahn asked whether the motion was to hire Mr. Mewborn for the first hearing or for the whole case.

Mayor Isen said it was on a 'reasonable fee' basis, meaning until the City does not need his services.

Councilman Jahn expressed his belief that this could be settled in such a way that it would be satisfactory to the residents of the area concerned and without too much expense to the City.

Councilman Jahn asked that the motion be amended to stipulate this attorney was being hired only through the first appearance in court.

Councilman Blount explained the motion as it stands means the attorney can be discharged at any time by the City.

Councilman Drale's motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved that the date of the next meeting of the Council be set for December 10, 1957, at 8:00 P. M..

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

Councilman Blount said he had spoken to each of the Councilmen concerning a Resolution urging the consideration of a young man who lives in Torrance and has been selected for consideration on the Pop Warner All American Football Team - the only boy from Torrance selected for this honor. His name is Timothy Roettger.

Councilman Blount moved that the City Attorney draw up a Resolution tomorrow for the Mayor to sign before he leaves, urging the consideration of this young man for that honor, from an All American City.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk for the number which would be assigned to such a Resolution, and the City Clerk said it would be Resolution No. 3353.

Mayor Isen directed that the Resolution be prepared, as there were no objections, and spread in full in the Minutes, which it is, appearing in these minutes as Page 17.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with reading of Resolution No. 3353 by the Council.

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

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3353.

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

Mayor Isen said the original of this Resolution would be signed and delivered to Councilman Blount, not later than tomorrow afternoon.

RESOLUTION NO. 3353

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE HONORING TIMOTHY ROETTGER, WHO
HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR CONSIDERATION AS A
MEMBER OF THE POP WARNER ALL AMERICA TEAM.

WHEREAS, Timothy Roettger, who is 13 years of age and resides at 23043 Doris Way in Torrance, has been nominated for consideration as a member of the Pop Warner All America Team; and

WHEREAS, Timothy won such nomination by reason of his outstanding play as a T Quarterback in Midget Football; and

WHEREAS, Timothy's nomination to the All America Team has brought honor on our All America City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

That this City Council hereby congratulates Timothy Roettger for the great honor which he has brought on our City by his nomination for consideration as a member of the Pop Warner All America Team.

SECTION 2.

That this City Council urges the Selection Board of the Pop Warner All America Team to give to Timothy Roettger its careful consideration in choosing the All America T Quarterback because Timothy is truly an All America Boy, and not only is his selection deserving for said reasons, but his selection would also be a fitting climax to the celebration of Torrance as an All America City for this year by the National Municipal League in conjunction with Look Magazine.

SECTION 3.

That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Selection Board of the Pop Warner All America Team.

Introduced, approved and adopted this 26th day of November, 1957.

Councilman Blount complained about the blackboard in the Council Chamber, saying it should be moved.

It was agreed to move this to another location in the room.

Councilman Drale asked when the maps the Council has ordered will be available.

Planning Director Powell reported they will be ready very soon, and that a new zoning map will also be placed in the Council Chamber.

Councilman Drale reported that the Church of God has requested permission to have their Third Annual outdoor Nativity scene, which will be governed by the same rules as it has been in the past. He moved the permission be granted.

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

Councilman Drale referred to an item on the agenda for information only, and asked the City Manager to thank Dr. Hull of the Torrance Unified School District for the information on the cost per pupil in the Torrance Schools.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this figure is about \$55 lower than the cost per pupil in the Los Angeles area, and suggested that the City Manager thank Dr. Hull for the information, and to tell him the Council believes this information would be of interest to the press.

Mayor Isen told the Council that in line with the Committee for Self-regulation, with reference to magazines, publications, etc., in the City, he would be glad to have them designate to him before the 10th of December their appointees to that Committee; otherwise, he added that he would assume they did not care to make an appointment.

Mayor Isen referred to Mayor Leroy Center's statement concerning the County government and taxes which was published in today's newspaper. Mayor Isen concurred with Mayor Center's criticism of the high taxes, and pointed out that some time ago this City Council had passed Resolutions asking the County to hold the line on taxes and to abolish the 'Lakewood Plan' of assistance in municipal government.

Mayor Isen thought it would be an excellent plan to determine exactly how much our City has paid in County taxes over the past three years, and what we have received for that money.

Councilman Jahn told the Council this was being done, when through the Committee appointed to study the Lakewood Plan, of which he is a member, the Supervisors have sent a report to a Grand Jury to have a report made showing that information. This was also sent to the University of California at Los Angeles to have an impartial and unbiased survey made as to those services.

Mayor Isen suggested that the City Manager and he write a letter to those bodies saying that we would like those figures particularly as they apply to Torrance, as otherwise we have no exact information.

There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Mr. David Bauxer of 22926 Kent Street spoke to the Council about the proposed juvenile hall, which the Council had not favored having in Torrance. Mr. Bauxer thought the City should accept this as a duty.

He told the Council he would come back to talk to them again when the Resolution they have asked for is presented.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Bauxer the City Attorney would let him know when the Resolution is presented to the Council.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance