

Torrance, California
December 17, 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, December 17, 1957, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Vanda Carlton led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Wendell Hook of the Walteria Community Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of December 10, 1957, as written.

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

Mayor Isen pointed out that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council would fall on Christmas Eve, and said it had been suggested to him that the Council not meet next week at all, but adjourn to Monday, December 30, 1957 instead. He asked the City Manager if that could be worked out satisfactorily.

The City Manager replied that he had checked with both the Planning and Engineering Departments, and had found that there are no bids or Hearings scheduled for that meeting.

Councilman Blount agreed that the idea was a good one, as did Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen said at the proper time he would entertain a motion to that effect, and asked the newspapers represented here to publicize this.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of Bids for the Beacon Tower and other facilities at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

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

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Amt. Bid</u>
R. E. Ziebarth 21205 Bolsa St. Torrance, Calif.	1,	
	2, <u>Alternate b only,</u>	
	3,	
	4	Lump Sum Bid \$4,900.00
T & E Electric Co. 24202 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, Calif.	1 - No bid	
	2 - No alternate stated	\$2,896.00
	3 -	476.00
	4 -	891.00
		Total of Bid \$4,263.00

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>Item No.</u>		<u>Amt. Bid</u>
Sherwin Electric Co.	1-		\$3,800.00
	2-	Alt. A	2,333.00
		Alt. B	1,935.00
	3-		185.00
	4		1,035.00

Councilman Jahn moved that the bid of R.E.Ziebarth be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen suggested the motion be amended to state that this was accepted 'as per the call for bids and Mr. Ziebarth's letter.'

Councilman Jahn accepted the amendment to his motion, and Councilman Blount accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of Bids for dismantling and removing two 100,000-gallon steel water tanks for the Water Department.

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

City Clerk Bartlett announced there were no bids. City Manager Stevens suggested that the Council authorize the Superintendent of the Water Department to negotiate and bring in for approval an agreement for this.

Mr. McVicar was present, and said he had heard of someone who could do this work, but had not been able to contact him. He said he had no idea of what this would cost.

Councilman Jahn moved that Mr. McVicar be authorized to negotiate a price on this and present it to the Council for approval.

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

Councilman Drale joined the meeting at 5:45 P. M.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids for 1/2-ton Truck and Truck Body for the Water Department.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens opened and City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>BID</u>
Oscar Maples Inc. 1420 Cabrillo Torrance, Calif.	1. 1958 Ford 1/2 ton truck Plus applicable tax	\$1,476.29
	Optional Equipment	
	Fordomatic Transmission	158.00
	6-ply truck type tires and tubes; heavy duty wheels and heavy duty 2-stage rear springs (recommended)	85.10
	2. Truck Body as specified	444.20
Paul's Chevrolet, Inc. 1640 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, Calif.	1. 1958 Chevrolet 1/2-ton truck	\$1,392.22
	2. Truck body as specified	399.00
	Total Bid	\$1,791.22
	4% sales tax	71.65
	TOTAL BID	\$1,862.87

BIDDER:

ITEM NO.

BID:

K & K Body Works
3035 Verdugo Road
Los Angeles 65, Calif.

2. Truck body, to be installed
and painted to match Item #1
Including tax \$461.97

Jumbo Equipment Co.
1012 So. Los Angeles St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

2. Truck body, installed and
painted to match Item #1
\$440.00

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be referred to Mr. Mcvicar for comparison with the specifications and for recommendation later in the meeting.

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

San Diego Freeway:

Mayor Isen announced that Mr. Reynolds, the Designing Engineer from the State, was present with an agreement on the San Diego Freeway which was to be presented to the Council as Item 3 under Engineering. As a courtesy to Mr. Reynolds, the Council considered this item now.

A letter dated December 12, 1957, from City Engineer Bishop, submitted to the Council the proposed freeway agreement between the City of Torrance and the State covering that portion of State Road VII-LA-158-Tor., known as the San Diego Freeway, through the City of Torrance.

The letter from Mr. Bishop explained the map which the State has presented, and listed the possible key points concerning this agreement.

Copies of letters from the State concerning this matter were also submitted by the City Engineer, one dated November 19, 1957, and one dated May 27, 1957, and both signed for L. R. Gillis, District Engineer, by John W. Shaver, Asst. District Engineer.

Mr. Reynolds presented to the Council the map the State has prepared, and the Council studied the map with him and with the City Engineer and City Manager.

The City Attorney asked Mr. Reynolds whether the State would pay for land acquisition and for any alterations necessary on City-owned streets for the freeway, and Mr. Reynolds said they would.

The City Attorney asked if the State would pay for frontage roads, and Mr. Reynolds said they would.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3360

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN FREEWAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

The City Attorney asked Mr. Reynolds if there would be any expense to the City for the construction of this freeway within the City limits.

Mr. Reynolds said there would not be.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3360.

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

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A copy of the Agreement Terminating the Airport Management Contract as approved by the Airport Commission at their meeting held December 12, 1957, was submitted.

The City Attorney said this was here for comments and suggestions from the Council. This is presented for discussion and consideration.

Mayor Isen did not think this Agreement followed the offer originally made by Collins-Dietrich, mentioning that the section covering the dispensing of gasoline does not follow the offer.

The City Attorney said those points of difference should be ironed out.

Mayor Isen suggested that a Committee be appointed to work on this, and as there were no objections, he appointed the following Committee: City Manager Stevens, Councilman Blount, Mr. Jack White of the Airport Commission, and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Jahn declined to serve on the Committee.

Mayor Isen asked that the Committee meet with Collins-Dietrich representatives as soon after the holidays as practical and see if the rough spots in the agreement can be worked out and made mutually satisfactory.

2. A letter dated December 6, 1957, from the Walteria Civic Organization, signed by Bessie D. Slonecker, Secretary, protested about the condition of the old 'Japanese Church' on Ward Street in Walteria, and averred that it posed a hazard.

A memo dated December 11, 1957, from George Powell to the City Manager, stated that Mr. Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., says he can have the building demolished if directed to do so by Council order. Mr. Powell reported that all formal correspondence regarding the property in question should be directed to Mr. K. Mukaeda, 112 N. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, telephone MADison 9-1247.

The City Attorney expressed some surprise at this memo, saying he had not discussed this with Mr. Schlens, but had discussed it with Mr. Russell in the past.

Councilman Benstead moved to direct the Superintendent of Building to condemn the old 'Japanese Church' building in Walteria on Ward Street.

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

3. A letter dated December 11, 1957, from Mrs. Pat K. McManus, 3510 - 228th St., requested that the Council take some action to prevent cat owners from allowing these animals, many of which pose health problems, from roaming the streets and invading the privacy of other property owners.

Mrs. McManus was present, and described the conditions prevalent in her neighborhood, where the cats are numerous and have become a nuisance to many. She reported that some of the children in the area have contacted ringworm from these animals, and because of that have not been able to play with other children or to play out of doors. She listed other grievances against the cats in the area.

The City Attorney said he was rather at a loss as to how to suggest that cats be controlled, and asked if Mrs. McManus had any suggestions.

The Mayor explained the problems of enforcement which have been encountered by other cities which have attempted such measures.

Mayor Isen suggested that the City Attorney check with other cities and see if he could obtain any information which would help us in the control of cats, and asked that he keep Mrs. McManus informed.

Mrs. McManus referred to the fact that dogs are licensed, and suggested similar measures be adopted for cats.

Mayor Isen told the City Attorney the Council would be glad to

entertain any reasonable suggestion on this.

4. A December 6, 1957, letter from the Los Angeles County Health Dept., 241 No. Figueroa St., signed by Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., Health Officer, reported on that Department's analysis of the water delivered to residents of North Torrance from the Moneta Water Co.

Mayor Isen asked that those residents who had complained to the Council be given a copy of this report as they had been told they would be.

Mayor Isen asked that this matter be followed up at all times, and the report was ordered filed as there were no objections.

5. A memo from Chief of Police Bennett requested Council approval of a stop sign on Cypress at Sepulveda Blvd., regulating north bound traffic.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the request, and that the City Attorney prepare the necessary Ordinance.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. A December 13, 1957, letter from the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for Council consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

For the installation of steel, chain-link fences, as covered by the recommendation of John Russell, Director of Public Works, the following sums:

1. Fire Station No. 3	\$579.00
2. Victor E. Benstead Plunge	\$478.00
3. Sea-Aire Park	\$745.00

Payment is to be made from the Unappropriated Reserve Funds.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under "Appropriations".

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A December 13, 1957, letter from the Torrance Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, conveyed to the Council that Commission's unanimous approval of the Airport Hangar Lease prepared by the City Attorney.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if he had obtained copies of the leases used by neighboring cities for airport hangar leases.

The City Attorney had, but has not as yet been able to compile the comparative information.

Mayor Isen said the Council would like to have a survey made of rates charged by other cities for such leases.

The City Manager said a survey was made, and the material is available.

Mayor Isen referred this whole matter to the City Manager and the City Attorney for more information, as there were no objections.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. A December 13, 1957, letter from Jerome I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, contained his recommendation that the sum of \$250,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Water Revenue Fund as a repayment of a loan to the General Fund.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Scharfman's recommendation that this Transfer of Funds be made.

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

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. A December 12, 1957, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a resolution for the modification in the proceedings for the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 as described in Resolution of Intention No. 3286.

Mr. Patrick's letter reported that the attorney for the contractor had found that on Page 2 of Resolution No. 3286, first line, it was necessary to strike out "140 feet easterly from the East line of", since the sewers did not extend in this area, and on Page 3 of Resolution No. 3286, Section 4, it was necessary to change "Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)" to read "Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)" for bonds to be issued to represent each assessment.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3359

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE PROCEEDINGS FOR WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3 AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3286.

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. 3359.

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

2. A letter dated December 11, 1957, from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, presented to the Council a Report on Priorities of City of Torrance Storm Drain Deficiency. The Report had been discussed and unanimously approved at the Public Works Staff Meeting of December 9, 1957.

Mayor Isen asked if this was for presentation to the County, and the City Engineer said it is; Mr. Bishop added that this was for the study of the District Engineer to report on the possibility of a bond issue.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the report, and that it be forwarded promptly to the appropriate parties in County government.

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

3. This item, the Agreement on the San Diego Freeway within the City Limits of Torrance, had been covered earlier in the meeting.

4. A December 13, 1957, letter from City Engineer Bishop, recommended that the bid of S. A. Cummings Contracting Corp., in the sum of \$24,775.43, be accepted for the Prairie Avenue Improvement and all other bids be rejected. He supported his recommendation with the results of his investigation made when it was found that the bids exceeded the estimates.

Mayor Isen asked if the District Engineer had approved this, and the City Engineer told the Council this had been received over the telephone today, and a letter would follow.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Engineer's recommendation, and that the necessary Resolution be prepared.

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

5. A December 12, 1957, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, reported a drainage situation which should be remedied at Redondo Beach Boulevard at Ainsworth, and recommended that an appropriation of \$2,500 be granted for this construction.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, who thought this would be a good chance for the people along there to get their curbs and gutters along Redondo Beach Boulevard, and that some action should be taken along those lines.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A December 12, 1957, letter from the Planning Commission, submitted by Planning Director Powell, requested adoption of an ordinance requiring a 15' diagonal cut-off at major intersections.

Councilman Jahn thought this would be too great a loss on a 25' lot, and asked the City Attorney if he agreed.

The City Attorney said it would be a loss, and that he could not foresee the result of such a matter if it were taken to court.

Councilman Drale asked if having an inside radius on corners comparable to the outside radius would not solve this.

Planning Director Powell said this suggestion was here for study, and that the County is now preparing such a law.

Councilman Benstead asked if there are any 25' business lots in Torrance, and Mr. Powell said there are some in Walteria and in downtown Torrance.

The Planning Director was directed to follow up on this and inform the Council as to County action in the matter.

2. CASE NO. 477 - VARIANCE: A Transmittal Form from the Planning Commission submitted CASE NO. 477, application of Frank Wiegele and F. Eugene Miller for a Variance to erect retail stores on a residue parcel of land caused by the freeway across the southwest corner of 182nd St., approximately 150' west of Crenshaw, in Zone R-1 and R-2, with a recommendation for approval.

Planning Director Powell said the recommendation for approval had been made before the map was presented on the Freeway, therefore, he asked this be removed from the Agenda.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Powell for a letter from the State saying this would not interfere with the Freeway.

There were no objections, and Mr. Powell was directed to follow through on this.

3. A December 11, 1957, letter from Planning Director Powell reported the action taken on the complaint of Mrs. C. G. Marlow, 2468 W. 236th St., telephone Davenport 6-8348, about the oil well across Crenshaw from her home.

Mr. Powell presented photos of the property which he and Mr. McMahon had taken, and said Mr. Pettijohn, owner of the property on which the oil well is located, was present.

Mr. Pettijohn came forward, and reported that he is cleaning up the property. He said the property had been turned back to him in October. He said he is trying to follow up on the suggestions from Mr. Powell and Mr. McMahon.

Mayor Isen asked Mrs. Marlow, who was present, if she had noted any improvement.

Mrs. Marlowe said there had been a very slight improvement.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Pettijohn proceed with the clean-up of the property which he has under way, and that another report be made to the Council at the end of 30 days.

Mr. Pettijohn said he would consider that reasonable, but said there was some timber and some pipe there on the property which he does not wish to dispose of.

Councilman Jahn said he would have to comply with the Ordinance.

Mr. Pettijohn said he is going to replace the fence, and will take down the boiler house and the foundations of two old tanks which are on the property.

There were no objections, and another report on this matter in 30 days was requested.

Mr. Pettijohn requested that the parents of children who play on that property be asked to keep their children off his property.

Mrs. Marlow asked what would be done about the trucks loading in the street.

Mr. Pettijohn said they will load in the yard from now on.

4. A December 13, 1957, letter signed by G. C. Powell, Planning Director, and Lee Schlens, Building Supt., as Members of the Waiver Board, submitted the following waivers to the Council for consideration:

W-196 E. B. Eggum, 17240 Yukon: Recommended for approval by the Waiver Board as the proposed dwelling, if placed on a 10' setback will be in keeping with all other structures on that street. There is a special condition on the approval of this Waiver, to the effect that "No Final Inspection will be given until the sewer connections have been complied with, per City Code."

W-198 James H. Blue, Jr., 2706 W. 179th St.: The Waiver Board recommended a Waiver of the required 20' rear yard for the reason that the proposed addition to existing dwelling covers only a small portion of the rear yard area. There remains ample rear yard area (25' in depth by 30' in width).

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Waiver Board's recommendation for approval of these two waivers, with conditions as noted.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Three items were submitted by John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, covering the AWARD OF CONTRACT for installation of chain-link fencing at Sea-Aire Park, V. E. Benstead Plunge, and Fire Station No. 3. As all these items had been covered by the City Manager's recommendations under "Appropriations", no action was required.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Four communications, dated December 11 and 12, 1957, and all signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, as follows:

1. Recommendation for approval of request of Little League to use Paradise Park site for a ball park.

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2. Recommendation for approval of request of Little League of North Torrance for use of Guenser Park site for a ball park.

3. Recommendation for approval of request of American Babe Ruth League and Little League for use of sump site near Bishop Montgomery Catholic High School or sump near Carson and Sepulveda as a ball park.

4. Recommendation of subcommittee of Parks & Recreation Commission re stipulations to be set forth on all Little League leases on City-owned property.

A gentleman in the audience asked the location of the Paradise Park mentioned in Item 1, saying a group of residents around his home planned to protest its use if it is the sump near their homes.

This man gave his name and address as Walker Wicek, 4807 Lee Street.

Mr. George Powell said this is in the Southwood Homes area.

Item No. 1 was referred back to the Park & Recreation Commission, with the instruction that when the petition Mr. Wicek said is being signed comes in to the City, it be referred to the Commission as well, for consideration with the matter of the ball park.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with recommendations 2, 3 and 4 from the Park & Recreation Dept., as given in these letters.

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

Mayor Isen directed the City Clerk to notify Mr. Wicek when this matter will come before the Park & Recreation Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

1. A December 13, 1957, letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended that Mr. James Hall be retained by the City as special counsel, with compensation of \$100 per month, with the City to provide secretarial service.

A December 10, 1957, letter from Mr. Hall with regard to such service to the City by him was submitted by Mr. Remelmeyer.

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

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

2. A December 10, 1957, communication from the City Attorney concerned the Moneta Water Company. The City Attorney concluded as follows:

"1. It is probable that a new water district would have to be formed by the City of Torrance in order to purchase the property of the Moneta Water Company.

2. The determination of what exclusive rights, if any, are owned by Moneta Water Company in the area which they service, is a matter that can be determined only by litigation.

3. Until such determination is made, I advise your Honorable Body not to attempt to parallel the lines of the Moneta Water Company with City-owned lines, or otherwise attempt to serve such area."

Mayor Isen asked if there has been a determination of the Moneta Water Company rights as yet.

The City Attorney said we have one suit on file, but not the other. Mr. Hall has not filed for declaratory judgement.

Mayor Isen suggested that action be taken soon.

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

3. A December 13, 1957, letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted to the Council the proposed Amended Lease with Jefferson, Inc. with all corrections requested by the Council at the December 10, 1957

meeting.

The City Attorney presented a copy of the lease, marked "Original" to the City Clerk, for the City's files.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3361

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE GRANTING OF AN AMENDED LEASE TO JEFFERSON, INCORPORATED.

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 for adoption of Resolution No. 3361.

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

Mr. Bower of Jefferson, Inc., was present, and thanked the Council for their help during the work done on this lease.

BIDS ON TRUCK FOR WATER DEPT.:

Mr. McVicar said that Paul's Chevrolet had submitted the lowest bid on the truck and chassis for the Water Dept., but he would have to make further research on the bids for the body.

Mr. McVicar answered a question from Mayor Isen by saying they need this truck as soon as they can get it.

Councilman Jahn moved to award this bid to Paul's Chevrolet, subject to the body they bid on being satisfactory.

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

LEGAL DEPT. MATTERS:

4. A December 13, 1957, letter from the City Attorney submitted to the Council for approval the lease to Carl Raymond Johnson. The lease as submitted was approved by the Airport Commission at its meeting of December 12, and recommended with one change, which has been made.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3362

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS LESSOR AND CARL RAYMOND JOHNSON AS LESSEE, FOR A PARCEL OF LAND AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3362.

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

5. A December 13, 1957, letter from the City Attorney submitted for Council consideration a revised proposed Truck Route Ordinance. The letter outlined the results of a meeting the Council had instructed

with representatives of the trucking interests.

Mayor Isen asked the Chief of Police if he had studied this Ordinance and approved it.

Chief of Police Bennett said he had done so.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 923

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

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. 923 at its first reading.

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

6. A December 13, 1957, letter from the City Attorney submitted for Council consideration an Ordinance relating to the disposal and transportation of garbage and rubbish, as he was directed to do at the Council Meeting of December 10, 1957.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 924

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.1 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR A NEW SECTION RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL AND TRANSPORTATION OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH.

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. 924 at its first reading.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3363

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING EXECUTION OF CERTIFICATE CONCERNING RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND SUBMISSION THEREOF TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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 for adoption of Resolution No. 3363. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

A December 13, 1957, letter from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 922, which he reported had been passed at its first reading on December 10, 1957, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 922

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. 460.

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. 922 at its second and final reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens told the Council that there is apparently going to be a request to use almost every sump in the City as a Little League ball field. He called to the attention of the Council that these are designed primarily for drainage and that is their first purpose. He said we should not allow them to be improved in such manner that their use as drainage sumps is impaired. All improvements should require approval by the City Engineer and the Park Department.

The City Manager reported that he had, as directed by the Council, written to the State Division of Highways asking if they would permit us to engineer and install light signals at Toledo and Highway 101, Calle Mayor and Highway 101, and Arlington and 174th, with the State to reimburse us later for their share of the cost of these signals. He has not received a reply to his letter; however, last week a design engineer from the State was here with plans for those signals on Highway 101 which tie in with their over-all pattern. The City Engineer had approved those plans and suggested they be expedited. The City believes the Calle Mayor signal should go to bid about February, 1958, which is about as soon as it can be done.

The City Manager told the Council he had called the State office and told them of the urgency of our need for the signals, and of the number of children who cross that Highway.

Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to renew his letter and send copies of it to State Senator Richards and to Assemblyman Thomas, asking them to support our request.

The City Manager said he would do that, and will continue to push this urgent matter.

Director of Public Works Russell reported to the Council on the outstanding work done by the City's men during the heavy rains this

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past weekend. He said they had worked almost all night long last night. He especially commended John Patrick of the Engineering Department and Messrs. Perkins and Stephens of the Street Department, and all the men down there. He said they did a wonderful job.

Planning Director Powell told the Council he had been asked to speak to the Council for Mr. Russell and for the Staff, which the Council had formed about a year ago. The Staff wishes to commend the Council for making an excellent contribution to the efficiency of the various departments by the formation of the Staff, and they have asked him to extend to the Council their best wishes for the Holiday season.

The Mayor thanked the Staff for the wonderful job they have done, and extended to them the Council's wishes for the Holiday season.

Councilman Blount told the Council that the young man whom they had suggested be nominated for membership on the Pop Warner All American Football Team, Timothy Roettger, was named a member of that team, and will go to Florida for their games.

Councilman Blount congratulated Timothy upon his selection as a member of this team, and congratulated his parents upon having raised such a fine son.

Councilman Drale thought we should support other cities who are protesting the recent increase in rates granted to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., and moved this City Council go on record as opposing those increases.

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

Councilman Jahn asked if we could get a copy of the Protest filed by the City of Los Angeles and use it for a model for a protest of our own, and get it to the proper authorities within the legal time limit.

After a short discussion, City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3364

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING, AND CONCURRING IN, THE ACTION OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IN OPPOSING THE TELEPHONE RATE INCREASE GRANTED TO THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3364.

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

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Mayor Isen noted that/Mr. Bernard Dougan on the Park & Recreation Commission has expired, and re-appointed him as a member of that Commission.

Upon polling the Council, the appointment was unanimously approved.

Mayor Isen announced that Councilman Drale had nominated Dorothy (Mrs. Francis) Stoeckle, 2612 W. 175th St., Davis 3-2494 to the Self-Censorship Committee, and Mayor Isen said he was glad to appoint her as a member of that Committee.

Mayor Isen asked for suggestions on the temporary Chairman of that Committee.

Councilman Drale suggested Mrs. Stoeckle, saying she has had experience of that nature.

There were no objections, and Mrs. Stoeckle was named the

temporary Chairman of the Committee, consisting of the five appointees of the Council, the three distributors, and two representatives of the retailers of magazines in the City.

Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Bartlett to write letters to each of these people, indicating that the Council has suggested Mrs. Stoeckle as as temporary Chairman, and telling them that they may use the City Council's conference room as a meeting place. He suggested that they call their first meeting as soon as possible after the holidays.

Mr. G. Wilson, engineer engaged by the QRS Neon Company, spoke to the Council on behalf of the Jim Dandy Market being built at Sepulveda and Hawthorne. He said they wish to erect a neon sign which exceeds the size permitted by the Ordinance without special Council approval. The engineering is to be done very shortly on the sign, and they want to have approval before this work is done.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said he had never seen anything on this sign, and that he would like to have a chance to study it.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this matter held over for the Council meeting on December 30, 1957.

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

Councilman Blount moved to adjourn to Monday, December 30, 1957, at 5:30 P. M.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 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