

Torrance, California
January 14, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular session at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, January 14, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Hansen of the Library Board led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the January 7, 1958, meeting as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids on Comprehensive General Liability and Property Damage Including Automobiles.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Jahn moved this be accepted and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens opened, and City Clerk Bartlett read, the one bid received, as follows:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>Insurance:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Russell Lund 2367 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, Calif.	One year General Liability- Flat Charge	\$23,538.00
	One year Owned & Leased Automobiles, as per schedule	<u>\$14,384.19</u>
	TOTAL ONE YEAR DEPOSIT PREMIUM,	\$37,922.19

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, the City Manager said this was between four and five thousand dollars more than the cost of this insurance had been last year.

In response to a question, the City Manager said we had advertised for bids and this had been the only bid we received.

Councilman Jahn moved that the bid of the Lund Company be accepted in the amount of \$37,922.19.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of Bids on Surplus Material and Equipment offered for Sale.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved the Affidavit be received and filed.

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

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>Material Bid:</u>	<u>AMOUNT:</u>
Broken Drum Auto Salvage 3265 San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles 65, Calif.	1948 Plymouth sedan	\$ 15.00
	1942 International dump truck	138.00
	1942 GMC dump truck w/hoist	218.00
	1946 Ford V-8 stake truck	138.00
	Obsolete brake blocks - for all	26.00
	Five 6-volt Motorola mobile radios- each	2.00
Advanced Electronics 1266 Avalon Blvd. Wilmington, Calif.	Five 6-volt Motorola mobile radios- each -	\$ 35.00
Elton Ketner 21742 Anza Ave. Torrance, Calif.	1948 Plymouth sedan	\$ 20.00
City Wide Auto Wrecking 400 E. Manchester Los Angeles, Calif.	1948 Plymouth sedan	\$ 15.00
	1942 International dump truck	77.67
	1942 GMC dump truck	136.56
	1946 Ford V-8 stake truck	76.76
	Approx. 2,000 pounds scrap - per ton	10.00
	Obsolete brake block - lot bid	10.00
Van Lingen Body Shop 20431 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, California.	6-volt Motorola radio set #4 -	\$ 85.00
	6-volt Motorola radio set #5 -	125.00
C. Johnson 240 E. 23rd St. Los Angeles	1948 Plymouth sedan	\$ 15.00
	1942 International dump truck	5.00
	1942 GMC dump truck with hoise	5.00
	1946 Ford V-8 stake truck	5.00
	Approx. 2,000 lbs. scrap - per ton	15.00

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be referred to the City Manager for his analysis and recommendation at the next meeting of the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

With reference to the Hearings on CASES NO. 470, 471, and 472, Mayor Isen announced that Mr. Powell had informed him that these must necessarily be postponed once more because of an error in publication.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearings on CASES NO. 470, 471, and 472, be postponed until the ~~January 21, 1958~~, meeting of the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objection, so ordered.
February 4, 1958 - See min of 1/21/58

Mayor Isen invited the group present from the Hollywood-Riviera section of the City to resume the informal discussion concerning a library in that area which they had held with the Council at a Pre-Council meeting.

Mr. Hanson, representing the group, told the Council their group felt it would be more desirable to have as large a building as possible than to have a smaller, more elaborate building. He said they want room for more books.

Mrs. Pauline Watts, 145 Monte de Oro, read in full a letter dated January 14, 1958, signed by members of the Library Committee of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association. The letter supported the statements of Mr. Hanson.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager how much money was set up in the budget under this fund.

The City Manager replied that \$22,500 has been set up for the building and approximately \$9,000 was set aside for the administration of the library from January 1 to July 1, 1958.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the \$9,000 for administration would not be needed, as the building could not be completed in time to use any of it even if construction were begun at once. He asked the City Manager what furnishings would be needed.

The City Manager said tables, desk, chairs, stacks, etc., but then suggested that this question be referred to a representative of the architect, adding that he did not feel fully qualified to list the needed furnishings as he has not studied the requirements.

Don Forker, representing Marion Varner, said they had made a study of the necessary furnishings, and they believe it will cost between five and six thousand dollars to provide the necessary equipment. He said they had included in this list tables, chairs, stacks, (both carpenter-made wood stacks and metal stacks had been considered), and the librarian's desk, and a water cooler.

Mr. Hanson said they would prefer to have a very plain 3,000 sq. ft. building than a more elaborate small building.

Councilman Drale said the library in North Torrance is smaller and the construction cost less, and it serves 33,000 people.

Councilman Jahn said that we must set standards and begin meeting them, and that there is no point in delaying. He said the other libraries in the area could be enlarged to meet these standards.

Councilman Drale felt other sections of the City need libraries as well and that all the money should not be spent in one place.

Councilman Jahn said this money had been budgeted for the Hollywood-Riviera area and should be used there.

Councilman Benstead did not believe that area had built up any more quickly than other sections of the City.

Mrs. Watts said they did not wish to compare one section of the City to another in any fashion; they feel that all the City's libraries should be enlarged, and that each section should be served.

Mrs. Roslyn of Doris Way pointed out that their area needs a library and that this library in El Retiro Park would be available to them in the Seaside Ranchos section and to the residents of the Ellinwood section of the City as well.

Councilman Blount said he is interested in the 'one large library' to serve many people which has been mentioned here; he thought perhaps it would be well to follow this theme and put a very large library where it would serve the Walteria section as well, choosing the most central location possible in South Torrance for the building.

Mrs. Watts said the money is available for this library, and the only question really under discussion is whether the money shall be spent for a plain 3,000 sq. ft. building or for a smaller, more elaborate building.

Councilman Blount said at a library Board meeting held recently, the Chief Librarian for the County of Los Angeles had spoken to them and had mentioned the figure of \$14 per square foot; he did not believe we had the money for a 3,000 sq. ft. building.

Councilman Jahn said he could put up such a building with air conditioning and heating for about \$10 per sq. ft., including the architect's fee. He made it plain he was not going to bid on this, but was simply giving information.

Mr. Halstead, a contractor from the Hollywood-Riviera area, said he could do the same thing.

Councilman Jahn moved we instruct the architect to build an approximately 3,000 sq. ft. library in El Retiro park as originally planned.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked Councilman Jahn to delete the words 'as originally planned' from his motion.

Councilman Jahn, with the consent of his second, asked that the words be deleted from the motion.

Councilman Jahn added the words 'without frills' to his motion.

Addition to the motion accepted by the second.

Councilman Benstead asked if the architect's fee was included in the cost of construction.

Councilman Jahn said the 8% fee was a part of the figure for construction.

Mr. Varner's representative said the 8% fee they charge is that set up by the California Counsel of the American Institute of Architects, and that most ethical architects hold to this figure. Mr. Forker said they could design a building which could be erected very cheaply, but there are certain standards which they feel should be maintained in a public building.

Mr. Hanson, in reply to a question from the Mayor, said they want as much building as they can get for the money, but the group realizes there is only so much money available.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to specify 'that the building is not to exceed \$31,500 in cost, and he would like to have a standard set of approximately \$10 per square foot including the architect's fee'.

Mayor Isen accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

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

Councilman Drale said he had voted against this because he feels that we should wait to accumulate more money and then put up libraries in west and south Torrance.

Mayor Isen felt we had been most fair, as Hollywood-Riviera has been a part of our City for many years; he believed the newer sections of the City would understand being asked to wait a short while longer for their libraries.

At 8:55 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:10 P. M.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney prepare an Ordinance setting up a Library Commission in conformance with the other Commissions of the City.

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

Councilman Jahn said he felt the same people should serve on the new Commission as now serve on the Library Board.

Mayor Isen agreed, assuming the present members would serve.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A January 7, 1958 request for permission to erect a neon sign for Mr. Jess, Hair Stylist at 17509 So. Crenshaw Blvd., from the Artistic Neon Sign Co., 1676 No. Western Ave., Hollywood, was withdrawn from the Agenda. The City Manager told the Council he had been informed by the Building Department this sign will not need a special permit.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 6, 1958, memo from J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, recommended the refund of a \$4.50 dog license fee paid by R. Reese, at 2523 Rockefeller Lane, as it has been ascertained that the address is in Redondo Beach.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 9, 1958, request from the Rescue Army Industrial Dept., Inc., 2115 W. Manchester Blvd., Los Angeles, was signed by General E. N. Wheeler, National Commander, and asked for a free license to solicit for charitable work in Torrance.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre reported this request is a renewal and has been approved by the Assistant Chief of Police, Mr. Porter. Mr. Whitacre recommended the free license for the calendar year 1958 be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation made by License Inspector Whitacre.

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

2. A January 7, 1958, request from the Gospel Army of 8916 So. Main St., asking for a free license to solicit for salvage in Torrance, was signed by Major Ruth Spring.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and reported this is a renewal of the Free License issued in 1957. Mr. Whitacre said the application carried Chief of Police Bennett's approval as well as Asst. Chief Porter's. Mr. Whitacre therefore recommended a free license be granted them for the calendar year 1958.

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

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

3. A request for a free license from the Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and the Harbor Area was dated January 9, 1958, and signed by Walter L. Case, Executive Secretary.

A recommendation from License Inspector Whitacre that this request be granted was made, and stated this is a renewal and approved by Chief of Police Bennett. Motion for concurrence with this recommendation, made by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

A January 10, 1958, letter from the City Manager submitted the following recommendation for the Council's consideration and approval:

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT:

'I concur with the recommendations of Ralph Perkins, Street Superintendent, and John Russell, Director of Public Works, that the City purchase a Wayne Sweeper, for the reasons outlined in the attached communications'.

Councilman Jahn asked if this had been the sweeper on which we had received the lowest bid.

The City Manager said it was not; the Elgin had been bid lower by about \$184.

Councilman Jahn thought in some ways the Elgin might be better.

The City Manager said the recommendations submitted to him had brought out the inter-changeability of parts, tires, etc., as well as the availability of parts.

Mr. Donaher, who had bid on the Elgin Sweeper, spoke to the Council at some length about the Elgin Sweeper, pointing out the many features which make it what he termed 'the Cadillac of sweepers'. Mr. Donaher said he had been bidding on Torrance bids for about 10 years, and this is the first time he has been the low bidder, and that he would like to have the bid.

The Council discussed the merits of the sweepers with Mr. Donaher, and with the City Manager.

Councilman Jahn felt that we had established a policy of accepting the lowest responsible bid and should abide by it. He moved that the bid of Donaher & Son on the Elgin Sweeper be accepted and all other bids be rejected, in line with the policy.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said he did not like to go against the recommendation of the City Manager, but felt he had to do so in this instance.

Councilman Blount asked the City Manager if he had heard Mr. Donaher's arguments before, and the City Manager said he had, but they had not changed his mind.

Councilman Blount asked again if hearing these arguments had changed the City Manager's mind, and the City Manager said it had not.

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

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT:

'I recommend that the time for completion of grading at the Torrance Municipal Airport be extended until Jan. 31, 1958, with the attached request, which has been approved by John Russell, Director of public works.'

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

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

'To the Barclay Surveying Co., for engineering services during the month of December, 1957. the sum of \$494.'

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

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

Councilman Drale, speaking of an 'Information' memo on the City Manager's letter, noted that Gordon A. Mothersell's term of office on the Civil Service Board would expire January 15, 1958.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Mothersell be reappointed to the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Isen ruled the motion out of order.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

The second to the motion was ruled out of order.

Councilman Drale demurred the ruling on the grounds that all the Councilmen and the Mayor have the same elective power.

The City Attorney reported that the members of the Civil Service Board are appointed by the City Council for terms of 6 years, and the Mayor said the appointive powers are different than they are in other Boards or Commissions.

Mayor Isen ruled the motion, as seconded, in order.

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

Mayor Isen nominated Mr. Benjamin J. Russell, Via Linda Vista, Hollywood Riviera, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Gordon Mothersell on January 15, 1958, on the Civil Service Board.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A January 10, 1958, memo from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, reported that the Airport Commission, at their meeting on Jan. 9, 1958, had recommended that the base and surfacing of the service road east of the existing entrance to the Airport be submitted for the 1959 Federal Aid Program; it was estimated the base and surfacing would cost about \$16,000 of which the City's share would be \$7,360.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A January 10, 1958, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, reported the following action taken by the Airport Commission at their meeting of January 9:

- 'Commissioner White moved that Mr. Trace Toovey's application to lease two 100' x 100' plots at the westerly end of the southerly single row of such plots be recommended to the Council for approval, with the following stipulations:
 - a. None of the open space on this lease is to be leased for tie-down purposes for over-night or longer;
 - b. The lease is to be for the normal length of such leases and at the normal rate;
 - c. The building is to be started within 45 days and completed within 120 days from the date of signing of the lease.

'Motion seconded by Commissioner Neal and carried unanimously by roll call vote'.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the Airport Commission.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A January 10, 1958, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, conveyed to the Council the Airport Commission's recommendation that the sublease from Mr. Babcock to Mr. Ringold, previously recommended for approval, be denied.

In response to a question, the City Attorney told Councilman Jahn that we would be subject to damages if this motion from the Commission were approved, as the sub-lease has been permitted by the Council.

The Council discussed the matter thoroughly, and it was agreed that the trailer which has been moved to this property should be removed.

Councilman Jahn moved that Mr. Ringold be informed the trailer must be removed from the Airport within 5 days.

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

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to follow through on this, and if the trailer has not been removed within 5 days, to advise Mr. Babcock and Mr. Ringold this will be regarded as a violation of their lease, and proceeding will begin to cancel the lease.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A January 10, 1958, communication from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, transmitted to the Council the following action taken by that Commission at their meeting of January 8, 1958:

'Commissioner Dougan made a motion that the Park & Recreation Commission recommend to the City Council that Little League be given approval for the usual lease for this type of park area for a ball diamond in Paradise Park.

'Motion seconded by Commissioner Gitschier, unanimously carried.

'Commissioner Sippel felt that the following amendment should be

'added to the motion: "unless the City Council can provide funds for improving the park for the benefit of all in the very near future", and made such a motion, which was seconded by Commission Morris, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Wiacek, who had acted as a spokesman for a group opposing this action, was given a copy of the letter from the Park & Recreation Commission to read, with Mayor Isen commenting that after Mr. Wiacek read the letter, the Council would be glad to hear from him.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A January 10, 1958, letter from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, reported that, in conformance with a request made by the Council on July 30, 1957, a committee of Mr. Schlens, Mr. Bishop and himself had prepared a plan for the drainage of the easterly side of Cabrillo Ave. between 222nd St. and Plaza del Amo, as follows:

1. That an easement 5' in width be accepted from the Church of God. This easement shall be established along the north side of the church, Lot No. 15.
2. That a 10" pipe be placed in this easement to carry the drainage east from Cabrillo Avenue to the alley.
3. That the alley, now in need of repair, be re-graded and surfaced to carry the water northerly to 222nd St. where the natural grade will carry the water east to Border Avenue.

It was estimated that the cost of this project would not exceed \$1,500.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation submitted by Mr. Russell for the Committee.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23881: Letter of Transmittal from Engineering Dept. submitting for approval Final Tract Map No. 23881 consisting of 50 lots located at the southeasterly corner of Spencer St. and Amie Avenue. Attached were:
 - a. Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, containing the Planning Commission's recommendations on this;
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Dec. 4, 1957;
 - c. Letter to Planning Commission from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, dated December 4, 1957;
 - d. Dec. 2, 1957, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Torrance Municipal Water Dist. No. 3, recommending that Dominguez Water Corp. serve this tract.
 - e. A Nov. 27, 1957, letter from Dominguez Water Corp., signed by T. V. Tollon, agreeing to serve water to this tract;
 - f. Nov. 19, 1957, letter from Southern California Edison Co., signed by J. W. Kessler, agreeing to pole this tract on the rear property line.
 - g. Sketch of tract.

Councilman Jahn asked if sewers will be provided.

James Norris, the subdivider, and his engineer, Dan Francis of Arrow Engineering, were present, and both stated unequivocally that the sewers would be provided.

The plans for the trunk sewer north of the City Hall were discussed.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the tract with the stipulations as shown.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A January 9, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell concerned Resolution No. 3383, an agreement by and between the City of Torrance and certain cities in the South Bay Area providing for the creation of a Disaster Council. The letter from Mr. Powell outlined the agreement and discussions on this previously held.

Councilman Jahn said he had voted as he had on this matter because he had thought the job was different than it is. He stated he is in favor of this Resolution.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Resolution need not be passed, as the City Attorney of Inglewood is drawing a legal agreement to cover the matter.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation that we enter into such an agreement.

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

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Powell what percentage of his pay comes from Civil Defense Funds, and after a check was made by Mr. Powell and the City Manager, he was told 20% of Mr. Powell's salary is from this fund.

2. CASE NO. 474: - Variance: A Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval of application of I. Lachman and M. Jones for Variance to permit construction of apartment buildings at 3313 W. 174th St. in A-1 Zone. Attached were:
- a. Letter from Planning Director dated Jan. 9, 1958, with details about the Case;
 - b. Exhibits A and B;
 - c. Excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of Dec. 4, 1947, Dec. 18, 1957, and January 2, 1958, concerning this Variance.

Mr. Powell told the Council that months of work had gone into the preparation of the plan for this area's improvement. Exhibit B is what the Planning Commission would like to present as a master plan for the entire area. All residents of the area have agreed to that plan except Mrs. Myers.

Mayor Isen asked that a legend explaining these sketches be appended in the future, to make these sketches more understandable.

Mr. Powell said the applicants have agreed to give the easement to the City as shown on Exhibit B if the proposed master plan can be worked out soon enough.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission as per Exhibit A.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale said a drainage ditch which exists was not shown on the sketch.

Mr. Powell explained that is an engineering matter which Planning cannot take into consideration, but that the City Engineer agrees that Exhibit B will be helpful in the drainage problems of the area.

Mr. Lachman said they will give the City the easement for this plan and go along with the Planning Commission if they get the street through and they believe this will improve drainage.

Councilman Jahn asked if they will take care of the engineering and providing drainage easement through their property, and Mr. Lachman said they would.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to stipulate that we must obtain from Jones & Lachman the proper drainage across there, and the easement, before a building is put up.

Mayor Isen accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

Mr. Powell said there is still a chance of getting the last agreement to activate Plan B.

Mr. Lachman said the City Engineer was in agreement with their proffered drainage solution.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. CASE NO. 476 - CHANGE OF ZONE: Letter of Transmittal from Planning Commission recommending denial of application of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-1 to R-2 of a portion of Lot 11, all of Lots 12, and 13 and 14, Block 2, Tract 2761, located on the East side of Date Ave., Sonoma on the North, and approximately 150 feet north of Carson. Attached were:
- a. Location sketch;
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of Dec. 4, 1957.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Hearing on this Case as 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, February 7, 1958. *See Min of #2458*

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

Mr. Wiacek, 4807 Lee Street, said he had read the letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, and as spokesman for the group opposing this use of Paradise Park, he asked that the Little League, in this use of the park, be required to post a bond assuring the Council the park would be maintained and equipment taken down after 30 days' notice, that the Council prohibit the use of advertising signs, and that the diamond be laid out so the home plate is as far as possible from the homes in the area. He illustrated this by a sketch on the blackboard.

Mr. Wiacek also asked that no public address system be used, as he felt this would disturb the rest of the homeowners in the area.

Mr. Wiacek asked that the Little League be required to use a color scheme suitable to the area.

Mr. Ray Tibbens, 21617 Linda Dr., said this Little League ball diamond would be used for about 200 boys in the area, and their entire families participate. He said they would try to conduct this so that there would be very little objection to the use of the park by the boys. He said they play their games early, and they do not think the noise would continue into the night.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission.

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

Mr. Tibbens agreed to place the home plate on this ball diamond as requested, and to conform in every way to the stipulations of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Mayor Isen said that most of the work done for Little League is volunteer work, and explained to Mr. Wiacek that the Council did not feel it would be fair to request a financial burden of a bond from them.

Mayor Isen suggested that a Committee composed of two of the homeowners opposed to this plan, two of the Little League workers, and two members of the Park & Recreation Commission get together and work out a compromise solution to the differences here.

Messrs. Wiacek and Tibbens agreed to this plan.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Barlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3386

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WILLIAM R. LEWIS FOR A CERTAIN MOTORCYCLE TO BE USED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

Asst. Chief of Police Porter explained that the rider will change on one motorcycle due to an injury of the man who has been working on it, and the other motorcycle is changing because of the purchase of a new motor.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3386.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3387

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DONALD V. LEMASTER FOR A CERTAIN MOTORCYCLE TO BE USED BY THE TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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. 3387.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3388

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GIVING NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 35305 ET SEQ OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING SUCH TERRITORY BY THE NAME OF "HOWARD INDUSTRIAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE" AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF PROTESTS THEREON.

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. 3388.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. A January 10, 1958, cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, providing that all land being subdivided shall be rezoned R-1.

Councilman Jahn agreed that automatic re-zoning to conform to the proposed use of the land was needed, but did not agree with the R-1 zone specified.

The Council discussed this at some length, and were in agreement with Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen directed Councilman Jahn and the City Attorney to work on this Ordinance together and prepare a more suitable solution.

2. A cover letter dated January 10, 1958, from City Attorney Remel-meyer submitted to the Council a proposed ordinance to govern the operation of coin-operated business houses, to require that attendants be present, in all self-service laundries, at all times.

The City Attorney told the Council that a meeting had been held with people concerned with this ordinance, and that he would ask it be removed from the Agenda until it has been worked out more to the satisfaction of the Staff.

Mrs. Bailiff, 2608 Compton Blvd., Gardena, said she owns a store building which she would like to lease to someone for the purpose of a coin-operated laundry. She asked to be notified when a meeting would be held to work on this.

Mayor Isen told Mrs. Bailiff the Council want attendants on duty during all the hours such laundries are in operation.

Mrs. Bailiff felt this defeated the purpose of the coin-operated laundry.

Councilman Jahn felt this Ordinance should go into effect; he pointed out that it could be repealed if that becomes desirable.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 928

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", ENTITLED "LICENSING AND REGULATIONS OF BUSINESSES AND TRADES" TO PROVIDE THAT AN ATTENDANT MUST BE ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES IN SELF SERVICE LAUNDRIES, AND ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS FEE THEREFOR, AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY THEREOF.

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 the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 928 at its first and final reading.

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

3. A January 10, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted for its first reading an ordinance governing the proposed 'swap meet' operations in the City.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 929

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SWAP MEETS AND SWAP MEET OPERATORS AND ESTABLISHING A LICENSE FEE THEREFOR.

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

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

Mayor Isen asked Asst. Police Chief Porter if he had gone over the proposed operation of the swap meet with the operators, and Mr. Porter said he had.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 929 at its first reading.

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

Mr. Dale Gasteiger, operator of the Radium Theatre, asked when they could put the swap meet into operation.

Mayor Isen told him to contact the Chief of Police for the details, adding that the Ordinance would require another reading and publication before it is effective.

4. A January 9, 1958, letter from the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 927, and reported that the Ordinance was introduced and adopted unanimously at the time of its first reading on January 7, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 927

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 18.16 AND 18.17 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO POOLROOMS, BILLIARD HALLS AND BOWLING ALLEYS, THE HOURS OF OPERATION THEREOF AND THE PLAYING OF MINORS THEREAT: AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

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. 927 at its second and final reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens recommended that Casper Clemmer be authorized to attend the conference of the California Society of the American Institute of Park Executives in Santa Barbara on January 19 - 22 inclusive with appropriate expenses paid.

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

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

The City Manager reported that the Committee appointed to negotiate with Collins-Dietrich on the final agreement for termination of their airport management contract has met with Collins-Dietrich and agreed on terms. The City Manager asked the Council to authorize the City Attorney to meet and work with the attorney for Collins-Dietrich and get the agreement in shape to present to the Council for their action.

Mayor Isen so moved.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager when the City would make payment to the Chamber of Commerce of the funds due them.

City Manager Stevens replied that this is done quarterly under our agreement.

Councilman Drale said he had noted that the new parking lots in downtown Torrance have become very cluttered, and asked that they be cleaned.

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Councilman Jahn asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens when the old Japanese Church in WALTERIA would be done away with.

Mr. Schlens said he is working on this now, but it will take some time.

Councilman Jahn said he had been called on by a representative of the Public Utilities Commission in connection with our protest against the rate hike of the Telephone Companies. This man had assured Councilman Jahn that the Commission investigates the claims and applications thoroughly and does this with their own personnel before any rulings are made.

Mayor Isen commented that the City of Rolling Hills has authorized their Mayor Goodman to enter into this fight, as they feel the rates are too high now.

Mayor Isen recalled the fine spirit engendered by the Council's adoption of a Resolution welcoming and congratulating the North Torrance Lions Club at the time they were formed. He said that on February 1, 1958, South Torrance would have a new Lions Club, too, and he suggested a similar Resolution be prepared, and so moved.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, and said he hoped the group will hold their meetings in Torrance.

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

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance