

Torrance, California  
January 21, 1958

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, January 21, 1958, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Wayne Nelson led the salute to the Flag.

The Reverend Clifford Tierney of the Church of God of North Torrance opened the meeting with an invocation.

City Clerk Bartlett reported that on Page 2 and Page 10 of the Minutes of the January 14, 1958, meeting, it was reported that Hearings had been postponed until February 5, 1958; this should have been February 4, 1958.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the January 14 meeting as corrected.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids on Airport Liability Insurance.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens reported to the Council that these bids had been called for in order that we might have some idea of the cost of the insurance, and the type of insurance, which we will need to have when we take over the Airport. He reported that there would be no need to act on the bids this evening.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following bids, which were opened by the City Manager:

Lund Co., 2367 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, California;  
Aero Associates, Inc., 3325 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

There were no other bids.

Councilman Jahn moved these bids be referred to the City Manager.

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A January 13, 1958, letter from the Dept. of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Administration, signed by W. P. Plett, Regional Administrator, concerned Federal-aid of \$10,700 which has been tentatively allocated to the Torrance Airport for Taxiway Lighting.

A telegram from Congressman Cecil R. King confirmed the letter.

A note from the City Manager was appended, reporting this had been referred to the Airport Commission.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed until it has been considered by the Airport Commission.

2. A January 14, 1958, opinion from O'Melveny & Myers, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, regarding the Torrance General Election and the Order and Designation of Candidates on the Ballot.

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

3. A January 17, 1958, request from Sign Hangers, Inc., 5363 Alhambra Rd., Los Angeles, for permission to install a sign at the corner of a new addition for the Torrance Press. This sign has an area of 45 square feet.

Councilman Drale moved the permit be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered, after Mayor Isen had asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens for his recommendation. Mr. Schlens recommended the permit be granted.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. A January 16, 1958, cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett concerned the purchase of tax-deeded land, and submitted a Resolution for consideration by the City Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3389

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, OBJECTING TO THE SALE BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PURSUANT TO DIVISION 1, PART 6, CHAPTER 7, OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION CODE, 2 PARCELS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AGAINST WHICH THE CITY OF TORRANCE HAS LEVIED TAXES.

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. 3389.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

License Inspector Whitacre submitted four applications for renewals of free licenses, all of which had been approved by Chief of Police Bennett, and all of which License Inspector Whitacre recommended for approval. The applicants were:

1. Volunteers of America, 1185 E. 15th St., Long Beach, signed by J. H. Price, Executive Director;
2. Girl Scouts, Los Angeles Council, 332 S. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles, signed by Irene Puhlman, Public Relations Director;
3. Southern California Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 268 So. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, signed by Michael D. Fanning, Executive Director;
4. State Standard Blind Made Products, 1755½ So. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, signed by Jack I. Friedman.

Councilman Benstead asked if the application from the State Standard Blind Made Products was from an approved agency.

License Inspector Whitacre said it was.

Councilman Drale moved that all four applications be granted.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. A January 17, 1958, letter from City Manager Stevens submitted the following recommendations for consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

That Marilyn Jensen, Assistant Recreation Director, be authorized to attend the California Recreation Society annual conference at Fresno, February 17 to 20, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid.

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

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

For one Remington-Rand electric typewriter, 13" carriage, 500 executive type, the sum of \$420 plus tax, for the Public Works Department (A Budget Item).

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

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

AWARD OF BIDS:

That the sale of surplus equipment be awarded to the highest bidder, as indicated on a chart attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation on the Award of Bids.

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

ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING MACHINE:

I concur with the recommendation of Finance Director Scharfman for an additional accounting machine, as outlined in the attached communication.

The communication from Mr. Scharfman, dated January 16, 1958, and addressed to the City Manager, was discussed at some length. The cost of the machine recommended would be \$7,450.00.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead pointed out the cost of the machine and asked that this go to bid.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if there would be competitive bidding on the machine.

City Manager Stevens said we would deal directly with the factory and pointed out those sections of Mr. Scharfman's letter which gave his reasons for this recommendation.

Councilman Drale amended his motion to direct that bids be called for on this machine.

Amendment accepted in the second to the motion by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen said if we call for bids, we should not ask for an 'equivalent' machine, but on this particular machine.

Councilman Drale did not agree, saying he felt another machine could render the same service.

The City Manager recalled that we had asked for bids when we bought this machine. He pointed out the advantages of standardization. Councilman Benstead said the Charter provides for bids on such items.

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

FOR CONSIDERATION:

Discussion of proposed sewer to service sections of the area bounded by Torrance Boulevard, Del Amo Boulevard, Madrona Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard. Maps and estimates were to be presented at the Council meeting.

The City Manager said Mr. Russell and Mr. Patrick were present and had the maps and estimates of the sewer with them. He suggested the time had come to make a decision on this, saying the subdivision Mr. Norris plans has been approved subject to the installation of the sewer. He thought the Council should see the studies made of this and get the recommendations of the Public Works Director and the Engineering Department.

City Manager Stevens said he would like to tell the Council at the same time that we have been requested by the Del Amo Estates Company to make a study of a sewer to run north on Hawthorne Blvd. from the trunk sewer on Lomita Boulevard. Del Amo owns the property between Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevards, and as they develop it, the City Manager thought they should put in a substantial trunk sewer to begin with. There will be other areas which will benefit, but only those immediately adjacent to Hawthorne Blvd. Del Amo believes the City should put this sewer in, and they will pay us \$36,000 towards the cost of it, and want the City to refund to them \$18,000. He explained that on a benefit basis which is usually considered, they would benefit most from this sewer and would pay most of the cost. Mr. Stevens said an appointment has been made with Mr. Ron of the County Sanitation District on Thursday of this week to see if we can get County aid for this sewer. He said everyone who tied into this sewer would pay their share of the cost, and the City would get their money back eventually.

The Council studied the maps and studies presented by Public Works Director Russell and Assistant to the City Engineer John Patrick.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, had discussed the proposed sewer and presented a map of it and a diagram, and for the record has labelled this Exhibit A and dated it as of tonight and signed it, recommending to the Council approval of the plan.

Mr. Patrick estimated the cost of this sewer would be about \$54,893.00, of which the County Sanitation District will pay \$45,000 and Mr. Norris, a subdivider with a tract contingent upon this sewer, has agreed to lay line enough to make up the rest of this cost.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn referred to the City Manager's report concerning the sewer on Hawthorne Blvd., and believed the City Manager should approach the County Sanitation District as he has planned, but thought he should also negotiate further with Del Amo on how much of this cost they will pay.

Mayor Isen suggested this be delayed until Mr. Stevens reports to the Council on his Thursday conference.

Councilman Drale felt nothing should be done which would delay the shopping center construction, and said if this is handled on a pro rata basis they will pay their share.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager's ideas on this sewer.

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

2. A January 17, 1958, letter from the City Manager discussed the terms of the City's contract for the collection of garbage and non-combustible rubbish with Mr. George Green. The City Manager made the following recommendation:

"I recommend that effective January 1, 1958, the monthly fee payable to Mr. Green, under the terms of his contract, be established at \$8,504.51. The above figures indicate that over 60% of the meters are still paid on a basis of the price established July 1, 1951, and that the average service cost is less than 32¢ per meter, a very favorable cost for today. In spite of rising costs, since July 1, 1951, the average cost per meter for this service has increased less than 3¢."

In another letter dated January 17, 1958, the City Manager discussed the extension of Contract for Collection of Garbage and Non-Combustible Refuse, and made the following recommendation:

"In view of the above facts and figures, I recommend that the contract be extended to Mr. George Green for a two-year period. By that time it is believed that if the City wants to take over the collection it will be in a much more favorable position to do so. The recommendation is also made because of the very favorable terms of the present contract."

Councilman Jahn asked if there is any way of getting releases on meters which are set but where there is no garbage or refuse to be picked up.

The City Manager said he did not know how we could do this without a new contract.

Councilman Draie moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations on this.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked if the fact that most new homes in the City have garbage disposal units has been taken into consideration.

The City Manager said that does not influence our present contract. He explained that the pick-up of can and garbage has increased.

Mayor Isen commented that from a study of the City Manager's report, he felt the City is not in a position to attempt this work now.

The City Manager said he had gone into this question with Street Superintendent Perkins, who said it will be some time before we are in a position to handle this pick-up.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. A January 17, 1958, letter from the City Manager reported on the Auditing Services which will be needed by the City for the year 1957-58, and gave a resume' of the cost. The City Manager made the following recommendation:

"In view of the substantial increase in the financial transactions of the City, I consider the offer of Cotton and Francisco a very favorable one. Cotton and Francisco have rendered a fine service and, therefore, I recommend that they be authorized to audit the City accounts, in accordance with the above schedule."

Councilman Draie moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation that Cotton and Francisco be authorized to audit the City accounts.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A January 16, 1958, letter from Chief of Police Bennett contained the Traffic Commission's recommendations for approval by the Council for the posting of Stop signs, school crossing sign, and a sharp curve sign, with the request that the Council direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinances if they concur with the recommendations.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinances for concurrence with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission.

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

2. A January 16, 1958, letter from Chief of Police Bennett contained recommendations having to do with the installation of light signals at various locations throughout the City.

Chief Bennett was present and discussed this letter with the Council.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission as submitted in this letter from Chief Bennett.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated January 13, 1958, from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, reported that after a month of study and consideration by the Commission, the following action was taken by them at their January 8, 1958, meeting:

"Commissioner Dougan moved that the Commission recommend to the City Council that the Ordinance for regulating surfboards, etc., be approved.

"Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES:

COMMISSIONERS: Craig, Dougan, Gitschier, McVey, Morris,

Sippel. NOES: COMMISSIONERS: Cramer. ABSENT:

COMMISSIONERS: None."

There were no objections, and the communication was ordered filed, and Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to bring the proposed Ordinance back to the Council.

2. A January 13, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, reported to the Council that the Commission requested permission to send two Commissioners to the California Recreation Society Conference in Fresno, February 17-20, with appropriate expenses paid by the City. The letter reported the names of the two Commissioners who will go will be decided at the January 22nd meeting of the Commission.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 8, 1958, letter from C. W. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., recommended a refund in the amount of \$15.60 to Mrs. Jean Forrester, 1 03 W. 245th St., Lomita. Mr. Clemmer reported Mrs. Forrester purchased a parkway street tree from us on January 8, 1958, and we find that she does not live in the Torrance jurisdiction, but that the trees in her area are regulated by the City of Los Angeles.

Councilman Jahn moved the refund be granted.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WAIVER BOARD:

A letter dated January 16, 1958, signed by George C. Powell and Lee Schlens as members of the Waiver Board, submitted two Waivers for Council consideration, as follows:

W-200: Owen E. Dick, 400 Via La Selva, Redondo Beach -  
The Waiver Board recommends for approval requested waiver of rear yard to 9 feet at one point of garage only.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Waiver Board on Waiver W-200.

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

W-204: Wayne L. Nelson Builders Inc., 16132 So. Western Ave.,  
The Waiver Board recommends for approval requested Waiver of 14'4" front yard setback and 5' rear yard setback in keeping with zone requirements and original Variance approved. There are to be no windows facing the alley, per original Variance approval. THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR HONORABLE BODY TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

Planning Commissioner John Mulvihill was present, and gave the Council plans on this, saying the Committee of the Planning Commission feels this land is being overbuilt.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remel-meyer reported that if the only change being sought from existing law is for setbacks, it can be accomplished by a Waiver.

Building Superintendent Schlens agreed.

Councilman Drale felt that this was not what the Council wanted, pointing out that they are now planning to build 8 apartments there and at the time this was here, Mr. Mulvihill said they planned only 4.

Mr. Nelson came forward and said they are asking for these setbacks so they will conform with the existing developments in the area.

Councilman Jahn asked what zone this land is, and Mr. Nelson said it is zoned R-3.

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, Planning Director Powell explained that as long as there are 700 sq. ft. of land per family unit, 8 units can be built on that land.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Waiver Board's recommendation for approval of this application.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

In response to a question, Planning Director Powell explained that Planning Commissioner Mulvihill was here as a member of the Planning Commission's Committee which had worked on this case.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Powell and Building Superintendent Schlens if this meets all requirements, and they said it did.

Mr. Nelson said this is a larger lot than the others, and by having this setback they will have it aligned with the other units in this development and with the Church across the street.

Mr. Mulvihill said the plan agrees with the front yard setback of the Church, but not with the sideyard setback the Church has, or with the house next door to this.

Mr. Powell was directed to get the file on the original case under which this zone was granted.

The Council recessed at 6:15 P. M., re-convening at 6:25 P. M.

Mr. Powell brought the Ordinance covering the Change of Zone to the Council, and cited the 4 conditions imposed upon the developer by the Ordinance. He reported the land was zoned R-3, but that the number of apartments to be built was not specifically stated by the Ordinance.

Mr. Powell sketched the front and side yard setbacks of the lots across the street and next door to this development.

Mr. Nelson repeated that this will line up with the rest of the development and with the church building.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 16, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engineer, submitted a petition for the construction of a sewer along Hawthorne Avenue northerly and southerly of 190th St. The petition represented 63% of the assessed owners within this proposed 1911 Act district.

City Clerk Bartlett read in full the following letter from the County Health Department, also submitted by Mr. Patrick:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
241 NORTH FIGUEROA STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA.

January 7, 1958

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Torrance  
3031 Torrance Blvd.  
Torrance, California.

ATTENTION: Mr. J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr.

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Hawthorne Avenue Sanitary Sewer District

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully recommended that sanitary sewers be installed in this district.

ANALYSIS: This Department has made an investigation of the Hawthorne Avenue Sanitary Sewer District as shown on the attached map. During the course of this investigation three property owners or tenants were contacted. Of this number 2 or 66.2/3% reported that they had experienced trouble with their individual subsurface sewage disposal systems. They complained of the seepage pits filling up causing raw sewage to back up into the plumbing fixtures or to overflow on to the surface of the ground; also that frequent pumping and cleaning out of the seepage pits or the construction of new pits was necessary. The trailer park located at 18815 S. Hawthorne Blvd., consisting of 25 trailers with a population of 45 persons, stated that they have installed 5 seepage pits and 4 leaching lines and it is still necessary to pump the pits every 10 days or less in order to maintain proper sanitation facilities.

The soil within the area of this proposed sanitary sewer district consists mostly of clay and fine beach sand. This type of soil does not provide good leaching action for any type of individual subsurface sewage disposal system.

In view of our survey, I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health services for

the City of Torrance, do hereby recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in this district as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provision of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,  
S/ Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.  
ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.,  
HEALTH OFFICER.

ROG:LCH:db

cc: City Engineer, Torrance (2)  
Roy O. Gilbert, M. D.  
Dr. Kogan D.H.O.

Mayor Isen moved that the letter from Roy O. Gilbert be spread in full in the Minutes.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3390

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE HAWTHORNE AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3390.

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

2. A January 16, 1958 letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted the Fourth Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement for expenditure of the City's share of State Gas Tax Allocation for Major City Streets.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3391

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if it was not true that we would have to pay our share of one of these signals when it would not benefit the City of Torrance at all, and would benefit the City of Redondo Beach.

The City Manager said that was true, but that part of the intersection in question is in the City of Torrance, and that we have nothing to do with where the State places signals on a State Highway.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3391.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who wished a letter could be sent telling whoever is responsible that we feel the cost of this signal should be entirely allocated to the City which will benefit.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen suggested to the City Manager that when the Resolution is submitted, a letter go along with it explaining the circumstances and telling whoever is responsible for this that we do not like to spend our funds where there is no benefit to our City, and another City benefits 100%.

3. A January 16, 1958 letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a resolution of intention to vacate a portion of the alley adjacent to Block 121, Tract #2807, as the Council had directed at their meeting of January 7, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3392

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN ALLEY ADJACENT TO TRACTS 2381 AND 2807; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3392.

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

4. A January 16, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engr., submitted a request from the Southern California Edison Co. for right of way to construct an overhead electric line to serve the motel that is now under construction at the entrance to the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Councilman Jahn asked if this line would be on the airport proper, saying he would want to know exactly where it would run.

Councilman Drale moved this be held for further investigation and a full report before any action is taken on this.

There were no objections and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen directing that the Edison Co. be contacted and asked about putting this underground.

5. A January 16, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted an easement from Chanslor-Western Oil & Development Co. for a 17-foot widening along the northerly side of Sepulveda Blvd. on the land they own from Crenshaw to Madrona.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3394

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM CHANSLOR-WESTERN OIL AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

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. 3394.

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

It was pointed out that this easement was required by the City Council in connection with the Vacation of Date, Fern and Juniper Avenues, covered in Resolution No. 3334.

6. A January 14, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted an easement deed from Irving Willens, et al, for a 17' widening of Sepulveda on a portion of Lot 5, Block 299, Tract 1952.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3395

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM IRVING WILLENS, VERA F. WILLENS, SAM WILLENS AND ANN WILLENS.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked if this was not about the last of the easements needed along Sepulveda for us to start the widening of that street.

Mr. Patrick said it is on the North side of the street only, but he has had indications that we will receive the easements we need on the south side of the street very soon.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3395.

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

7. A January 16, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a street easement on a portion of Lot 49 in the McDonald Tract.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3396

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SAMUEL PALTIN, GERTRUDE S. PALTIN, ABRAHAM DRAPKIN AND ANNA R. DRAPKIN.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3396.

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

REPORTS:

The Office of the City Clerk reported that the Annual Report from the State Controller of Financial Transactions Concerning Streets and Roads of Cities and Counties of California for the Fiscal Year 1956-57 is now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3397

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONSOLIDATING TORRANCE CITY TAX DISTRICTS NO. 1 AND NO. 2 INTO TAX DISTRICT NO. 1, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 375.

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. 3397.

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

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3398

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH TORRANCE LIONS CLUB ON THE PRESENTATION OF ITS CHARTER AND ON THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND CHARTER MEMBERS.

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. 3398.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. As directed by Council action at their meeting of December 17, 1957, the City Attorney submitted an ordinance to establish a stop sign on Cypress Street at Sepulveda Blvd., regulating northbound traffic. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 930

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

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. 930 at its first and final reading.

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

2. In a letter dated January 17, 1958, the City Attorney submitted an Ordinance for the vacation of portion of Date Avenue, Fern Avenue and Juniper Avenue, as directed at Council meeting of December 10, 1957.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 931

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF DATE AVENUE, FERN AVENUE AND JUNIPER AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 931.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 931 at its first reading.

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

3. In a cover letter dated January 16, 1958, the City Attorney submitted an ordinance ordering the vacation of that certain walkway in Tract 10303 as instructed by the Council at their meeting of January 7, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 932

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN WALKWAY IN TRACT 10303, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 932 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if the walkway would be evenly divided among the four property owners whose property abutts this alley.

The City Attorney said that normally it would, unless there were hidden easements not shown on the drawing of the area. As most of the maps are constructed, he said it is almost impossible to tell. The answer in all cases may not be the same, and in this instance he was not sure.

John Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, said that in this case, the lot lines run on either side.

The City Attorney said in that case the answer to Councilman Blount's question would probably be affirmative.

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

4. With a cover letter dated January 17, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 929, relating to the licensing and regulation of Swap Meets, for its second reading. The City Clerk reported this had been unanimously adopted at its first reading on January 14, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

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.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 929 at its second and final reading.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen proclaimed the Month of February, 1958, as Heart Month in the City of Torrance, and endorsed the life-saving objectives of the Los Angeles County Heart Association to its citizens, urging co-operation through public meetings, schools, social and fraternal groups, in educational activities and in support of the 1958 Heart Fund.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

The City Manager said he had given the Councilmen a sketch which indicated the site suggested for a shoe shine stand by Joe Davis. He had investigated this as the Council directed him to, and would recommend the site as satisfactory if this shoe shine stand would be a public convenience and if there is a need for it. He recommended a rental fee of \$10 per month be charged for this site if the Council grants the permit.

Mayor Isen asked what kind of building this would be, and a short discussion followed concerning the kind of building the Council would approve on the city-owned property.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager, subject to the design of the building being approved by the Building Department.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Davis come to the next meeting of the Council and discuss the building he proposes to put there, directing Supt. of Bldg. Schlens to contact Mr. Davis with this request.

Motion died for lack of a second.

License Inspector Whitacre referred to Ordinance 889, passed July 16, 1957, and said he had discussed this with City Manager Stevens. This Ordinance sets for the method by which a permit may be granted for operation of a sound truck or amplifying device for advertising purposes, and Mr. Whitacre felt that some of the stipulations in the Ordinance make it too difficult to comply with.

Mr. Whitacre pointed out that at their meeting of December 4, 1957, the Planning Commission had gone on record as feeling that this sort of application should go to the Police Chief and not to them; the Ordinance in question requires Planning Commission approval of such applications.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said he would recommend either that the Ordinance be repealed or that a special board be set up to review such applications, subject to recommendations of the Police Chief, License Inspector, or other authorized City personnel.

Councilman Drale moved to authorize the City Attorney to amend Ordinance No. 889 to authorize the formation of a committee composed of the Police Chief, the License Inspector, and himself to consider such applications.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

In reply to a question, License Inspector Whitacre said that under the old Ordinance, No. 624, which was never repealed, an application for such a permit went to the Police Chief for his approval and restrictions, and could be granted then. In talking with Police Chief Bennett, Mr. Whitacre said they were agreed there had never been any complaints with that system.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered.

Councilman Benstead called for a meeting of the Police Commission to be held on Thursday, January 23, 1958, at 5:00 P. M. in the office of the Chief of Police.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer when the backfill would be done on Crenshaw Blvd. He went into detail as to the inconvenience and danger caused by the dirt being piled on the street, the lack of 'Danger' signs, the ditch being dug too far ahead of the pipe line, etc.

Mr. Patrick said the contractor has agreed to get to work on this at once.

Councilman Blount asked if we did not have an Ordinance governing this sort of thing.

The City Manager said we do have.

Councilman Blount felt that those persons responsible for enforcing the Ordinance have been dilatory in performing that duty.

Mayor Isen said this would entail extra hours of work by City employees, such as police to guard a crossing, etc., it would be well if we could bill them for the time.

The City Attorney said we could prepare such a bill and send to the responsible party.

The City Manager agreed this would be a legitimate charge.

Councilman Blount asked if we could not contact the bond holders to see that they conform with the Ordinance in such cases.

Councilman Blount said the Traffic Commission had met with representatives of the School District and other interested parties concerning the problems existing near the crossing of Highway 101 near Calle Mayor. He reported that there is a problem there on the north side involving about 700 feet of highway property, where the children have to walk up to the police protection until the signal is put in. There will be a service station going in on that corner, and other commercial development there soon, however, he suggested that some method of temporary walkways be devised; he said the School District and the PTA's and other interested parties should cooperate with the City in providing this.

Councilman Blount moved to authorize the City Manager to take whatever temporary measures are necessary to make a safe crossing for the children until such time as permanent walks are in.

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

Councilman Blount read paragraphs 1 and 2 of a mimeographed sheet which he said is issued by the City to people who are interested; this is entitled "City Street Lighting Districts".

Councilman Blount did not agree with the statement of policy in this form, and asked the City Manager about it.

City Manager Stevens replied that as long as he had been here, the City has had a policy of putting in street lights at intersections, and in very long blocks, another light. Any Lighting District has been formed as a result of the efforts of the interested persons, who raised

the money and paid the City, who paid the Edison Company. These were always metal poles. No one had come in who wanted to put in wooden poles that the City Manager could recall. However, the City Manager pointed out the City has never been in a position to put in lights all over the City on wooden poles 200' apart. The General Fund would never have born the expense.

The City Manager said we are now working on a City-wide lighting district; the people in the district will pay most of the maintenance and lighting costs.

Councilman Blount said he knew this could run into a substantial figure, and asked whether the City would forbid this type of lighting if the people formed themselves into an association or district and were willing to provide it.

The City Manager said the City would not forbid it, but that up until now, we have had no such districts.

Councilman Drale said we have been working to get drainage in the WALTERIA area, and he felt we should write a letter and thank Supervisor Chace for beginning this drainage project.

Councilman Jahn demurred on the grounds that what is being done will not drain the area.

Councilman Drale agreed, but said that it was the first step in the right direction.

Mayor Isen said this is being done out of a bond issue. He felt no letter was due to Supervisor Chace.

Councilman Blount seconded Councilman Drale's motion, which failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen pointed out that we are paying for the bond issue, and we would like to see something else get under way which would be of more help.

Councilman Drale reported that there is a portion of Palos Verdes Parkway which has been dedicated to the City, and he suggested it should be resurfaced and that the Engineering Dept. give it a priority because it is needed in that area.

Councilman Jahn asked which portion Councilman Drale had reference to, and Councilman Drale said the unpaved portion south of Highway 101.

Councilman Jahn asked about the bids we had from the contractor on the T-hangars, asking if it is being changed.

City Manager Stevens said there has been some confusion, but we are working on it and Bldg. Supt. Schlens has sent in the correction sheet. He said this is being watched, and we hope to work out the differences in a meeting which is planned.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager whether work is going forward on the preparation of the bids for fire hoses and equipment which the Council had before them not too long ago.

The City Manager replied he had asked the Fire Chief to bring up the specs, and he is now trying to get some additional information on hose expanders.

Mayor Isen asked when the agreement for termination of the Collins-Dietrich contract at Torrance Airport would be before the Council.

The City Manager thought it might be here next week, and said the City Attorney is working on this now.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said we had sent our proposed revisions to their attorney today. If it is possible, this will be on the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell if he was prepared to report on the problem concerning an oil well near 236th and Crenshaw.

Mr. Powell said a lot of work has been done there, and is still

being done. He reported that Mr. McMahon was there today.

Mayor Isen said we can prosecute under our new Ordinance, and he thought Mr. Powell knew the feelings of the Council about the oil well district being kept in accordance with the City's law.

Mrs. Marlowe, a neighbor of the oil well in question, said some effort had been made to clean this up, but that it is still a nuisance to the area.

After more discussion, Mayor Isen directed Mr. Powell to go as far as he could, and let the City Council know when the work has been done so they can go and look at that.

Councilman Benstead said some of the oil wells are not well guarded, mentioning fences constructed of chicken wire, and Councilman Jahn asked if iron shacks at oil wells meet our requirements.

Planning Director Powell said that neither of those things are satisfactory to us; he suggested that Ordinance could be reworded so as to give someone the responsibility to enforce the law we will be able to do more.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to go over this with the appropriate parties.

Mr. R. Ackerman, 5215 Ruby, presented a petition signed by 351 resident of the Southwood Homes area protesting the use of the Paradise Park as a Little League ball field, and asking the immediate development of the Park as such. Mrs. Ackerman filed the petition with the City Clerk.

Councilman Benstead moved this become a part of the record. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mrs. Ackerman told the Council that the residents of the area hope the park will not be used as a ball field, and cited their objections. They hope we will be able to develop the park very soon, and reported that they are a part of the Citizen's Committee working to get the Recreation Bonds on the ballot in April; if they are successful in this, and the Bonds are passed, they hope the park can be developed. She reported 3 other sites are available for the ball park.

Mr. Ed Bennett, 5406 Carson, representing the Little League, said they are going to look at another site they have heard about, but they have no knowledge of 3 other sites available.

Mayor Isen hoped the Little League could get a permanent home, and reminded everyone concerned that the use of the Paradise Park by the Little League had been intended only as a temporary measure. The funds are not available to develop the park now, and even if the bonds are on the ballot and do pass, it will be some time before they are available.

Mayor Isen asked that the various groups concerned get together and work for an amicable solution.

Mr. R. Timmens, 21617 Linda, said a site had been proffered them but they had asked for another site, too. He said the Little League would surely be open to suggestions.

Councilman Drale asked why they could not use some of the land north of the City Hall.

Mayor Isen said they need a site more easily available to their homes.

A lady in the audience who said she had signed the petition filed here tonight said Mr. J. A. Beasley had contacted her several times and told her he had three sites which would be about right for this.

Mr. James White, 5214 Ruby, told the Council that no matter which site the Little League chose, he was unalterably opposed to their use of Paradise Park as a ball field.

Mr. J. A. Landerville, 16300 Beech, told the Council he had been charged for using the City dump. As a resident of Torrance, he felt he should not have been charged the 50¢, and asked if this was legal.

*A. H. Bartlett*  
A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California  
January 21, 1958  
Council Minutes

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

The City Manager explained that it has been our policy to collect for commercial dumping or the dumping of large loads of trash. Private citizens who reside in Torrance are allowed to bring in normal quantities of trash free. He explained that rules and regulation are now being prepared for Council consideration and approval, and then they will be posed at the dump.

The City Manager said when large loads of trash are brought in it has been the policy to charge for accepting it.

Councilman Benstead said he knew of instances of people being refused the privilege of dumping trash there.

Councilman Benstead moved that Mr. Landerville be refunded the 50¢ which he said he was charged at the dump.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Landerville said he did not want the money back; he just wanted to know if he should have been charged for use of the dump. He said the load of trash in question consisted of lath and plaster from a wall, which he had removed in building a door.

City Manager Stevens said the citizens are normally allowed to take trash out there free as it saves the City having to pick up that much trash.

Councilman Jahn said he would have seconded the motion made if it had been clear that it would not be commercial dumping.

Councilman Drale said it should only be trash from homes that is dumped out there without charge.

Councilman Drale moved that private citizens of Torrance be allowed to take normal loads of trash, which the City Manager said are usually of less than a yard, to the dump free of charge, and at the request of Councilman Jahn amended the motion to specify that this shall not mean commercial dumping of any kind.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen thought the motion would be all right to send to the City Manager as a directive in preparing the rules he said are under consideration; this could be regarded as an adoption of policy by the Council.

The City Manager agreed there should be a policy.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved the City Manager, in line with the motion just passed, and because of its ambiguity, prepare a memo of the proposed rules for the City dump and give it to the Council for study; when the rules are approved and adopted, they are to be posted at the dump.

Councilman Jahn said no commercial operator should dump material at the City dump without charges being made.

A man in the audience told the Council that he had lived in a City where each load of trash was required to be inspected by the Health Department before it could be accepted in the City dump.

It was agreed this would throw a heavy load on the Health Department.

Mayor Isen thought it to be the City Manager's responsibility to work out a firm policy.

Councilman Jahn moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P. M.

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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance