

Torrance, California
March 18, 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, March 18, 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. The City Manager, G. W. Stevens, and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Scout Pat Beroine led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend John Taylor of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held March 11, 1958, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for opening of bids for furnishing motor vehicles.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Drale moved this be accepted and filed.

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

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>MODEL & ITEM NO.:</u>		<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Vel's Ford Sales Co. 1420 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, Calif.	F350, Item #1 - Ford F100, Item #2 - Ford	Incl. Tax Incl. Tax	\$2574.00 \$1534.00
Cecil L. Thomas & Sons 239 So. Pacific Ave. San Pedro, Calif.	GMC 102-6, Item #2	Incl. Tax	\$1861.60
Bacons' Sales Co. 1100 Pacific Coast Hwy. Hermosa Beach, Calif.	F350, Item #1 - Ford F100, Item #2 - Ford	Incl. Tax Incl. Tax	\$2532.40 \$1492.40
Hale Young Ford Co. 2641 E. Anaheim St. Long Beach 4 Calif.	F350, Item #1 - Ford F100, Item #2 - Ford	Incl. Tax Incl. Tax	\$2627.06 \$1556.51
Cecil L. Thomas & Sons 239 So. Pacific Ave. San Pedro, Calif.	GMC 253-6, Item #1	Incl. Tax	\$3039.92
Paul's Chevrolet, Inc. 1640 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, Calif.	3803, Item #1 - Chevrolet 3204, Item #2 - Chevrolet	Inc. Tax Inc. Tax	\$2667.06 \$1635.38

Councilman Drale moved these bids be referred to the City Manager for

study and recommendation.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of bids on a Traffic Line Marker.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred and filed.

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

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>MODEL OR NAME:</u>		<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Unimasco, Inc., 424 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. Gardena, California	All specs met "MARK-RITE"	Plus tax	\$2460.00 98.40 <u>\$2558.40</u>
Smith Booth Usher Co. 2001 Santa Fe Ave. Los Angeles 54 Calif.			NO BID

Councilman Drale moved to refer this bid to City Manager Stevens for recommendation.

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

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place set for the Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on Proposed Amendment to "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954" to provide for a new C-4 (Shopping Center) Zone.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the affidavit of publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard concerning this Ordinance.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved this Hearing be closed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 954

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW C-4 (SHOPPING CENTER) ZONE AND ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS THEREFOR.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 954 at its first reading.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney if this Ordinance limited to one each certain businesses which may ask to be located on the Triangle.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said this Ordinance is merely to establish the zone.

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

Councilman Blount said he voted against this because he felt that office buildings, gas stations, bowling alleys, etc., which will be permitted under this Ordinance, do not bring enough revenue to the City. He stated he opposed putting a medical center on the Airport Triangle, or a service station. He felt we could have leased the land to a service station at a fine revenue to the City.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if this Ordinance does not simply establish a C-4 zone, and the City Attorney replied that it does.

Councilman Drale said the major share of the income to the City would be from the sales tax from the different shops there, and before this time, anyone wishing to put in a business which did not conform to the zone of the land had to go before the Planning Commission and ask for a waiver or variance; this is not the same. He felt that the majority of the businesses listed here were not sales tax producing businesses, and asked the City Attorney if this was not correct.

The City Attorney replied that basically this was correct; he excepted the service station specifically.

Councilman Drale felt such business establishments would take up too much room.

Mayor Isen said these businesses will be restricted to one each and that an organization of this kind could not exist without these service organizations.

Mayor Isen said that as a courtesy to Scoutmaster Budeman and Pat Doroine, who were in the audience, he would ask that the next order of business be the presentation of the Resolution of Commendation of Boy Scout Troop 728.

City Clerk Bartlett read in full Resolution No. 3430, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 3430

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE COMMENDING TROOP 728 OF THE BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3430.

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

Mayor Isen presented a signed copy of the Resolution to Mr. Budeman, and told him he would receive a formal copy of it very soon. He invited Pat Deroine to show the audience the award Troop 728 had received, which was done.

Mayor Isen said that in order to fill a vacancy on the Library Board, which has existed since March 4, 1958, when the Ordinance went into effect, he would make an appointment a week from tonight, and poll the Council on it. Tonight, he wished to present the gentleman who has agreed to accept the appointment and who was present.

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. William Hoag, 21909 Ladeene, a teacher at Torrance High School, saying he was not to be confused with Mr. Pat Hogue, a candidate for Council.

Councilman Drale asked whose place Mr. Hoag would take on the Library Board.

Mayor Isen said that the vacancy was created by passage of the Ordinance, because Councilman Blount, who had participated in the Board was no longer a member. There are, therefore, 4 members left on the Board, which is to be a 5 member board.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Attorneys Cowan & Peterson, 129 South Pacific Avenue, Redondo Beach, presented the claim of Norton B. Wisdom, dba Hollywood Riviera Club, for alleged damages resulting from flood conditions during the

months of December, 1957, and January and February, 1958. The claim was accompanied by a copy of a photograph of the damage.

Councilman Drale moved to deny this claim and refer it to the City Attorney.

Mr. Peterson, attorney for Mr. Wisdom, asked to be heard; he felt this claim should be regarded as the claim of any citizen for damages, and stated that as a result of the water damage and efforts taken to prevent further such damage, the Health Department has been there and have said they may have to close the Club because of the dirt pushed around it. He asked that the City take whatever necessary and feasible action they could at this time to prevent the further loss in case of more water damage.

The motion to deny the claim carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A March 7, 1958, notification from the Public Utilities Commission signed by R. J. Pajalich, Secretary, was to inform the Council that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company has filed an application to construct a spur track across Oak Avenue.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney when this would be heard, and Mr. Remelmeyer replied that the Public Utilities Commission would set a hearing date later.

Mayor Isen asked if there was anything objectionable about this.

The City Manager said it is a track into the area formerly known as the "Ideco Tract" to serve the new building there.

Councilman Benstead asked what they have done about the right of way.

The City Manager replied that he had written a letter on this but had no reply.

Councilman Benstead asked that he write again on this.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated March 14, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for consideration and approval by the Council:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For mailing sample ballots and polling place cards, the sum of \$533.55.
2. For heavy repair work on HD-7 Tractor, the sum of \$896.00. This sum was the lowest of three bids obtained for the work.
3. Under Ordinance No. 934 a lantern-type signal was authorized for Anza Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. An estimate has been made by the Electrical Department which indicates that four mast-arm signals could be installed at a cost of approximately \$500 more than the cost of the lantern-type signal. Because of the extreme width of the streets at this intersection, I recommend that the mast-arm type signals be installed. The total cost would be approximately \$2,100.00.

Councilman Benstead referred to Item #2, asking how old this tractor was, and whether it would pay to have it repaired.

The City Manager replied that it is about 15 years old, and it would cost about \$15,000 to replace it. He felt it would be wiser to repair it.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Item 3 under Appropriations as submitted by the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said he favored that type of signal, but asked whether we have the money for this.

The City Manager thought we had the money, but said we probably could not do this again during this fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked if there was any information on the signals we have requested at Via Toledo and Calle Mayor on Highway 101.

City Manager Stevens replied that the State has never approved signals at Via Toledo and Highway 101. The other signals there should be installed shortly. He said that we had written to the State with the suggestion that we finance them and the State repay us later, and they had replied that they would investigate this possibility. We have had no further word from them about the plan.

Councilman Drale moved we send another communication to the State about a signal at Toledo and Highway 101, with a copy to go to our Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

City Engineer Bishop told the Council he had just received word that the bids for the signal at Calle Mayor and Highway 101 have been opened but not yet awarded.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was so ordered, with the City Manager to write the letter.

FOR INFORMATION:

Progress Report on Prairie Avenue Project:

"Construction on this project has been delayed by the weather and by utility companies who have had installations to move. The gas company, Edison company and telephone company have completed their re-alignment work. The City Water Department should complete their construction by Monday or Tuesday. Weather permitting, the S. A. Cummings Company, contractor on the project, will move in Monday, March 17, and commence actual construction. The only delay from here on should be that caused by the weather."

Mayor Isen asked that a copy of this Progress Report from the City Manager be sent to the people from that district who have been to see the Council, suggesting that it be sent to the leaders of that group.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the City Manager asked to send the copies.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. The Norris Construction Co., in a letter dated March 14, 1958, requested permission to erect a sign on the northeast corner of Garnet and Hawthorne Blvd., offering for sale a 100-home sub-division known as 'Sandy Acre Estates', located at Amie and Spencer Streets.

Appended was a comment from Lee Schlens, Superintendent of Building, to the effect that the owner would post Bond in the amount of \$500 stating that provisions of Sign Ordinance #842 would be observed and complied with.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request for a period of one year.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead felt a 6-month limitation would be preferable.

Motion to grant this for one year carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated March 12, 1958, Richard Rice, 655 Calle Miramar, applied for a free license to conduct a short-term business painting house numerals on curbs within the City limits of Torrance, specifically within the southern area, in accordance with any proposed City specification. He stated that he is a 17-year old senior at Torrance High School, with plans to enter College this fall.

A recommendation from License Inspector Whitacre was appended saying that he recommended a free license be granted, and that Chief of Police Bennett feels this would be of benefit to the Police Dept. in looking for house numbers at night and has approved the request.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, but said he felt the Police Dept. and License Department, before granting this license, should specify that the boys ask permission to do this and arrange for payment before the numbers are painted on the curbs.

Councilman Jahn asked who would have control over the type of stencil used and the kind of paint used, saying a certain quality and uniformity should be maintained.

Councilman Drale agreed.

Councilman Jahn suggested the stencils and paint should be approved by the Police Dept. or the City Manager before this work is begun.

Councilman Benstead so amended his motion, and Councilman Drale accepted the amendment in his second to the motion.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A March 1, 1958, letter from the American Legion Auxiliary, Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170, Torrance, signed by Mary B. Harder, Secretary, requested a license to operate a stand for the sale of fireworks on the parkway facing Torrance Blvd. just west of Crenshaw. They have had their stand there for the past two years.

Mayor Isen said he had noted that the new Fireworks Ordinance, here tonight for its second reading, would restrict stands in such locations as it prohibits stands such as this within 10' of a public way. He felt that was not the wish of the Council, however, he noted that the Ordinance could be amended.

Councilman Drale felt this request should be granted, noting that the stand has been there for the past couple of years, and he so moved.

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

3. In response to a request from the Council at their last meeting, License Inspector Whitacre, in a memo dated March 14, 1958, reported on the Taxicab Stand in North Torrance, as follows:

"At the March 11, 1958, Council meeting, Councilman Blount asked for a report from the License Inspector as to the Yellow Cab Company of Torrance operating a taxicab stand at Syd & Don's Service Station, 174th Street and Crenshaw Blvd.

"This stand was granted to the Yellow Cab Company of Torrance at the February 11, 1958, Council meeting.

"I made a personal investigation Friday, March 14, 1958, at 10:30 A. M., and found a Yellow Cab of Torrance standing by at this location and while talking to the driver of the cab, he received a call to pick up a fare."

Mr. Whitacre was present, and said he had not checked on whether they maintain 24-hour service daily; he said he had believed this was required, as they do not pay a license under the Ordinance for the stand and the Council had given them permission for it.

The communication was ordered filed as a matter of record.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A March 13, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to make allocation of Aid to Cities Monies for the widening of the bridge across the Dominguez Channel at Western Avenue southerly of 174th St., and the bridge across Dominguez Channel on Gramercy Place northerly of 174th Street. Mr. Patrick's letter reported this participation had been approved by the Council some time ago.

City Manager Stevens told the Council we have been working with the Flood Control people on this, and because we want these bridges to meet our standard width requirements, they have requested that we hold this up until some matters have been straightened out.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the City Manager to return this to the Council when he is ready.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. In a letter to the Council dated March 13, 1958, Lawrence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem of the Park & Recreation Commission, submitted to the Council a recommendation from H. B. Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, concerning repairs necessary at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge. He reported that at their meeting of March 12, it had been unanimously recommended to the Council that steps be taken to take care of the following three conditions:

1. Sandblasting and painting the pool tank;
2. Relocation of pool circulating pump and vacuum piping;
3. The leak in the wall between water detention chamber and the valve pit.

Mr. Van Bellehem was present and told the Council that he had made every effort to locate the contractor who had guaranteed the finish he put inside the pool. This man is evidently out of business, and cannot be located, therefore, it would seem that his written guarantee cannot be enforced. For this reason, Item 1 was recommended.

Concerning Item 2 as shown Mr. Van Bellehem said this has been pursued very tenaciously, and he has been working with the architect who seems now to realize this is his responsibility, and has contacted the original contractor, who will try to make arrangements to get this work done. He believed that Item 2 could be disregarded.

Councilman Jahn said he would want to discuss this, so requested it remain on the Agenda.

Re Item 1, Councilman Blount moved we sandblast the pool and paint it because he believed we would damage the pool if we do not, however, he suggested someone do this work who is in business and that we require a bond.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn said he knew a recommendation had been made by the Portland Cement Company that we do not have plastic paint inside the pool, but use a bonding cement paint, which will last a while.

Mr. Van Bellehem said he would like to recommend that course of procedure.

Councilman Blount accepted Mr. Van Bellehem's recommendation as a part of his motion.

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

Mayor Isen wondered whether very rigid specifications should not be prepared on this, and Mr. Van Bellehem said they are now being prepared.

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

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Concerning Item 2 as shown Mr. Van Bellehem said this has been pursued very tenaciously, and he has been working with the architect who seems now to realize this is his responsibility, and has contacted the original contractor, who will try to make arrangements to get this work done. He believed that Item 2 could be disregarded.

Councilman Jahn said he would want to discuss this, so requested it remain on the Agenda.

Re Item 1, Councilman Blount moved we sandblast the pool and

Councilman Jahn referred to Item 2, the relocation of the pool circulating pump and vacuum piping, and to Mr. Van Bellehem's statement concerning the architect and his probable assumption of responsibility. Councilman Jahn believed it should be at the direction of the City Council and the Legal Department and it should be distinctly stated that this is his responsibility and this has to meet inspection; we paid him a fee and he should be directly responsible for this work, and he so moved.

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

Regarding Item 3, the leak in the wall between the water detention chamber and the valve pit, Councilman Jahn moved that crack be fixed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mr. Van Bellehem thought perhaps this was also the responsibility of the architect and contractor.

Councilman Jahn suggested that should be pursued by the Legal Department and the Department of Public Works; if it is our responsibility, we should fix it. If it is theirs, they should fix it.

Mr. Van Bellehem said he has had two experienced men look at the trouble, and they have told him it looks like a cold joint. Either it was a different type of cement there, or it was a dry pack.

Councilman Jahn rescinded his motion, and moved to pursue this as Item 2 is handled.

Councilman Drale rescinded his second to the original motion, and seconded Councilman Jahn's motion.

Councilman Benstead asked why the City could not fix this and bill them for it.

Councilman Jahn said that might take a long time; he asked Supt. of Public Works Russell if he thought this was a cold joint.

Mr. Russell believed it was a dry pack, and explained that no such pack is water proof.

Councilman Jahn felt that if this matter had to go to court to be settled, it would be too late to get the pool fixed for this summer season.

Councilman Benstead asked how long it would take to get this fixed, saying we will need the pool this summer.

Mr. Russell said there have been several meetings with the architect and his engineer, and Mr. Russell believes they now realize that we are holding them responsible. Mr. Russell could not say how long it would take to fix the joint, because he did not know how much we would have to cut up to fix it.

Councilman Blount felt Councilman Benstead's point was well taken.

Councilman Benstead suggested again that we fix this and bill the architect and contractor for the repairs.

The City Attorney said we should make a demand on them first, and give them a definite starting date with a completion date to hold him to.

Councilman Jahn rescinded his previous motion, and moved the City Council order the architect and contractor who built the pool, as we feel it is their responsibility to fix this leak, as we feel it is their responsibility; and that the Legal Department contact the architect and contractor informing them of this responsibility and setting forth a date for commencing the corrections to be completed within 30 days thereafter, or the City will make the corrections and bill them for it.

Councilman Drale rescinded his second to the previous motion, and seconded Councilman Jahn's motion.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. In a letter dated March 13, 1958, signed by Lawrence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem, the Recreation Commission recommended a change in schedule of operation of the Victor E. Benstead Plunge. This was in accordance with a report to them from H. B. Van Bellehem, copy of which was submitted to the Council. Mr. Van Bellehem recommended that the Plunge be kept open only during the summer months

when school is not in session.

Councilman Benstead felt this should be left entirely to the discretion of the Commission and the Director.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

Councilman Jahn agreed with the motion, and pointed out that in Mr. Van Bellehem's report, in the 3rd paragraph, he recommended that the position of Aquatics Recreation Supervisor be made seasonal rather than permanent.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:35 P. M.

Mayor Isen said with reference to the Park Bond Issue to be voted on at the April 8, 1958, election, which had been referred from the last meeting of the Council to this meeting for adoption of a policy, he had asked Mr. Cramer, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, and the Commission to be present tonight. They had met here, with all the Commissioners being present, before this Council meeting, and had prepared a recommendation which they were prepared to give the Council. He invited Mr. Cramer to come forward.

Mr. Cramer said a meeting had been held of the Park & Recreation Commission here tonight just prior to the Council meeting, and at that time it had been unanimously recommended that the Council adopt the following general plan for the park bond issue on April 8, 1958:

- "A. That approximately \$1 million be used to improve existing park sites;
- B. That \$2 million be used for the acquisition of additional park sites;
- C. That we adhere closely to the recommendations for improvements and site acquisition as presented to the voters on October 15, 1957, and restated in the Recreation Department's report of March 12, 1958".

All Commissioners had been present when this recommendation was adopted.

Councilman Drale objected to the use of the word 'closely' in Item C of the recommendation, saying he felt we should simply adhere to that plan.

Mayor Isen felt that the qualification of 'closely' was very good, saying it may not be possible to adhere to this exactly.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount protested that in the plan we have, a park site is shown in the Walteria Lake area, a 42 acre site; he said this would cost about \$630,000 at \$15,000 per acre. He said there were no plans for improving that site. He asked if the acquisition of the land was all that was planned.

Mr. Van Bellehem said when the bond issue was presented in the fall, that particular site had been predicated upon a close tie-in with the Airport Bond Issue, which had failed when taken to the voters.

Mayor Isen said that was one of the reasons for using the word 'closely' in the recommendation of policy; if a section of the plan should prove to be unfeasible, a substitute could be worked out.

Councilman Benstead agreed, saying there is a small piece of land near McMaster Park, recommended for acquisition, which is no longer available.

Mayor Isen pointed out that no one could work out a perfect plan, and this is a matter of trusting the City Council.

Councilman Jahn said this is the same thing he had spoken of before; from comments he had heard from people who had voted against the bond issue, or had refrained from voting, he had felt the proposal as previously presented had not been specific enough. For instance,

acquisition of the Walteria Lake area for a park, without the money to develop it, and with flood conditions as they are there, would be unfeasible. He suggested this be removed from the plan, and that we tell the people in that area what we will do, so they will know.

Mayor Isen said we could not precisely pin down every acre of land we plan to acquire.

Councilman Jahn said he did not mean to describe exactly each piece of land; he simply opposed passage of a motion when we know full well we cannot activate it. He said he would vote against the motion as it now stood. Unless someone states something about that specific proposal to clarify it, he would not vote for this; he pointed out that 1/4 of the money for land acquisition would be less than needed for this one purchase.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Van Bellehem if he had any substitute plan.

Mr. Van Bellehem said he had thought the Council wanted to vote on the same thing now as we considered in the fall.

Councilman Blount said he would like to vote on the policy for improvement funds separately from the policy for land acquisition; he said he felt the statements here should reassure the people.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion of concurrence, and Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to that motion.

Mayor Isen moved we adopt as policy the plan to use \$1,000,000.00 of this bond issue for improvement of existing park sites.

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

Mayor Isen moved we adopt as policy a plan to use \$2,000,000.00 of the bond issue for the acquisition of additional park sites, to be designated as nearly as possible as to locality and acreage.

Mayor Isen felt the Park & Recreation Commission, all members being present, should work on that and present a recommendation later in this meeting. He thought everyone was agreed on using that much of the money for land acquisition.

Councilman Jahn said he would second the motion on condition that this be clarified later in the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen suggested the Park & Recreation Commission retire again to a conference room and present their recommendation later to the Council.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

Mayor Isen said the E. E. Wilson proposal for a lease at the Torrance Airport had been held over for study until each member of the City Council had a copy of the recommendation of the Committee who had prepared a recommendation on the proposal; a proposal had also been received from American Aviation Associates, which would be in conflict with the E. E. Wilson proposal. The Councilmen had been given an opportunity to study both, so they could approve one or the other, as they could not approve both.

Councilman Jahn said he had read both proposals, and with the report of the Committee on the Wilson proposal as a basis, and subject to certain items being inserted by the City Attorney, he would move the report of the Committee be approved in principle and the final points of the Wilson lease be worked out and approved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen pointed out that if the Council approved the Wilson lease, it automatically negated the other offer. The Committee felt that since there is a small motel there now, and this will have rooms as a hotel-motel, if we are not careful the property would become a 'motel row' and the entire Committee felt this should be the end of the hotels or motels there. Therefore, Councilman Jahn's motion would be, in effect, a denial of the other request.

Councilman Blount wanted the record to show that in doing this we are scuttling any 'lists' we have.

Mayor Isen wanted the record to show this is a matter of what is to the best interest of the City, not a matter of priorities.

Councilman Blount said he was only pointing out that this would establish policy.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn said regarding the Bates Aviation application for a lease which the Council had received, he would like to ask some questions.

Councilman Drale asked for more time to study this application.

Councilman Jahn said he wanted to know 1) whether we would be granting them the right to dispense petroleum products, and 2) more about the item which specifies 'testing'. He said that 'testing' should certainly be spelled out, as this could be anything, such as running jet engines, etc.

Councilman Drale repeated that he would like to study this proposal, and he suggested the Council hold it for a week.

Councilman Blount asked that special study be given Items 7 and 9 of this proposal.

The City Manager agreed with the remarks about testing, saying he knew this was but a preliminary report, and that the final points could be worked out.

Councilman Blount pointed out that testing is legal under the CAA, and by mentioning the word and permitting it, we may be permitting them to test fly planes, which is not our intent.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held for a week for testing.

The City Manager advised the Council that he did not believe it would be possible to have a final document ready by the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A March 12, 1958, letter from the Traffic Commission, signed by Chief of Police Percy G. Bennett, recommended the posting of certain Stop signs, certain No Parking signs and the reduction of a speed limit on Lomita Blvd. between Crenshaw and Hawthorne.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. A March 14, 1958, letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, requested the Council to fix a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on Ordinances which

- a. prohibit any new grass root wells within 300' of the center line of Hawthorne Ave. between Del Amo Blvd. and 230th St., and
- b. amending Appendix I of "The Code of the City of Torrance, 1954".

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Third and Final Hearings on these Ordinances as April 9, 1958, at 8:00 P. M.

2. A March 13, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council, for the fixing of the Third and Final Hearing date, CASE NO. 484: Petition of Gilbert D. Sellan, 1318 Gertruda Ave., Redondo Beach, for a Change of Zone on all of Tract 17180 situated between Dalemead and Newton in the City of Torrance, Lots 1 and 15 to be changed from C-2 to C-3 (Motion recommends zoning remain C-2); Lots 2 through 14 from C-2 to R-3, in keeping with the manner in which the property is being developed.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and date for the Hearing on Case 484 as April 9, 1958, at 8:00 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A March 14, 1958, letter from the City Attorney was re: Triangle Lease, and reported that pursuant to the right to surrender the master lease and substitute therefor not more than eight separate leases, (Paragraph 33, Page 44) of the Amended Lease entered into on December 19, 1957, with Jefferson Inc., they have surrendered the Amended Lease. The City and Jefferson have executed two leases in lieu thereof. Jefferson Inc. is the lessee of each of the new leases. The leases are known as Lease No. 1 and Lease No. 2, and the areas encompassed by each of them was shown by a sketch submitted to the Council. The City Attorney reported that these leases, as executed by the Mayor on March 13, 1958, as authorized to do in Resolution No. 3361, are exactly the same as in the Amended Lease except for the mechanical changes necessary by reason of having two leases instead of one on the premises. The City Attorney also reported that no action by the Council is necessary in the matter, and that the information was given for the purpose of enabling the Council to keep abreast of the developments on the Triangle property.

Councilman Jahn asked when the date for commencement of construction on this land had been, and the City Attorney said it had been set as one year from January 3, 1958; in other words, January 3, 1959 was the deadline for the beginning of the construction, and the completion date for the construction had been set as 5 years from that date.

Councilman Jahn asked to have a written report giving these construction dates and requirements.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the March 14, 1958, letter from the City Attorney ordered filed as a matter of record.

2. With a letter dated March 13, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council a Grant of Non-Exclusive Easement from Wilco Development Co., and Walton Homes Corp., (Kauffman-Wilson Corp.) which gives the City the right to drain waters from the property south of Sepulveda and west of Hawthorne into the sump located at the southeast corner of Southwood Homes. Inasmuch as the Easement contains a hold-harmless provision by the City, he thought it best to have the Council itself accept the Grant. The City Attorney reported that if the Council does approve the acceptance of the above deeds (a motion is sufficient) I shall have the City Clerk record the easement pursuant to the new procedure for accepting deeds.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept this easement, and asked if those easements named in the second paragraph of this letter were a part of this.

The City Attorney replied that if the Council wished, the motion could apply to those ancillary easements in the second paragraph of the letter.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to include all the easements named in this letter.

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

3. A March 11, 1958, letter from the City Attorney concerned the control of Newspaper Stands on City streets. The City Attorney had prepared this study at the request of the Council made at their meeting of December 10, 1957. A survey of neighboring cities had been made, and copies were submitted to the Council. The City Attorney made certain recommendations concerning permits for these stands, and questioned the Council as to where the authority to issue those permits should be vested.

Councilman Drale moved this letter and survey from the City Attorney be filed as a matter of record.

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

4. A March 1, 1958, statement from Mewborn & Hitchcock, Attorneys, 2211 Torrance Boulevard, re: Don Ja Ran Construction Co., Inc., et al vs. City of Torrance, et al, in the amount of \$1,692.95, was submitted by the City Attorney with the following recommendation:

"I recommend payment of the above \$1,692.95 to Mr. Mewborn for work done in connection with the subject case. I have attached Mr. Mewborn's letter of November 13, 1957, giving a detailed outline of their proposal, which was approved by your Honorable Body at the regular Council meeting of November 26, 1957."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Attorney's recommendation that we pay this, pointing out that we had already paid \$500 on this, making a total of \$2,192.95, which was still less than we might have had to pay, and this was without going to court.

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

REPORTS:

1. A complaint and summons was received by the City Clerk on March 11, 1958, in the action of Ella Schwartz (Case No. 7712) against the City for alleged damages to her property located at 1925 Carson Street caused by defective sewer lines. This claim was denied by the City Council on October 1, 1957.

2. Planning Director Powell submitted a letter to the Council under date of March 14, 1958, which read as follows:

"Pursuant to the request of Mayor Isen on Friday, March 14, 1958, I would like to submit this information to the City Council for study. There has for considerable time been much discussion relative to the reclamation of the area known as Walteria Lake.

"A recent communication from the American Municipal Association outlines a form of assistance that may be rendered by this association to cities having pertinent problems relating to urban renewal projects.

"As you no doubt know, the Federal Government has a service of grants which may be offered to cities to eradicate blight in an area that would otherwise be highly productive to the city from a revenue standpoint.

"This office has prepared a comprehensive study relating to a possible urban redevelopment project. The failure of the Airport Bond Election precludes any assistance to the City from that source, therefore, it is the belief of the writer that urban renewal is the only solution, unless the anticipated County Flood Control bond issue provides drainage to this area.

"If the City Council so desires, this matter may be referred to the Planning Commission so that extensive studies may be made for the ultimate solution of this project. Considerable time should be allowed for the preparation of this study."

Councilman Jahn pointed out that the letter stated a comprehensive study had been made; he thought the Council should have a chance to see and study the report. He asked if copies of the study could be given to the Council.

Mr. Powell said the material as it is would take some time to put into shape, but it could be put together and bound. This would take some time.

Councilman Jahn felt this matter to be very complicated.

Mr. Powell said the matter came from a report from the American Municipal Association on a project, which would be an Association which would help us. With their help, he thought we might be able to do something with the area.

Mayor Isen said he had caught this in a report from the American Municipal Association and referred it to Mr. Powell for study. He did not know that there is any possibility of this aid from the Federal Government, but he did want the Council to know about it and to know what is going on.

Councilman Drale said the area is a lake, and floods during rainy periods, and that if we developed it, people in other areas may be forced to move. He said there are also flooded areas in the Hollywood-Riviera and other sections of the City. He felt every effort should be bent to getting either Federal or State aid to eliminate the flood conditions, without trying to benefit one particular area. If the Council would go along with this suggestion, Councilman Drale said, he would so move, to develop some kind of drain system and create a lot of jobs and save what we have now.

Mayor Isen said he did not know that a storm drain would qualify for this aid.

Councilman Drale said the flood problem is the most serious in the City today.

Mayor Isen said he would like to refer this matter to Mr. Powell and the Planning Commission to make an extensive study towards removing any blighted areas in the City; he stated he did not want anyone to think this is a promise of a solution, it is just an effort to study the problem.

Councilman Jahn had understood that a 'blighted area' referred to one in which there were substandard, blighted houses, which were removed and replaced with better facilities. He asked for clarification on this point.

Mayor Isen did not know fully what the program entailed, but said he would favor trying.

Councilman Drale said we do have flood problems; he thought we should proceed and try to find out if we could get help from either the Federal or State governments.

Councilman Jahn said some time ago, a communication came to us from the County concerning the Lomita storm drain; the newspapers had carried this and everyone thought it would solve the problem, from the stories. This was not true. If we pass this matter, it would be considered as urban redevelopment. This could also mislead the people into thinking we had a solution. Urban redevelopment does not include flood control.

Councilman Drale said he wanted to ask for assistance to take this water out to the Hawthorne drain.

Councilman Jahn said the stories in the papers may mislead the people into thinking this would be a solution.

Mayor Isen said his thought had simply been to refer this to Mr. Powell and the Planning Commission for study and investigation, and he so moved.

Councilman Benstead seconded the motion, asking Councilman Jahn if he objected to trying to get Federal help.

Councilman Jahn said he simply did not want anyone to be misled.

Mr. J. A. Beasley said that flooded areas are considered to be blighted areas, and sought recognition from the floor.

Councilman Blount moved a substitute motion, that political debate be tabled, and to table the matter under consideration.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen stated this program may be well worth while, and the work and debate must go on.

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

Mr. J. A. Beasley spoke to the Council; he said members of the County Engineer's office had pointed out the seriousness of the problem of flooding in Walteria Lake; he mentioned the plans the Flood Control District has under study for helping the flood conditions from which we suffer. He favored a letter from the Council to the

County Flood Control District to support a bond issue containing a plan for draining Walteria Lake;

Councilman Drale moved to refer the matter of draining that lake to the Dept. of Public Works and the Engineering Department for study.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Supt. of Public Works Russell said plans have already been discussed, and recommendations are being prepared now to come to the Council for them to send to the County Flood Control District. One of these plans is for a tunnel to take the water from Walteria Lake through the hill to the ocean.

Mayor Isen asked that the plans come here for consideration, and Mr. Russell said they would.

At 7:15 P. M., the Council recessed, re-convening at 7:25 P. M.

At this time, Mr. Cramer of the Park & Recreation Commission reported that they had met informally, with all Commissioners present. Regarding their report of March 12, 1958, prepared by Mr. Van Bellehem, on Page 1 following the cover letter regarding the acquisition of the Walteria Lake Park Site, the Commission would like to recommend that the acquisition of that site be dropped from the list, and instead, they recommend that a major park in South Torrance, of about 25 acres be acquired, and that an additional 3 neighborhood parks of about 5 acres each be acquired, with both the major and neighborhood park sites to be as recommended by the Commission, using the Kroeger Report as the basis.

Councilman Jahn asked if the three neighborhood parks mentioned were recommended for South Torrance, and Mr. Cramer said no, but to be throughout the City where needed.

Mr. Cramer said the Kroeger report originally recommended more neighborhood parks than the October bond issue had provided for.

Mayor Isen asked if this meant there would be a 25-acre major park in South Torrance instead of the Walteria Lake park, and Mr. Cramer said yes. Mr. Cramer said this would mean there will be a major park in each section of the City, and neighborhood parks throughout the City.

Mayor Isen said if the \$2,000,000.00 is not adequate to make all the purchases through the City, the purchases should be equalized in case the money does not go around, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mr. Cramer said because the Walteria Lake Area is in such a state of flux they had not felt they could specify the area to be purchased in South Torrance. They have recommended a 25 acre park in North Torrance and a 25 acre park in South Torrance.

Councilman Drale asked for an exact list of the changes, and Mayor Isen said the Minutes would show the corrections so the list can be corrected intelligently.

Councilman Jahn hoped this would be specific enough for the voters.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3429

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE "CANDY STRIPERS", A TEENAGE CLUB OF BOYS AND GIRLS, WHO ARE PERFORMING VALUABLE SERVICES AT HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of

Resolution No. 3429.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3429.

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

2. Mayor Isen said the following Resolution had been introduced at his request, and he asked that it be read in full. The Mayor reserved the privilege of making the motion for adoption of this Resolution, saying it had seemed to him that with the possibility of a major recession, and as we should not look to Washington to do everything for us, with men being laid off every day, and businesses coming in here, he had thought we should do something of this sort to start helping ourselves at home. The people who live in Torrance pay taxes here, their children go to our schools, they trade in our stores, and their lives are here. He thought there should be a job preference shown in industry when new openings occur, in favor of the Torrance residents who need work.

City Clerk Bartlett read in full a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 3431

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING UPON INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS IN TORRANCE TO ADOPT THE POLICY OF PREFERENCE OF TORRANCE RESIDENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR JOBS OPENING UP IN TORRANCE.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3431.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. George Quinn, 4828 Reynolds Drive, commended the Mayor for introducing this Resolution in the name of the Carpenter's Union. The Union also commended the Council for their foresight in this matter, and for their enlightened attitude toward union negotiations and contracts as shown in this Resolution.

Mr. Gene Egbert of Local 12 of the Operating Engineers' Union, 1744 Greenwood, said he had been sent here to represent the A. F. L., and he commended the Mayor and the Council for this action. He noted the large number of out-of-state licenses in industrial parking lots, and said if industry will cooperate in this effort, it will be a real help to the City.

Mr. Frank Dussell, President of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, asked to go on record as endorsing this Resolution, and commending the author of it. He felt this to be one means of combating the recession on the local level.

Mr. Bernard Dougan, representing the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers' Union, who gave his address as 1327 Cota, said their Union had adopted this Resolution whole-heartedly, and they felt it was a fine thing for the people of the city. If this Resolution is adopted, he said, it would be a fine thing and a merit to the Council.

The motion for adoption carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen thanked the Council for their cooperation in this, and thanked these men for their commendation of him.

Councilman Jahn reminded the audience and the Council that we want and need visitors from out-of-state.

ORDINANCES:

1. A March 14, 1958, letter from City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance 956, which had been unanimously approved at the time of its first reading on March 11, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

City Clerk Bartlett then read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 956

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 12.21 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 883) SETTING FORTH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

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

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

Mayor Isen asked if the section providing that fireworks stands may not be within 10' of a public way could be corrected at this time.

The City Attorney did not believe so, saying this would be a major change.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to bring in an amendment to the Council to this effect, as there were no objections.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance 956 at its second and final reading, with the understanding that the amendment requested will be presented by the City Attorney.

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

2. A March 14, 1958, letter from the City Clerk presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 959, which had been unanimously approved at its first reading on March 11, 1958, with all Councilmen present. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 959

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.37 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING PEST HARBORAGE AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

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. 959 at its second and final reading.

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

3. With a cover letter dated March 12, 1958, the City Attorney submitted for its first reading an ordinance increasing Subdivision Park Fees, as directed at the Council meeting of February 25, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 960

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 26.9 OF CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO SUBDIVISION MAPS GENERALLY AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR SECTIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT AND INCREASING THE PARK AND PLAYGROUND FEE TO \$500.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 960.

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

Councilman Drale asked if a fee of this nature had ever been challenged in the courts, and the City Attorney replied that it had. He believed that in a chartered City such as ours, however, it would be a valid fee.

Councilman Jahn moved to approved Ordinance No. 960 at its first reading.

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

4. A March 13, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted a proposed Ordinance repealing Section 17.28 of the Code, and gave his reason for submitting this.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 961

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.28 OF THE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE USE OF ADVERTISING VEHICLES AND VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES.

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 to approve Ordinance No. 961 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Engineer Bishop asked to correct a statement he had made earlier concerning the signal at Calle Mayor and Highway 101; he said the bids have not been opened, but will be opened March 27, 1958, in the District Engineer's office.

Councilman Blount recalled that some time ago he had made a motion which the Council had unanimously approved concerning the nuisance value of a helicopter plant on Western Avenue, and he said he would like a report as to what had been done to correct those conditions.

Councilman Blount said inasmuch as we have been adopting Resolution commending people, he would like to move that the Council adopt such a Resolution honoring Miss Vonda Carlton for the fine series of articles dealing with narcotics which she has prepared for the "Torrance Herald".

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

Councilman Drale suggested that the Engineering Department make a study toward draining Walteria Lake; he suggested that as a temporary relief measure, that the water around 226th St., which has often flooded, be pumped into the Walteria Lake, which could be pumped to the east across Hawthorne, and east to the Lomita storm drain, saying this may save having to evacuate people from their homes. He asked if this would be feasible, saying he knew we would have to get permission from the various property owners involved, but that we are pumping storm water all over the City and this might help.

Councilman Drale suggested that the Street Department make an effort to ask the people of the City to cooperate in the trash and garbage pickup by placing the items out for pick-up on their property lines, as this will enable the trucks to make two pick-ups at each stop, serving two lots at one time.

Councilman Jahn asked for a policy abstaining from having pre-Council meetings on the nights when the Council meets at 5:30 P. M., saying it is most difficult for him to attend such meetings, and he believed it to be so for others.

Mayor Isen asked that this policy be submitted to the new Council after the election on April 8, saying he believed that due to the volume of business coming to the Council week after week, he thought the time would come very soon when the Council would have to meet twice a week.

Mayor Isen thanked all the men who spoke this evening, lauding him for the Resolution calling on business and industry in the City to employ our residents when possible. He said he believed that with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce this can help us a great deal. This has been approved by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, but will have to be referred to the Chamber. He said he would like to have some indication from our business and industry that they will conform to this policy, and said that perhaps by doing so, our City will be setting an example to the Nation.

Mr. Frank Bartley, 142 Paseo de Gracia, told the Council that the residents of the area in which he lives suffer from flood conditions, and they all commended the efforts of the Fire and Street departments to help them during such times. They suggest, however, that the water being carried around El Retiro Park, which he believed to have been planned for drainage purposes originally, be allowed to go into that park.

Director of Public Works Russell said the Engineering Dept. has prepared a recommendation and a survey of the area is being made toward whatever correction of existing conditions can be made.

Mr. John Parker, 4602 Newton St., told the Council of the flood conditions in his immediate area, and that the ice plant on the hill behind them is not holding the soil. He and numerous other residents recommend that the drains be re-worked so they will carry the water directly to the channel.

Mayor Isen said this would have to be referred to the City's Engineering Dept. and the Dept. of Public Works.

Director of Public Works Russell said we have been making every effort to correct the problem, and he believed that the Engineering Department had a report ready on this now.

Mayor Isen asked for a written report at the next Council meeting, and directed that a copy of it go to Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker thanked the Council, and presented to Mr. Russell a petition from the residents of his area which he had brought with him.

The City Attorney asked if the American Red Cross might have permission to fly their banner across Sartori during their fund drive. Councilman Benstead so moved.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P. M.


A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of
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APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance