

Torrance, California
April 9, 1958

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, April 9, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

Mayor Isen introduced Messrs. George Bradford and J. A. Beasley, who have been elected as Councilmen and who will be seated at the next Regular Meeting of the Council, and congratulated Councilman Blount, City Clerk Bartlett, and City Treasurer Harriet Leech upon their re-election to City office, and thanked the voters for electing him as the Mayor.

Mr. Dick Floyd led the salute to our Flag at the request of the Mayor.

The Reverend Milton Sippel, President of the Ministerial Association, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen announced that the two new Councilmen had been invited to sit with the Council and enter into discussions tonight, although they would not be able to vote until the next meeting.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held April 1, 1958, as written.

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

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the opening of Bids on Gas-operated Heavy Duty Ranges.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Jahn moved this be accepted and filed.

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

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>		<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Wolf Range & Mfg. Co. 5731 So. Alameda Street	3 ranges @ \$493.40 ea. Plus 4% tax	\$ 1480.20 59.21 \$ 1539.41
Long Beach Restaurant Supply Co. 2360 Pacific Avenue Long Beach 6, Calif.	Price, ea. range Plus 4% tax on ea. of	\$ 393.00 11.79
Long Beach Store Fixture Co. 330 Locust Ave. Long Beach 12, Calif.	Price, Plus 4% tax	\$ 1039.50 41.58 \$ 1081.08

Councilman Jahn moved to refer these bids to the City Manager for study and recommendation.

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

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Opening of Bids on Ford Tractor for Street Department.
City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

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

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>		<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
International Harvester Co. 5777 W. Washington, Culver City, California.	Plus tax	\$3,856.33 154.25
Harron, Richard & McCone Co. 3850 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles, Calif.	Plus 4% tax	\$4,577.00
Machinery Mart 7166 Firestone Blvd. Downey, California.	Plus tax	\$3,999.78 159.99
Electric Tool & Supply Co. 3000 Santa Fe Ave. Los Angeles 58, Calif.	Inc. tax	\$3,406.00
So-Cal Equipment & Supply Co. 7227 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif.		NO BID
Shaw Sales & Service Co. 5100 E. Triggo St. Los Angeles, Calif.		NO BID
Pacific Toro Co. 2059 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.		NO BID
B. Hayman Co., Inc. 3301 Leonis Blvd. Los Angeles Calif.		NO BID
Paul's Chevrolet, Inc. 1640 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, Calif.		NO BID
Brown-Bevis Industrial Equip. Co. 6550 E. Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.		NO BID
Gilmore & Wilcox 4858 Firestone Blvd. South Gate, Calif.	a. b.	\$4,065.00 \$4,085.00
Southwest Tractor Sales, Inc. 18912 So. Normandie, Gardena, Calif.	Inc. tax	\$4,160.00
Shepherd Machinery Co. P. O. Box 6789, E. Los Angeles 22, Calif.	Plus tax	\$3,731.00 \$ 149.24

Councilman Jahn moved that all these bids be referred to the City Manager for his analysis and recommendation.

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

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Opening of Bids on Rigid Frame Buildings at City Yard, 20466 Madrona.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Contractors.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

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

City Manager Stevens opened, City Clerk Bartlett read, and City Attorney Remelmeyer inspected the bonds submitted with, bids summarized here:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>BOND:</u>		<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Empire Steel Bldgs. Co. 2137 No. Marianna Ave. Los Angeles 32, Calif.	Bidders' Bond, 10% of total bid	a.	\$61,000.00
		b.	\$64,900.00
		c.	\$68,900.00
East-West Construction Co. 202 No. Second St. Alhambra, Calif.	Bidders' Bond, 10% of total bid	a.	\$91,000.00
		b.	\$95,000.00
		c.	\$99,000.00
Columbia Structural Steel Co. 2303 Jefferson Street Torrance, California.	Bidders' Bond, 10% of total bid	a.	\$69,678.00
		b.	\$74,900.00
		c.	\$78,250.00
Apex Steel Corp., Ltd. 6920 E. Slauson Los Angeles 22, Calif.	Bidders' Bond, 10% of total bid	a.	\$67,799.00
		b.	\$70,024.00
		c.	\$72,541.00
Coast Iron & Steel Co., 411 E. Greenleaf St. Compton, Calif.	Bidders' Bond, 10% of total bid	a.	\$65,367.00
		b.	\$68,318.00
		c.	\$70,394.00
Pascoe Steel Corporation 1301 E. Lexington Pomona, Calif.	Bidders' Bond, 10% of total bid	a.	\$62,434.00
		b.	\$65,018.00
		c.	\$67,741.00
A letter submitted by Pascoe Steel Corp. was read in full; it submitted alternate bids in accord with April 3, 1958 addendum letter signed by Bldg. Supt. Schlens, as follows:		a.	\$58,283.00
		b.	\$60,867.00
		c.	\$63,590.00
Butler Manufacturing Co. 4014 East Firestone Blvd. South Gate, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of \$10,000.00	a.	\$69,153.00
		b.	\$71,588.00
		c.	\$74,464.00
Pacific Iron & Steel Corp. of L. A. 11633 So. Alameda St. Los Angeles 22, Calif.	Bidders' Bond of 10% of total bid	a.	\$70,900.00
		b.	\$74,100.00
		c.	\$77,500.00
Lessley, Inc., 1320 W. 16th St. Long Beach, California.	Bidders' Bond of 10% of total bid	a.	\$85,900.00
		b.	\$88,200.00
		c.	\$90,500.00

Councilman Jahn moved to refer these bids to the City Manager and the Supt. of Bldg. of study and recommendation.

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

HEARINGS:

1. HEARING ON ASSESSMENT: (Continued) HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA
SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Continued Hearing on the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 2. He asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3442

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE LAND WITHIN THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF PASEO DE GRACIA AND OTHER STREETS BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

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. 3442.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if this Resolution re-spread the assessment as the Council had directed at their last meeting, and the City Attorney replied that it did.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn, in deference to the people from that District who were present, explained that the assessment had been re-spread to divide the cost equally between all the lots, excluding the commercial and multiple-dwelling lots.

Mayor Isen announced that at the pre-Council meeting, the Council had discussed with the architect and members of the Library Board some changes in the plan for the Hollywood-Riviera branch library. The group had, in informal discussion, reached final conclusions acceptable to all.

Councilman Jahn moved that the architect, Marion Varner, be instructed on the design of the Hollywood-Riviera branch library, to straighten the walls so there are no offsets at the end, that the roof be a pitched roof with an overhang and fascia, with a pitch of not less than 1½ in 12, and that the area not exceed 3,000 sq. ft.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Varner, who was present, to submit a copy of the rendering of the building which was available to be labelled Exhibit A, which was done.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Varner said he would be glad to cooperate, and that he hoped the building would be what the Board and the Council want.

Mayor Isen announced that at the pre-Council meeting, the City Attorney had discussed with the Council a proposed Resolution concerning Lease No. 1, and another concerning Lease No. 2 between the City and Jefferson, Inc., to provide for a full 50-year lease after the financing has been secured. The City Attorney had submitted the two proposed Resolutions to the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3448

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN SET FORTH THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT MODIFYING LEASE ENTITLED "LEASE NO. 1" BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS LESSOR, AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED, AS LESSEE.

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. 3448.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3449

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN SET FORTH THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT MODIFYING LEASE ENTITLED "LEASE NO. 2" BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS LESSOR, AND JEFFERSON INCORPORATED, AS LESSEE.

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. 3449.

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

HEARINGS:

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for: CASE NO. 484. Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of Gilbert D. Sellan for a Change of Zone on all of Tract 17180, situated between Dalemead and Newton, Lots 1 and 15, from C-3 (General Commercial) to C-3 (Solely Commercial) and Lots 2 through 14 from C-2 to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential), recommended for approval.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation for approval submitted by the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for: OIL WELL DRILLING MAP. THIRD AND FINAL HEARING on proposed amendment. A cover letter from S. E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, submitted an Ordinance amending the Oil Code for Study or

Approval at first reading, the Ordinance amending the Oil Well Drilling Map so as to prohibit drilling within 300' from the center line of Hawthorne Blvd. between Del Amo Blvd. and 230th St.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of Public Hearing.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

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

Councilman Jahn moved this Hearing be closed, as there was no response to the Mayor's invitation to be heard.

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

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would like to do further work on this Amendment if the Council approved it.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the proposed Ordinance, and to refer it to the City Attorney for completion.

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

4. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:
AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE ORDINANCE. THIRD AND FINAL HEARING:

(1) ORDINANCE amending Section 1 setting forth general provisions of the Official Land Use Plan for the City of Torrance.

(2) ORDINANCE amending Section 11 relating to M-1 and M-1R Zoning.

(3) ORDINANCE amending Section 17 relating to nonconforming uses.

(4) ORDINANCE amending Section 18 relating to Variances.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Public Hearing.

Councilman Drale moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the Hearing.

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

Mayor Isen moved to hold this for a week for further study.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so

ordered.

Mayor Isen asked for a letter showing the changes from Mr. Remelmeyer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Two March 26, 1958, communications from the Torrance Library Commission, signed by Mrs. P. E. Humphreys, gave the following information:

(a) The recommendations of that Commission with regard to the Hollywood Riviera Library building;

(b) The terms of the members of that Commission, as follows:

Herman Mitchell and W. J. Hanson 1961

Mrs. John Crain & Mrs. P. E. Humphreys 1960

New Member 1959

This letter also asked for notification of the date on which the Council will expect our annual report.

The Council had taken action concurring with the recommendations of the Commission on item (a), and ordered that item filed.

No action was taken on Item (b).

2. A copy of the application of the Charter Bus Transportation System regarding service through Torrance before the Public Utilities Commission.

An April 4, 1958, letter from Bus Supt. Chamberlain recommended

that the City protest to the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California the issuance of Authority to operate Passenger Bus Service over route 9 as set out in Exhibit B. Mr. Chamberlain gave his reasons for his recommendation.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of Bus Superintendent Chamberlain.

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

3. A March 24, 1958, letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John G. L. Crain, President, contained that organization's request that the Council make available money during the coming year to make Crenshaw Blvd. into a 4-lane highway between the intersections of 176th and 182nd Streets. This letter gave the Association's reasons for the request. Copies had been sent to the editor of the Torrance Herald, Mr. Reid Bundy, and to Floyd Rinehart of the South Bay Daily Breeze.

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer if such funds had already been allocated.

The City Engineer said a letter was here tonight with recommendations on the allocations of the funds.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered held to be considered at the same time the City Engineer's letter was considered.

4. A petition dated March 31, 1958, regarding dirty water in the lower Hollywood Riviera district was submitted by Rocco L. Lippis and signed by 22 residents of the area.

A memo was attached saying the matter had been referred to the California Water Service and Mr. McVicar.

The City Manager, upon being asked, said he had talked to an official of the California Water Service, who had said he would make a house-to-house investigation of the conditions in the area to see what the problem is and will report to him about it. Mr. Stevens said he would report back to the Council on this.

5. An April 1, 1958, letter from Vegas Airways, Inc., Box 347, Redondo Beach, California, stated it was their desire to exercise their option on the property bordering their lease to the North at the agreed rate of \$100 per month, effective April 1, 1958.

An April 4, 1958, memo from City Manager Stevens was appended, and stated: "Paragraph No. 26 of the Land Use Agreement between Vegas Airways, Inc., and the City of Torrance reads as follows:

'The Lessee is granted the right of first refusal on the leasing of the parcel of land 200' x 215', adjacent to and northerly of the property covered by this agreement, at a rental of \$100 per month.'

"Since the original lease to Vegas Airways, Inc., in 1954, a new Master Plan has been prepared which changes the proposed use of land in this area. Before the above request is granted, a study should be made to determine the proposed use of the property and also to determine how this property fits into the Master Plan."

Councilman Jahn moved that this matter be referred to the Airport Commission and the Airport Manager.

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

6. An April 9, 1958, memo from John Atkinson to the City Manager concerned grading at the Dump and New Yard Site. The letter requested permission to hire a D-8 Caterpillar for the purpose of completing the rough grading on the new yard site and developing two new roads for the City dump. Details were given, and Mr. Atkinson estimated that the cost of this about be about \$570. He asked if the City Council would approve this tonight if the City Manager approved the request.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the request.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated April 4, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendation for the Council's consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

To Arrow Engineering Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of March, 1958, on the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3, the sum of \$1,777.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the recommendation of the City Manager under Appropriations.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. An April 2, 1958, letter from J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, written pursuant to the terms of our standard bid forms, requested that the City Council accept as satisfactorily completed the two fencing contracts (approved by City Council December 17, 1957) for Victor Benstead Swimming Pool and Fire Station #3 in the amount of \$478 and \$579 respectively. Councilman Jahn moved these be accepted and the money be appropriated.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

An April 4th, 1958, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, reported that they had approved requests for leaves of absence as shown, all without pay:

Chas. A. Fulton, Sr., two weeks in addition to vacation;
Jerome L. Ward, 30 days without pay;
William P. Murphy, 6 months.

All of these requests had been approved by the respective Department Heads, and now must be ratified by the City Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the action of the Civil Service Board.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 3, 1958 memorandum from J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, recommended a refund of a \$3.00 Torrance dog license fee paid for License 2719 by Mr. Frank Francobandera, 1051 W. 229th St., as Mr. Francobandera does not live in the City.

Councilman Drale moved this refund be made.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from the Torrance Post No. 3251 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States requested permission to obtain a house numbering service license on a donation basis only, to comply with Police Dept. requirements and specifications.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre stated the request had been approved by the Chief of Police provided they comply with standard specifications as set up by the Police Dept.

Mr. Whitacre recommended the free license be granted for the

balance of the year 1958 provided they comply with Police Dept. Specifications.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Police Chief and License Inspector.

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

2. The Twenty-Thirty Club of South Bay, Box 551 Manhattan Beach, signed by M. M. Kelly, Project Chairman, requested a license to paint house numbers on the curbs of Torrance, on a strict donation basis.

License Inspector Whitacre reported the request had been approved by Asst. Chief of Police Porter, if they comply with the specifications set up by the Police Dept.

Mr. Whitacre recommended a free license be granted for the balance of this year provided they comply with the specifications as set up by the Police Department.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the License Inspector and the Chief of Police.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated April 3, 1958, Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem requested permission to call for bids for sporting goods items as listed on a form submitted; Mr. Van Bellehem gave the Council his reasons for making this request.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Van Bellehem's request and grant the permission asked.

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

2. A letter dated April 3, 1958, from H. B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, requested permission to call for bids on sanitation and maintenance supplies for the Victor E. Benstead plunge. He gave a list of the suppliers to whom they wish to send bids.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

REPORTS:

Dr. Cortum, a member of the Self-Censorship Committee, read a prepared report of that Committee giving their recommendations for enforcement of self-censorship in the City. Dr. Cortum submitted to the Council a copy of an Ordinance from the City of Ontario, which, with certain changes and additions, they recommended that the City adopt. The written report was handed to the City Clerk.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Council concur with the recommendations of the Self-Censorship Committee, and the matter be referred to the Chief of Police and City Attorney for study and recommendation to the Council.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

The question of whether or not this would restrict the rights of citizens was discussed, and it was agreed that it was not the intent of the recommendation or of the Council to do this in any way, but simply to control the sale of certain material carefully.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said he had voted affirmatively on this because he agreed with the principles involved, but stated he thought it should be carefully studied by the City Attorney to be sure there is nothing unconstitutional in this.

A gentleman in the audience believed this might, indeed, be unconstitutional.

The Council was in agreement with the Mayor's statement.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 4, 1958, letter from City Engineer Bishop submitted the Memorandum of Agreement covering the proposed expenditure of gas tax funds in the City for the 1958-59 fiscal year, covering projects approved by the Council at their meeting of February 18, 1958, as follows:

- a. CARSON STREET from Juniper Ave. to Madrona Ave., \$24,556.00;
- b. ARLINGTON AVE., from 174th St. to Redondo Beach Blvd., \$90,421.00;
- c. SEPULVEDA BLVD., from Arlington Ave. to Hawthorne Blvd., \$67,856.60;
- d. MAINTENANCE - \$110,176.00;
- e. CONTINGENCY PROJECT - \$16,907.63.

Mr. Bishop submitted with the letter the necessary Resolution adopting the budget and approving the memorandum of agreement.

Mr. John G. L. Crain came forward, representing the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, to speak about their request which had been postponed from earlier reading to this time.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Association to be considered in the light of this report.

The Mayor asked Mr. Bishop, City Engineer, if this had to be approved tonight, and the City Engineer replied that it did not.

The Mayor said he had not had time to study this, and he would like to refer the letter from the City Engineer back to Engineering, along with the letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, to be read and studied in the light of the exhibits furnished here and returned to the Council later, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. Crain asked if the motion intended that the whole matter would return to the Engineering Dept., and the Mayor said it would.

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

Mayor Isen instructed the City Engineer to send copies of his recommendations to all the Councilmen when his study is completed, and then return it to the Council.

Mr. Crain said a number of people were here on this matter.

Mayor Isen thanked this group for attending the meeting and asked the City Engineer to be sure that a copy of his recommendations goes to Mr. Crain when they are ready.

Mr. Crain filed his exhibits with the City Engineer.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission on CASE NO. 494: Transmittal form recommending denial of request of Jack Weinstein for a Variance to convert an existing dwelling into a neighborhood restaurant at 4171 West 182nd Street. Attached were a) a location sketch, and b) an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of March 19, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation for denial.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. An April 4, 1958, letter from the City Attorney reported that the annual Spring Conference of City Attorneys will be held in Palo Alto, California, on the 23-25 of April, inclusive, and requested that he be authorized to attend said conference with all necessary and proper expenses to be paid by the City. He also requested that the Finance Office be authorized to advance him \$200 on account of

said expenses.

In reply to a question, City Manager Stevens said he thought the City Attorney should attend that conference.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant the request and the necessary authorizations.

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

2. With a letter dated April 4, 1958, J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted easement deeds as follows:

- 1) Easement Deed dated Feb. 26, 1958, given by Richard and Joan Ryan needed for the 2-ft. widening of 235th St. and 27 ft. for future 234th St.;
- 2) Easement Deed dated Jan. 30, 1958, given by John R. and Lottie Cassinelli. This street easement was obtained to assure the extension of Mansel Ave. through this property since the Dominguez Water Co. had plans for the construction of some facilities within this proposed street.

Attached to the letter from Mr. Patrick to the City Attorney and the City Manager were the easement deeds and location sketches.

The letter bore the approval of Stanley E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, and Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager.

Councilman Jahn wanted more detail concerning the one easement which measured 100' x 54'.

City Engineer Bishop did not have the material at hand to answer the Councilman's request.

Councilman Jahn moved this be held for a week so full information could be given.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. In a letter dated April 9, 1958, the City Attorney discussed the legality of spending public funds to solve the Paseo De Gracia Drainage problem. His conclusion was that the cost of such construction would be a valid expenditure of public funds.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have time to give more study to this, and moved to hold it for a week.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3447

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE LANDOWNERS FOR PUMPING WATER FROM "WALTERIA LAKE".

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

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

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3447.

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

2. With a letter dated March 25, 1958, the City Attorney re-submitted a proposed Resolution amending Resolution No. 1935 to include street light standards, and has been studied and approved by Messrs. Bishop, Patrick, Schlens, and Scharfman, as well as by Mr. Russell, Director of Public Works.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held for the next meeting of the Council, as the Councilmen wished more time to study this.

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3445

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHANSLOR-WESTERN OIL AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN ACRES OF LAND, AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREOF.

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

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3445.

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

4. City Clerk Bartlett read in full a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 3446

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MUHAMMED SIDDIQUE CHAUDHRY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN AND TO THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3446.

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

Mr. Chaudhry, who was present, thanked the Council for this Resolution.

Mayor Isen said the City would prepare copies of this to present to him before he leaves the City.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated March 27, 1958, the City Attorney resubmitted an Ordinance amending the Fireworks Ordinance changing subsection (m) to provide that no stand shall be placed closer than 10' to a public way, unless permission to the contrary is first obtained from the City Council'.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 968

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 956) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSEES FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for approval of Ordinance No. 968 at its first reading.

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

2. With a cover letter dated April 2, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a traffic ordinance in conformance with Council direction of the meeting of March 18, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 969

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 Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 969 at its first and final reading, as an Urgency Ordinance.

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

3. With a cover letter dated April 4, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council for their approval the proposed Airport Ordinance, which has been studied and approved by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, by Mr. Stevens and by Mr. Egan.

Mayor Isen asked to have this held for a week for study, and so moved.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Attorney called to the attention of those just elected to office the necessity for filing with the County Registrar the Certificate of Campaign Expenditures, which must be filed before the newly elected officials are seated.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Attorney when the ballots would be canvassed, and the City Attorney replied that they must be canvassed at a regular meeting, so it will be done next week. He said the new Councilmen could be seated at that meeting if they have filed the Certificate he mentioned.

Councilman Jahn suggested that the press be requested to ask the candidates for election to take down their campaign signs.

Councilman Jahn felt his recent motion concerning the assignment of a radio frequency at the Torrance Airport to Vegas Airways had been ambiguous. In order to clarify that motion, he moved:

'That it would require a 90-day notice to take the frequency from Vegas, but that clause to become effective after the first year, as the installation costs would be a burden for a shorter period. The cost of installation of the necessary equipment would be not less than \$2,000.00.'

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who asked first if it was still stipulated that there would be no misuses and if there were this privilege would be cancelled, and who was told that is a part of the intent of the motion.

Councilman Jahn referred to Paragraph C of Section 2 of the agreement, saying 'in the opinion of the City Council', saying he would like to have that re-worded to specify that 'an investigation be made and a finding of facts be made by the City Council'.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion, but said he would want to be sure the Councilmen have copies of this for study before final action is taken on it.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen brought up the matter of campaign signs, and suggested that those members of the Council who had such signs in use during the recent campaign employ two City workers to take down the signs, saying he did not believe it would take more than two days to do this.

Councilman Drala did not believe City workers should be used for this during their working periods, when the City is paying them.

Councilman Benstead said if they were working during the week-ends or evenings, they should be paid the overtime rate for the work.

In response to a question, the City Manager said such a plan would cost about \$50.00.

The Council agreed to share the cost of such a plan, but agreed with Councilman Jahn that this should not be a City Council matter but an agreement between the gentlemen themselves.

There was no objection, and this was referred to Mr. Mansfield for consideration and action.

Mayor Isen reported he had attended a Sanitation District meeting today, and they have agreed to follow through on the plan the Council approved for a sewer along Ocean and Sepulveda to sewer the Del Amo Shopping Center, and the Broadway Stores would furnish the money as they agreed to do under the plan approved by them and the Sanitation District.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P. M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance