

Torrance, California
June 17, 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, June 17, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Director of Public Works John V. Russell led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend James Lowen of the Torrance Four Square Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held June 10, 1958, as written.

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

Mr. Abe Swartz of the Foods Company was present to exhibit plans for his new project on the Airport Triangle Shopping Center. He displayed his architectural elevations and a photo of the architectural rendering of the proposed building. Mr. Swartz said the photo was almost exactly what they plan to build, as very few changes had been made in the conception of the building. This will be a Class A building, and he stated they intend to break ground in about two weeks.

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:35 P. M.

The Council inspected the plans and drawings Mr. Swartz presented. Councilman Beasley moved to refer the plans and specifications to the Building Department for recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Director of Public Works John Russell said the Staff had gone over these plans very thoroughly last Monday, and found them to be satisfactory. He reported that later on, they would have a few recommendations to make, but they have been working very closely with Mr. Swartz on these plans.

In reply to a query, the City Attorney believed the Council would satisfy the lease requirements by approving the plans, if they satisfy the building code.

Building Superintendent Lee Schlens reported it had been his understanding that the requirement for Council approval was in the lease for the purpose of maintaining the type of building the Council felt would add to the area.

Councilman Beasley amended his previous motion, moving to refer these plans to the Building Department and the Department of Public works for approval under the Code, and to approve the plans subject to approval of those departments and to any stipulations on the plans which may be set by those Departments.

Mayor Isen seconded the amended motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:40 P. M.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Opening of Bids on Gasoline and Diesel Fuel.

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

There was no objection, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

The City Manager reported that these bids were very complicated and involved, making it most difficult to read them comparitively.

The City Manager was directed to open these bids, and indicate who had bid, which he did, as follows:

BIDDER:

Cal Newell Company
P. O. Box 146
Torrance, California

Seaside Oil Co.,
330 State Street
Santa Barbara, California.

Standard Oil Co. of California,
Western Operations, Inc.,
605 W. Olympic Blvd.,
Los Angeles, California.

The Texas Company
3350 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 5, California.

Century Oil Co.,
2345 East 28th Street
Long Beach 6, California.

General Petroleum Corporation
612 So. Flower Street
Los Angeles 54, California.

Pathfinder Petroleum Co.,
1001 El Centro St.,
P. O. Box 267,
South Pasadena, California.

Richfield Oil Corporation
Richfield Building
555 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, 17, California.

American Bitumuls & Asphalt Co.,
1401 W. Florence Avenue,
Inglewood 1, California.

Shell Oil Company
Box 3397, Terminal Annex
Los Angeles 54, California.

Tidewater Oil Company
79 New Montgomery Street
San Francisco 20, California.

Union Oil Company of California
564 Mateo Street
Los Angeles 13, California.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer these bids to the City Manager for analysis and recommendations.

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

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Opening of Bids on 3/4-Ton Pick-up Truck.

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

There were no objections, and this was ordered accepted and filed.

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

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>MODEL:</u>	<u>TOTAL BID:</u>
Paul's Chevrolet, Inc. 1640 Cabrillo Torrance, California.	Chevrolet Model #3604 Plus 4% State Sales Tax Delivered Price	\$2060.68 <u>82.43</u> \$2143.11
Vel's Ford Sales Co. 1420 Cabrillo Ave. Torrance, California.	Ford Model #F250 Plus 4% State Sales Tax Delivered Price	\$1759.94 <u>70.40</u> \$1830.34

Councilman Drale moved that the bid of Vel's Ford Sales Co. be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

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

Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney inquire into and devise a procedure whereby in the future bids may be opened outside the meeting, and only the results be given to the City Council, perhaps with the bids being called for ahead of the meeting, to save time.

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

1919 ACT STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1:

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3482

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO AID AND ASSIST IN PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST (INCLUDING INCIDENTAL EXPENSES) FOR FURNISHING ELECTRIC CURRENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING FIXTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON PROPOSED DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-1-58, AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "MUNICIPAL LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND".

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

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

Councilman Drale asked the approximate area of this District.

The City Manager replied it covered the areas where there have been lighting districts and 5 areas which have petitioned for such a District. This covers the City's contribution to those areas.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3482.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked which streets were being talked about, and the City Manager said there were many. Mr. Stevens said there were 9065 lots covered in this District, and that the District was shown in maps and plans which were in the Council Chamber for inspection.

City Manager Stevens said this was for the operation and maintenance of those areas he had outlined to the Council.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3483

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER OF SAID CITY MADE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION NO. 3407 ADOPTED FEBRUARY 4, 1958 BY SAID COUNCIL.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3483.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3484

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER CERTAIN LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES, AND APPLIANCES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TO BE INSTALLED, MAINTAINED AND ELECTRIC CURRENT TO BE FURNISHED FOR LIGHTING SAID FIXTURES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 1958.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3484.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3485

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3484 AND DIRECTING THE CLERK OF SAID CITY COUNCIL TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3485.

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

Mayor Isen directed that the proper Resolution Nos. be inserted in the Resolution, where indicated; No. 3483, number of Resolution approving this is to be inserted in the 4th Paragraph, and Resolution No. 3484 to be inserted in Paragraphs 5 and 6, being the Resolution of Intention.

Councilman Drale asked if we were not doing this in reverse and whether Hearings should not be held first.

The City Attorney explained that Resolution No. 3485 set the date of the Public Hearing, and that this is being done according to the procedures outlined in the 1919 Act.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3485 with the insertions as ordered.

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

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the First Hearing on the 1958-59 Budget.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this, saying now was the time for them to come forward.

Al Salcido, representing Fire Fighters Local No. 1138, came forward. He said they have nothing to go on, because the Council has given out no information, however, he pointed out that the personnel of their Department, as compared with other cities of comparable size, is very low. He quoted a recent statement of the Mayor to the effect that the City is very shorthanded and we are doing the job with about half the personnel used by cities of our size, and he agreed with the Mayor. He felt they furnish good service, considering the number of personnel they have, and that the same was true of the Police. He said those Departments hope they will be given the longevity pay they have asked for, explaining that they are not authorized to speak on this for all City personnel.

Councilman Bradford asked how many of the cities in this area pay longevity pay.

Mr. Salcido said Gardena, Redondo Beach, and Los Angeles pay it.

Councilman Bradford asked how the salaries they pay compare with the salaries paid by our City.

Mr. Salcido, pointing out that both Redondo and Gardena are considerably smaller than Torrance, gave the salaries they pay. He suggested this comparison be made with cities of larger population more nearly our size, such as Pasadena, Glendale, etc. Their group had prepared a study to give the Council so fair comparisons could be made of Torrance and cities in the County which are in the same size range.

David Cook, representing the Police Department and the combined Committee of Police and Firemen, spoke to the Council. He pointed out Paragraph No. 3 of the City Manager's report to the Council as submitted with the Budget Estimate for the Fiscal Year 1958-59, reading "The number of new personnel provided under the proposed budget has been held to a minimum, totaling only 23. They have been distributed among the departments where the need is most urgent. As usual, we will operate our City on a smaller budget and with fewer employees than any other city of comparable size in the area." Mr. Cook read several other paragraphs from the report of the City Manager, and said the Police and Fire Departments had been working under a strain for a long time, as they are shorthanded.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager when the second Hearing on the Budget would be held, and the City Manager replied on June 24, 1958, at the regular meeting of the Council.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilman Drale moved to deny Items 1, 2, 3, and 4, as shown on the Agenda and listed below, and to refer them to the Legal Department.

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

1. A verified claim for damages as result of accident occurring at 101 Highway and Roberts Road on March 16, 1958, submitted by Attorneys Austing, Austin, Jones and Chaffee for Ruby Elizabeth Terry, Claimant, on behalf of Jerald Dean Terry, shot and killed in said accident.

2. Verified claim for damages to real property located at 2750 Grand Summit Road, legally described as Lot 118, Tract 20165, caused by water shed resulting from alleged alteration of natural contour of tract, filed by Walter and Marjorie Bruhn.

3. Verified claim for damages to real property located at 2743 Portobello, legally described as Lot 46 of Tract 20165, caused by soil erosion because of watershed resulting from alleged altering of natural contour of said tract, filed by Conrad and Agatha Berwanger.

4. Verified claim for damages to real property located at 2749 Portobello, legally described as Lot 47, Tract 20165, because of watershed resulting from alleged altering of the natural contour of said tract, filed by William Wade and Evelyn Johnson.

Note: Three claims above regarding soil erosion were accepted by the City Clerk from F. Warren Mallory, 639 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 14, Attorney for claimants.

5. A June 3, 1958, letter from F. W. Mill, Division Controller, National Supply, requested approval of an assignment of their interest in Franchise granted by Ordinance No. 878. A copy of the proposed assignment was submitted with the letter.

A memo from the City Attorney was appended, saying the consent of the Council is necessary under Article 16, Franchise Ordinance No. 878. He reported that a motion would be sufficient.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the request.

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

6. A June 11, 1958, letter from F. W. Mill, Secretary to the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, requested the Council to retain the zoning on land presently zoned as industrial inside the City.

Councilman Benstead moved the letter be filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. A June 11, 1958, letter from Robert C. Ordway, Finance Committee-man for Boy Scout Troop 266, 515 Via Monte D'Oro, Redondo Beach, contained a request for a free license for that troop to sell donuts in Torrance areas on Saturday, 21 June 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved the free license be granted.

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

8. A June 6, 1958, letter from the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, requested the appointment of a citizen representative to the Metropolitan Government Study Commission. This letter was signed by Charles H. Peckenpaugh, Los Angeles County Division.

Mayor Isen said this Commission had grown from the many inquiries into what is called 'The Lakewood Plan'. He is our representative, Mayor Isen said, and he suggested that Councilman Jahn, who has been in on this from the beginning be our alternate delegate.

There were no objections to the Mayor's suggestion, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said he would surely welcome suggestions on who should be our citizen representative. He pointed out that the meetings of this Commission are usually held at about 2:30 P. M.

Councilman Jahn suggested that a citizen who had attended one or more of these meetings with Mr. Fitzgerald from the Chamber of Commerce.

No other suggestions were made.

Mayor Isen repeated that he would welcome recommendations on a citizen delegate and an alternate for him.

9. A June 10, 1958, letter from the Torrance Herald, signed by Glenn W. Pfeil, requested continuance of a contract with them for legal advertising. A copy of the suggested Agreement was submitted to the Councilmen.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead asked if there are other papers in the area which qualify to bid on this contract.

The City Attorney did not believe so, and referred to Mr. Kurt Liepman a question as to whether the Torrance Press had so qualified.

Mr. Liepman, a reporter for the Press, said he did not know.

The City Attorney reported that the previous City Attorney had written the opinion on this, and that the conditions had not changed. The Torrance Press, to qualify to bid on this, would have to be so adjudicated.

Councilman Benstead asked if the advertising could be handled any other way than in a newspaper.

The City Attorney said he would have to have time to check this very thoroughly before he could reply.

Mayor Isen said posting was named in the Charter, but that it would not serve our modern needs.

The City Attorney repeated he would have to examine this very carefully before he replied.

Councilman Benstead asked to have a written opinion on this from the City Attorney in the near future.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. A June 12, 1958, letter from the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 9,000 dog license tags from Lomita-Wilmington Tag, Inc., the sum of \$421.20, including sales tax.

The above company was the lowest bidder on the tags. Under the terms of our agreement the Pound Master for 1958-59 will repay the City for these tags.

2. To Silva & Hill Construction Company for rental of a D-8 Caterpillar, the sum of \$964.38.

The equipment was used to grade the new City Yard and to prepare roads at the City Dump, in addition to being used for the general operation of the Dump during the period that the City's tractor was being repaired.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations under Appropriations, both 1 and 2.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead asked if the Poundmaster should not have bought the dog tags, but the City Manager replied that they would be issued to the Poundmaster so we would have control of them.

Motion to concur carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. The agreement between the City of Torrance and William Woollett, Architect, was made on June 22, 1954, whereby Mr. Woollett would be responsible for developing master plans for the parks and playgrounds of the City of Torrance. Paragraph 10 of the Agreement states that "Either party, after thirty days written notice, to the other, may withdraw this agreement, the Owner agreeing to re-imburse the Architect for services rendered to that date".

If the City does not intend to use Mr. Woollett on future park developments, the City should withdraw from the agreement.

Councilman Drale moved to give Mr. Woollett the required notice. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley asked if any discussion had been held with Mr. Van Bellehem about him preparing the plans for the City.

The City Manager said yes, and that the various City departments are going ahead with this.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City pays Mr. Woollett a retainer under the agreement we have.

The City Manager said he had been paid for everything he has done.

Councilman Jahn thought that under those circumstances, if Mr. Van Bellehem draws the plans for our parks, we would have Mr. Woollett to call on if we needed him.

Councilman Bradford pointed out that we have an engineering staff which could plan the layout of parks, sprinkling system placement, placement of buildings, etc., and these should be handled by the engineering department. He felt if we would have drawings, they should be prepared by the engineers in the City's employ.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that the engineers do not locate playground equipment, etc., saying this would be a combination of duties involved and that the Recreation Department would be a party to the planning.

Councilman Bradford pointed out that Mr. Van Bellehem should supply the sketches to the Engineering Department, who could prepare the maps.

Mayor Isen felt that the discussion was not germane, as the conditions to the second to the motion do not enter into it at all.

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

Councilman Jahn said the City Manager had told the Council this work would be done by the proper Departments, whether Recreation or Engineering.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with that statement.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A June 9, 1958, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, reported the approval of that Board of a request from Mrs. Annie I. MacDonald for two weeks leave of absence without pay from August 18 to 29, inclusive, in addition to her regular vacation. Mr. Bradford reported the request had been approved by Mrs. Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer, Head of the Department in which Mrs. MacDonald works.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the approval of this request.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Blount referred to the matters before the Council from the Building Department, and said there are several applications on signs before the Council every week. He felt that our Ordinance must not be workable or there would not be so many applications for exceptions. Councilman Blount stated it was his intention to vote "No" on all such applications until we have a workable ordinance.

Councilman Jahn moved to amend our present sign ordinance to permit signs of 80 sq. ft. and under to be allowed without Council action, subject to other stipulations, and that all signs over 80 sq. ft. must go to Bldg. Supt. Schlens to send them here with his recommendation for a Variance if he feels it is a hardship case.

It was pointed out that Mr. Schlens could not determine hardship.

Mr. Schlens said he thought signs of this type were land use problems.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion, to stipulate that signs over 80 sq. ft. should go to the Planning Commission for their recommendation before coming to the Council.

The City Attorney asked if the Council wished to retain jurisdiction, saying they could delegate the authority under certain conditions.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

Motion, as amended, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen asked if this motion was meant to include billboards.

Councilman Jahn and Councilman Blount were agreed that these were not signs in the intent of this motion.

The City Attorney said the Council could make any exceptions they wished to make.

The Building Superintendent said he had taken the motion to refer to signs for established businesses.

Councilman Benstead protested against writing so many ordinances which he said do not mean anything.

The City Attorney said the Council could decide what they want to control and how.

1. A request from Heath and Co. for permission to erect a neon sign located at 340 Vista Del Parque for Woody's Smorgasburger, together with the comment of Lee Schlens, saying the sign is 234 sq. ft. on steel posts not supported by the building, and as such, required Council approval. Mr. Schlens pointed out the revolving flashing beacon on top of the sign. He said the sign would not encroach onto the State Highway.

Mayor Isen referred to this application, saying this is a nice restaurant and they should have all the help the City can give them.

Mr. Schlens presented sketches of the sign, saying it is a nice sign. It would have to be the height requested because it cannot project to the State Highway and must go up to be seen.

Councilman Jahn said he had not meant for his motion to cut off the discussion of what is here tonight. He did believe a sign of 234 sq. ft. is a pretty big one.

Councilman Beasley asked if the motion meant the Planning Commission would make the decisions for all signs.

Councilman Jahn said all signs over 80 sq. ft.

Councilman Drale said 80 sq. ft. was a pretty big sign, and he felt it might as well be 100 sq. ft.

The Bldg. Supt. reported he had recently received a copy of the sign ordinance of Santa Barbara, which establishes a ratio of square footage of a sign to square footage of a business.

A man who said he represented the petitioner for this sign under discussion came forward, saying the words on this sign were long words and would need a lot of space.

Mayor Isen suggested this whole thing be referred to Mr. Schlens to send the Council a workable ordinance for study.

Councilman Jahn, with permission of the second to his motion, changed his motion to refer this discussion to the Bldg. Supt. and the City Attorney for preparation of a workable sign ordinance, stating this does not include billboards.

Councilman Blount, who had seconded the motion, accepted the change.

Regarding the sign for Woody's Smorgasburger, Councilman Blount said he would oppose the revolving beacon because of the proximity of this sign to the Airport.

The man who had said he represented the applicant said the lights would be of amber or white color, and that the sign is almost identical with that on their other restaurants. The sign will be lit with neon.

Mayor Isen said he would favor this if the revolving beacon could be eliminated.

Mayor Isen moved to grant this sign, providing the revolving beacon or any other type of light there is eliminated, and providing the pole above the hat of the figure is eliminated.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked the man representing the petitioner what would happen to the "Welcome to Torrance" sign which is located there. He wanted to know this before he voted on the motion. He said he thinks that is a good sign.

Mr. Wood, the petitioner, was present. He agreed that his sign would not conflict with the "Welcome to Torrance" sign. He said there is City property nearby and if the Council feels this would conflict, he agreed to move the "Welcome to Torrance" sign.

His representative said they could move the sign, but he did not want to pay for the electrical work.

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

2. A June 10, 1958, letter from the National Advertising Co., signed by A. J. Hamilton, requested permission to convert Lincoln-Mercury sign for Volkswagen copy; this sign is located at Pacific Coast Highway, north of Ocean Avenue.

Appended was a report from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., to the effect that this is a billboard 96 sq. ft., and as such requires Council approval.

Councilman Jahn said he is opposed to this because it is a billboard and because it is in bad condition.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the application.

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

3. A June 11, 1958, letter from the Allied Sign Service, signed by Al. L. Avers, requested permission to erect a double-faced billboard for the Del Amo Shopping Center, corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. The sign to exceed 42 sq. ft., as per blue prints, No. 4055-3, which were submitted for the City's convenience. The approximate size of the sign is to be 160 sq. ft.

Appended was a memo from Mr. Schlens, reporting this will be of a temporary nature because of the construction.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the request.

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

Mayor Isen spoke to Mr. Joe Yates, Past Exalted Ruler of the local Elks Lodge. He said as a courtesy to Mr. Yates, he would be glad to now proclaim the week of June 21, 1958, to June 28, 1958, as "ANTI-NARCOTICS WEEK", and urged everyone to support the fight against narcotics and the program of the BPOE.

Mr. Yates thanked the Mayor, and said the combined Elks Lodges of Redondo, Gardena, and Torrance are planning a mass meeting for

the purpose of publicizing and furthering the war against narcotics. They would like to have a free permit to use sound trucks in the City to publicize the mass meeting, using the permit on the days of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 23, 24, and 25, 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

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

The Mayor declared a recess at 6:45, with the Council re-convening at 6:55 P. M.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A June 12, 1958, letter from the Planning Director, George Powell, submitted to the Council for the date of the Third and Final Hearing to be set, the two cases listed here, in accordance with the directions of the Planning Commission:

CASE NO. 508: Petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-1 to M-1 on all of Tract 23327 and that parcel of land bordered on the South by the Westerly extension of the Southerly line of Tract 23327 and on the West by the Easterly line of Crenshaw Blvd., known as the 'Howard Industrial Property', situated on the East side of Crenshaw Blvd., North of 248th St., to permit industrial uses as the surrounding property is in an industrial zone. This property was automatically zoned R-1 when annexed by the City of Torrance on April 11, 1958.

CASE NO. 509: Petition of Bjorklund & Smith, 10735 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles 25, (agents for the purchaser), for a Change of Zone on a portion of Lots 1 and 2, all of Lots 3 and 4; Lots 19 through 26 and Lots 41 through 48 inclusive in Tract 2200, more specifically described as a parcel of land comprising 97.36 acres (plus or minus), located at the Southwest corner of Crenshaw and Sepulveda, to be rezoned from M-2 to C-2 and R-3, per plot plan on file in the Planning Office.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and date of the Third and Final Hearings on these Cases as 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 8, 1958.

WAIVERS:

In a letter dated June 12, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council the following requests for Waivers, which had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on June 4, 1958:

R. D. Matteson, 22415 Linda Drive, requesting waiver of required distance between residence and proposed swimming pool, per plot plan attached to application.
COMMITTEE: Chairman Wing, Osborne, Lynn.

Lacey C. Hall, 667 Calle Miramar, requesting waiver of rear yard set-back per detailed plans, sketches and letter of explanation from applicant.

Commissioner Wing explained the ground falls off quite steeply there, and the petitioner prefers to build a wooden sun deck. He has agreed to hold the pier foundations back to 5'. Commissioner Wing moved the request of Col. Hall for a waiver of the 5' side yard set back to 2' be approved per the Exhibit. Motion seconded by Commissioner Osborne, all in favor, so ordered.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A June 12, 1958, letter from the City Attorney reported on the insurance requirements for use of City property by YMCA, Boy Scouts, etc. This had been requested at the Council meeting of May 13, 1958, by the Council.

Mr. Remelmeyer did not think we should require such organizations as the YMCA, the Scouts, etc., to carry insurance policies except in those cases where there is an unusual risk, and explained what he would consider to be unusual risk. In lieu thereof, he suggested the City require a fee of \$15 to help pay the annual premium on our comprehensive general liability insurance policy.

Mayor Isen questioned the requirement of such a fee, saying the various organizations were usually trying to raise money for charitable purposes.

Councilman Benstead moved the report be filed as a matter of record.

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

2. A June 2, 1958, letter from the City Attorney contained his opinion on Rubbish Collection Fees. This had been requested at the May 13, 1958, meeting of the Council, when Mayor Isen suggested to the City Attorney that he wished to have the record show that he wanted a written opinion from Mr. Remelmeyer on whether or not rubbish collection fees could be charged against real property.

The City Attorney did not believe the City could charge such fees against real property, and gave his reasons for that opinion;

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

3. A June 9, 1958, letter from the City Attorney gave his opinion on the City's power to regulate and supervise the transportation of persons for compensation over City streets. This had been requested at the April 15, 1958, meeting of the Council. Mr. Remelmeyer's conclusion read as follows:

"In my opinion, the City of Torrance (or any other city in the State) does not have jurisdiction to pass such an ordinance or otherwise regulate the transportation of persons for hire over City streets, and that this is a matter solely within the province of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California."

Mayor Isen suggested a copy of this be sent to Bus Supt. Chamberlain.

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

4. As requested at the Council meeting of May 6, 1958, the City Attorney, in a letter dated June 12, 1958, gave his opinion on the 'Liability of City, City Officials and Subdivider - Erosion Problem on Portobello Drive'. His answer read:

"It is my opinion that neither the City nor any City official is liable to the property owners as a result of the City's actions in connection with the said problem.

"It is impossible for me to determine the liability of Professor Converse or the subdivider to the property owners."

Mayor Isen asked if there was anything new on this problem.

Councilman Beasley wanted to discuss this, saying this situation endangered City property, and he had thought the Council wanted to do something about it. He had noted the 'Intention to File Suit' on the Agenda tonight, and said he had thought all the time this would come to the Council with a recommendation for a trench or well to be dug to do something up there.

Mayor Isen said the Council had asked for this.

Councilman Jahn said he had asked the City Attorney if there was not a liability to the City from Converse or the contractor.

The City Attorney felt there was not, saying the City has not so far suffered any damages.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant the City was not a party, and the City Attorney said it was not.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that we had required a report from a soil engineer, which had been received from Converse; on the strength of that report we had okayed the subdivision. Under the circumstances, Councilman Jahn thought Converse had an obligation to the City.

The City Attorney did not agree.

Mr. Mallory, attorney in the three actions which have been filed, said in his opinion the City had a remedy in that they could file a cross complaint. He did not believe the City would be admitting responsibility if they did something to remedy the situation.

The City Attorney suggested this be taken up with the attorneys for our insurance carrier.

Councilman Beasley thought the situation must be remedied.

Mr. Mallory said he knows his clients do not want money; they just want their property to be protected.

Director of Public Works Russell said he had not been able to determine what is wrong out there. He said the ground had been filled and compacted before he came to the City. He had no knowledge of what was there before this fill was made.

Councilman Jahn said there was another report from Converse, a quite recent report.

The City Attorney said there is one dated May 14, 1958.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that this situation had developed above a City water reservoir. He believed if this gets much worse the whole area would be affected. If there is a solution which is not too difficult, he thought perhaps we should get together with the people and go in and take care of it.

Mayor Isen said he would want to know first whose duty this was.

Councilman Drale thought we should see what is wrong and what can be done.

Mr. Russell told the Council Mr. Bishop has been working with this, and has asked for another report on it which he should have.

Councilman Beasley said City Engineer Bishop had mentioned to him that a trench or well might help.

Mayor Isen was sympathetic, but he did not think the City should be a volunteer to go in and remedy the situation unless we have a statement from all those affected that there would be no attempt on their part to show that this was an assumption of responsibility.

Mr. Russell said he did not know what to do because he had been told if we went in there and did any work we might be assuming the responsibility.

Mayor Isen felt it the property owners' duty to protect their property, then if they wished to do so they could attempt to recover damages.

Councilman Drale felt we were wasting time here until we had a definite report. He pointed out that everyone wanted to right the situation. He felt the Council should have a report as to what is causing this and how it could be remedied, and an opinion from the City Attorney as to whether action on our part would cause us to be held responsible, and should have all that next week. He so moved.

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

Councilman Jahn felt that we should stop spending time on subdivisions if we had no recourse, saying much time and money is spent to be sure these buyers are protected.

Mayor Isen pointed out that there are reasons for our Ordinances, which serve the City and the property owners in the City.

5. A June 5, 1958 letter from the City Attorney was in answer to a request from the Council made at their meeting of May 6, 1958, regarding the responsibility for holding City elections. His answer read:

"The responsibility for conducting the municipal elections rests on the City Clerk. The responsibility for financing such election is the City Manager's, subject to the control of the City Council. The City Council is responsible for consolidating elections, appointing precinct officers and fixing their compensation.

"However, the City Council, by ordinance, probably can change the elections procedure and designate someone else to perform, in whole or in part, the electoral duties of the City Clerk."

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

Mayor Isen thought we should get started now so we can save money at the next election.

Councilman Beasley felt we had no one actually responsible for the elections except in a vague way. He understood payment is made to the City Clerk for duties he had done in the past but no longer does, such as licensing. Therefore, Councilman Beasley said he would move to compensate the City Clerk only to that amount designated by the Charter.

Mayor Isen said he would second the motion except he thought it in the wrong place, however, he agreed that in the past the City Clerk had performed duties which he no longer does perform.

Councilman Bradford said the Council had hired Duane Wheeler to conduct the election at his price, so they had been negligent.

Mayor Isen said the City Council was not consulted.

Councilman Jahn said he thought the motion was out of order because the City Clerk still has the duty of handling elections.

Mayor Isen ruled the motion out of order, and Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion.

There were no objections, and the opinion was ordered filed, with the comment from Mayor Isen that the opinion throws a responsibility on the City Manager's office which has not been there before.

Councilman Drale said the City Clerk had conducted the elections for many years.

The City Manager reported this opinion differed greatly from that of the former City Attorney.

Councilman Blount did not think the City Clerk should be saddled with the entire responsibility of the cost of the election recently held. He pointed out that the City Manager and his Assistant had been at the meeting with Mr. Wheeler.

The City Manager said they had been, and reported that the City Council had appointed Mr. Wheeler to carry out the election.

Councilman Blount agreed that he thought the Council had been as negligent as anyone in not pursuing the matter as far as they should have. He did not believe all the responsibility should be on Mr. Bartlett.

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

6. A June 6, 1958, letter from the City Attorney contained his reply to a request of the Council made at their May 6 meeting on these points:

1. May the Council by ordinance provide: (a) That the Planning Commission be reduced from 9 members to 7, and (b) thereby effect the term of office of the present members of said Commission.
2. May the Council by ordinance provide: (a) That the term of office of the Civil Service Commissioners be reduced from 6 to 4 years, and (b) thereby effect the term of office of the present members of said Commission.

The City Attorney gave the following conclusion: "In my opinion, the answer to all four questions is 'Yes'."

Mayor Isen reported this opinion had been given in reply to a request from him, and that he had a series of motions to make.

Mayor Isen moved that the proper ordinances be amended so all members of Commissions receive the sum of \$10 per meeting, not to exceed two meetings a month, with this to include the Library Board and, in the case of the Airport Commission, that the compensation be paid from the Airport Fund, with the pay to be effective as of July 1, 1958.

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

Mayor Isen moved that the ordinance setting up the Planning Commission be amended to reduce it from 9 members to 7, because Mayor Isen said he believes that Commission is cumbersome and too large.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, who asked that the motion be amended to include that the President of that Commission be elected by the membership of the Commission as are the chairmen of other Commissions.

Mayor Isen accepted that amendment to his motion.

Councilman Blount asked when this motion would take effect, and Mayor Isen replied when the Ordinance as amended is effective.

Councilman Blount asked if this would mean that one member would be removed.

Mayor Isen said it would.

Councilman Blount asked who it would be that was removed, pointing out that the Commission was now operating with only 8 members, as Mr. Beasley had not been replaced.

Councilman Beasley said it could be one of the members who had only a short time to serve.

Councilman Bradford did not see why anyone should be removed until their term expires.

Councilman Drale moved to table this motion until January 15, 1959.

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

Mayor Isen said he felt the terms of members of the Civil Service Board are too long, and that the terms should be reduced from 6 to 4 years, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked when this change would be effective, and the Mayor replied upon finalization of the ordinance.

Councilman Bradford asked if the members of the Civil Service Board and the Planning Commission are not doing a good job, saying he thought they were. He said we have people there with experience who should finish their terms. He recalled Mayor Isen's statement at a recent meeting in San Diego that we should not lose sight of the fact that people who have served on Commissions for cities are valuable, and said we should not lose sight of that.

Councilman Jahn said he had in mind a uniformity, not a change. He was not sure that some of the members of these Commissions would not be reappointed. All Commissions and Boards should, however, have equal terms of service. He said the only reason he had been opposed to changing the Planning Commission before a specified date was that it would be hard to take any one man off the Commission. Under this motion, however, the idea was to bring it into line with the rest of the Commission.

Councilman Drale asked if this meant there would be a new Civil Service Board, and Mayor Isen said it did not.

Councilman Blount asked to amend the motion to set the terms of the members of the Civil Service Board at 4 years, with the present members of the Commission to serve out the rest of their terms as originally appointed, and their successors to be appointed for the 4-year terms, and he so moved.

Councilman Drale seconded the proposed amendment to the motion.

The amendment failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Isen reported he had discussed a new procedure with the City Attorney regarding Resolutions and Ordinances, and felt it would serve the Council well. He then moved that the Council dispense with the reading of the Resolutions numbered Q-1 through Q-5 on this Agenda and Ordinances R-1 and R-2 on this Agenda, with the proviso that they be given the proper numbers when presented to the Council by the City Clerk, who would also read the titles.

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

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3486

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE HARBOR FREEWAY BETWEEN 124TH AND 190TH STREETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3486. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3487

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3487. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3488

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR THE HOUSING OF UNSENTENCED PRISONERS.

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Councilman Jahn moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3488.
Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen.

Chief of Police Bennett asked that the billing date given be changed from the 10th of each month to the 20th, so there would be time to get this out.

There was no objection, and the change was ordered, with the motion made by Councilman Jahn.

The Chief of Police did not wish to have the prices of food set for the entire year because he could not be sure the prices would stay the same.

Mayor Isen suggested referring this back to the City Attorney to re-work with Chief Bennett.

The City Attorney pointed out that we are not obligated to continue this arrangement for a full year.

Councilman Jahn did not believe that the City of Redondo Beach would hold us to these prices if we were forced to pay more for the food.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3489

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TEMPORARILY EXTEND CRIMINAL JURISDICTION TO THE INGLEWOOD BRANCH OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT AND PERMANENTLY ESTABLISH A BRANCH OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3489.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3490

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO RESERVE IN THE GENERAL OR IN A SPECIAL FUND FROM THE REVENUES OF THE FISCAL YEAR 1957-1958 SUFFICIENT MONIES TO MEET THE BALANCE OF THE CITY'S OBLIGATIONS FROM THE PURCHASE OF FIVE LOAD PACKERS AND THE AGREEMENT TERMINATING AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WHICH ARE UNPAID AS OF JULY 1, 1958.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3490.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. A June 11, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted for its first reading an Ordinance setting forth electrical permit fees.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 991

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 9.19 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" SETTING FORTH ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 9.19 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTERS.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 991 at its first reading.

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

Councilman Jahn asked that the ordinance covering off-street parking which the City Attorney had submitted to the Council be held a week longer for study.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

REPORTS:

The office of the City Clerk reported that they have in that office on file the May, 1958, reports of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and the Controller of the Metropolitan Water District.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager referred to a letter signed by the Mayor and himself which went to the County Assessor, asking about the rumored change in taxes in Torrance. In response to that letter, the City Manager said that today three men from that office, together with Mr. H. C. Walden of the Assessor's staff, had called on him. They had explained that the increase being made in Torrance is being made under a formula which is the same formula used in the entire County. We have not been singled out for a tax increase. Almost all the property in the City is taxed on the increased valuations of it. Most of the homes are assessed at about 20-22% of the selling price which would be asked for them. There was a great increase in the value of unimproved land, particularly in the areas of Hawthorne, Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevards. They have considered the increased value of the land. In the case of the shopping center they believed the land had increased greatly. There is a uniform method of basing the assessments, and this has been used. He said he had been before the Board of Supervisors today about this, and had found they are treating everyone alike.

The Council asked to see the report the City Manager used in making this oral report, and the City Manager said he had used a pencilled sheet of figures but would get copies to those Councilmen who wanted it.

The City Manager said two weeks ago the Council had asked him to ascertain whether the County might extend our Library contract for another year. He had contacted Supervisor Chace, the County Librarian and the County Manager's office about this. They had thought there was a possibility of this, but were unable to say. They could not give us a definite answer. They feel there is need for a restudy of collecting fees for library service. The District is an old one. A method of handling this has been proposed, and will go to the Legislature in January; out of this might come something satisfactory.

The City Manager recommended that we go ahead with the Library Tax Rate as set up and modified by adding 1/2¢, that we reserve the Unappropriated Reserve until later in the Fall, watch it very care-

fully, and then, if at that time it is very clear that we will have to go on our own way, that we take monies from that fund to start us in that direction.

Mayor Isen thanked the City Manager for this report.

Mayor Isen pointed out that on the Addenda to the Agenda, there was a memo from the City Manager reported that the following material is needed for the installation of a parkway sprinkling system on Torrance Boulevard between Madrona Avenue and Maple Avenue as ordered by the City Council:

1. Approx. 3500 lineal ft. of 1" to 2" galvanized pipe, the sum of \$1349.44 to be purchased from Nat'l. Supply Co.
2. 280 - 403H Buckner Pip Up half sprays, the sum of \$512.51 from J. C. Nees Turf Supply Co.
3. Fittings for the above, the sum of \$537.66 from Nat'l. Supply Co.

The City Manager reported that these were the low bids received on the items.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with these appropriations.

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

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Engineering Department had submitted an easement for street purposes from Lucky Stores, submitted by J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer and approved by the City Attorney and City Manager, legally described as Parcel 1, Westerly 2' of Lot 9, excepting therefrom the northerly 25' thereof; Parcel 2: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of aforementioned Parcel 1, thence southerly along the easterly line of said Parcel 1 to a tangent curve concave southeasterly and having a radius of 15'; thence northeasterly along said curve to a point of tangency on the easterly prolongation of the northerly line of said Parcel 1; thence westerly along said prolongation to the point of beginning. A location sketch was submitted with this.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve and accept this easement.

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

Councilman Beasley said that in looking over the Budget, he had found there was a need for additional personnel in the City Clerk's Department. At the same time, he had found that the City Clerk was being paid for activities which he no longer performs because some of the work has been eliminated and some as been transferred, such as Licensing, Sales Tax, etc., and he moved that the City Clerk be paid as outlined in the City Charter.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if it was true this work is no longer done in the City Clerk's office.

The City Manager replied that we have a License Department now and the Sales Tax is now collected for us by the State.

Councilman Bradford asked whether, if we handle our own elections in the future on a full-scale basis, that will throw additional work on that office.

The City Manager replied that if they handle the elections on a full-scale basis it certainly would.

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

Councilman Bradford said he would like to see us ask the State to install a stop sign at Del Amo and Hawthorne, or preferably a traffic signal.

Councilman Jahn said that has been asked for, and the Chief of Police said it had been requested.

Councilman Blount said we had requested it but they had turned us down, and suggested that we ask again.

Councilman Bradford so moved.

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

Councilman Drale said some time ago we had authorized a culvert at Ainsworth and Redondo Beach Blvd.; he asked if anything has been done on this.

The City Manager replied we are almost ready to call for bids on this.

Councilman Drale said corrective traffic measures are needed at 174th and Arlington, where traffic is very heavy. He said he knew we had asked for a signal there, and he said he would like to see this installed.

Chief of Police Bennett said he had written to the State about this but had not received a reply.

Mr. H. A. Robinson of the Exchange Club said they would like to have permission to move their fireworks stand from 330' west of the City boundary on Highway 101, where they have permission to put it, to the southwest corner of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway on a secondary road, because of the traffic conditions.

Mayor Isen moved to grant the request subject to approval from the License, Police and other City Departments concerned.

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

Councilman Drale moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance