

Torrance, California  
August 5, 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, August 5, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen. ABSENT:  
COUNCILMEN: Jahn. Assistant City Manager Don Mansfield and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Walden led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 29, 1958, as written.

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

Councilman Bradford moved that in presenting any Resolutions and Ordinances to the Council tonight, after giving them the proper number, the Deputy City Clerk should read the title thereof and all further reading be dispensed with in each instance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Blount said he would not vote affirmatively on this motion because he wished to discuss the last Ordinance on the Agenda.

Mayor Isen suggested that the one Ordinance be excluded from the motion.

Councilman Bradford so amended his motion, and Councilman Beasley accepted the exclusion in his second to the motion.

Motion as amended carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Councilman Jahn absent).

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening of Bids on City land.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavits of Publication of Notice to Bid on July 10 and July 13, 1958.

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

The City Attorney announced the rules, which were that after the announcement of the bids, anyone present who wished to do so might bid on any piece of this land by bidding from the floor not less than 10% more than the highest bid on that piece of land; after that, those present who wished to bid further on any of this land might increase the bid in the amount they wished to do.

A gentleman in the audience asked if a personal check would be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved that personal checks be accepted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and as there were no objections it was so ordered.

D. W. Mansfield, the Assistant City Manager, opened and read the bids summarized here, with the City Attorney checking the deposits which accompanied the bids.

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>ITEM NO.:</u>	<u>DEPOSIT:</u>	<u>AMT. BID:</u>
Alter Realty & Insurance Co.	2.		\$2,000.00
1436 Marcelina Avenue	3.		\$3,000.00
Torrance, California.	4.	Cashier's Check:	\$3,000.00
		\$800.00	\$8,000.00

Charles Mumford & Victor Filippini			
2325 Torrance Blvd. & 23648 Eshelman			
Torrance, California.	1	\$125.00	\$1,250.00
	5	\$165.00	\$1,650.00

The City Attorney reported that on Item #1, there were personal checks from Mr. Mumford and Mr. Filippini in the amount of \$62.50 each to make the deposit of \$125.00, and on Item #2, there were personal checks from each of them in the amount of \$82.50 to make the deposit of \$165.00. He asked if the Council wished to accept these as meeting the requirements.

As the Council had voted to accept personal checks from the floor, there were no objections and it was so ordered.

At 5:25 P. M., Councilman Jahn joined the meeting.

Max Jolles	2.	(Deposit consisted of \$4,000.00	
611 No. Stanley Avenue	3.	three Cashier's	\$4,200.00
Los Angeles 36, Calif.		Checks in the amount of	
		\$250 ea., and \$70 in cash)	
		Total deposit of \$820.00	

Mr. Jolles stated terms of one half in cash of the respective prices as stated for each of said two lots and balance for a term plan for 3 or 4 years payable one thousand dollars per annum on principal of each lot plus interest in quarterly payments on account of both principal and interest.

Philip R. Karr & Helen S. Karr	1.	\$30.10	\$301.00
5507 Calle de Arboles	2.	\$101.10	\$1,011.00
Torrance, California.	3.	\$101.10	\$1,011.00
	4.	\$101.10	\$1,011.00
	5.	\$11.10	\$ 111.00

Mr. Mansfield announced that this was all the written bids submitted.

It was announced that the highest bid on Item #1 was \$1250.00

Mr. J. F. Miller, in the audience, bid \$1375.00 for Item #1.

Mr. Charles Mumford, in the audience, bid \$1500.00.

Mr. Miller bid \$1525.00.

In response to a question from the Mayor, both said their bids were for cash. There were no other bids.

In reply to a question, Mr. Mansfield said the lot had been appraised at \$2,000.00.

Councilman Jahn moved that Mr. Miller's bid of \$1525 be accepted for the land labelled Item #1, as that was the highest bid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount asked who had made the appraisal, and Mr. Mansfield said it had been made by a representative of Alter Realty.

Mr. Mansfield reported that Mr. Dick Miller had offered us \$1800 for that land at that time, but the offer had been refused because we were instructed to call for bids.

Councilman Beasley asked the zoning of Item #1, and Mr. Mansfield said it is zoned R-1.

Councilman Bradford asked if all the property had been appraised and whether the bids offered here met the appraisals.

Mr. Mansfield said Items 2 and 3 had been bid lower than the appraisals. He said Alter Realty had offered us \$11,000 for Items 2, 3, and 4.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that the bids for those items

would equal that amount.

Motion to accept Mr. Miller's bid of \$1525 for Item #1 failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen announced that by this vote the offers had been rejected, and told Mr. Mansfield to see if the gentleman who had offered \$1800 for the lot still wants it.

It was announced that the highest bid on Item #2 was \$4,000 bid by Mr. Max Jolles.

Mayor Isen called for bids from the floor, but there were none.

In reply to a question, Mr. Mansfield said that piece of land had been appraised at \$4,000.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept Mr. Jolles' bid of \$4,000 for Item #2.

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

The Assistant City Manager pointed out that Mr. Jolles had stated his terms in his letter, and told the Council we had quoted interest at the usual bank terms of 6%, and that this would go into escrow.

It was announced that the highest bid on Item #3 was \$4,200.00 bid by Mr. Max Jolles.

Mayor Isen asked for bids from the floor.

Mr. Gerald Alter bid \$4,620 for Item #3.

Mr. Jolles bid \$4,645.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$4,670.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$4,775.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$4,800.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$4,850.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$4,875.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$4,900.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$4,950.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$4,975.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$5,000.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$5,025.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$5,050.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$5,075.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$5,100.00.

Mr. Jolles asked whether the fact that the bid was for half cash and the balance on terms made a difference, and was told that it did not.

Mr. Jolles bid \$5,150.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$5,200.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$5,225.00.

Mr. Magee bid \$5,250.00.

Mr. Jolles bid \$5,275.00.

There were no further bids.

Councilman Drale moved to accept Mr. Jolles's bid of \$5,275.00 for Item #3.

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

It was announced that the highest bid for Item #4 was \$3,000.00.

In reply to a question, the Assistant City Manager said that land had been appraised at \$4,000.00, and that the City Manager felt that was about as low as it should go.

Mrs. Karr bid \$3,300 in response to the Mayor's call for bids from the floor on Item #4.

Mr. Alter bid \$3,400.00.

Mrs. Karr bid \$3,450.00.

Mr. Alter bid \$3,500.00.

Mrs. Karr bid \$3,550.00.

Mr. Alter bid \$4,000.00.

Mr. Scott bid \$4,100.00.

Mr. Alter bid \$4,200.00.

Mr. Scott bid \$4,300.00.

Mr. Alter bid \$4,400.00.

Mr. Scott bid \$4,500.00.

Mr. Alter bid \$4,600.00.

There were no further bids.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept Mr. Alter's bid of \$4,600.00 for Item #4.

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

It was announced that the highest bid for Item #5 was \$1,650.00. Mayor Isen called for bids from the floor.

Mrs. Karr asked if a bid could be made contingent upon a change of zone, and was told it could not.

Mayor Isen asked the appraised value of this piece of land, and Mr. Mansfield said that zoned as it is, this price would be adequate. Zoned differently, the land would be worth more.

There were no further bids on this Item.

Councilman Beasley moved to reject all bids on Item #5.

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

#### HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Continued Hearing on the Assessment for the South Torrance Sewer District #3.

Mayor Isen announced that the Council had received from the City Engineer a report giving his recommendations concerning each protest received on South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 at the Council meeting of July 22, 1958, and as a result of the City Engineer's meeting with the property owners which was held July 24th.

City Engineer Bishop had three protests which had not been read into the record at the previous hearing, and read them as follows:

R. E. Kennedy, 23847 Eshelman, protest; the City Engineer said a copy of his reply on this had been submitted to the Council, and he recommended that the assessment stand in this case.

Elmer & May Adams, 4065 - 238th St., protest; the City Engineer had submitted a copy of his reply to this to the Council, and recommended that the assessment stand in this case.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dorman, 2058 - 238th, protest; a copy of the City Engineer's reply to this had gone to the Council, and he recommended in this case that the assessment stand but the City pay half the lateral assessment.

Mayor Isen directed that the protests read here be made a part of the record, with Mr. Bishop's reply in each instance also being made a part of the record.

Mayor Isen directed that the report from the City Engineer which included his recommendation on each of the protests heard two weeks ago be made a part of the record.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3529

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING CERTAIN REVISIONS IN THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3.

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 to adopt Resolution No. 3529.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the continued hearing on the Assessment for South Torrance Sewer District #3.

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

Councilman Benstead moved all written protests be denied and to concur with the recommendations of the City Engineer.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3530

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT LEVIED UPON THE LAND WITHIN THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3 TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT OF SAID SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3 BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND APPURTENANT WORK.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3530.

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

CASE NO. 512: Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the continued hearing on Case No. 512, petition of Dominguez Estate Co. for a Change of Zone from M-1 to R-1 on property located between Redondo Beach City limits on the west, Del Amo Blvd. on the north, Henrietta on the east, and Torrance Blvd. on the south.

Mr. Don Wilson came forward and presented a letter from the Dominguez Estate Co., 5410 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., signed by Locke R. Wilson, Secretary, requesting they be included as petitioner in Case No. 512, with Don Wilson.

Councilman Jahn moved the petition be amended to show Dominguez Estate Co. as a co-petitioner in this Case.

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

Mr. Wilson asked for a continuance of this Case until August 26, as he had thought he would be back from a trip by the 19th, but has found that he will not be.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant this continuance to August 26 on Case 512.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mr. Wilson asked if Tentative Tract Map No. 22228 could also be held until that time.

Councilman Benstead so amended his motion.

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

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

HEARING ON WEED ABATEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 3518.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for this Hearing, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3531

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3518.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of this Resolution, and with further reading of all Resolutions and Ordinances presented to the Council tonight after the proper number has been assigned in each case and the title read.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

The motion made earlier in the meeting was explained to Councilman Jahn, who had not been present at that time.

Councilman Jahn withdrew that motion, and moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3531.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3531.

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

At 6:15 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:30 P. M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A communication from Morgan W. Gordon, atty., 332 So. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, enclosing claim for his client, the Wagner Realty Co., 1100 So. La Brea Ave., Los Angeles. This claim is against Torrance Municipal Water Districts No. 2 and No. 3 for refund on alleged over-payment for installation of water mains to serve Tract No. 16639.

Councilman Drale moved to deny this claim unless Water Dept. Supt. A. E. McVicar recommended otherwise.

The City Attorney told the Council that about a year ago this had been refused, because he had investigated and decided they were not eligible for such a refund.

Councilman Drale withdrew his previous motion and moved to deny this claim and refer it to the City Attorney and Water Dept. Supt.

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

2. A July 25, 1958, letter from J. M. Lowery, Auditor-Controller, County of Los Angeles, 302 Hall of Records, Los Angeles 12, concerned the assessed valuation figures in the County.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

3. A July 31, 1958, letter from the Inter-City Highway Committee, signed by Wilburn E. Baker, Chairman, requested that one elective official and other persons appear at a meeting of the State Highway Commission on the 27, 28, and 29th of August in Sacramento. This meeting is for the primary purpose of considering the State Highway budget for the fiscal year of 1959-60.

Councilman Beasley, our representative on that Committee, said it is felt if we do not appear there to present our case about the San Diego Freeway, we could be even further behind than otherwise. Other freeways are asking for funds. Additional funds will be allocated at that meeting. The Inter-City Highway Committee as well as Supervisors Chace and Hahn thought we had a good chance to get some of the additional funds because of our urgent need for them.

Councilman Beasley moved that two members of the City Council be sent to Sacramento to attend this special meeting, appropriate expenses paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount asked who the two Councilmen were that Councilman Beasley thought should go to Sacramento, and Councilman Beasley said himself and Councilman Drale, and so amended his motion.

Councilman Benstead asked if Councilman Drale was on the Inter-City Highway Committee.

Councilman Beasley said he is not at this time, but he was on that Committee, and had been Chairman of their Committee on freeways for two years, and had much experience which Councilman Beasley did not feel he had as yet. He said it is felt that Councilman Drale's experience will be most helpful in this.

The Mayor asked about what the expenses would be, and Councilman Drale said \$150 each had been allowed on this before.

Councilman Jahn seconded Councilman Beasley's motion as amended. He commented that the appropriate expenses should be paid as itemized and presented for this work.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. A July 23, 1958, letter from the State Division of Highways, District VII, Los Angeles, signed by Jack E. Eckhardt, Asst. District Engineer, called attention to the fact that Ordinance No. 994, prohibiting parking on a portion of Highway 101, should contain a clause providing for termination of said ordinance upon written notice.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the proper legislation for this provision.

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

5. A July 30, 1958, letter from the Church of Christ, signed by E. M. Whitcomb, Elder, requested permission to attach 18" x 24" signs to lamp posts at certain locations in the City. The signs would give the address of their Church, 1217 Cravens Avenue.

Mayor Isen said similar requests had been refused in the past.

Councilman Drale did not believe such permission had ever been granted to anyone in the City.

Councilman Beasley moved the request be denied.

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

Councilman Beasley said he had made the motion because he does not believe the signs should be on light posts, and Councilman Jahn agreed, saying if the signs were put up in approved locations individually it would be different.

The Council agreed on this point.

Councilman Bradford suggested turning the request over to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale said he would like to add to the motion a suggestion that our policy has been to let them put up their own signs.

Councilman Beasley said he would accept such amendment to his motion, and Councilman Drale said he would second such a motion.

Mayor Isen said they should be notified by letter of this.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote, as amended:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen instructed the Assistant City Manager to write an appropriate letter to the Church of Christ notifying them of the Council's feeling in this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated July 31, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 10,000 6-copy E-Z Out Booking forms for the Police Dept., the sum of \$444.82, from the Uarco, Inc. This is the lowest bid of the three obtained.
2. For the purchase of four beds and five springs and mattresses from Torrance Furniture Co., the sum of \$342.73. This is the lowest bid of the three obtained.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, both Nos. 1 and 2, under Appropriations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if the beds were not for the fire department, and the representative of that department who was present, Fire Marshall Lucas, said they were.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

"It has been the policy of the City to require the developer of commercial property to dedicate property for public use where the property being developed is on a street or highway that does not have the proper right-of-way width. The developer is also required to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

"The policy of the City has been to pave the street or highway between the new curb and gutter and the existing street pavement.

"At the present time there are ten such locations in the City of Torrance, which need or will soon need, the installation of paving by the City. The estimated cost of installing pavement at these locations is approximately \$20,000. (Copy submitted to Council giving list of these).

"To handle these requirements and to take care of possible future projects, I recommend that \$25,000 be transferred from the Unappropriated Reserve Fund to a Special Fund for such projects."

Councilman Drale asked if priorities had been set up on these projects, saying he had heard the City Manager make a remark about priorities.

The Assistant City Manager said all these projects would be done.

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

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

With a letter dated August 1, 1958, the City Manager submitted to the Council for their information and approval, a copy of the job description for the Civil Engineering Associate.

Councilman Blount took issue with the 'Education' requirement, saying if the man has a Certification from the California State Board we should not have the college requirement too. He felt that the State certification was harder to get and should be ample.

Councilman Blount moved that the 'education' requirement be stricken from this job description.

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

Councilman Drale asked if this job had been set up in the budget, and Mr. Mansfield said it had been.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the job description as corrected here.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A July 31, 1958, letter from J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, reported that Mr. Walton of the Boy Scout Organization has requested permission to remove trees in the City Park. This is necessary for the construction of the Boy Scout building. As the building must be located so close to Plaza del Amo to conform with the building code in relation to adjacent school property, Mr. Walton also requested permission to remove 80' of the tall hedge along Plaza del Amo.

Councilman Benstead demurred. He did not feel it necessary to remove the trees. He said he had talked to Mr. Walton about this and Mr. Walton had said he would replace four of them and Mr. Clemmer had said two of them could be moved.

The Director of Public Works told the Council that he had discussed this with Mr. Clemmer Asst. Supt. of the Park Dept., and Mr. Clemmer had told him this work, including time and material for relocation of sprinkling equipment, would cost about \$1,000 or \$1,200.

Councilman Beasley felt this would mean there would be too many buildings in this park.

Mr. Russell said they had been given permission to put this building there, and under the code it could not be placed where they originally planned to put it.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said the building as originally planned would be too close to the school yard. When this fact was established, the problem of the hedge had arisen. Under the plan for relocation of the building, it will be necessary to remove 80' of the hedge and 9 trees.

Councilman Benstead asked why this would cost the City a thousand dollars, and Mr. Clemmer reviewed a letter he had written to Mr. Russell explaining this cost.

Councilman Jahn asked if there was another location available, and Mr. Schlens did not believe there was one in the park. He said this will be an L-shaped building about 60' x 100'.

Councilman Bradford asked how close it would be to the YWCA building, and Mr. Schlens thought about 160' from it.

Councilman Bradford said he had never considered this a good location. He thought there should be a better site in the City, saying Plaza del Amo is a very dark street and carries much heavy traffic.

Councilman Drale explained the work and effort which had been expended to find a location for this building. This will serve the children from all areas of the City.

Councilman Bradford felt they still should have another location.

Mayor Isen wondered if there would not be an appropriate site here on the Civic Center which could be made available to them on a 50-year lease.

Councilman Bradford said he had suggested that to the committee who had worked on this over a year ago.

Mayor Isen referred this question to the City Attorney, who said he did not know. He said we will some day hold this property in fee, but he was not sure about Plaza del Amo.

Mayor Isen did not know of other available space.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Walton if this could be held until we have an opinion from the City Attorney on the question referred to him.

Mr. Walton said they are ready now to begin construction.

Mayor Isen asked if their plans would not serve at this location as well.

Councilman Bradford said the children need lots of space.

Councilman Drale pointed out how much time and work had gone into this, and he did not think they should be hindered from starting construction.

Councilman Benstead said Mr. Walton had told him he would replace 4 trees and Casper Clemmer had agreed to move two.

This was discussed at some length, and Mr. Walton agreed to replace the 4 trees.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant permission to remove the 4 trees necessary and to move the two, with Mr. Walton to make every effort to replace the 4 trees in another location.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to grant permission to remove the 80' of hedge.

The amendment was accepted in the second to the motion.

Councilman Bradford and Mayor Isen were agreed that sidewalks and lights would be needed there. Mayor Isen pointed out that this is one of the small areas meant for buildings rather than for picnic or outing uses, and he thought we should try to solve some of the problems there, such as the street lighting.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated July 31, 1958, J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Torrance Fire Department, resubmitted his request that a delegate and alternate from our Fire Department attend the California State Firemens' Conference in Santa Barbara, California, September 24 through 28, 1958. In his letter of July 31, Chief Benner said he was submitting a copy of the bylaws of the organization for information of the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny this request, saying he did not find their objectives clear to him.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen said as long as the Chief concurred in the request, he would also concur with it.

Councilman Jahn thought this had nothing to do with City business.

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

#### AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. In a letter dated August 1, 1958, Airport Manager Jack Egan referred to the proposed installation of taxiway lights at the Airport. He requested that authority be granted to call for bids for the installation of cable, medium intensity taxiway light system, construction of Airport electrical vault and relocation of existing regulator for runway lights at the Torrance Municipal Airport, all in accordance with plans and specifications which were available at the meeting.

Councilman Jahn said this was involved with government participation in the lighting, and the requirements are such that it would cost us more to do this as they require, even with a part of it paid with Federal funds, than we would have to pay for our required lighting without government help.

Mr. Egan came forward and talked to the Council, explaining that the plan submitted here, approved by the CAA, was for a standard approved lighting plan. In order to receive the Federal allocation, we must act quickly. The budget in which the allocation is allowed for will expire on September 1.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Egan if Councilman Jahn's statement about the cost of this system was correct, and Mr. Egan said it was. Mr. Egan explained that their requirements are such that items enter into this which we would not necessarily purchase without their help. He said this is a very fine and very permanent system. The cost is estimated at over \$35,000.00.

He added we will not be able to get the federal help unless the installation meets their specifications and plans as approved. He thought if we did, we could build this with them paying 54% of the cost.

Mr. Egan explained this would be a new installation.

Councilman Jahn asked if Mr. Egan had arrived at any estimate of installing lights under our own cost, and Mr. Egan said he thought we could get a modicum of taxiway lighting for about \$5,000.00. He said that plan would not at any point meet these specification, and would probably last only about 5 years.

Councilman Beasley asked if the CAA would take over our tower if we did not meet these specifications, and Councilman Blount said they operate the towers in Santa Monica and Hawthorne without this lighting plan.

Councilman Jahn said this would cost \$16,000 and said the Master Plan will require a change of the existing taxiways. He suggested we put in a temporary system for five or six thousand dollars so when the taxiways are changed we will not have invested so much money. He thought this would be adequate. He thought this plan would require the expenditure of too much money for a system we will have to take up later.

Mr. Egan agreed that the salvage items would be only those parts above ground.

In reply to a request for his recommendation, Mr. Egan said he would agree with the CAA. This is a permanent installation, and whatever we put in now as a temporary measure will always be temporary.

Councilman Bradford asked how long Mr. Egan thought it would be before the taxiways are changed according to the Master Plan.

Mr. Egan said at the present rate of progress, and without outside help, he thinks it will be about 10 years.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Egan's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn stated he had brought this out because he wanted it clearly understood at this time.

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

2. In a letter dated July 31, 1958, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Torrance Airport Commission transmitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation that Vegas Air be notified that they should exercise their right of first refusal on the northern portion of land adjacent to their present lease, subject to negotiation on the points mentioned in his recent letter to the City Council.

Mayor Isen noted that the figure of '\$100 per month' had been used in the letter; he did not know how this had been reached.

Councilman Jahn said the Vegas lease specified it.

The City Attorney said we have never put the land out for lease, nor taken any action under the lease. They do not have an option on the land, but a 'right of first refusal'.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission. He said no one else had made an offer for the land and it was his opinion it would not be usable to anyone else. This land fronts on a taxiway, and does not front on a highway. Mr. Egan said it is 100' x 215', or about 1/2 an acre.

Councilman Drale asked if this would be on a month to month basis, and Councilman Jahn thought it would run concurrently with their lease.

The motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney for a report about this; he said the Council should know about this before starting with it.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. A July 31, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, transmitted to the Council their

recommendation that Acme be allowed to lease the 4+ acres west of Mayflower Trailer Co. on the northern side of the airport, at a figure of \$650 per acre per year. They recommended that along with this price, Acme be required to put in and pay for all improvements on the land, including the paving to their ground with the necessary fill.

In reply to a question, the Airport Manager said an appraisal had not been made. The land across the street has been appraised at a price which would mean it would rent for about \$1200 per acre per year. This land of burs will require extensive improvement before it could be used.

Mayor Isen asked the term of lease recommended.

Councilman Drale thought there should have been a diagram sent with this so the Council would know the location of the land better. Councilman Benstead agreed.

Councilman Drale asked if this would obstruct other access to the Airport from the north, and Mr. Egan said it would not. He added that we would reserve 150' for an access at the north of the airport.

Mr. Egan said he had not talked to anyone at Acme about this.

Mayor Isen said he thought this should be held until we know what Acme wants.

Councilman Beasley thought the Council should have a diagram with the letter.

Mayor Isen thought this should be held for two weeks and Acme should be contacted to see if they are interested and then be back on the Agenda with a diagram.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

4. In a letter dated July 31, 1958, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President, the Airport Commission submitted their recommendation that Mr. Andersen be requested to present a definite program for erection of the hangars for which he has a contract or to cancel the contract, in which case the City should call for new bids for erection of hangars to be owned by the City.

Councilman Blount asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens what is being done on these hangars.

Mr. Schlens said Mr. Andersen had complied with the requirements put out for bid and has complied with the code. The plans are back in the building department now. He said Mr. Andersen had submitted to the Building Department a substitute set of plans almost completely different than the original plans, and when Mr. Schlens had notified him of this, Mr. Andersen had sent back the original plans.

The City Attorney did not favor this action, and requested the matter be left to him to handle.

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

Councilman Blount said whoever writes the specs for bids should read the Minutes of this meeting, and be aware of the displeasure of the Council with the way this contract was written.

Mayor Isen asked why no starting or completion dates were set in this contract, and Bldg. Supt. Schlens, to whom the question was addressed, said he did not know.

Bldg. Supt Schlens said he had, at the request of the Airport Commission, submitted to them the very rough sketch of a building for a T-hangar, and the next thing he knew about this was that we opened the bids here at the Council.

Councilman Bradford asked how many hangars we contemplate building, and Mr. Schlens said 10.

Councilman Bradford asked who was responsible for calling for bids, and Mr. Mansfield replied that this is done by the City Manager's office.

Councilman Bradford felt that the City Manager could not do all this, and that someone else must help him with it.

The City Attorney said he and the City Manager had discussed this, and that to try to solve this problem, they believe it might be well to have a 'checker' in the Public Works Dept. to check all bids before they go out.

Councilman Drale moved for recess, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

The Council recessed at 7:30 P. M. and re-convened at 7:40 P. M.

#### ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22228, Don Wilson, Subdivider, had been ordered held for two weeks by action earlier in the meeting.

2. In a letter dated July 29, 1958, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted an analysis of the bids for:

CONTRACT FOR ASPHALTIC MATERIAL, Fiscal Year 1958-59, and Mr. Patrick recommended that the contract be awarded to Warren Southwest, Inc.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked if they were the lowest bidder in breaking down the bid, and Mr. Mansfield said they are. He added we use almost none of the cold mix, and when the difference between Warren Southwest and the others is broken down, the dichotomy is not too wide.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3532

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3532.

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

3. With a letter dated July 31, 1958, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted an analysis of the bids for:

CONTRACT - CRUSHED ROCK & SCREENINGS, & BASE MATERIAL,  
Fiscal Year 1958-59, and

Mr. Patrick recommended that the contract be split and awarded to Livingston Rock & Gravel Co. and Owl Rock Products.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Patrick's recommendation to split this contract between Livingston Rock & Gravel Co. and Owl Rock Products.

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

There were no objections, and it was directed that the Resolution on this be presented next week at the regular meeting of the Council.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A July 31, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, transmitted to the Council the Planning Commission's request that the Council set the dates for the Third and Final Hearings on Planning Commission Cases No. 503, 510, 521, and 522.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the Third and Final Hearings on those cases for August 26, 1958, at 8:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber.

2. A July 31, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of:

WAIVER: Francis G. Holcomb, 1906 W. 22nd St., requesting waiver of rear yard area to permit replacement of sub-standard garage with a new 19' x 20' garage.

An excerpt of the Planning Commission's Minutes covering this was submitted to the Council.

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

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

REPORTS:

The office of the City Clerk reported that they have on file the Annual Report of the Metropolitan Water District for the year 1957-58.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3533

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PLACE THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE NOVEMBER 1958 BALLOT.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3533.

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

Mayor Isen directed Assistant City Manager Mansfield to prepare about 70 copies of this Resolution so that he and Councilman Jahn could take them to a meeting of the League of California Cities on Thursday evening for distribution.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3534

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 AND HARBOR CARS, INC., GRANTING EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE FOR OPERATING A DRIVE-YOURSELF PASSENGER CAR SERVICE AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3534.

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

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3535

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROBERT SHUCK RELATIVE TO CONCESSION AGREEMENT AT VICTOR E. BENSTEAD PLUNGE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3535.

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

Councilman Drale asked that the contract for this be let earlier in the year in the future so we would get more bids.

Mayor Isen thought that suggestion should go to Recreation Director Van Bellehem.

Councilman Benstead had talked to Mr. Van Bellehem about this, and reported this had been the best of several offers.

4. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3536

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PITTSBURGH-DES MOINES STEEL COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF A ONE MILLION GALLON WELDED STEEL WATER TANK.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3536.

Councilman Benstead asked if the specs said that only American-made materials would be used in this.

Councilman Jahn said Mr. McVicar had answered that affirmatively.

Councilman Bradford asked if the request for bid had been accompanied by a good set of specs, and said Mr. McVicar would not want another bad bid. He asked to hold this for a week for a reply, and asked to have Mr. McVicar here at that time.

Councilman Jahn thought that question had been answered, but Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Bradford, as did Mayor Isen.

This was discussed briefly by the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold this for one week for a reply to the question.

Councilman Drale felt we had already ordered the contract, but Councilman Blount did not agree.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

Councilman Blount seconded Councilman Benstead's motion.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held for one week, with the Council requesting that Mr. McVicar attend that meeting of the Council.

5. With a cover letter dated July 29, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council a Resolution directing the Planning Commission to set as the Airport Zoning Commission.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3537

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING THE AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION AND DIRECTING SAID COMMISSION TO PROCEED TO ESTABLISH AIRPORT ZONING REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE AIRPORT APPROACHES ZONING LAW OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3537.

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

6. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3538

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3538. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. In a letter dated July 31, 1958, M. P. Moss, Deputy City Clerk, submitted for its second reading Ordinance 999. Ordinance No. 999 had been unanimously approved at the time of its first reading on July 31 by those Councilmen present, with Councilman Blount absent. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 999

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.57 AND 16.58 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS, RELIGIOUS LITERATURE AND DRUGS AND MEDICINES, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECTS AND ADDING A NEW SECTION TO SAID CODE ESTABLISHING LICENSE FEES FOR DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 999 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to the following Urgency Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1000

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 Drale moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1000 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 18 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", TO PROHIBIT MUSIC IN PUBLIC PLACES AND PLACES OF PRIVATE ASSEMBLY FROM 2:00 A. M. TO 6:00 A. M.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance 1001 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mr. L. L. Marshall, 145 Paseo de la Concha, Torrance, spoke in support of this Ordinance.

Motion for approval carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. With a cover letter dated July 29, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a 'Cat Ordinance' with the changes suggested at the time this was originally heard on May 27, 1958.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT THE KEEPING OF WILD AND VICIOUS ANIMALS AND SIMIANS AND MORE THAN THREE CATS WITHIN THE CITY.

Mayor Isen said he had not felt he wanted to discriminate against small monkeys, which might be house pets.

The City Attorney said that had been made a part of this Ordinance at the request of the Health Department.

Mayor Isen moved to strike the words 'simian or' in Section B.

The City Attorney said it was likely monkeys could be considered as wild animals. In reply to a question, the Attorney said he did not believe that birds could be so considered.

Councilman Bradford cited the fact that a monkey had recently bitten and scratched some small children in Los Angeles.

Mayor Isen declared his motion lost for lack of a second.

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

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

Councilman Blount thought that Section 4.10.3 was unconstitutional and moved it be struck in its entirety from the Ordinance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley agreed, saying he did not believe we could establish the ownership of a cat.

Councilman Jahn moved for the question, and the vote on the motion was a tied vote, as follows: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Attorney suggested that Section 4.10.3 be amended; he said he would like to talk on this with the Council. He thought other exceptions than a pet store might be necessary, saying a veterinarian or pet hospital or kennel or cattery might need to have exception to the ordinance.

Mayor Isen thought this could say 'single residences', as it does, and then strike out the phrase 'or other place'.

Councilman Blount asked who would be charged with the duty of enforcing this Ordinance, and the Mayor replied he thought no one. Mayor Isen thought this would allow complaints about nuisances to be solved by the Humane Society, and would be used only in extreme cases.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney's suggestion on Section 4.10.3 be adopted, namely, that the phrase 'or other place' be struck from the second line, and 'or other dwelling place' be substituted.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance 1002 as just amended. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read letters of protest from the following:

Palos Verdes Bird Farm, 4146 Pacific Coast Highway, signed by Henry J. Bates;

National Retail Pet Supply Association, Inc., 1415 No. Garey, Pomona, Calif., signed by L. E. Crosswhite;

Western Wholesale Pet Supply Association, Inc., 12336 E. Carson St., Artesia, California.

Councilman Beasley again stated that he doubted whether the ownership of a cat could be established.

The City Attorney said this would not be necessary.

Mayor Isen points out there is no license charge for cats in this, and the only restriction is on the number of cats to be kept in one home.

Councilman Jahn said it does not include fish or birds.

Motion for adoption failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. An August 1, 1958, letter from Mrs. Bert Jackson, asking permission to erect two signs advertising real estate office at 24433 Hawthorne had appended a memo from Mr. L. Schlens, Supt. of Building which read as follows: 'Signs are approximately 120 sq. ft. and as such require Council approval.

Councilman Beasley reported that the signs are up and painted. He believed this applicant should be required to conform to our Ordinance.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens had talked to the applicant, who asked to leave the signs up until the Council had taken action on the application.

Mrs. Jackson, the petitioner, said their lot is 75' x 46' and they have leased two other lots.

Councilman Beasley said the office building is very small.

Mrs. Jackson presented photos of the property to the Council.

Councilman Beasley moved the application be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

In response to questions, Bldg. Supt. Schlens outlined the formula we use and said the signs had been erected without permits.

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

Mayor Isen told the applicants to contact Mr. Schlens and see what the requirements are for a sign.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Director of Public Works Russell presented to the Councilmen another bid on the corrective work necessary on Porto Bello for their study.

This was ordered held a week for study.

Mr. Russell told the Council that the big factory behind the Civic Center has been having trouble with their driveways. They would like to break the curb between the two drives they have. This is not in a residential district.

Mayor Isen said the side of that building which faces the Civic

Center is most unattractive and should be painted as the front of the building has been, so it will not be an eyesore.

The request was discussed by the Council, and, there being no objections, this was ordered referred to the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Bradford said he had looked at the situation, and they have a real traffic problem there with the driveways. They need to remove the curbing as they have requested. He felt the ordinance was planned for residential driveways, and said most industrial cities allow for loading ramps.

Mr. Russell agreed with Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Bradford said they have about 12' of curbing they want to remove.

Councilman Jahn said he would not object if it was understood that this would not set a precedent, and asked the Chief of Police, a member of the Traffic Commission if he would object to this.

Assistant Chief Porter, representing the Chief of Police, said he would not.

Councilman Beasley moved the factory be allowed to remove the curb as outlined by Councilman Bradford.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen suggested that they be asked to paint the south side of their building.

Councilman Beasley said some months ago there had been a request here from the Walteria Civic Organization for permission to use the area behind the tennis courts at Walteria Park for public parking. The area is extremely crowded during affairs at the park. The owner of the building adjacent to this property has agreed to permit ingress and egress through his property. The land there would park about 20 or 30 cars.

Councilman Beasley moved the land be made available for parking use.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, subject to approval of the Recreation and Engineering Departments.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Beasley said they do not want any money spent on this, and he believed it would require only minor scraping or grading.

Councilman Blount commented that during the time he was on vacation, Mayor Isen had replaced Jack E. White as a member of the Airport Commission at the expiration of Mr. White's term. He said Mr. White had been one of the original members and a hard-working, diligent member of the Commission. He stated that he deplored the replacement of Mr. White, as he felt he should have been re-appointed.

Councilman Bradford moved the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinances to create a 5-man Commission known as the Water Commission, to conform with other City Commissions, to tie things down and get things going in the Water Department.

Councilman Jahn said he would second such a motion if it had directions to the City Attorney as to the duties of such a Commission.

Councilman Bradford said such a Commission would meet with the Water Superintendent to help with future water ways in the City, help plan for adequate water equipment, look into the finances of the Department, plan for future expansion, etc.

The City Attorney felt this had best be left to him in preparing the ordinance, and to leave the definition quite broad.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Bradford referred to the driveway ordinance, saying he would like to have it amended. He felt it now serves driveways only for residences, without allowance for commercial or industrial use.

The driveways for these latter uses are peculiar to their use, and the Councilman thought the ordinance should be corrected to incorporate industrial and commercial use.

Councilman Beasley thought that would come through Planning; he thought that the Planning Commission should inquire into the problem.

The City Attorney thought that we could provide for an exception up to 30' where it might be needed, upon recommendation of the City Engineer.

Councilman Jahn did not agree. He thought anything over 30' would be wrong. He felt anyone wanting such an exception should come to the City Council.

Councilman Bradford said the men in charge of Public Works and Engineering and the Staff are conversant with these problems, and he thought they might be more so than the City Council. He thought it likely they should have the power to give such permits.

Councilman Bradford asked to have this problem referred to the Department of Public Works for a suggested solution.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Bradford suggested a survey be made considering our anticipated population growth and a projection of our anticipated manpower needs be made in connection with it. In this manner, he felt we might be better prepared to add personnel where needed. He believed such a plan would help in financial planning.

Councilman Beasley felt most personnel is hired after we know how much money we will have to work with.

Councilman Bradford said this is planning, to provide the wherewithal to meet our needs. He thought we should have a 'Master Plan' of anticipated personnel needs, at least for the next 5 or 10 years.

Mayor Isen thought this would cost many thousands of dollars.

Councilman Bradford thought this survey could be handled by the people now working for the City, and provide for a 10-year period.

Councilman Jahn spoke of a plan system now used by Inglewood. He agreed with Councilman Bradford, but did not agree with the time period.

Councilman Bradford said it would be possible to plan this in connection with the improvements planned in our future.

Councilman Drale agreed. He felt this should be done by City personnel, referring to a \$6,000 survey out of which he said the City had received nothing.

Councilman Beasley felt that the classification survey had been a very good survey.

Mayor Isen felt a project this large needed study.

Councilman Bradford said it is just a suggestion, and he would bring it up again.

Councilman Bradford asked that inspection be made of 220th St. near Western and east of Border, saying the paving there is in bad condition.

Councilman Drale said some weeks ago he and Councilman Blount had recommended that the City spend \$25,000 for the extension of Arlington from 190th southward. He asked what progress had been made, saying the Council had authorized the expenditure of the money.

The City Engineer Bishop said the City Manager has been trying to find the money for this, and we have not yet received the reply we need from the Santa Fe Railway. He said this is progressing and we are doing all we can to expedite the matter.

Councilman Jahn referred to the lots not sold tonight, and any other land we have which could be sold. He moved we send all of such lands back out for bids.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Planning Director Powell referred to the lot called Item #5 in the bidding tonight, and said if the Council wished the Commission to do so, they could study this with a view to a recommendation for a Change of Zone or Variance.

There were no objections, and this Item #5 was referred to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Charles Mumford came forward to ask to have an opportunity to buy that land. He gave his address as 2325 Torrance Boulevard. The zone had some bearing on the offer he made, and Mr. Mumford asked for an opportunity to bid more for the land contingent upon the zone.

Mayor Isen explained to him that the bids were closed, and it would not be legal to accept such an offer.

Mayor Isen announced that at 8:00 P. M., a hearing about dairies was to be held in Gardena.

Mayor Isen announced that next Sunday on Channel KTTV there would be a rebroadcast of some of the Rancho Days festivities.

In line with the Council's wish to make terms of all Commissioners of uniform periods, the Mayor instructed the City Attorney to prepare and present legislation increasing terms of Airport Commissioners to four years. He moved the Council approve such terms for the Airport Commissioners.

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

Harold LaMour, 2066 236th St., asked to be heard concerning the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3.

Mayor Isen told him the Hearing had been held at the scheduled time, 5:30 P. M., each protest considered by the City Engineer and his action concurred in by the Council, and the Hearing had been closed.

Mr. LaMour asked what had been done, and was told of the action taken.

Mayor Isen told Mr. LaMour that the City Engineer would give him details of the matter at any time.

Mr. LaMour said the residents in the District do not agree with the City Engineer.

The Mayor suggested Mr. LaMour inspect the recommendations of the City Engineer as shown in his report to the Council and come back later to talk to the Council.

Mr. John G. L. Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., Torrance, came forward. He recalled certain action the City Council took in an effort to deter traffic in and out of Mexico because of circumstances involving the family of a Torrance resident not too long ago. Mr. Crain spoke of the 'People to People' program we are embarking upon and the good it can do. He reported that he is going to Mexico with a group very soon as a guest of the Governor of Baja California. This will be a 'good will' tour, and Mr. Crain suggested he act as our emissary in restoring good will between the City and the government of Baja California. He offered to take with him a Resolution extending our felicitations to that government.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Crain be designated our Goodwill Ambassador to Baja California, and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the proper Resolution.

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

Councilman Jahn wanted to be sure no monies would be involved, and Mr. Crain said there would be no cost.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Crain the Resolution would be presented here next Tuesday at the regular Council meeting.

Mr. LaMour told the Council he had looked over the report of the City Engineer and is still confused; he said they are paying \$92,000 for a sewer system and want to be sure it is satisfactory.

Mayor Isen explained the Council had adopted the recommendations of the City Engineer.

Mr. LaMour cited an instance where one resident in the District had tried to tie into the sewer and had not been able to.

City Engineer Bishop said that had been covered in his report. Engineering had been in error, and a lateral would take care of the error.

Mr. LaMour did not agree, saying they are not sure there will not be more instances such as this.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney what would be the result of this if there were found to be other defects, and the City Attorney did not know, but thought perhaps proceedings could be brought against the contractor.

City Engineer Bishop said the lots are served. He has checked this. The District sewer is only on the street. The sewer outside the street is the responsibility of the contractor.

The City Engineer, in response to questions from Councilman Blount, told how the Districts are planned. The lateral on the lot is quite apart from the District.

Councilman Jahn said the Hearing had been officially closed. He did not think this should be considered further. He felt if it can be proven that the engineering is wrong it should be brought back at a later date and perhaps the City Attorney could prepare a reply.

The City Attorney said he would want to talk to both parties before any action is taken.

Councilman Blount said the responsibility for finding out whether we were right or wrong should not be put on the people.

The City Attorney suggested Mr. LaMour meet with the City Engineer, to see if this can be clarified.

Mayor Isen asked who designed this system, and the City Engineer said he had.

Councilman Jahn asked how we could check without taking up the sewer, and Mr. LaMour thought we should have an outside opinion. Mr. LaMour expounded at some length the feeling of the residents, who fear the sewer will not serve them.

City Engineer Bishop asked to work with Mr. LaMour and report back to the Council.

Councilman Drale thought the Minutes of this meeting should not be approved until we have a satisfactory answer on this from the City Engineer.

The Mayor explained that the approval of the Minutes, the record of action taken here, has nothing to do with the problem.

Mr. LaMour said he, as spokesman for various residents, was not here to be a trouble maker, but they hope none of this sewer will be paid for until we are sure it is a good sewer system.

Councilman Jahn asked if there was anything concrete to show that the sewer is wrong, and Mr. LaMour said he had given the example of the house which could not use the connections put in.

The Mayor asked when the contractor gets his money, and the City Engineer said within the next 30 days.

It was explained that only about a dozen people had tied into the sewer, and the City Engineer explained that until the sewer is paid for, it belongs to the contractor and only in emergencies is it made available to residents.

Mayor Isen said he would be willing to rescind the action taken on this tonight and hold it for two weeks until we know more about this.

Councilman Jahn said the contractor had probably followed the plans, as he has passed inspection. He said the only way to determine if this was engineered property is to have a re-survey and check it. That cannot be done in a week, and it will be expensive.

Councilman Jahn asked if we were holding a bond on this, and the City Engineer said we have a bond covering the entire project.

Mr. LaMour asked how long we will have it.

Councilman Jahn said until the City Engineer refers it here with his recommendation, and the Council releases it.

It was agreed it would not help to hold up the Resolutions adopted here tonight.

Councilman Blount asked if the construction is done, and Mr. Bishop said it is.

Councilman Blount asked if it was to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, and Mr. Bishop replied it had passed inspection and that he was satisfied with the Inspector's reports and with his Inspectors.

Councilman Blount felt we might as well pay the contractor.

Mr. LaMour understood the survey was by an independent surveying firm.

City Engineer Bishop said it was made by an outside surveyor; we often use such local firms as our own crew does not have the time or manpower for such jobs. He explained we often supplement our crew with outside men.

Councilman Bradford asked if we hire firms or just surveyors.

The City Engineer said we use regular licensed engineering firms. Prior to 1957, we used them for all our surveys.

Councilman Bradford said he would like to know if such a firm is liable for errors they might make in a case such as this.

The City Engineer thought that could be true.

Mr. LaMour agreed.

The City Attorney did not agree that the action taken here during this meeting should be rescinded.

This was discussed for some time.

Councilman Jahn was not sure anything was really wrong, as he felt one faulty connection did not prove the entire District faulty.

Councilman Bradford pointed out that the people interested in this had not come until after 8:00 P. M., and that the announced time of the Hearing was at 5:30 P. M. He felt that the public hearing was closed. He asked if the hearing could be re-opened.

The City Attorney suggested that instead of reconsideration of this, or rescinding the action, we invite the contractor and/or his representative to be here at the next meeting before any such action is taken, and try to settle this.

Councilman Jahn felt we had approved payment of this, but he believed a simple motion directing the Finance Officer not to issue any warrants on this until this is settled would serve.

Councilman Beasley agreed, saying the only error pointed out was one we already knew about. He said he would not change his vote.

Councilman Jahn moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

Mayor Isen thought the engineers who made the survey and the contractor should be called in to meet with the City Engineer and go over the report.

Councilman Blount said the residents only want assurance that the sewer will serve them.

The City Attorney thought those persons involved would cooperate with us.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to contact the City Engineer during the week and see what reassurances can be given these people.

The City Engineer reported that three independent firms had

supplemented our crew in the work on this District.

The City Engineer did not know who was responsible for that point which was in error, and said he would have to try to run that down.

There were no objections, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
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By *Gale Whitacre*  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

*Albert Jones*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance