

Torrance, California  
September 10, 1958

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, September 10, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California. The meeting was called to order by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre.

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

Councilman Jahn nominated Councilman Blount to serve as Acting Mayor.

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

At the request of Acting Mayor Blount, Councilman Drale led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Sippel opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council held September 2, 1958, as written.

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

HEARINGS:

1. Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for the hearing on:

PROPOSED DAIRY ORDINANCE NO. 983: Declaring dairies to be a nuisance, effective January 1, 1959, prohibiting the maintenance of dairies, cow stables, cows and livestock within the City on or after said date, and prohibiting the increase of dairy herds after July 1, 1958. Hearing continued from June 10, 1958.

Acting Mayor Blount asked to hear from the spokesmen representing the homeowners and the dairymen, saying they had worked together as a joint Committee since the June 10 date, in an effort to attain such conditions that all could continue to live together in the City.

Mrs. Leota B. Dydak, 17919 Atkinson, acting for the homeowners, came forward. She explained to the Council that they had formed a Committee to meet with the dairy owners to see if they could solve the problems. Mrs. Dydak read a report noting certain improvements and concluding that an effective ordinance declaring the dairies to be a nuisance should be adopted by the City. The homeowners do not believe that the dairies are compatible with the rapid urban development of the City.

Mr. Carl Bauch, 18009 Ardath, reported that the dairy at 182nd and Crenshaw has made every effort to rid the area of flies, and for a while conditions were better, however, the fly problem has again arisen. He stated that they have recently been bothered with flies again and with the odors, with the comment that for a while the odors had not bothered the nearby homeowners. The homeowners believe that during winter the flies and odors will be worse. They have now found that their homes are covered with dirt which they believe to be the result of the cows raising the dirt.

George J. McCann, 17083 Illinois Court, stated that the Verburg

Dairy near his home has not lived up to their agreement. They have done some spraying, but the homeowners feel little has been accomplished. He stated that only since last Saturday have they attempted to remove the dirt from their corral.

Mr. McCann stated they are now faced with a most serious problem which they believe to be a result of the dairy, saying they now had rats. They have contacted the Health Department about them.

Mr. McCann stated one of the dairymen had said he would not make investments to improve the property until he was sure he could remain in business here, and the homeowners in his area feel the only way to improve the situation would be by removal of the dairies.

Paul Genova, 22909 Ocean Avenue, said the Palos Verdes View Dairy has done a beautiful job of cleaning up. They had started within a week after the last meeting here. Their spraying program is greatly improved. Within the past three weeks, however, they have again been bothered with flies. He believed rodents were in his area, but had not seen them.

Mrs. Phillip Clark, 3211 W. 166th St., spoke as an individual about the Cream O' Farms dairy. She stated that for a while the spraying had kept the flies down, but within the past three weeks the flies have been bad again. They now have mice in their area, and she felt this had been caused by the dairies.

Mrs. Jean Gerald, representing the North Torrance Civic Association, said their group had worked closely with the homeowners in their area. The Association had voted unanimously to support the Ordinance 983 which was before the Council now. The Association does not believe dairies in an urban areas are compatible with homes.

Mr. McCann came forward to say he had just received word that a child in his home had been bitten by a rat and taken to a hospital.

Mrs. Juanita Salem, 18005 Atkinson, said the homeowners there feel that the longer the dairy exists there the worse conditions will be. She said Gardena had settled their problem with dairies, and expressed the hope that the City of Torrance will follow through on this.

Acting Mayor Blount asked to hear from the representatives of the dairy owners.

Stanley Voges of Inglewood Farms Dairy came forward. He said the dairy owners have had County personnel who are experienced and trained with dairy problems working with them. Mr. Don Farrel, the County's entomologist had come to the area. Mr. Farrel had made a special investigation of the Verburg dairy because of the multitudinous complaints from that area. Mr. Farrel, upon inspecting the area, had noted that there are a large number of dichondra lawns there, and had noted that many of the homes had moths on them. Mr. Farrel had said that to control the moths, the dichondra would have to be sprayed. The dairies are not responsible for the moths.

Concerning mosquitoes, Mr. Voges said the dairies were not responsible for these as some of the homeowners contended. He pointed out the proximity of the Dominguez Channel to the area around Verburg's, and the moisture there. He did not believe that should be considered to be a problem for the dairy owners to solve.

Concerning the comments about rodents, Mr. Voges stated that rats love to be near water. Mr. Voges said dairies work continually to keep from having rodents of any kind. He said there are some skunks in the area out near his own farm, but they have always been there. They are destroyed as it is possible to do so.

Mr. Voges said the area has only a few dairies now, and that the ones still here are run in a business-like manner.

Concerning drainage, Mr. Voges said in the subdivision near the Verburg dairy, the subdivider had changed the elevation of the land. The dairy cannot be lowered to that elevation, but will make an adjustment to drain the land there away from the subdivision.

Lester Quinn of Quinn's Dairy, said he has met all requirements of the State and of the Committee, and his farm is clean; he invited anyone present to inspect it.

Dr. R. D. Jessup, owner of Jessup's Dairy, who resides in Glendale, said they have made many improvements there and will make more. He reminded the Council that a large number of pets come in with the various subdivisions, and they draw flies. He said he has a dichondra lawn, and so he does have gnats at his own home, but they can be controlled by a lawn spray.

Cecil H. Hudson, co-owner of Hudson's Dairy, said since this trouble had arisen they had employed a commercial spraying firm to spray their dairy, and the flies have been eradicated.

Mr. Hudson went on to explain that the dairies being here makes it possible for the citizens of the area to buy cheaper milk than would otherwise be available, and he quoted the high price of milk in several areas.

Mr. Hudson said the homeowners had not reported to the Committee the recent increase in flies they had mentioned here, however, he believed the humid weather of the past two or three weeks would have increased the number of flies hatching.

Mr. Jack Swagstra, 22845 Hawthorne, agreed that any increase in the number of flies should have been reported to the Committee. He noted the fact that the dairy men have employed the commercial sprayer who varies the spray to kill the flies.

Mr. Luthe, owner of part of the cows at the Verburg dairy, said everything possible is being done there. He stated that this summer Standard Oil had developed a new fly spray they wished to test, and had brought it to their farm because there had been so many complaints about the operation. There had not been enough insects there to make the test possible.

Mr. Luthe said the County's entymologist had informed the dairy owners that gnats do not migrate more than two or three feet from where they hatch.

Mr. Voges interpolated an explanation here that the dairymen had invited people to come in and test various sprays, and it was not feasible because the dairies did not have enough flies.

Mr. Van Lugen of Verburg's Dairy at 174th St. said he had found it necessary to bring in dirt to fill a low place, and that had been done. Now he can control that factor.

Mr. McCandless, 16701 Cherry Avenue, of the Cream O' Farms, said he had operated the dairy for 39 years. He will eliminate any nuisances which arise if the people will tell him their complaints.

Mr. Voges, summarizing for the dairymen, said they hoped the ordinance being considered here would be tabled; they believe they have cooperated and that there will be no more trouble with dairies. There were only 8 dairies in Torrance until the Victor area was annexed, bringing 3 more into the City.

Councilman Benstead asked Planning Director Powell if he had inspected the dairies.

Mr. Powell said he had not; the Council had ordered the complaints received to be reported to the Committee, and the Committee had been formed to attend to the matter.

Councilman Drale did not want to pass any legislation which would put anyone out of business, but thought this should be approached as the problem of the hog ranches had been. If the dairymen would meet with other interested and responsible parties and decide upon a date for moving out of the City, they would be able to find places to move to and would know how long they had to work.

J. H. Herman, 3206 Sonoma, said he acted here tonight as a monitor for a Church group and was speaking for himself. He supported the dairymen, saying they had been here for many years and that the homeowners share the responsibility for keeping the neighborhoods clean. He did not believe the ordinance being considered was a reasonable one.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Beasley asked if we did not have a spraying program to eradicate mosquitoes from the Dominguez Channel.

Director of Public Works John Russell said we do spray there from time to time.

Mr. Voges suggested that a regular, frequent schedule would be most useful in getting rid of the mosquitoes.

Councilman Beasley said the County's Inspector could only enforce the ordinances we have. He asked if it would not be up to him to enforce the City's standards if they were set by ordinance.

The City Attorney said that was correct, and said we do not have such standards set up by Ordinance. At the request of the Health Officer, we had passed an ordinance some months ago making it illegal to harbor flies and pests.

Councilman Beasley commented that the Committee had worked well together on this problem and had done an excellent job, and he felt the City should adopt by ordinance standards which can be enforced.

Councilman Jahn agreed, and said he had believed this for some time. He did not believe the dairies should be forced to move away, but that they should be allowed to stay as long as they conform to standards set by the City.

Councilman Jahn moved Ordinance No. 983 be tabled.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to instruct the City Attorney, in conjunction with Mr. Mone of the County, whom we had hired to work on this problem, and a representative of the homeowners and a representative of the dairy owners, to prepare an Ordinance setting such standards to ensure cleanliness and fly and rodent control and sanitation in dairies, to present to the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford said he would like to see some of the reports of the various people concerned with this.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have a survey made of the dairymen to see what their plans are.

Councilman Jahn had hoped this would be included by the Committee as set up by his motion, and would be a part of the standards set by them.

Councilman Beasley asked Mr. Powell if the non-conforming uses as set out in our Land Use Ordinance do not cover this.

Planning Director Powell said the City Attorney has requested a survey of the City and a list of the existing non-conforming uses. This will be prepared during the next 90 days and given to him for preparation of an appropriate ordinance.

The City Attorney explained that under that Ordinance, exception for agricultural uses shall be effect only until January 1, 1963, so if any of the dairies are out of zone - and he thought they all are - they have only until that time to operate.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone wished a roll call on the motion, but none was requested.

There were no objections to Councilman Jahn's motion, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved Planning Director Powell visit each dairy at least once each week during the next 30 days and give the Council a report on their condition.

Motion seconded by Acting Mayor Blount, no objections, so ordered.

At 8:55 P. M., Acting Mayor Blount declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:05 P. M.

2. Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on:

CASE NO. 488: Petition of Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone of this parcel of land from its present various zoning to R-2, R-3 and Controlled Commercial (per Exhibit A submitted to the Council), to improve development of the district. This property is located on the South side of Carson St. with a depth of 600', between Madrona and Maple and property located at the Southeast corner of Carson and Maple, being 150' in depth.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone present wished to be heard. Bob Vroman, 3217 Carson St., said the residents had asked that area be rezoned to R-1; as it is evident this will not be accepted, they hope that the traffic problem will be considered and a divider strip put in the street to provide a safe ingress and egress for the homes along Carson Street. They believe this would help them maintain a safer area for their children.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing.

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

Planning Director Powell illustrated with the Zoning Map of the City the zone of the property involved, saying the corners are being changed to Controlled Commercial, and this was being done to protect the residents from obnoxious uses developing there.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Isen absent).

Acting Mayor Blount submitted the suggestion about the access road to the homes on Carson to the Public Works Department, saying the Council would like a report on it from them.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 488.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1014 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

3. Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on:

CASE NO. 523: Petition of Torrance Planning Commission for Change of Zone from C-2 (General Commercial) to its present use which is R-3 (Limited Multiple-Family Residence District) of Lots 1 through 24, Tract 15757, situated on the south side of Redondo Beach Blvd., approximately 280' west of Amie to Osage.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read in full a letter of protest which had been received too late for the Agenda, signed by Alice A. White, 4158-B Redondo Beach Blvd., Torrance.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, all in favor, so ordered.

Emil Placil, 400 Dianthus, Manhattan Beach, protested; he owns Lot 4, which he had bought with the idea of converting to commercial use.

Planning Director Powell said the lots were considered for re-

zoning because if the buildings were individually converted to commercial uses, off-street parking could not be provided. The type of conversion which might be made could be detrimental to property values. No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn moved the hearing be closed.

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

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney prepare the necessary Ordinance.

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

4. Acting Mayor Blount announced this was the time and place for the hearing on:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ABATE NUISANCE NO. 3550, declaring parcels Nos. 789 through 821, and including the following parcels which were excluded from last week's Hearing: 622; 624 through 626; 653 through 655; 665; 667 through 672; 753 through 760, be declared to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication, and upon motion by Councilman Jahn, seconded by Councilman Benstead, which passed unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent), this was accepted and ordered filed.

Acting Mayor Blount asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved the Hearing be closed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3555

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. 3550.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3555.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Isen absent).

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3555.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated September 3, 1958, from the South Bay Broadcasting Co., Station K A P P, was signed by Robert W. Crites. The letter stated they had been granted a construction permit by the FCC for a new FM radio station, and that they plan to begin broadcasting in the near future. The site will be either in Torrance or Redondo Beach. The letter contained a request for the City to write a letter of endorsement to the FCC indicating the community need for a local radio station, and the civic and cultural benefits which would result from the operation of such a station.

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, a representative of this radio station came forward, giving his name as George Gilliam and his address as 23823 Emerald. Mr. Gilliam said the station would not be in the southern section of the City.

Councilman Drale moved that the City support the program as requested.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

There were no objections, and Acting Mayor Blount directed the City Attorney to draw the proper form for this.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to know where this will be built and who is going to finance it.

Mr. Gilliam said Messrs. Crites and Summers, both of whom live in No. Hollywood, would finance the station and own it. They have no other stations. They are negotiating for a site. It will be an independent station.

Acting Mayor Blount directed the City Attorney to prepare the necessary letter and forms.

2. An August 5, 1958, letter from the Committee for Decent Magazines and Publications, signed by Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, had requested time on the Agenda of this meeting for a report from their Committee to be made by the Reverend William K. Schatz.

The Reverend Schatz read the report from the Committee, which gave the results of their investigation and which had been filed with the City Clerk. The Committee recommended the following items in conjunction with a plan of voluntary cooperation:

- a. That each magazine merchant in Torrance be contacted by this Committee and be made aware of the concern of the citizenry;
- b. That he display the enclosed "Award of Cooperation." (Note: a sample decal was displayed).
- c. That he display a decal symbolizing his interest and intention in serving the interest of his neighborhood with good literature.
- d. That the week of \_\_\_\_\_ be proclaimed by the Council to encourage good reading. This program is to be conducted in conjunction with interested civic organizations.

The report was signed by: Mrs. Francis Stoeckle, Chairman; Dr. Donald Cortum, Mrs. Donald Hauser, Mr. Frank Kristufek, Mr. Leonard Epstein, Mr. Arthur Kates, and the Reverend William Schatz.

The Reverend Schatz thanked the Council for their help to the Committee, and especially thanked Messrs. Epstein and Kates, who are the major publication distributors in this area and who have been of invaluable aid to the Committee.

Acting Mayor Blount thanked the Committee for their arduous labors, and asked that they continue their service in this really needed field.

Councilman Jahn thought the recommendations were well taken, and moved to concur with the report and for the implementation of their Recommendations a through d and that the Council support them.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Councilman Drale asked about the expenses involved, and said he thought the City should pay such expense.

Reverend Schatz said individuals might have raised the money, but he was sure they would appreciate the City's concern and interest.

Councilman Jahn said it had been the intent of his motion that the City should pay for the decals mentioned.

Councilman Beasley agreed, and thought the City Attorney should draw an ordinance making the necessary provisions.

Acting Mayor Blount said the necessary ordinance would follow, and directed the City Manager to write letters of appreciation to the members of this diligent Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

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

"APPROPRIATIONS:

1. Extension of Arlington Avenue to Del Amo Blvd. A recent report from the Public Works Department indicated that it would be necessary to protect lines of the General Petroleum Corporation and to lower a 16" water main of the Dominguez Water Company in order that the paving of Arlington Avenue could be completed to Del Amo Blvd.

It is estimated by General Petroleum Corporation that the cost of protecting their lines will be approximately \$28,000. They are willing to pay half this cost providing the City pays the other half. The cost of lowering the Dominguez Water Company's 16" water main is approximately \$7,000. On each of the above projects the company concerned would perform the work and bill the City for the cost or its share of the cost.

It has been determined that there are sufficient funds remaining in the special allocation from the County to cover all but \$8,000 of the cost of completing the job. I recommend that \$8,000 be allocated from the unappropriated reserve for the Arlington Avenue project and that immediate steps be taken to have the project completed.

2. That the bid of Keenan Pipe and Supply Company for wash fountains with soap dispensers for the new City Yard in the amount of \$1,068 be accepted as the lowest bid. (Data submitted).
3. Pedestrian Overcrossing. Some time ago the City agreed to pay for one-third of the cost of constructing a pedestrian overcrossing across Pacific Coast Highway at South High School. The City's share of the cost is estimated to be \$16,333.

It appears that the logical way to finance this project is from State Gas Tax Funds. I recommend that this method of financing be used and the State be so notified.

4. For the purchase of Todd Check Protector-Adder-Lister and a Todd Check Signer for the Finance Department, the sum of \$2,492. This is a budget item. (Data submitted).
5. That the bid of Keenan Pipe & Supply Co. for plumbing fixtures for the new City Yard in the amount of \$681.34 be accepted as the lowest bid. (Data submitted).
6. For the purchase of Air Compressor and tool boxes from the American Equipment & Body Co., the sum of \$1,019.57. This is a budget item (Data submitted), Park Dept.
7. For the purchase of a Shawnee Ditch-a-Line Hydraulic Drive Trencher for the Park Dept. from South West Tractor Sales, Inc., the sum of \$982.80 (Data submitted).
8. To State Water Rights Board the sum of \$843.87 as final payment of expense of referee in West Coast Basin Water Suit. (From Water Dept. funds)."

The City Manager told the Council that we had just now been informed that the Public Utilities Commission would require installation of a flashing signal at that intersection at Arlington and 203rd, where we proposed to cross railroad tracks. He said he had anticipated nothing more than cross-arm signs, etc., such as there are now on Western and Crenshaw where the streets cross the tracks. The signals they said we would have to put in would cost about \$10,500 and to energize that signal as required the Santa Fe will be required to spend about \$5,000 which would be charged to this project. The City Manager thought we should protest this ruling, as the traffic is much heavier on both Western and Crenshaw and this type of signal is not needed there. He said we had made application for permission to cross there many months ago, and the information about the signal had just been received yesterday.

Councilman Jahn moved the City protest the ruling and circumstances with the facts just stated by the City Manager, and that our street remain unused for a while longer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn said the intent of his motion was to hold up all further work on the street until this is settled.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with all other miscellaneous recommendations of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Councilman Bradford asked if the air compressor was the same type used in other departments, and made by the same manufacturer as our others, saying he was thinking of the interchangeability of parts.

The City Manager said he did not know, but would find out.

Acting Mayor Blount said the Council had received copies of a letter from George Downing, a member of the Civil Service Board; these were received too late to be on the Agenda of this meeting. He said if there were no objections, he would refer this letter to the proper persons to place on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

Councilman Jahn commented that the letter made statements which directly contrasted with the information given to the Council by the City Attorney.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered on the Agenda of the next meeting of the Council.

2. A September 3, 1958, memorandum from J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, to the City Manager, reported the mileage paid for City employees and officials using their private vehicles on City business in Torrance and 10 other cities in Los Angeles County.

The City Manager told the Council the Mayor had asked for a survey to be made. This was submitted to the Council to see if they wish to change our rates of payment.

Acting Mayor Blount said he would like to study it further.

Councilman Bradford moved to hold this two weeks for study.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. In a letter dated September 5, 1958, the City Manager reported on the City's contract for the collection of garbage and non-combustible rubbish. The letter reported a gain of 112 meters between Jan. 1, 1958, and July 1, 1958, and the resultant changed fee.

The City Manager recommended that "effective July 1, 1958, the monthly fee payable to Mr. Green, under the terms of his contract, be established at \$8,549.31." The figures submitted indicated that over 60% of the meters are still paid on a basis of the price established July 1, 1951, and that the average service cost is less than 32¢ per meter, a very favorable cost for today. In spite of rising costs since July 1, 1951, the City Manager reported the average cost per meter for this service has increased less than 3¢.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. With a letter dated August 21, 1958, the City Attorney resubmitted an Ordinance relating to the establishment and the powers and duties of the Water Commission.

Councilman Jahn asked what the Commissioners were to do, saying he had read the Ordinance and had not been able to find an outline of the duties.

The City Attorney explained he had tried to draw it broadly enough so they could face whatever arises in the future without being limited in their duties. He had understood Councilman Bradford's motion to mean that this Commission should make plans for the acquisition of other properties and areas and more or less recommend ways for growth of the Department. He felt he must be very careful so he would not infringe on the authority of the City Manager and the Council. He did not know how members of such a Commission could become conversant with the matters we now have in litigation, but felt they might serve in future matters.

Councilman Bradford said that was what he had meant. He felt they should work in conjunction with the Water Department.

The City Attorney suggested they might have specific matters referred to them by Ordinance, by letter, or by meeting.

Councilman Jahn felt that the men appointed to such a Committee might have to be engineers to serve satisfactorily, but Councilman Beasley thought laymen could plan and then have an engineer to follow through.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1008

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TO CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE WATER COMMISSION.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of this Ordinance, and with further reading of any other Ordinances or Resolutions presented here tonight after they have been given a proper number and the title thereof read.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Councilman Bradford moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1008 at its first reading.

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

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to the following Resolution which was submitted by the City Attorney:

RESOLUTION NO. 3556

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3556.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. A letter dated September 4, 1958, signed by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre, reported receipt of petitions protesting adoption of Ordinance No. 998; there were 546 signatures. A copy of the petition was submitted with the letter, and a copy of a letter from the Registrar of Voters of the County of Los Angeles was also submitted. The letter from the Registrar of Voters reported that as of August 28, 1958, there are 39,314 voters in the City of Torrance. The letter from Deputy City Clerk Whitacre reported that since 10% of the registered voters in the City would be 3,931, the petitions failed to carry as insufficient signatures were obtained on them.

Councilman Benstead moved these be filed as a matter of record. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR:

1. In a letter dated August 26, 1958, Asst. Director of Civil Defense George C. Powell reported on the experience of "Area G", of which the City of Torrance is a member. He outlined the difficulties under which Area G has operated, and submitted the recommendation of the Administrative Office of the Area that:

- a. The City Council give consideration to the City of Torrance continuing to participate in the "Area G" Civil Defense organization and the appointment of a full-time Civil Defense Coordinator with the duties and responsibilities described above for "Area G";
- b. The Asst. Director of Civil Defense be given the responsibility to sit as the representative of the City of Torrance on the proposed Civil Defense Planning Board for "Area G"; and
- c. The City Council instruct the Assistant Director of Civil Defense in cooperation with the cities within "Area G" to revise the existing agreement to meet the organizational changes contemplated above, to explore in detail the use of mutual aid and joint powers agreements for the exchange of emergency equipment, and to determine the extent of the participation of the County of Los Angeles within the "Area".

Councilman Jahn asked if this changed anything of the agreement under which we have been operating.

Mr. Powell said all the Cities in the Area are considering this; the policy Board would consist of membership from each City. This has been done in east L. A. County and has been most successful. He said we are trying to get County assistance in this.

He stated it did not require anything different from the City. There were no objections, and this was ordered held for study.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

In a letter dated September 4, Jahn V. Russell, Chairman of the Staff and Director of Public Works, submitted the Staff recommendation that the City is definitely benefited by the acquisition of an 80' right-of-way at this time on Lomita Blvd., and that said 80' should be improved with the 56' of paving; these members of the Staff further agree that all improvements placed adjacent to Lomita Blvd. should adhere to a setback which will, at some future date, permit the acquisition of an additional 10' on either side for the ultimate 100' of width on Lomita Blvd. between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Blvds.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Staff.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Jahn asked if we will be able to get bids out and begin work by October 7, and Mr. Russell said we would, that the bids are out.

City Engineer Bishop reported we had sent out an Addenda to the bidders.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated September 4, 1958, and accompanied by location sketched, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engr., submitted for acceptance the following Easements:

- 1) Easement Deed dated Aug. 28, 1958, from Albert Z. and Katherine M. England for the 25' widening of Sepulveda Blvd.
- 2) Easement Deed dated August 25, 1958, from James Clayton and Margery Alberta Mounts for the 2' widening of 229th St. and 27' for future 229th Place.
- 3) Easement Deed dated Aug. 18, 1958, from Katsuyoski and Shizuko Motoyasu for the 2' widening of 230th St. and 27' for widening of Madison Ave.
- 4) Easement Deed dated July 28, 1958, from Robert S. and Colleen V. O'Cain for the 2' widening of 235th St.
- 5) Easement Deed from Tide Water Realty Co. dated June 3, 1958, for widening Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvds.
- 6) Easement Deed from Torrance Unified School District dated August 5, 1958, for the 17' widening of 185th St. and the 20' widening of Prairie Ave.
- 7) Easement Deed from Torrance Unified School District dated August 5, 1958, for the 10' widening of 182nd St.
- 8) Easement Deed from Torrance Unified School District dated August 5, 1958, for the 10' widening of Arlington Ave.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept these Easements, Nos. 1 through 8. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3557

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITHDRAWING A CERTAIN AREA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FROM THE MONETA LIGHTING DISTRICT.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3557. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated September 4, 1958, the City Clerk submitted Ordinance No. 1011 for its second reading, reporting it had been approved unanimously by those present (Jahn absent) at its first reading on September 2, 1958.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.34 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT ELECTRIC FENCES AND BARBED WIRE FENCES EXCEPT ON TOP OF FENCES AT LEAST SIXTY INCHES HIGH.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1011 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

2. With a cover letter dated September 4, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1012, reporting it had been unanimously approved at its first reading on September 2, 1958 with Councilman Jahn absent.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 18.35 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR THE FENCING OF SWIMMING POOLS.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1012 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

3. With a cover letter dated September 4, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1013. He reported it had been unanimously approved by those Councilmen present (Jahn absent) at its first reading on September 2, 1958.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1013

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION "N" TO SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING THAT ALL LAND BEING SUBDIVIDED FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES SHALL BE REZONED R-1.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1013 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

PROCLAMATIONS:

Acting Mayor Blount read in full a Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17th to 23rd as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

and urging each and every citizen during this time to honor our Constitution and those who conceived it, by refreshing his knowledge of its meaning, by a rededication of himself to a defense of its noble precepts and by a display of the American Flag on September 17th as a symbol of our heritage of Freedom.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported he had given the Councilmen each a copy of a report from Twining concerning the soil investigation they have made at Grand Summit Road; this was for study.

The City Manager stated he had presented to the Council a summary of the work remaining to be done at the City Yard. We are in the process of taking bids on most of it. The big job is the paving, and we already

have a contract for materials on it. In order to keep the work going, he asked for approval on Item 5, the grease pits, and Item 9 to bring water in to this side of the yards. In order to bring the water in here ourselves, if we could get the right of way from Dominguez, it would cost over \$8,000 from Maple Ave., and up Madrona it would cost about \$14,000.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this request of the City Manager and that he be authorized to proceed with Items 5 and 9 on this report, and proceed according to his good judgement.

Motion seconded by Acting Mayor Blount.

Councilman Bradford asked if Dominguez does not have a water line along there, and why it costs \$1800 for the water service.

The City Manager said they have a 20" steel line with concrete wrapping there, and it is a difficult tie-in to make.

Councilman Bradford thought they had a 12" steel line behind the Independent Building Materials property.

The City Manager said he would investigate and will take the cheapest way which will serve us well.

Councilman Benstead asked if we are calling for sealed bids, and the City Manager said only Dominguez could bid on that Item. Where we can get more than one bidder, we are calling for bids.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

The City Manager requested a meeting with the City Council to discuss what he considered very urgent personnel matters. He suggested Wednesday, September 11, at 5:30 P. M.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to hold the meeting at 5:30 P. M. Friday, September 12, and the City Manager was requested to remind the Councilmen of the meeting.

Councilman Bradford said he could not be present, but he asked for a report on the meeting.

The City Manager said Councilman Jahn would make a report on this to the Council, but he would introduce it. He presented a map of the southern boundary line of the City, showing the Councilmen an area which Rolling Hills Estates is proposing to annex. The area includes part of a subdivision and part of the Dicalite pit. Councilman Jahn had attended Sanitation District meetings today to speak for Torrance in opposition to this plan.

The City Manager said he had talked to Mr. Hanson of the Great Lakes Carbon Co., and they prefer to remain in the County. They hope some day that will be a County park serving all the area.

Councilman Jahn said the Great Lakes Carbon land is less than 51% of the total value of the total annexation as proposed, so their protest would be too small to stop it. We had thought it important that the area remain in the County because there is a greater possibility of it being developed as a park site in the future. He had attended three Sanitation District meetings today and at each had made a motion asking that the land remain in the County and that Mr. Rawn appear at the meeting of the Rolling Hills Estates Council, asking the land belonging to Great Lakes Carbon be excluded from the annexation. If they do not agree, he suggested we request the City Attorney to have a Resolution at the next meeting asking the Board of Supervisors to exclude it from the annexation. Councilman Jahn thought this most important, and said he has asked the support of both Redondo Beach and El Segundo in the matter.

The City of Redondo Beach, Councilman Jahn said, could not send a representative to appear before the Council of Rolling Hills Estates because they meet on the same night. Councilman Jahn asked that our own Council send a representative to the meeting of the Rolling Hills Estates Council which is to be held Monday, September 15.

Acting Mayor Blount and the Council agreed that we should, and as Councilman Jahn was conversant with the matter he was appointed to represent us there.

The City Manager reported that since our Lighting District will be in effect November 1, Edison has asked us to order 458 ornamental lights. They will be paid for by the District over a period of 3 years. He said this is the fastest and largest installation that has ever been made by Southern California Edison Company. They will begin the installation tomorrow in the Southwood tract.

The City Attorney reported we have a case vs the Inglewood School District which grew out of a bus accident. He has done most of the work, but does not have the time to do the rest of it. There is a great deal still to be done. The City Attorney requested that he be authorized to retain Catterlin and Limon to finish this, saying their fees are reasonable.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

Acting Mayor Blount said a Councilman in one of our sister cities has had the City of Torrance on his mind for several weeks, a gentleman named Cameron. Acting Mayor Blount requested the record to show that we are 'on the ball' and are not trying to 'slicker' anyone.

Councilman Bradford asked whether the work on the street in front of the Jump 'N Jack Restaurant is proceeding.

The City Attorney said we now have the order of immediate possession, and the Public Works Department can go ahead when they are ready.

Director of Public Works John Russell said the matter is in the hands of the Engineer Department at the present time. They are working with Mr. Rogers, who owns the restaurant, on the contract.

Acting Mayor Blount directed that the work proceed with alacrity.

Councilman Jahn moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Isen absent).

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.

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

By Gale E. Spatare  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Willis D. Blount  
Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Torrance