

Torrance, California
September 16, 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, September 16, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Acting Mayor Blount called the meeting to order.

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

At the request of Acting Mayor Blount, City Manager Stevens led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Robert Dehn of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held September 10, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the 5th, 4th, and 3rd lines from the bottom of Page 7 of those Minutes be stricken, and this was made a part of the motion of approval and accepted in the second to the motion.

There were no objections, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held September 10, 1958, were ordered approved with the correction shown.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:32 P. M.

Acting Mayor Blount nominated Councilman Jahn to act as Mayor.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, all in favor, and Councilman Blount returned to his regular seat and Acting Mayor Jahn took the chair.

BIDS:

1. Improvement of Lomita Blvd. from Crenshaw to Hawthorne

Acting Mayor Jahn announced that bids on the improvement of Lomita Blvd. would be publicly opened in the Council Chambers at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, September 17, 1958. The Affidavit of Publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

2. Twin Post Lift and Installations at New City Yard.

Acting Mayor Jahn announced that bids on the twin post lift and installations at the New City Yard would be opened publicly in the Council Chambers at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, September 17, 1958, and that the Affidavit of Publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The City Manager, as a matter of information, announced that bids for placing a slurry seal at the Torrance Municipal Airport and on Park and Ward Streets southerly of Pacific Coast Highway would also be opened at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, September 17, 1958, in the Council Chamber. The Affidavit of Publication is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

HEARINGS:1. Weed Abatement. Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3553.

Acting Mayor Jahn announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3553, declaring parcels No. 843 through 857 inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

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

Acting Mayor Jahn asked if anyone wished to be heard.

The City Manager reported receiving a letter on this, saying it had reached the office too late for the Agenda. The letter was written by Allen G. Bird, attorney, for his client, Mr. Maloney, owner of 957 Calle Miramar. Mr. Maloney asked an extension of 90 days, saying he had retained an architect and plans are being prepared for landscaping.

Councilman Benstead asked if we had heard from this man before, and the City Manager said we had not.

Councilman Drale commented that we had allowed extensions of from 10 days to two weeks.

The parcel of land was identified by R. K. Rogers as Parcel 843.

Councilman Drale moved the owner of the Parcel, No. 843, at 957 Calle Miramar, be given an extension of time of 10 days or 2 weeks, in accord with previously established policy.

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

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Blount moved to close the hearing.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3558

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. 3553.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3558.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The claim of Margot Lyric Alvidrez Daviett for injuries and damages resulting from accident involving a Torrance Municipal Bus in which she was a passenger June 11, 1958, was presented by her attorney, James A. Watkins.

Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department.

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

2. A letter dated September 8, 1958, was a protest of Geo. W. Downing, Civil Service Commissioner, against adoption of Ordinance No. 998, relating to the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Beasley moved the letter be filed.

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

3. A September 8, 1958, letter from Mrs. Eva Bisou, contained an invitation for the City Councilmen to attend a ground-breaking ceremony in what is to be "La Romeria" park at 5:30 P. M., Saturday, September 27, 1958. Mrs. Bisou signed the letter as Chairman of the 'Torrance Citizens' Committee for Parks and Recreation.

Acting Mayor Jahn, after checking with the Councilmen, directed Mrs. Bisou to contact them in order to find how many could attend the ceremonies.

4. A September 12, 1958, letter signed by Albert Isen, Mayor, submitted the name of Mr. Richard Sagrillo, 24474 Winlock Drive to fill the vacancy now existing on the Civil Service Commission.

Acting Mayor Jahn believed this nomination was now being placed before the Council, with their approval to be asked later.

5. A September 9, 1958, memo from D. W. Mansfield, Asst. City Mgr., to Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, concerned the job description for a communications operator.

Councilman Drale wondered if someone already employed by the City might not fit this classification, and if so, whether an employee could not have the first opportunity.

Assistant City Manager Mansfield pointed out that the Fire Chief did not particularly concur, and would prefer to prepare the job description. Therefore Mr. Mansfield thought this might need further study. He reported that the Civil Service Board has already approved Chief Benner's job description.

Councilman Bradford moved to hold this over for two weeks for further study.

Mr. Mansfield felt more time would be advisable.

Councilman Bradford then moved to hold this over until October 14 and said he would like to have the Fire Chief here at that time.

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

6. An August 26, 1958, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, concerned the job description for a communications operator.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held with Item 5 on this Agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated September 11, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., be authorized to attend the Building Officials' Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, October 6 to 10, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager under 'PERSONNEL'.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Pacific Corrugated for furnishing 12" and 24" corrugated pipe and couplers the sum of \$1,600.20 as the lowest responsible bidder. Only two firms bid on these items.
2. Equipment rental. For preparing sumps and drainage channels

- (a) To Brag Equipment Co. for dragline with 50' boom, approx. 9 days @ \$20 per hour plus \$110 moving charge.
 - (b) To Sheets Construction Co. for D8 Bulldozer, approx. 3 days @ \$14 per hour plus \$40 moving charge.
3. For purchase of a 13" Remington Rand Typewriter for Legal Dept. the sum of \$420 plus sales tax. Budget item. Purchase made direct from factory outlet.
 4. For purchase of 16" I.B.M. electric typewriter for the Recreation Dept., the sum of \$450 plus sales tax. Budget item.
 5. To Barclay Surveying Co. for engineering services during August 1958, the sum of \$1,034.25.
 6. To Arrow Engineering Co. for engineering services during August 1958, the sum of \$340.
 7. To Twining Laboratories for soil investigation report the sum of \$900.00.
 8. To Joslin Lumber Co. for lumber for New City Yard, the sum of \$736.26 as the lowest bidder (data submitted to Council).

Councilman Benstead asked for a clarification of Item 2(a), saying he thought that price could be bettered.

The City Manager said three bids had been taken. He explained that these people have almost standard prices.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City had contacted the Hill Crane Service of Long Beach, and the City Manager said he did not believe so.

Councilman Benstead said they would furnish the crane with operator and oiler for \$18.50 per hour, with a boom of any length, and this is portal to portal pay. He thought they should be contacted.

The City Manager agreed, saying if they will give us that price on what we need, and are available, they would be hired.

Councilman Bradford moved to employ them for this job subject to price verification and everything else being in order.

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

Councilman Blount moved to concur with all other recommendations of the City Manager under "APPROPRIATIONS".

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

Councilman Blount said he had voted 'Yes' on Item 5 for the last time, unless Barclay gives us a better record of service. He suggested we make some arrangement so that trouble such as we had in our last sewer district does not recur.

Councilman Blount asked if we had not considered employing our own survey party, and the City Manager said we do employ our own surveyors, but they are so busy they cannot do all the work we need done. We use both Barclay and Arrow.

Councilman Blount felt Barclay should be censured for their part in the trouble on the last sewer district, saying he felt they had some fault in that trouble.

Councilman Benstead agreed, and asked that the record show this comment.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated September 4, 1958, signed by Henry Wagner, 16826 Thornburg Ave., Explorer Post 753X, Boy Scouts of America, asked for a free license to paint house numbers on curbs.

A memorandum from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and in it he recommended the request be granted providing they comply with the standard specifications as set up by the Police Dept. for this, and that they comply with the Council's requirements that permission be obtained in each case and the fee agreed upon before the work is done.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated September 10, 1958, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engr., submitted easements from General Petroleum Corp. and Southern California Edison Co., for a sanitary sewer to extend from the existing manhole on the NE side of the Santa Fe & Los Angeles Harbor Railway to a point southerly of 190th St. The letter explained that the sewer will be constructed by the Universal Enterprises Corp. and will continue to 190th St. to serve the area northerly of 190th St. between Prairie Ave. and Hawthorne Blvd. Mr. Patrick said the Southern California Edison Co. has granted their easement for a 'valuable consideration' of \$200 which was paid to them by the Universal Enterprises Corp.

Location sketches were attached, along with Resolutions authorizing acceptance of the easements, and a copy of the Southern California Edison Co. letter dated September 2, 1958.

At 5:55 P. M., Acting Mayor Jahn declared a recess, asking Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to check the numbering of the Resolutions for consideration this evening.

The Council re-convened at 6:05 P. M.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre verified the Resolution numbers, and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3559

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM GENERAL PETROLEUM CORP-
ORATION.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3559.

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. 3560

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3560.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. CASE NO. 477 - Variance - Wiegele & Miller. A September 11, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the applicants be permitted driveways without the 20' separation between them as required by the City Engineer's Office.

Planning Director Powell presented a sketch showing the alignment of the driveways on the property, saying this would not be detrimental in that particular area.

Councilman Drale felt this should not be granted unless they take out their building permit, as this has been going on for a long time.

Planning Director Powell explained the freeway had created a real change in their plot plan, and had caused this delay in part at least.

Mr. Matthew Nolan, one of the petitioners, said they had spent almost a year getting the property rezoned. Their initial application for a Variance was held up by the Planning Commission, and this small change now before the Council was requested because of the loss of parking space to the freeway and the dedication of sidewalk space to the City. In response to a question, Mr. Nolan said Wiegele and Miller had been the owners of the land when the application was begun, but he and Mr. White own it now.

Councilman Drale moved to grant this request subject to a Building Permit being taken out.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford protested, saying cars 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 as shown on the sketch could back out into the street.

Mr. Wallace White, one of the petitioners, said they would not permit that; they will have the traffic ways clearly marked, and the parking stalls will also be well marked. He did not think it would be possible to do this because of the heavy traffic on the street.

Mr. White gave his and Mr. Nolan's business address at 2642 Crenshaw, Los Angeles.

The question of the possibility of backing out of this lot into the street was discussed, and Councilman Bradford thought a large island along the street would prevent it.

Planning Director Powell recommended this go back to the Planning Commission for further study of the plan.

Councilman Bradford believed the Police and Engineering Dept. should look at this plan.

Mr. White said they will be glad to cooperate.

Councilman Drale withdrew his motion, and Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion.

Councilman Drale moved to refer this back to the Planning Commission for their September 17, 1958, meeting.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, and Acting Mayor Jahn directed the Planning Director to relay to the Commission this discussion.

The City Attorney asked the City Engineer if he approved this plan, or if he had any objections to it.

The City Engineer felt parking should be arranged to prevent customers from backing into the street.

Acting Mayor Jahn asked if the motion would include a provision that this should also go to the City Engineer for his approval or disapproval.

Councilman Drale so amended his motion, and the motion as amended was seconded by Acting Mayor Jahn.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. CASE NO. 521 - Change of Zone - R. A. Watt:

A September 11, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, noted that at the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 521, the hearing was closed but no motion was made on the Change of Zone.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation on Case No. 521, and that the proper ordinance be drawn.

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

Councilman Drale raised a point of special privilege; he said a car wash has been constructed at 166th and Crenshaw, and there is no curb on the approximately 200' of frontage on Crenshaw or on the approximately 150' on 166th Street.

The City Engineer said the car wash proprietor has posted a bond guaranteeing to put these in, but we had asked that they wait until the storm drain necessary there is designed. He explained the grade is very flat and the storm drain is badly needed.

3. A September 11, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell requested that a date be set for the Third and Final Hearings on Cases 530 and 531.

There were no objections, and Acting Mayor Jahn set the date of October 14, 1958, in the Council Chamber, at 8:00 P. M. as the time, date and place of the Third and Final Hearings on Cases No. 530 and No. 531.

4. In a letter dated September 11, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following Waiver:

C. E. Beavers, 2122 Middlebrook Road, requesting permission for a 5' rear yard setback, per plans submitted.

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

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With a cover letter dated September 12, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its Second Reading Ordinance No. 1008, which had been unanimously approved by those Councilmen present (Isen absent) at the time of its first reading on September 10, 1958. 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 Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1008 at its second and final reading.

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

2. With a cover letter dated September 12, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1014, which had been unanimously approved by those Councilmen present (Isen absent) at the time of its first reading on September 10, 1958.

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 Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1014 at its second and final reading.

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

3. With a cover letter dated September 10, 1958, the City Attorney submitted for its first reading an ordinance providing for a one-year probationary period for policemen and firemen. The City Attorney reported that the Civil Service Board had approved this, and therefor he had submitted it to the Council.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to have this for further study.

Councilman Drale wanted some specific reasons why this was desirable.

Acting Mayor Jahn instructed the City Attorney to ask the Fire Chief and Police Chief their reasons for this request and to bring back a report to the Council as soon as practicable.

The City Attorney said he would prepare the report.

4. With a cover letter dated September 11, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a redrafted 'Airport Commission' ordinance for study.

Councilman Beasley asked if the terms of any Airport Commissioner expired in January 1959, saying if there were he believed this would extend those terms automatically.

The City Attorney said he would recheck the terms of office of the Commissioners now serving, and report to the Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to hold this a week for study.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The City Manager reported he had received a call from Mr. Hopkins in Redondo Beach, asking that a letter from him, dated September 2, 1958, be removed from the Agenda.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. The City Manager presented a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Santa Fe granting us a license to run our sewer line from the New City Yard under their tracks at Madrona.

Councilman Drale moved this Resolution be considered at this time.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3561

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN PIPE LINE LICENSE BETWEEN THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO PERMIT A SEWER PIPE TO CROSS THEIR PROPERTY.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3561.

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

3. Councilman Beasley referred to a letter for information only from the Inter-City Highway Committee asking that City representatives attend the hearings before the Joint Interim Committee on Highways Problems when they convene at 1:30 P. M. September 23, 1958, at the Green Auditorium, Inglewood High School.

Councilman Beasley thought everyone should be there who can, including the City Manager. He said the meeting is being held so as to ascertain the highway needs in the area, and it is a very important meeting. The Committee will again urge the adoption of their program for the speed-up of the building of the San Diego Freeway.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Acting Mayor Jahn proclaimed the week beginning October 5, 1958, as "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK" and called upon all departments and agencies of the City Government to participate actively in a campaign for improved fire safety, and urged each citizen of Torrance to take part in relieving hazardous conditions and making our City a safer community in which to live and work.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager referred to the recommendation on the dragline and boom he had made earlier in the meeting, and the Council's action on that recommendation. He asked that this motion be left open, so that if Hill cannot furnish what we need we can go ahead with another company and not lose any further time.

Councilman Bradford believed that had been the intent of the motion.

The City Attorney referred to our interest in an annexation which is proposed by the City of Rolling Hills Estates, and asked if a Resolution should be prepared.

Acting Mayor Jahn did not believe the Resolution would be of much value, saying the City of Rolling Hills Estates intends to proceed with the annexation.

The City Attorney said he would inquire further into this if the Council would wish for him to do so.

Councilman Beasley said the Attorney from the Sanitation District had been at their meeting last night, and their City Attorney told him a Resolution was of no value now. They had agreed to let the County Sanitation District use the land.

The City Attorney needed an interpretation of the lease between Jefferson, Inc., and the City; this involves a gas station and whether there will be one and the location of it, and what the Council feels should be in the leases. Jefferson is exercising their right

to break the Master lease up into other leases. The City Attorney suggested this be discussed by him with a Committee of the Council.

Acting Mayor Jahn thought the discussion should be with the entire Council.

It was agreed to discuss this matter at a Pre-Council Meeting at 7:30 P. M. next week.

Councilman Bradford referred to the letter from Mr. George Downing which the Council had ordered filed this evening, and asked if the City Attorney felt the Council had acted with due diligence in passing Ordinance No. 998.

The City Attorney replied he had no way of knowing, but this was a question of the internal laws of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Bradford moved Ordinance No. 998 be rescinded until we know legally just where we stand on some of these things.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley moved this be referred to the next Council meeting.

Motion seconded by Acting Mayor Jahn, who asked the City Attorney if this motion to defer was in order.

The City Attorney said he would have to check Roberts Rules of Order before he could reply.

Acting Mayor Jahn declared the motion to defer was in order, and asked for the roll call on it.

Motion to defer failed to carry by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

Acting Mayor Jahn asked the City Attorney the content of Ordinance No. 998, and the City Attorney replied it is an Ordinance changing the terms of the Civil Service Board members.

Motion to rescind Ordinance No. 998 failed to carry by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

Councilman Drale asked that Mr. Eddie Cocoa, who was in the audience, be allowed at this time to make a report on the intersection at 174th and Arlington.

The request was granted.

Eddie Cocoa, 2313 W. 181st St., reported to the Council on the heavy traffic at that intersection, giving statistics on the accidents which have occurred there during the past three years, culminating in a fatality last weekend. He asked that a signal be installed at that corner.

City Engineer Bishop reported we had just received a letter from the State, saying in reply to a question from Acting Mayor Jahn that the State had said they have been preparing a study of 174th St. between Yukon and Western Avenues. They are nearing the end of the study, and it will be in the hands of their executive department very soon. They will let us know as soon as possible about their time table for putting in the signals on the street. They have been working on this continually. We have had the request for signals in for some time, and have followed up the request by repeated letters.

Acting Mayor Jahn said he knew the Traffic Commission had worked on this, and that action is under way.

In reply to a question from Mr. Cocoa, City Engineer Bishop told him we will know the results of the State study as soon as they can complete it and send them on to us.

Acting Mayor Jahn explained that the City has no control over signals on 174th St., which is a State highway.

Councilman Blount thought we should direct a Resolution from the Council to the State Highway Dept., and specifically to the State's engineer, to point out that there has been a fatality there and that we have continually asked for the signals to prevent the slaughter

on 174th Street.

Councilman Drale seconded that as a motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with the City Attorney instructed to prepare such a Resolution and send it to the proper persons.

Councilman Drale asked if any corrective measures for the Porto Bello erosion problem have been agreed upon.

Councilman Beasley asked that the City Manager give the Council an estimate of the cost of repairing the erosion damage.

Councilman Drale agreed.

Councilman Benstead thought we should know whose responsibility this damage is.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager.

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

Acting Mayor Jahn said some time ago we had authorized Mr. Varner to draw up specifications for library furnishings and cabinet work at the new library; he said he has now been told we will pay Mr. Varner 8% of the cost of the furniture, etc. He asked if this were true.

The City Manager said we normally pay Mr. Varner 8% for the work and specifications he prepares for us, and Acting Mayor Jahn asked if this covered the cost of furnishings we purchase under his recommendation.

The City Manager said he was referring to the shelf work, not about furniture we purchase. He did not know that we would pay Mr. Varner 8% on the ready-made furniture we buy on his recommendation. He said we normally effect a saving by this action.

Acting Mayor Jahn said we are paying Mr. Varner on ready-made furniture which we buy on his recommendation, that he for one would like to rescind the motion. He asked for a report on this from the City Manager.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

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

By *Cale Whitmore*
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Robert B. Jahn
Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Torrance