

Torrance, California  
September 30, 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 30, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. David Cleveland of the Planning Department led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sipple of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation, and a minute of silence was observed in honor of Dr. Stevenson, a Torrance pioneer whose death occurred during the past week.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of the September 23, 1958, meeting of the Council as written.

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

Councilman Drale said he would like to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Commission that our parks which bear only street names should be named after pioneers of the City.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:33 P. M.

Mayor Isen said all the parks we have now bear names, and that we need more parks.

Councilman Drale felt those parks bearing only street names should be re-named.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the continuance of the Third and Final Hearing on:

CASE NO. 528 - CHANGE OF ZONE: Petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone on Lots 1 through 12 of Tract No. 22712, situated on the north side of 182nd St., east of Casimir Ave., from C-2 to R-3, for the purpose of limiting the residential use of this property.

The Mayor went on to say that the public hearing has been closed, but this was held over so the Council could see the letter made a condition of approval by the Planning Commission.

Planning Director Powell presented to the Council copies of the required letter, signed by Ralph Garland for R. A. Watt, dated 6/10/58.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred back to the Planning Commission, saying the letter asked for something not previously considered. Motion lost for lack of a second.

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

Planning Director Powell, at the request of the Council, presented a sketch of the proposed development and said in answer to a question that the Moneta Water District would serve this under a joint use agreement. Mr. Powell explained the Change of Zone was recommended to prevent the buildings being put up with no set-back. While Mr.

Watt plans to build these units on more than one lot, the R-3 zone will ensure a 20' set-back under our Ordinances, unless Mr. Watt seeks a Variance from that which the Council has authority to grant.

Councilman Drale asked if the builder had agreed to observe the 20' set-back, and Mr. Powell said the sketches presented to the Council showed a 10' set-back in one case and a 20' set-back in another. Mr. Powell explained to Councilman Drale that Planning has nothing to do with the set-back variance Mr. Watt must receive from the Council if he plans to have less than 20' in the R-3 zone.

Councilman Drale said there are already residences in that area and he believed the 20' set-back should be observed.

Councilman Beasley asked the Planning Director if it was not true that no set-back would be required unless this zone is changed from C-2, and Mr. Powell said that was correct.

Councilman Beasley renewed his motion to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to change the zone of this property to R-3.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Foutts, 2131 Roundside Rd., San Pedro, representing R. A. Watt, asked if this action approved their plot plans studied here tonight, and was told it did not, and that this would have to come through the regular channels.

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

Mayor Isen explained the Council's usual procedure on the Agenda matters to the audience, and directed the City Attorney to make this explanation one of the Rules of Council Procedure which the Attorney is preparing, as there were no objections.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A September 20, 1958, letter from the Shoreline Planning Association of California, Inc., requesting the Council to name one more representative to that Association. The letter was signed by Carr S. Pechtel, President, P. O. Box 12, El Granada, California.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen appointed Councilman George Bradford in the capacity for the City, saying Councilman Benstead has been acting for the City on this Association, and if there is a question of which is a delegate and which an alternate, the two Councilmen can reach agreement on that with any necessary ratification by the Council.

2. A letter from W. J. Hanson, 327 Paseo de Gracia, Redondo Beach, discussed the possibility of our setting up an independent library system, as opposed to alternatives. The letter was dated September 24, 1958.

Mayor Isen suggested this be held over for two weeks to see if our present contract can be extended for another year.

The City Manager said it had been suggested by the County Librarian and Mr. Winters that we wait until Fall to discuss this, and that he would see if it could be brought up at this time.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Hanson he had mailed him some material on the Downey library, and asked if this had been considered.

Mr. Hanson said their costs are running a little more than one half the County rate.

Mr. Hanson told the Council he believed the job description for the head librarian should be worked out now to avoid delay later.

Councilman Drale felt the Council should have an estimate from the City Manager as to the costs of taking over the library system from the County, and possibly a comparative study.

Mayor Isen thought the job description could be worked out now.

Mr. Hanson explained that the County tax rate of .1153 is now set, and will not be lowered and may be raised.

Mayor Isen thought it would be interesting to explore Downey's experience in this.

Mayor Isen thought there would be no harm in preparing the job description at this time.

Mr. Hanson said if we go ahead with our own system, the Council will decide how much we will spend.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have the City Manager prepare the figures he mentioned earlier.

Mrs. Caroline Humphries told the Council the letter was not written by Mr. Hanson as a member of the Library Board, but as a private citizen, and requested that before the Council go ahead with this they study the Library Board's recommendation made recently.

Mayor Isen said this was reasonable.

Councilman Beasley moved to request the City Manager and the Civil Service Commission to set up a job classification for a head librarian.

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if he had a report on the architect's fee on shelving, cabinets, furniture, etc., which Councilman Jahn had requested recently.

The City Manager replied that the architect's fee would apply to the work he does such as cabinet work, shelving, etc., where it is cheaper for us to use this method, but there would be no fee for any furniture ordered from catalogs or standard stocks. If the furniture was custom made, it would be different.

Councilman Jahn asked if the architect's fee is 8%, and the City Manager said it is.

Councilman Jahn requested that in the future this be plainly stated in the contract and other papers.

3. A September 24, 1958, letter from the Inter-City Highway Committee, signed by Wilburn E. Baker, President, requested concurrence with their Committee's recommendation that assessment for membership be increased from \$100 to \$150 per year to cover the increased cost of secretarial fees, postage and promotional work. The dues are due and payable October 1, 1958.

Councilman Beasley recommended this, saying one of their chief projects for the coming year with the exception of freeway promotion would be the construction and improvement of east-west streets.

Councilman Beasley moved to recommend this for approval, subject to payment by the other cities.

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

4. A September 11, 1958, letter from the WALTERIA Businessmen's Club, Box 1017, signed by Richard E. Sagrillo, gave a resume of their experience in trying to promote a civic affair for their district on Airport Day at Torrance Airport, and protested the handling of this matter.

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

Councilman Beasley felt they should have a letter of explanation on this, saying they had thought that the Airport Commission was in complete charge of Airport Day.

5. A September 22, 1958, protest letter from Louis R. Rosenthal, 10524 Wilkins Ave., Los Angeles, concerning the fees he is required to pay for his 44-unit trailer park at 5500 Torrance Blvd.

Mayor Isen pointed out the great difference between taxes on a 44-unit apartment and the 44-unit trailer park.

Councilman Bradford moved this be filed.

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

6. A September 22, 1958, letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by John G. L. Crain, suggested that an effort be made to further improve Prairie Avenue between 174th and 182nd Sts. by relocating the houses which would lose their front yards by dedicating the land to the City necessary for widening that street.

This was discussed, and Director of Public Works Russell told the Council he believed the Olson property would have to be set back.

City Engineer Bishop said they have not granted the land for the street widening. The house would not need to be moved. He said the letter is concerned with two pieces of property on the opposite side of the street where there are two 330' easements to be granted and where the houses will have to be moved.

Councilman Bradford said Mr. Powell has been working on this, and asked if he had any report to make.

Mr. Powell, Planning Director, believed some of these matters might be settled at the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night.

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

7. A September 23, 1958, letter from Sidney Hoedemaker, President of Hody's, 7948 West Third St., asked for a review of his request to have the rental rates on their lease at the Airport lowered. Mr. Hoedemaker stated that Mr. Herbert Albright would represent him at this meeting.

Councilman Beasley asked the City Attorney if Mr. Hoedemaker could assign the lease without consent of the Council.

The City Attorney said the lease is owned by Hody's, a corporation, and by selling his stock in that corporation Mr. Hoedemaker could accomplish that; otherwise, he cannot.

Mayor Isen said the Airport Commission Minutes had contained that Commission's comment that they felt this should have been referred to them.

Councilman Bradford did not agree, saying this lease has been executed and the Council has been handling it.

Councilman Beasley felt he would not agree to the lease being transferred; he had favored the Hody lease because of the excellent reputation Mr. Hoedemaker has in the restaurant business. He asked if this is being requested for the purpose of a sale.

Mayor Isen said they want to get the rent cut; he felt that unless Mr. Hoedemaker was here to discuss this with the Council, it should not be considered. He felt this would set a bad precedent for other developers there.

Councilman Bradford moved that the rent remain as outlined in the present contract.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley said he felt we should give a little here if Hody is going to go ahead, because his name is recognized.

Councilman Bradford said if they have not opened their business there by April 1, 1959, the lease is void.

Councilman Drale agreed with Councilman Beasley, saying he felt most leases at the Airport had been altered in some way or other. He believed Hody's would be an asset to the community. Councilman Drale felt he would agree with a plan not to raise the rent now providing a building permit is taken out within a specified number of days, and a completion date for construction set.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if the Council allowed this change in the rent schedule, an amended lease would be necessary.

The City Attorney said such a change would be an amendment to the lease, but it would be effective only after it has been executed by both parties, as was the original lease.

Councilman Jahn asked if we could set other stipulations in such an amendment, and the City Attorney said yes. He went on to say a completion date could be specified, a bond required, etc., under such

an amendment.

Mayor Isen said if the Council should approve such an amendment, the rent schedule set by our present lease should be maintained until the amendment is executed by Mr. Hoedemaker.

The dates of construction set by the present lease were discussed, and Mr. Albright, representing the petitioner, explained that they had not anticipated the problems which have arisen there.

Councilman Blount said we have given one extension of this lease already; he said Hody's name did not mean much to him, and that Hody has done nothing for the community. However, if Hody will sign an amendment to the lease that it will be non-transferrable by him or his corporation, and if he would agree to allow the lease to be cancelled if he has not taken out a building permit, set a completion date for construction and posted a completion bond by the end of the 6 month extension requested, then Councilman Blount said he would be willing to leave the rent for that period at \$175 per month, and he so moved, as a substitute motion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Bradford said he would not favor any further extensions; if construction is not begun before April 1, he thought the lease should be cancelled.

Mayor Isen felt they were asking too much.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said it would only take a day to draw up an amendment the Council specified, but if he had to negotiate with Mr. Hoedemaker, he did not know how long that would require.

Councilman Blount said the value of the building should be established in the amendment to the lease, and he so amended his motion.

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

Councilman Bradford felt Hody had already breached his contract. He has said he could not build a plant such as his Lakewood installation as he had promised to do.

Mayor Isen recalled the efforts made to sell this to the Council as a similar installation; the plans are not up to that level at all.

The City Attorney said that had been an oral commitment, and was not a part of the written contract, which is all that is binding.

Councilman Drale repeated that most leases on the Airport had been modified in some way.

Mayor Isen said not in a monetary fashion at any time.

Councilman Bradford asked if any rents had been cut, and Mayor Isen said never.

Councilman Drale said they had been indirectly cut, and stated that to allow a business on the Triangle which would not produce sales tax was to cut income to the City.

Councilman Jahn asked if a completion date and value and type of building were not specified, and Councilman Blount said the intent of his motion was that they would be a part of the negotiations on this amendment.

Councilman Jahn seconded that statement as an additional amendment to the motion.

Councilman Beasley felt we were re-negotiating the entire lease. Councilman Jahn said if Hody wants to re-negotiate, we should have some stipulations on the positive side for us. If all such results were to be in favor of Hody, Councilman Jahn said he would vote against them.

Mayor Isen believed Hody should pay at the rent schedule due when his rent is due October 1, and then come in to see the Council about this.

Councilman Jahn said if Mr. Hoedemaker wished to be arbitrary, he could maintain the lease at the price schedule set; if we can amend and re-negotiate the lease in our favor, then it would be to our advantage to do so.

Mayor Isen felt Hody should pay the rent set until the re-negotiations are settled.

Councilman Jahn said if the rent was not paid tomorrow, he would not have to worry about re-negotiation so far as the Council is concerned.

Mayor Isen moved to table both motions and let Hody come in and talk to the Council.

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

Councilman Bradford did not favor changing the terms of the lease which is in effect, and he felt we would be setting a precedent. No one else out there asked for relief, but he said he would consider agreeing to a rental of \$350 per month to April 1, then the figure set by the lease of \$600 or \$625 to be effective and the rent schedule set by the lease to follow.

Councilman Blount did not want to renegotiate so they could put in a filling station or a bank.

Mayor Isen said they have dropped the plan for a bank, and it looks as if the filling station would be profitable to the Airport.

Councilman Blount said the lease did not provide for a filling station.

Councilman Bradford asked if it would be stipulated that the lease would be effective as of October 1, even if it took a week or more to see if this could be settled.

The City Attorney said it could be, and would be if the Council wished.

Councilman Bradford said he thought 5 months for construction was enough.

Mr. Albright said the plans have not been prepared. Mr. Hoedemaker wanted an answer before he started the expense of architect's fees.

Councilman Bradford pointed out that when the 6 months extension was granted to Mr. Hodemaker, we had understood that the plans would be started at once.

Mr. Albright said only a part of that request had been granted. The rest of it is contained in this matter before the Council.

Mayor Isen said too many requests are being made and this gets more and more involved. He felt Mr. Hoedemaker should get together with the Council.

Councilman Jahn told Mr. Albright that until we get an amended lease, the rent schedule in the present lease would prevail.

The substitute motion by Councilman Blount was discussed, and Councilman Beaseley said he would agree with a part of it but not all of it.

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

Councilman Bradford's original motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen told Mr. Albright that Mr. Hoedemaker could come in to see the Council at any time.

At 6:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:35 P. M.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated September 26, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

#### PERSONNEL:

"At a recent Council meeting the City Council approved the adoption of the classification survey performed by the State

of California Personnel Board. The survey recommended the reclassification of a number of employees. At the time of the adoption of the plan no mention was made as to whether changes in classification should be blanketed in, or whether promotional examinations should be held for those who are reclassified in a higher classification. I recommend that personnel reclassified be blanketed in the recommended classification in all cases where they are performing the duties in a satisfactory manner.

"Some of the proposed classifications are new ones and will require a salary schedule to be established for the positions. In the case of the new classifications the new salary schedule will be prepared to provide proper compensation for the new duties. However, in the case of Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, there will be no change in classification and, therefore, no new salary schedule established. The State Personnel Board found this position to be particularly underpaid and I therefore recommend that a new salary schedule be established for this position.

"The present salary schedule for Senior Clerk was established for a position held by Walter Bradford, who in the future will be classified as Personnel Assistant. The salary schedule for Senior Clerk will be changed to be more in keeping with the new classification as established by the State Personnel Board."

Mayor Isen said if a new classification adopted under this survey would require a salary less than an employee's present salary, he would not favor a salary cut.

Councilman Jahn agreed with this, and so did Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale asked the City Manager if any of the employees would receive a cut in pay under this.

The City Manager said we are not adopting their salary recommendations, but are retaining our own. Under our policy set by previous similar action, a person in a job reclassified downward would not get a salary cut, but if the job were taken by a new person it would be set at the lower rate. No one would get a smaller salary because of this.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager under 'Personnel'.

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

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Atlas Fence Company for relocating chain-link fence at Bishop Montgomery Sump, the sum of \$410.00. They were the low bidder on the project. (Summary submitted to the Council).
2. For the purchase of two Quincy model #255-S, 58 C.F.M. compressors for patch trucks, the sum of \$955.10. This is a budget item. (Information submitted to Council.)
3. For the purchase of a Victor Calculator for the Finance Dept., the sum of \$554.35, plus tax. This is a budget item. (Copy of request dated Sept. 17 from Finance Director submitted to Council).

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under 'Appropriations'.

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

IMPROVEMENT OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND CABRILLO AVENUE:

"Realignment of the curb lines on Torrance Blvd. and Cabrillo Avenue near El Prado, as suggested by Mr. Ralph Dorsey, will cost approximately \$10,000. At least one-half of the cost can be covered by the Parking Meter Fund.

"The realignment will bring better traffic control at this location and will in addition greatly increase the capacity of the two City-owned parking lots at El Prado and Cabrillo.

"A map of the proposed realignment will be available at the Council meeting."

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

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who asked if it was the intent of the motion that at least half of the cost should be covered by the Parking Meter Fund.

Councilman Jahn said that was the intent of his motion.

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

2. A September 25, 1958, letter from the City Manager bore several attachments and was dated September 25, 1958.

Councilman Bradford moved this be held over until the next meeting when a full Council will be present and when the Councilmen will have had time to study this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

A man in the audience said he was here about this, and could not be present next week as he would be on duty.

Councilman Bradford said he wants to study this, and he did not want to see it held up any longer than necessary.

Mayor Isen felt this would receive a longer and fuller hearing next week, and said those men on duty tonight could be here next week.

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

3. A September 25, 1958, letter from the City Manager concerning First Quarter Revenues read as follows:

"The first quarter of our 1958-59 fiscal year is nearly over. It is not too early to judge whether our yearly revenues will be met or not, as some of the sources of revenues do not become available during the first three months of the year.

"A downward trend in revenues has been indicated for Sales and Use Tax and Fines and Forfeitures, as indicated below. There is reason to believe that at least the trend in Sales and Use Tax will be reversed, in keeping with the general upturn in business and the increase in sources of Sales Tax as new retail stores are established.

"SALES AND USE TAX REVENUES:

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
July	\$20,593.30	\$19,831.85
August	27,031.74	23,762.92
September	139,279.42	112,532.51

"FINES AND FORFEITURES:

	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>
July	\$12,255.72	\$10,527.09
	<u>1,505.28</u>	<u>1,874.04</u>
	\$13,761.00	\$12,401.13

	1957	1958
August	\$12,927.36	\$ 8,930.60
	2,048.76	1,764.13
	\$14,976.12	\$10,694.73
September	\$10,530.36	\$ 7,649.42
	1,011.36	2,127.97
	\$11,541.72	\$ 9,777.39

"Building activity in the first three months is ahead of the comparable period last year and it is anticipated that the Building Department will have ampre active year.

"Income from refuse collection fees is at a much more favorable rate than in previous quarters and the departments responsible are aggressively pursuing the collection of all outstanding bills.

"To date budget expenditures in the departments are as a whole well within first quarter estimates."

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

1. A September 25, 1958, letter from Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain recommended we purchase two 45-passenger General Motors Buses from Metropolitan Transit Authority at \$3,000 each, less tires. Mr. Chamberlain's letter said the motors in these have approximately 80,000 miles each since a major overhaul. He reported two new 45-passenger buses would cost \$40,000.00.

Mr. Chamberlain was present, and in reply to a question said the two buses would need an overhaul.

Councilman Beasley said he had looked at these buses with Mr Chamberlain and agreed with him that they are a good buy.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Bus Superintendent.

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

2. A September 26, 1958, letter from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, recommended that West Coast Transit Advertising be awarded a 5-year contract on Bus Advertising, along with a study of our advertising income since 1952.

A memo from the City Manager was appended stating his concurrence with the Bus Superintendent.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Bus Supt. and City Manager.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A Sept. 18, 1958, letter from Dan Butcher contained his request to erect a temporary sign on the west side of Hawthorne Blvd., 300' north of Lomita Blvd., and bore the comment from Bldg. Supt. Schlens that this sign would come under the classification of a Billboard and as such, if approved by Council, should have a time limit and a bond guaranteeing removal when required.

Mayor Isen thought this should go to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Schlens said it will go to the Planning Commission tomorrow night, and explained his procedure when he gets such an application. Mr. Butcher had requested to talk to the Council about it tonight.

Mr. Butcher was not present.

Mayor Isen directed this go to the Planning Commission as Mr. Schlens said it would do.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A September 20, 1958, letter from Bob Scarborough, Scoutmaster of Torrance Troop 732, requested they be issued a free license to sell Christmas trees at the SE corner of Santa Fe and Arlington Ave. from December 15 to December 24, 1958.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and contained his recommendation that a free license be granted subject to a fire permit being issued and the \$25 clean-up fee being deposited.

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

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

2. A September 25, 1958, communication from License Inspector Whitacre was in reply to Council's instruction to him at their July 22, 1958, meeting, to prepare and present a financial report on the fireworks stands licensed in Torrance for 1958.

Mr. Whitacre quoted that section of Article III which requires a statement of sales by licensee.

Ten organizations held 14 licenses to sell fireworks during July this year, and all but one organization, the VFW, has filed the required report in the License Department. Mr. Whitacre's report gave the Gross Sales, Expenses, and Net Profit in each instance except that one where no report has been made.

Councilman Blount moved the report be filed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn asked the deadline for this information, and Mr. Whitacre said it is September 5.

Councilman Jahn said the one organization not reporting should not get another license.

Mr. Whitacre said he had written a letter to them, and made a personal call regarding this.

Mayor Isen said the report was requested to be sure that the stands operated on a free labor basis, and asked if it could be tied down that closely, but Mr. Whitacre did not think it could.

Councilman Jahn moved a substitute motion, that the report be filed and that a license for fireworks sales be denied the VFW next year because they have not complied with the Ordinance.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. A Sept. 25, 1958, letter from Chief of Police Bennett asked that he be authorized to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference to be held in Miami Beach, Fla., October 26 to October 31, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid. Chief Bennett reported that he has a week of vacation time coming, so there will be no absence on City time. This is a budget item.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the request.

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. In a letter dated September 25, 1958, Airport Manager Egan submitted the Airport Commission's recommendation for subscribing to the inter-phone communications line between the Long Beach Tower, Los Angeles Tower, and the Los Angeles Center for the purpose of coordinating and expediting Torrance Airport's air traffic with those other agencies. The approval of the Council was requested, and a copy of the Senior Airport Traffic Controller's report on this was submitted, and Mr. Egan stated that he concurred in this.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

2. In a letter dated September 25, 1958, Airport Manager Egan wrote: "pursuant to the Torrance Airport Commission recommendation at its meeting of September 25, 1958, the matter of modification to the Master Plan for the Torrance Airport to provide for the use of the land adjacent to the terminal building for the leasing and constructing of the hotel by Mr. E. E. Wilson is requested. CAA advises that this modification is necessary and, as administrators under the Surplus Property Act, subject to their approval."

Mr. Egan pointed out that a copy of the proposed modified Master Plan was available at the meeting for examination, and that:

- "a. Mr. Wilson's hotel site is now located thereon,
- b. as a corollary of the addition of the hotel site to the terminal area; and in order to maintain the balance of tie-down space for the terminal area, you will note that the area previously devoted to a heliport has now been converted to tie-down apron,
- c. the recent CAA changes to the easterly approach zone have also been incorporated.

"These proposed modifications have been discussed with the CAA Airport District Engineer and he has indicated that they are satisfactory for submission to him.

"Council approval of the above modifications to the Torrance Airport Master Plan is requested."

The Council studied the modified Master Plan with Mr. Egan, who answered their questions about it.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the request.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that after the appropriate number had been given each Resolution and Ordinance presented here tonight, and the title to each read, further reading be dispensed with.

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

#### ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. A September 25, 1958, letter from the City Engineer recommended that the Council adopt a Resolution giving jurisdiction to the County over a strip of land within the City which will be served by the County sewer improvement No. 2040 on Lomita Boulevard.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3568

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING CONSENT AND JURISDICTION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY IMPROVEMENT NO. 2040 LOMITA BOULEVARD AND OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3568.

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

2. A September 25, 1958, letter from the City Engineer, submitted for approval an easement and right of entry to construct Arlington Ave. across the AT&SF 40' right-of-way northerly of Del Amo Blvd., which he recommended be accepted.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3569

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LICENSE BETWEEN THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO PERMIT THE EXTENSION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE ACROSS SAID COMPANY'S TRACKS.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3569. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if the expensive signals would be required, and the City Manager said we are making an appeal and hope for a reduction.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. In a letter dated September 24, 1958, Director of Public Works John V. Russell submitted a summary of the bids on chain-link fencing of the City Yard at 20466 Madrona Ave., and recommended that the low bidder, the Guardian Fence Co., be awarded the contract in the amount of \$2,722.50.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, and award the bid to the Guardian Fence Co.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3570

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 GUARDIAN FENCE COMPANY.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3570.

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

2. A September 24, 1958, letter from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, submitted a summary of bids for Miscellaneous Supplies (electrical), for the City Yard, at 20466 Madrona Avenue, and recommended that the low bidder, the Industrial Wholesale Electric Co. of Los Angeles, be awarded the contract in the amount of \$291.48.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

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

3. With a letter dated September 24, 1958, the Director of Public Works submitted a summary of bids on the electrical fixtures for the new City Yard at 20466 Madrona Ave., and recommended that the low bidder, the Lighting Equipment Supply Co. of Los Angeles be awarded the contract in the amount of \$1,112.54.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

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

4. With a letter dated September 25, 1958, the Director of Public Works submitted a summary of bids on sheet metal work at the new City Yard at 20466 Madrona, and recommended that the low bidder, the Torrance Sheet Metal Shop, be awarded the contract in the amount of \$1214.40.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

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

#### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. In a letter dated September 16, 1958, Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission conveyed their request to the Council that the fire trenches built at the El Nido Park by the Torrance Rotary Club for the City be accepted, and that a letter be sent to them advising of the Council's action.

Mayor Isen moved to accept the trenches, and that such a letter be sent thanking the Rotary Club for their civic service in building these trenches.

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

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

1. CASE NO. 525 - VARIANCE - E. W. BLACKWOOD: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommended approval per Exhibits A, B, and C of request of E. W. Blackwood, 3944 W. 171st St., for a Variance to construct three 2-bedroom apartments on Lot 25, La Fresa Tract, situated on the south side of 171st St., between Prairie and Ainsworth in Land Use Zone R-1. A location sketch was submitted to the Council, as were Exhibit C and an excerpt from the September 3 Planning Commission Minutes.

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

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

2. CASE NO. 532 - VARIANCE - MRS. FRANK D. McEWEN: Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending approval per exhibits A, B and C of request for Variance to construct two 2-bedroom houses with attached garages on a portion of Lot 24, La Fresa Tract, between Prairie and Cordary in Land Use Zone R-1. A location sketch, letter dated September 3, 1958, from the petitioner, and an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of September 3 were submitted with this letter.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked about the garages, and Planning Director Powell said one will be moved, and each house on the property will have a garage.

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

3. CASE NO. 533 - VARIANCE - GIMINEZ AND HOLLAND: Transmittal from Planning Commission recommended approval per Exhibits A and B of request of Giminez and Holland, 1717 Via Estradillo Palos Verdes, for a variance to construct multiple buildings consisting of 26 apartments with garages on a portion of Lot 53 of the McDonald Tract, situated at 2908 W. 182nd St., between Crenshaw and Arlington, with a location sketch and an excerpt from the September 3, 1958, Planning Commission Minutes attached.

Planning Director Powell told the Council he had the easement for the 10' street widening, and two sets of plans. He presented a set of the plans to the Council for their inspection.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

4. In a letter dated September 25, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted for the Commission

CASE NO. 491 - GEORGE BLOXOM ET AL

for the date of the Third and Final Hearing to be set by the Council.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, October 14, 1958, in the Council Chamber, as the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 491.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney submitted to the Council a cover letter dated September 18, 1958, from Newlin, Tackabury & Johnston, signed by George Tackabury, which carried their statement covering retainer for fee allocated to the months of July and August, 1958, re the Dominguez Water Corporation.

A copy of the statement, in the amount of \$3,584.77, dated September 27, 1958, was also submitted by the Attorney.

Mayor Isen felt the fee of \$50 per hour was too high.

Councilman Jahn moved to pay the statement as submitted.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if we could get a letter from the firm advising us of their estimate of the time they will need to complete the briefs before the Hearing before the Public Utilities Commission ~~to hold. See file. 10/14/58.~~

2. A September 25, 1958, letter from the City Attorney advised the Council that there would be an oral presentation of the matter of the Vegas Air, Incorporated, "right of first refusal" by the City Attorney and the Airport Manager. A sketch of the Vegas leasehold and the additional parcel involved was submitted to the Council with this letter.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen asked to have this held over for a week for study.

Councilman Drale asked Airport Manager Egan, who was present, how much we get for tie-down rental at the airport, and Mr. Egan replied that the average tie-down rental is \$15.

The demand for tie-downs was discussed very briefly, and the matter was ordered held for the next meeting for study.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3571

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN QUIT-CLAIM DEED FROM STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

The Mayor asked if we had been charged for this, and the City Attorney said Standard Oil had not charged us, and we have not as yet settled with Mr. Denbo, but the Attorney thought it would cost us about \$200.00.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3571.

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

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3572

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 MC ALPINE & REDFEARN FOR TWIN POST LIFT AND INSTALLATIONS AT THE NEW CITY YARD AT 20466 MADRONA AVENUE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3572.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3573

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 to adopt Resolution No. 3573.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present ~~Benstead absent~~.  
Councilman Beasley asked if those weeds on the hillside have to be removed by hand. The City Manager thought if the area was a very steep one that might be the case.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council now consider a request from Dwight Eubank, Nash dealer, for permission to pay the parking fee on 100 parking meters in the downtown area from 9:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. on Thursday, October 9, 1958. This was proposed in order that he might publicize the showing of the new 1959 Nash Rambler. The letter was dated September 27, 1958, and signed by D. E. Eubank, President.

Mayor Isen pointed out that one of the main reasons we have the meters is to keep the traffic moving.

The City Manager suggested that if it is granted, we recommend 'one hour parking' only.

This request was discussed at some length, and the City Attorney told the Council that a parking limit would not be legal unless we have an ordinance defining it.

Capt. Maestri of the Police Department, in reply to a question, said he did not believe we had such a restriction in the metered areas.

Councilman Beasley did not think our permission for this for one day would make a great deal of difference.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant the request and to stipulate that the paper bags Mr. Eubank proposed to put over the meters publicizing the Rambler also state that the parking was limited to one hour but that we not try to enforce it because we do not have a proper ordinance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen believed there had been a court decision that parking meters could not be used for advertising, and he thought the whole idea

violated the idea of the meters. He pointed out that the \$45 for the 100 meters is not really too high, and other merchants would want to follow suit and this would set a precedent. He did not feel he could agree to this, although he did think it was a good advertising idea.

In response to a question, the City Attorney was not sure whether it would be illegal to put advertising on parking meters; he said they are public property, but we do allow signs across the streets, etc. As a general rule, the Attorney felt he would say this should not be permitted, but how far the rule would extend he did not know.

Mayor Isen thought there had been a decision from a court on this.

Councilman Blount pointed out here that our buses carry advertising.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his second to the motion, and Councilman Bradford seconded the motion.

Councilman Jahn moved the question, and the motion carried

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

Mayor Isen said he had voted against this, even though he liked the idea, because he questioned its legality.

#### ORDINANCES:

1. A cover letter from City Clerk Bartlett, dated September 24, 1958, from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance 1015, which was approved at its first reading by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale. The date of the former action on this was September 23, 1958.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.39 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1015 at its second and final reading.

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

2. With a cover letter dated September 24, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1018. This Ordinance had been unanimously approved at its first reading on September 23, 1958, with all Councilmen present.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 1018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE III TO CHAPTER 10 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS "SPECIAL DEPOSITS FUND".

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1018 at its second and final reading.

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

3. With a cover letter dated September 25, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1019. At the time of the first reading on September 23, 1958, this had been approved with all Councilmen present and Councilman Drale voting "NO".

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION "I" OF SECTION 15, APPENDIX I, OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO PROVISIONS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW PROVISION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1019 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney if this meant every lot used for parking must be paved.

The City Attorney said this does not include residential property; unless a Variance is secured, it covers all other parking lots.

Councilman Bradford questioned the application of the Ordinance to privately owned property used for parking without permission of the owner.

The City Attorney said that would depend upon the case.

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

4. With a cover letter dated September 25, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for their second reading the following ordinances, all of which had been unanimously approved at their first reading on September 23, 1958, with all Councilmen present:

Ordinance No. 1020  
Ordinance No. 1021  
Ordinance No. 1022  
Ordinance No. 1023, 1024  
Ordinance No. 1025  
Ordinance No. 1026  
Ordinance No. 1027

As all of these had been unanimously approved with everyone present, Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if all could be adopted with one roll call vote.

The City Attorney replied that they could if the title of each was read.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1020

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. 490.

ORDINANCE NO. 1021

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. 503.

ORDINANCE NO. 1022

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. 497.

ORDINANCE NO. 1023

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. 508.

ORDINANCE NO. 1024

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. 510.

ORDINANCE NO. 1025

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. 512.

ORDINANCE NO. 1026

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. 522.

ORDINANCE NO. 1027

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. 529.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinances No. 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, and 1027 at their second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk advised they were in receipt of the July-September report of the Air Pollution control District.
2. The office of the City Clerk announced that they have on file the August reports of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 5 through October 11 to be National Business Women's Week in the City of Torrance.

WATER COMMISSION:

Mayor Isen said that with reference to the Water Commission, each Councilman had placed a name in nomination as suggested at the last meeting so this group can get going informally before the ordinance goes into effect. Mayor Isen said that the names would each be drawn and polled and when approved by a majority of the Council, and when the Ordinance goes into effect those five persons would be appointed to the Commission.

Councilman Bradford had understood the Mayor to say that the first five names drawn would be voted on by the Council.

Mayor Isen said he had stated each name would be drawn and voted on by the Council, saying the nominees should be put to the approval of the Council and he assumed they would be approved.

Mayor Isen directed Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to begin the drawing from the slips in the box handed to him by the City Manager.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the first name drawn, as follows:  
R. P. Hoag, 4630 Toucan Street.

This nomination was approved unanimously by poll of the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the second name drawn, as follows:  
J. E. White, 3930 W. 176th St., Torrance.

The nomination failed to be approved by a majority by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilmen Blount and Drale left the meeting, at 7:24 P. M.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the third name drawn, that of  
John Melville, 1512 El Prado, Torrance.

Councilman Bradford had understood that 5 names would be drawn and those people named would be polled in toto for the Commission.

At 7:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, asking that the Minutes of the previous meeting as well as the Minutes of the meeting when this was first discussed be checked.

The Council re-convened at 7:50 P. M., at which time Councilman Bradford did not return to the meeting, and Councilman Benstead was present.

Mayor Isen told Councilman Benstead that the Council had been polling the 7 nominations for the Water Commission to get the 5 appointees, as set forth in the Minutes of the September 23, 1958 meeting and a previous set of Minutes, when Councilmen Blount and Drale left the meeting.

The Mayor expressed himself as being sorry there had been a misunderstanding of this, and saying he did not feel the loyalty to the City of the two Councilmen who had left the meeting had been properly demonstrated by their action in leaving the meeting before the bills had been paid. This is a democracy and the majority still rules.

Mayor Isen told Councilman Benstead that two names had been polled, with one being unanimously approved and the other failing to gain a majority.

Mayor Isen asked Lt. Maestri of the Police Dept. to check the hall to see if Councilman Bradford had missed the call back to order.

Lt. Maestri reported back that he could not locate Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead suggested that the poll not be continued this evening, but be taken up at the next meeting of the Council.

Councilman Jahn agreed.

Mayor Isen stated that the name of the third nominee had been drawn, but not voted upon by the Council.

Councilman Jahn said the record would show that.  
There were no objections, and this matter was ordered held over for the next regular meeting of the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount, Bradford, and Drale absent).

Mayor Isen said that because a full Council was not present, he would ask that only urgent oral communications be made to the Council at this time.

There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

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

By *Gale Whitacre*  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance