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THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL
October 29, 1958

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Torrance, California
October 29, 1958

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, October 29, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At this time Mayor Isen introduced to the audience two candidates for office who were in the audience, saying it has been Council policy to extend this courtesy to candidates who wish to come to these meetings. He introduced Mr. Richard Nevins, candidate for the State Board of Equalization, 4th District, and Judge Younger, candidate for the Superior Court.

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

The Reverend Charles W. Little of the Church of the Nazarene opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 21, 1958, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following Bid openings, and that the respective Affidavits of Publication were on file in the City Clerk's office:

1. Folding Chairs: Bids on 100 tubular steel folding chairs for the Recreation Dept., publicly opened in the Council Chamber City Hall, Wednesday, October 29, 1958, at 10:00 A. M.
2. Library Shelving and Equipment: Bids on shelving and equipment for the El Retiro Library, publicly opened at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, October 29, in the Council Chamber.
3. Type K Copper Water Tube: Copper tubing for the Water Department. Bids publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, October 29, 1958.

HEARINGS:

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

CASE NO. 491 - CHANGE OF ZONE: Petition of George W. Bloxom et al, 22792 So. Hawthorne Blvd., for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-3 on a portion of Lot 25, Meadow Park Tract, situated at Hawthorne and Madison between 227th and 230th Streets.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

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

Planning Director Powell reported that since the last hearing on this before the Planning Commission, three letters had been received.

They were submitted with this petition to the Council, and were:

- a. Protest of M. C. Howell by Patricia Howell
- b. Protest of W. X. and Susie Young.
- c. Approval of Alice L. and Roy S. Pandora.

Councilman Benstead asked how many letters of protest had been received altogether by the Planning Commission, and Mr. Powell said he would have to check the file and count the signatures on petitions, so would give the Council that information a little later.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved the hearing be closed.

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

Planning Director Powell reported there had been about 35 signatures against this.

Mayor Isen asked whether most of the protests had been answered and the difficulties ironed out before this was sent to the Council.

Mr. Powell said they had been; he explained that meetings on this had been held between the petitioner and the residents of the area affected, and work had been done on this and alterations made on the plans to make them more acceptable than the original plans had been. He reported the case had passed the Planning Commission subject to the plot plan which he presented to the Council.

This was discussed by the Council, and Mayor Isen said the plan should be called 'Exhibit 1'.

Mayor Isen felt the file on this should contain all the necessary deed restrictions, easements, etc., before the Change of Zone was approved. He asked Mr. Powell if it would be possible to get those within the next week.

Mr. Powell replied that it would, saying Messrs. Bloxom and Diamond were present and he had checked with them.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold this over for a week pending receipt of the necessary deeds.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to see the 3' taken care of in the street, and Mayor Isen thought everything needed should be in the file when this comes back.

There were no objections, and the Hearing was ordered continued to the next meeting of the Council.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A September 17, 1958, letter from the Blue Cross, 2168 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 6, informed the City that effective November 15, 1958, the Group premium rate on medical insurance for City employees would be increased.

Mayor Isen pointed out that there was a petition from 151 City employees requesting that the Council obtain rates from other reputable insurance companies for hospitalization and medical insurance.

Councilman Jahn thought the request to be a reasonable one.

The City Manager reported that some of the employees had been working for months on different plans. An extension has been granted us to January 1, 1959, by Blue Cross, which will give us time to make an investigation.

Councilman Beasley said there had been a question about having bids on this from other companies.

The City Manager said we have some rough specs made now for that purpose, and he could give a report next week.

There being no objections, this was referred to the City Manager for investigation, report, and recommendations.

2. An October 23, 1958, request from Chi Theta Chi Sorority was signed by Barbara Pearson, President. The Sorority requested permission to build their homecoming float base on the property at Fire Station No. 3, at 174th and Yukon.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

The City Attorney reported he had investigated this, and he suggested this not be authorized as they cannot provide insurance.

Councilman Benstead asked if they cannot do this at the College, and the City Attorney said he had checked into this, and they could do it there. The school would prefer that they do.

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

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

3. An October 20, 1958, letter from Mrs. Thomas Leo Kelly, 3127 W. 182nd St., asked if we did not have some restriction to prevent commercial establishments from washing residue into City streets. She cited an example of such a practice which creates a nuisance to her.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if we had such a law, and the City Attorney said he would check into this further and inform the Council at their next meeting on it.

Councilman Beasley thought the information should be referred to the proper department so they could take the indicated action.

Mayor Isen believed that if we did not have such a law, the Attorney should be instructed to prepare one.

The City Attorney believed this could be taken care of through administrative action.

Councilman Beasley noted that a service station has caused this, and suggested that the parent oil company be contacted.

Planning Director Powell said he had contacted the oil companies who have stations at that corner on another matter recently, and had been given immediate cooperation.

Councilman Benstead moved to authorize Mr. Powell to work on this.

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

Mrs. Kelly was in the audience, and said that she had called both Shell and Richfield on this, and they had corrected it, but this morning the Verburg Dairy had caused her trouble by washing their stalls down and allowing the water to drain down the gutter. She said it had caused a puddle in front of her driveway. She had called Mr. Schlens on this.

Councilman Jahn told the audience that the man representing the dairymen, Mr. Voges, had said complaints had not been coming to him so corrective measures could be taken. He suggested this should be given to Mr. Voges.

Mayor Isen agreed.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said when Mrs. Kelly called today and asked that an inspector be sent out to her house at once, there had been no inspector in the office. He and Mr. McKinnon had gone out there on their way to lunch. The water had largely dried out by then, but he had looked in at the dairy, and he thought the water had come from washing down the front driveway and customer paving, which showed evidences of having been washed. He stated there is a raised concrete curb about 6" high between the stalls and the street, and he could not see how the water could have come over it into the street. He could find no evidence of waste having been washed out from the stalls. When he was there, he had seen several puddles, and he could see where the water had washed down to a break in the curb.

Mrs. Kelly said she had walked into the barns and had seen the man washing down the stalls.

Mayor Isen asked Planning Director Powell to register a complaint about this with Mr. Voges, and asked Mrs. Kelly to contact Mr. Voges.

Mrs. Kelly said a lot facing 182nd Street and another on the corner there were vacant, and when it rains the drainage from the dairy goes there and the water stands, causing mosquitoes and flies in the spring. She suggested the dairy have a retaining wall.

She was asked to relay her suggestions to Mr. Voges.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

1. An October 23, 1958, letter from D. W. Mansfield, Asst. City Manager, contained the following recommendations, submitted for the Council's consideration and approval:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Paul's Chevrolet for repair of accident damage to '58 Chevrolet (Traffic Unit #82), the sum of \$339.31 including sales tax. Paul's Chevrolet made the lowest of three bids obtained.
2. For the purchase of 1,600 Vehicle Plates from L. A. Stamp and Stationery Co., for the License Department, the sum of \$449.28, including sales tax. L. A. Stamp and Stationery submitted the lowest of three bids obtained. (This is a Budget item).
3. John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, reports that Pascoe Steel Corp. has completed all required work under their contract to construct the City Yard Building at 20466 Madrona Ave., and recommends payment of their final invoice dated October 13, 1958, in the amount of \$6,875.92. (The Assistant City Manager stated he concurred in the recommendation).

Councilman Benstead asked if insurance does not cover Item 1, and the City Manager said we do not carry collision insurance on our own cars.

Councilman Beasley asked if information was available on the other bids on Item 2, and Mr. Whitacre replied that he had the bids in his office and they are available at any time.

Councilman Benstead moved to authorize Appropriations on Items 1, 2, and 3.

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

AWARD OF BID:

"Angus E. McVicar, Water Supt., reports that Service Coating Corporation submitted the low bid for sandblasting and painting the 1,000,000-gallon steel tank, located at Ocean Avenue and 226th St., in the amount of \$4,860.00, and recommends that they be awarded the contract." (The Asst. City Manager concurred with the recommendation). A list of the bids received was given.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water Dept. Supt.

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

2. An October 24, 1958, communication from Asst. City Manager Mansfield contained an analysis of the bids received on an EMULSION TRUCK for the Street Dept., and recommended that Vel's Ford be given the bid; they had bid \$6,936.90.

The memorandum stated that Street Supt. Perkins concurred with the recommendation.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation that the bid be awarded to Vel's Ford.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. An October 21, 1958, memorandum from J. I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, to Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, recommended that the City Council authorize a loan of \$200,000 from the Water Revenue Bank Account to the General Bank Account, with such loan to be repaid when funds are available.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the Finance Director's recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. An October 16, 1958, memo from Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, recommended approval of a request from Royal-Globe Insurance Group of Los Angeles for release of Oil Well Bond No. 145500, listing M. V. and Emily Cornett as principals, covering Oil Well known as Grant #1, located on Lot 50, Tract 437, SE corner of 236th and Eshelman.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

2. An October 22, 1958, letter from the Lesage Bldg. Corp., 17640 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, was signed by C. L. Jones, President. They requested refund on unused business license (Receipt No. 14450 for \$62.50), saying they could not use the license.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and verified that the permit for the job covered was issued to another contractor. Section 16.46, Paragraph B of the Code, permits this refund, therefore Inspector Whitacre recommended that it be granted.

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

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

3. An October 21, 1958, letter from Boy Scout Troop #209, signed by L. A. Gitschier, requested a free license to sell Christmas trees on a lot at 1617 Arlington Ave.

A memo from the License Inspector was appended, and recommended the free license be granted subject to the usual \$25 clean-up deposit and a fire permit being obtained.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with this request for a free license, subject to the License Inspector's recommendations.

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

4. In a letter dated October 20, 1958, Edward Barton, 1577 W. 211th St., requested a refund on dog license No. 813, as he lives in the City of Los Angeles.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre recommended this request for refund be granted.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. In a letter dated October 23, 1958, John V. Russell, the Director of Public Works, reported that bids were opened for building materials for the new City Yard, and he recommended that the low bidder, E. K. Wood Lumber Co. of San Pedro, be awarded the contract in the amount of \$1250.62. An analysis of the bids was submitted with this letter.

2. In a letter dated October 23, 1958, Director of Public Works Russell reported bids had been opened for plumbing materials for the New City Yard. He recommended that the low bidder, National Supply Co. of Torrance, who bid \$276.35, be awarded the contract. A summary of the bids submitted was attached to the letter.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Director of Public Works in his recommendations on these items.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked where the bids were opened, and if they were sealed bids.

Mr. Russell said they were sealed bids, and they were opened in this Council Chamber; he stated that the letters were in error in stating the bids had been opened in his office.

The motion to concur on both items carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Bradford absent).

TRAFFIC MATTERS:

1. In a letter dated October 23, 1958, Chief of Police Bennett submitted the recommendations of the Traffic Commission on loading zone, stop signs, 'no parking' sign, and 'caution, pedestrians' signs.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission, and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary ordinances.

Councilman Drale demurred, saying he wondered about the loading zone and 24-minute meter.

Councilman Jahn said when the meters were installed, it was thought the parking entrance and driveway entrance were open to this party, but that was not true, and he needs the access.

Councilman Drale said this action would open it up for everyone who does not have a loading zone.

Councilman Blount said he could not agree to grant a loading zone, because the Council had refused many similar requests.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission with the exception of the first two items.

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

2. In a letter dated October 21, 1958, the Chief of Police submitted 8 proposed 'FREE PARKING' signs, directing the public to City parking lots, as referred to the Traffic Commission for study. He reported that the Downtown Merchants Association will furnish the signs and they request the City to install these signs at a cost of about \$12.50 each. The Chief went on to say that the Traffic Commission recommends approval of the request.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked if these would be installed from the parking meter money, and Councilman Jahn said that had been the intent of the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion to stipulate that the cost of installing these signs be paid from parking meter funds, and the amendment was accepted by the second.

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

Mayor Isen moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen said this motion had been prepared by the Attorney at the request of the Council, and that from now on the motion might be made by 'moving the usual motion', with the consent of the Council.

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

ENGINEERING MATTERS:

1. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 21624: Gerahue Land Co. (R. A. Watt)
 - a. Transmittal from Engineering Dept. submitting recommendation of Planning Commission for approval of Tract No. 21624 consisting of 30 lots located northerly of 182nd St. and westerly of Manhattan Place. Submitted with this to the Council were:
 - 1: October 23, 1958, letter from Plng. Dir. Powell reporting Planning Commission approval and stipulations;
 - 2: Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes, 10/15/1958;
 - 3: October 13, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., stating this conforms substantially with the tentative map approved by the Council;
 - 4: October 6, 1958, letter from Sou. Calif. Edison Co., saying they would pole this tract on the rear property lines; signed by J. W. Kessler, Residential Rep.;
 - 5: L. A. County Flood Control Dist., June 11, 1958, letter signed by W. J. Manetta, saying this tract is reasonably free from flood hazard provided standard improvements are installed, etc.;
 - 6: Sketch of tract.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3591

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MONETA WATER COMPANY WITH REFERENCE TO TRACT NO. 21624.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3591.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney about the joint use agreements such as this, and whether he would furnish the council a statement as to what such an agreement is, showing the rights of the City under such an agreement.

The City Attorney said he would do this.

Mayor Isen said a roll call had been taken on the tentative map, and the Council needed to know what it was; he asked that this be furnished with Final Tract Maps in the future.

Mr. Powell reported this had carried when the tentative map was presented, with Councilmen Benstead and Blount voting no, and Councilmen Beasley and Drale absent.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, with stipulations, of Tract 21624.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the

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

Councilman Benstead said he had voted against this tract because of the lot sizes.

2. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 24599:

This Tract was ordered postponed until the next meeting of the Council, in line with the action taken on the Change of Zone in Case No. 491.

Councilman Beasley told Planning Director Powell he would like to have that a full 30' paved street, saying Madison will go through to Lomita Blvd. eventually, and it will be a heavily travelled street.

Councilman Jahn demurred that would affect the sizes of the lots; while he is in favor of gaining the 3' in the street, he would want to be sure the lots were deep enough for the buildings.

Planning Director Powell thought this could be handled by the City Engineer requiring that uniform paving width be maintained there.

3. SEWER EASEMENTS - Portion of Lot 72, McDonald Tract. An October 24, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., submitted for acceptance the following easements:

- a) Sewer easement deed dated Oct. 16, 1958, from Marion R. Graniczny and Mary Graniczny;
- b) Easement deed dated Oct. 14, 1958, from R. Richard Armstrong and Ardis Armstrong;
- c) Easement deed dated Oct. 16, 1958, from John Graniczny and Georgia Graniczny.

The letter said they are in Lot 72 of the McDonald Tract, and are necessary to allow sewer service to proposed Tract No. 21624, Watt Construction Co.

Councilman Drale moved to accept these sewer easements.

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

4. CARSON STREET - proposed realignment in front of Torrance High School.

An October 23, 1958, letter from the City Engineer submitted to the Council for consideration a plan submitted by the Traffic Commission. This was suggested for a proposed traffic circle bounding the park in front of Torrance High School, to be known as "Carson Circle". The plan provides for two full lanes of one-way traffic around the circle, curbed frontage roads and parking zones for residents on the El Prado Ave. and Watson Ave. sides, and curbed bus loading zone in front of Torrance High School. The letter amplified this to a great extent.

Councilman Jahn told this Council the Traffic Commission had considered this because of a request from the Council of last year for suggestions on how to cut the street through or expedite the flow of traffic past that point. He said the Engineering Dept. and the Traffic Commission had spent a lot of time on this. This would do the job without cutting out too many trees, would furnish parking for the Churches and for the residents thereabouts, and would give a bus loading zone to the High School which would be outside the traffic area. It was found that by using this design we would lose only 3 small trees, which would have to be removed. It was felt that when the shopping center opens on Hawthorne at Carson, this would help get the traffic through the City.

Mayor Isen asked what this would cost, and the City Engineer said this plan was so embryonic that no estimates had been made.

Councilman Jahn said the reception of this plan made a difference in the amount of work it would be wise to expend on it.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is necessary at this time, saying the other streets have not been widened as yet.

Councilman Jahn said we are not cutting the park space, and even if this plan were approved this evening, we could not have the work done by the time the shopping center opens. He said management planned to have the center open by Easter.

Councilman Benstead didn't think this would help.

Councilman Beasley thought it would help with the heavy morning traffic there now. He believed it would lighten the morning traffic which is now very slow there.

Councilman Drale asked if a drive straight through might not be better.

Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Beasley that morning traffic there is very heavy, but he did not agree that a traffic circle would help. He moved this be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount said this is a perfect circle, and he felt it would tempt high school youngsters in their cars to speed.

Councilman Jahn said cross walks would be provided, and as this is in a 25-mile zone, he believed the traffic police could prevent 'races' around the circle.

Councilman Jahn explained that the Traffic Commission had sent this here only for consideration and food for thought.

J. S. McMullen, 1734 Watson, protested against this plan, citing traffic needs, parking needs, etc., for his reasons.

Councilman Drale asked if the majority of people in his area are opposed to this traffic circle, and Mr. McMullen said they are.

Mayor Isen asked those people here about this to show their hands, and about half a dozen people did so.

Mayor Isen asked if the Traffic Commission might consider erection of larger signs to direct traffic so drivers will not be confused there.

Councilman Blount did not want the Traffic Commission to think their efforts are just wasted. He just did not think this was the answer.

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

Councilman Beasley said he uses that route to his office in the mornings, and he recognizes the problem faced by the Commission.

Councilman Jahn felt a great deal of work had been done on this and it should have been considered.

Councilman Jahn said they had suggested a straight street through the circle, which was not approved, and now the circular route had been denied.

Mayor Isen said the Council has been grateful for their suggestions, and that they should not be discouraged.

Councilman Blount moved to recommend to the Council that they refer to the Traffic Commission the problem of identifying the streets at that intersection.

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

5. STREET EASEMENT: Portion of Lot 70, McDonald Tract. An October 22, 1958, letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, submitted for acceptance an easement deed dated Oct. 16, 1958, from El Camino Development Co., Inc., for future 186th Street. This letter had been approved by both the City Attorney and the Asst. City Manager.

A location sketch was attached to the letter.

Councilman Blount moved to accept this street easement.

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

6. LOMITA BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT - VICKERS INC., Easement and Agreement.

An October 23, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a copy of a letter from O'Melveny & Myers and a copy of an agreement drafted by them which they would like the City to execute before the granting of the easement along the northerly side of Lomita Blvd. at the Vickers plant.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if he had checked the agreement, and the City Attorney said he had.

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer if everything is in order here, and the City Engineer said yes.

Councilman Jahn moved the City execute the agreement and accept the easement.

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

Councilman Beasley thought we should take a minute to compliment the people, including our City Manager, who got these easements for the City.

Councilman Drale suggested we should also thank the donors of the land.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. An October 23, 1958, memo from the City Engineer to the City Manager concerned South Torrance Sewer District No. 3. Mr. Bishop submitted invoices from Barnett, Hopen & Smith, and from Jeffries Banknote Company with respect to South Torrance Sewer Dist. No. 3. This is the final billing from our assessment engineers for this sewer District.

Their total charges, Mr. Bishop's memo went on, exceeded the amount that was estimated in their contract. There were two reasons for this: (1) their estimate for their services was quite low because they did not take into account at the time the contract was executed that South Torrance Sewer District #3 was enlarged to include 231st St.; (2) unforeseen difficulties with the protests caused some of this overage.

Mr Bishop added that it is required in Paragraph 5 of the contract that any overage have Council approval. All of these charges have been collected from the sewer contractor as outlined under the 1911 Act.

Mr. Bishop ended his memo by recommending that these invoices be paid.

Copies of the charges were submitted with the memo, and the total of the Barnett, Hopen and Smith invoice was shown as \$828.46, while the Jeffries Banknote Co. invoice showed a total of \$237.68.

Councilman Drale protested that the letter from the City Engineer was not signed, and it should have been. He asked if this memo from the City Engineer recommended payment of costs over and above the original estimate of costs, and the City Manager thought so.

The City Engineer said these costs are over and above the original estimate, but the original estimate for engineering services was exceptionally low and the final estimate, on which the contract is paid, was high enough to take care of the costs. He said we would get the money back.

Mr. Bishop went on to tell the Council that the District had been enlarged after receipt of the original estimate.

The City Engineer said that in fact, the City already had received this money from the contractor.

This was discussed at some length.

Councilman Blount said he had voted to pay more on this for the last time.

City Engineer Bishop said the sewer district was enlarged after the estimate was made, hence the estimate had to be enlarged.

Councilman Drale thought it had been enlarged only because some of the people could not be served.

City Engineer Bishop explained that a street had been added to the original district.

Councilman Jahn said we would have to pay these bills, and he moved to concur with the payment of the invoices.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn explained he does not believe the Council should have to pay these additional bills, but said he realized that this must be done.

Mayor Isen referred to the vote taken last week on this, saying he knew of no way the City could avoid paying these bills. He recalled that Councilman Drale had voted against paying that \$6800. He said he would be willing to change his vote now to 'No' if there was any way to avoid paying these extra charges.

Councilman Beasley asked what would happen if all the Councilmen voted against payment of these bills, and Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if he would answer this.

The Mayor said the City had ordered the work done, and therefore owed these bills.

The City Manager said Jeffries Banknot prints the bonds, and they always do it after the assessment district is completed and the other work has been ordered by us.

Mayor Isen said if the City refused to pay these bills, and we were sued, we would not have any defense whatever.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. Mayor Isen did not reply to roll call on the motion.

Councilman Jahn stated he had made the motion and had voted to pay the bills, but had done so with extreme displeasure.

At 9:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:20 P. M.

Mayor Isen reported that the Clerk had advised him he had not vote in the last roll call, and he asked to vote "AYE".

Mayor Isen had been advised during the recess that a large number of people were here who were interested in the Porto Bello, Grand Summit Road problem. As a courtesy, there being no objection from the Council, the Mayor said they could be heard now.

Mr. Andrew Fechety, 2765 Lofty View Drive, said he was acting as spokesman for this group in place of Thos. B. Abrams, President of their Homeowners' Association; he explained that Mr. Abrams could not be here because of illness in his family.

Mr. Fechety said the people in that area were not satisfied with the Council's decision as reported in the newspapers with regard to their drainage problem. They had wanted to be notified when this was discussed, so they could be heard. They had asked when this would be on the Agenda, and had been told when the City Manager returned from out of state, then had read that the Council had considered the matter last week.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Fechety no decision had been made.

Mr. Fechety said their information had come from the newspapers. He said that during a previous meeting, Councilman Jahn had asked that they be given a copy of the report on this matter and had also suggested that they be asked if they would shoulder some of the expense of the necessary repairs. He said that to date they have received nothing. He went on to say there were about 20 or 30 people here about this tonight. It is their feeling that this problem is too large for the individuals concerned; they believe this problem should be shouldered by the subdivider and/or the City. They agree something should be done for them.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if he had a report

ready to give these people, and the City Attorney said he did not have. Councilman Jahn asked how it got here tonight.

Councilman Beasley said one of the people concerned had called him, asking if this was on last week's agenda; he had said it was not, but it had come up under oral reports. He felt, therefore, that he was partly to blame for the people not knowing it would be before the Council last week.

Councilman Drale suggested the City Attorney give the people the position of the City at this time.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Attorney had not better meet with these people, instead.

Councilman Beasley recalled that the City had built a sump on Paseo de Gracia to help the residents, and said he recalled other cases where the City had stepped in when residents have been in danger. Whether this error was made by the subdivider or inspector, he believed there is danger impending if this situation is not corrected. He believed the drainage ditch recommended in the Twining report should be put in by the City.

Councilman Beasley moved the City put in the drainage ditch necessary to stop that flow of water from eroding the hillside, as recommended by the Twining report, saying he meant just that in the street.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, asking if he meant just that in the street.

Councilman Beasley said he did.

Councilman Drale asked how much money was involved in this, and the City Manager said about \$10,000 according to the estimates.

Ray Malosh, 25909 Richville, said he has a problem which he considered to be even worse than this. He said Councilman Drale and Mr. Russell had seen it. There are about 15 pieces of property which drain on to his lot, and he cannot take care of the resultant problems. He said there are many problems in the area which have not been recognized. He did not come here with the others who were here from the area, but this deserves the same recognition from the City that their problems do, and he felt it should be brought up tonight.

Mr. E. J. Snyder, 2767 Porto Bello, expressed concern about Lots 46 and 47, but said lots 117 and 118 are so wet that even in mid-summer water will appear in the bottom of a shallow hole in just a short time. He asked if the proposed drain will help these lots as well.

Mayor Isen said the ditch is all which is even faintly considered.

Councilman Beasley said it would help Lots 117 and 118.

Mr. Russell agreed; he explained, with the help of the diagram on the blackboard, how this ditch would drain the water from below the surface. He explained the problem is caused, primarily, by the irrigation of the lots above the street.

In reply to a request from Mr. Snyder, Mr. Russell pointed out on the sketch the location of the 'dry holes' which were located according to the survey made of the area.

In reply to a question from Mr. Snyder, Mr. Russell said the soil engineer who made the survey had said this ditch would take care of the drainage. He said it would require about 250' of tile in a 14' ditch to do this, according to the engineer's report.

Councilman Blount asked what part of the diagrammed drain the motion covered.

Councilman Jahn pointed out the drain in the street, as he believed it connected to an existing drain.

City Engineer Bishop said we could use that easement, but not that drain, as it is not deep enough in the ground.

Councilman Jahn said he had misunderstood this when he seconded the motion.

Councilman Beasley, asking for permission from the second, asked to amend his motion to stipulate that none of this would be done until

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the residents have signed suitable releases from all liability in the area to protect the City, as prepared by the City Attorney.

Councilman Blount thought that would just bring on another law suit.

Councilman Benstead thought the Council should not act until they have the document requested from the City Attorney.

Councilman Blount agreed, adding that he believed the Council should have the whole program before them for consideration before taking any action whatever.

Thos. G. Brander, 2723 Highcliff Drive, said he represented a group from that area who live where they overlook Crest Road where it enters the area. They have at present a real problem. This area is about 2 blocks away from that shown on the diagram. They have extreme evidence of inadequate engineering, they believe. They have a continuing erosion problem. There had at one time been a proposal before the Council to build a small retaining wall at the foot of the bank, and he wanted to know what that would lead to. He had bought his home about two years ago, and he believed it had been built about 4 years ago.

Councilman Drale stated his opposition to Councilman Beasley's motion, but said he thought Mr. Malos and this gentleman also have big problems. He thought perhaps a survey on the cost of correcting all the problems there should be made, and a report made to the Council before we proceed any further.

Councilman Beasley thought that a good suggestion, saying his motion might have been premature.

Councilman Jahn knew that the dirt eroding from the lots near Mr. Brander creates a traffic problem.

Councilman Blount asked if we might not be taking on a big job here, volunteering to rush in, saying he felt this might be an act of using general funds to repair private property. He believed someone to be responsible for this, but he did not believe it to be this Council, nor did he believe it to be the buyers of the homes.

Councilman Blount believed this left only the engineers or subdivider, and he asked if it was the intent of the Council to exclude him from this.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Blount that this should not be done with general funds. He said he did not know where the fault for this should be laid, but he knew it was not the fault of the Council. He said he would not be surprised, if we began to do this, if a taxpayer's suit were filed to prevent us from using the general fund monies for this purpose, and perhaps hold the Council personally responsible. This is a very difficult problem and he would not know how to vote because of this.

Councilman Jahn said he would be in favor of any motion within reason to take care of the problem. He did believe - and had so stated before this - that there would be some way in which the City could file suit to place the responsibility back on the subdivider and the engineer who submitted the compaction reports to us. He did not agree with the City Attorney and City Engineer that we have not been damaged, as our water storage is threatened and may be severely damaged, and the streets which we are responsible for are and will be damaged, and the water lines and sewers in those streets are our responsibility. He did not feel that these people were here properly; he did not think this the place for them to enter their pleas.

Councilman Jahn felt it our duty to enforce the engineering requirements on a final tract map which we accept. He thought it our responsibility to find the man who is responsible and make him pay for these corrections.

Mayor Isen said the people who bought the homes have suffered damages, and he believed they had a responsibility to get their redress from the person responsible.

Councilman Jahn agreed, but said another good rain would cause great damage there, and a loss to the City. He thought we had

equal responsibility with the people who bought the houses in finding the person responsible.

Mr. Malosh asked what they could do, saying someone is suing him for the drainage from his property, and yet many properties drain onto his land. He said he had asked 5 contractors to put up a retaining wall for him, and all had refused.

Councilman Beasley asked if Mr. Malosh thought this was caused by improper drainage design in the area.

Mr. Malosh said he did not know, but he knew the problem has existed as long as he has been there.

Councilman Beasley withdrew his motion, with the consent of the second.

Councilman Beasley said he understood a meeting would be arranged with the people out there on Porto Bello; he asked who would set the time.

Mayor Isen thought the Council should hear from management on this.

The City Manager said several new problems which we had not known about have been presented. He suggested an inspection and recommendations as to what we should do.

Councilman Blount asked to find out not only what we can do, but whose responsibility this is. If this responsibility does rest on the City, he thought we should begin corrective measures at once. If it does not, then whoever is responsible should be called upon.

Mayor Isen agreed we should know who is responsible.

Mrs. Ruth Rankin, 2719 Highcliff, talked about the erosion from their lots into the street and onto the sidewalks below them, and expressed fear that this erosion might endanger the lives of children.

Mr. Brander said there are also many pipes exposed by this erosion, and that they are a temptation to children. He said a City Dept. had tried to help by spraying a part of the area with gunite, but it had been slowly chipping away.

Mr. Fechetty said this has been before the Council since last April without an answer.

Mayor Isen said we have spent a great deal of time and money on this.

Mr. Fechetty asked if the City will try to do something, and the Mayor explained the prohibition against using public funds for private improvements.

Mr. Snyder asked if they could find out what the Code would demand, and if he could get a copy of it.

He was told to get this from the Engineering Dept.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Manager hold a meeting of as many Councilmen as can attend, with the City Manager setting the date, to make a tour of the entire area to see the problems, and that in the meantime the City Attorney make a full exploration with the help of the City Engineer to see if there is some legal basis under which we would have recourse to the subdivider or the State-licensed soil engineer who made the reports to the City.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen did not object to the motion, but doubted if the City was a proper plaintiff here; he thought it would be better if the people who have been injured made their pleas.

Councilman Jahn said we have accepted the streets which are being damaged, and the resultant damages to utility installations, etc., affect us.

Councilman Jahn said he did not think we should try to handle the cases these people may have, but he did believe the City should assume some of the responsibility of finding where the blame for these problems belongs.

Councilman Blount agreed that we should join in that action of finding whose responsibility this is.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The City Manager suggested that the Councilmen meet him at the City Hall at about 10:00 A. M. next Tuesday, November 4, to make this tour.

One of the men in the audience asked if they might have representatives on the tour, and Mayor Isen suggested that they have a Committee to attend the meeting.

It was agreed that the two groups would meet at about 10:00 A.M. at Crenshaw and Crest Road.

At 10:05 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:25 P. M. Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. An October 23, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell reported that the two necessary Hearings on the following ordinances have been held by the Planning Commission, and they were unanimously recommended to the Council for approval:

- A. Uses permitted in M-1 Zone - providing that any use permitted in Zone C-3 is also permitted in an M-1 zone.
- B. Lot Area per Family: establishing a requirement of 1,000 sq. ft. of land per family unit in an R-3 zone.
- C. Change of Zone and Ordinance being Mandatory: The Change of Zone Ordinance specifically requires that any Change of Zone approved by the City Council shall not become effective until the Ordinance establishing the Change of Zone has been passed by the City Council and become effective.

Mayor Isen set the date of November 25, 1958, in this Council Chamber, at 8:00 P. M., as the date, place, and time for the Third Hearing on these Ordinances.

Councilman Jahn objected to having a hearing on the "B" Ordinance shown here.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Hearings on the proposed ordinances numbered "A" and "C" be held November 25, 1958, at 8:00 P. M. in this Council Chamber.

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

Councilman Beasley moved the Hearing on the proposed ordinance here numbered "B" be held on the same date at the same time.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn stated his opposition to this.

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

Councilman Jahn stated he opposed this because he does not believe such an ordinance should be considered, not because he does not believe the hearing should be held.

2. TORRANCE ROD & GUN CLUB - An October 23, 1958, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council the Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation that the request of the Torrance Rod and Gun Club that the City vacate the parcel of land now owned by the City, known as Lot P-6, be approved. The letter stated that the President of Remco, to whom the land would revert if the City vacated it, had indicated his approval of the installation the Club plans to build.

Planning Director Powell presented to the Council a copy of the plot plan which the Planning Commission had approved.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Powell the Council would like to see a letter from Remco saying they would sell this land to the Torrance Rod & Gun Club for a reasonable fee, such as \$1 or something like that.

Planning Director Powell stated that Mr. Findlay of Remco had

been present when this letter was dictated, and that the Torrance Rod & Gun Club had been negotiating with Mr. Findlay.

Councilman Blount moved the City Council institute abandonment proceedings only upon receipt of a letter from Remco granting the Torrance Rod & Gun Club reasonable terms on this land.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked what would be a nominal figure for the land, and Councilman Blount said it should be a very nominal figure.

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

3. WAIVER: An October 23, 1958, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitted for the Planning Commission, with a recommendation for approval, the following Waiver:

Paul A. Goodwin, 1122 Felbar Ave., (FA 8-5096),
Requesting permission to build a rumpus room which will connect the house with the garage. This leaves 3'8" from garage wall to property line.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. An October 23, 1958, letter from H. B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, gave the Council his report on the dust situation at El Nido Park.

Mayor Isen had read the Staff Minutes, and noted that another suggestion about this had been made at the Staff meeting.

Mr. Russell, Director of Public Works, said that had been made by Mr. Van Bellehem to the Staff.

Mr. Russell said the Staff had agreed with Mr. Van Bellehem that a dust binder was the best way to eliminate the dust problem.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Isen suggested this be held for a week for further suggestions.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. An October 23, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by R. S. Cramer, Chairman, asked the Council to approve that work be done to finish grade, install sprinkling systems and lawns on the three parks, Los Arboles, La Romeria, and Paradise.

Mr. Cramer was present to reply to queries from the Council.

Councilman Jahn thought this work had been ordered in Los Arboles, and asked the City Manager if it had not.

The City Manager said the final grading had not been done. At the present time, we are taking bids on materials for sprinkling systems for the three parks.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council had approved the planting of the areas, saying he wished to know why this was here when that had not been done.

The City Manager said we had to have a plan to plant to.

Councilman Jahn asked if we were not to plant it to hold the soil.

The City Manager said we had planted either rye or a similar grass there to hold the soil.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the three plans.

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

Mr. Cramer told the Council that the money is available in their budget for this.

The City Manager agreed.

2. An October 23, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by R. S. Cramer, Chairman, transmitted to the Council their recommendation on the E. A. Oppenheim vacation request. They did not believe this would interfere with their plans for a proposed roadside park on the old Rolling Hills Road.

The City Manager presented a map showing the property, saying it consists of about 1/3 of an acre.

Mr. Oppenheim said he did not know how much area was involved, but said the map had been prepared by Mr. Patrick of our Engineering Dept., who had it surveyed.

Councilman Benstead asked if Mr. Oppenheim was prepared to pay for this, and Mr. Oppenheim said not at this time. He said he owned the property in fee.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager for recommendation in two weeks.

Councilman Blount did not know why we have to do skilled labor for these people, saying the survey crew is always very busy.

Mr. Oppenheim said he would be glad to pay for any or all of the work done for him. The study had been made before he suggested this. He has owned the property for 4 years.

Councilman Bradford does not favor giving anything away, he told Mr. Oppenheim.

Councilman Blount agreed, and said he meant giving away skilled labor from our Engineering Department.

Councilman Bradford agreed, saying we often have to hire outside surveyors to do some of our own work.

Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, no objections, so ordered.

3. An October 23, 1958, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission transmitted to the Council their recommendation that the offer of some drapes for the El Nido Park building from the El Nido Home Extension Group.

A memo from Recreation Director Van Bellehem stated these could be fireproofed for about \$5.00, and recommended they be accepted.

Councilman Blount moved the drapes be accepted with the proper letter of thanks to be sent to the donors, and fireproofed as stated.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. An October 22, 1958, letter from the City Attorney reported on the City of Torrance vs. Kita, et al, and submitted a Resolution authorizing execution of certain instruments in connection with the case, and appropriated money to effectuate a settlement thereof.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would not cause more drainage problems.

Councilman Drale said it is to tie Anza in to Calle Mayor.

City Engineer Bishop explained that a catch basin had been provided for the water which falls on the street.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said he would approve the price.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3592

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH CITY OF TORRANCE VS. KAZUO KITA, ET AL, SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 664159 AND APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES TO EFFECTUATE A SETTLEMENT THEREOF RESULTING IN THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND FOR PUBLIC HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3592.
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following
 roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn,
 Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to the following
 Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 3593

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 Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3593.
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by
 roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3594

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
 CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM UNION OIL COMPANY OF
 CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3594.
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by
 roll call vote.

Mayor Isen pointed out Item H-4 on the Agenda, a request from
 Carbohad for an extension of their contract with the City for weed
 abatement.

The City Manager explained this extra time is needed to finish
 up, adding that we had enlarged the district during the life of the
 contract. He said he would recommend it.

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

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

ORDINANCES:

1. An October 23, 1958, cover letter from the City Clerk submit-
 ted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1034, approved by the following
 roll call vote at its first reading on October 21, 1958: AYES:
 COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN:
 Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1034

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
 TORRANCE REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY ARTICLE III OF
 CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
 1954" ENTITLED "PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION"
 AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING
 TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance 1034 at its
 second and final reading.

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

2. An October 23, 1958, cover letter from the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1035, which passed by the following roll call vote when read for the first time on October 21, 1958: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1035

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 2.71 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENTS AND TERM OF MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1035 at its second and final reading.

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

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1036

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1036 at its first and final reading.

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

The City Attorney said this could come back as a regular ordinance.

Mayor Isen thought the City Attorney should explore this, to ascertain positively the number of votes needed to constitute a majority for such an Urgency Ordinance.

Councilman Jahn moved Ordinance No. 1036 be approved with the words and paragraph referring to its urgency being stricken from it.

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

Mayor Isen suggested that perhaps a Charter amendment should be presented at the next election to correct this.

Councilman Bradford asked why this was presented as an Urgency Ordinance, and Mayor Isen explained that once it has been determined traffic measures are required for the public health and safety, they are considered urgent measures.

Councilman Bradford said he had asked for a stop sign at El Dorado and Beech several weeks ago.

Councilman Jahn said the Traffic Commission had not met since that suggestion was made.

4. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1037

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A THREE-STEP PAY RANGE PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1037 at its first reading.

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

5. An October 23, 1958, letter from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building, and S. E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, submitted a 'Sign Ordinance' as requested by the Council.

Councilman Drale asked to hold this for a week for study.

Councilman Blount said he wanted to amend this to provide for the type of sign which appears similar to a beacon.

Councilman Jahn agreed that regulation of that type of sign is badly needed.

Mayor Isen agreed.

Mr. Schlens said they had not included it in this Ordinance as they feel we need an ordinance controlling beacons, and would include this type of sign under it.

Councilman Benstead thought all signs should be included in this, to save expenses of publication.

Councilman Drale asked if this Ordinance protected the sign-painter who wanted to paint a small wooden or cloth sign.

Mr. Schlens said it does; some of them will require Council approval, and small ones will not. He said such a sign under 12 sq. ft. would be excluded.

Councilman Blount moved that the comment of Bldg. Supt. Schlens regarding the beacon type of sign be submitted to the City Attorney and he prepare such an Ordinance.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Engineer Bishop had talked with Councilman Jahn during the last recess, and asked to make it clear to the Council that the bill here tonight from Barnett, Hopen & Smith had nothing to do with the error made in his Department. The extra service they rendered was because of the inclusion in the District of another street.

2. Councilman Beasley said he has a great interest in the extension and improvement of Hawthorne Blvd., and he found that the City of Rolling Hills Estates is also interested, but they wish to be sure if the street is extended it will not throw a lot of traffic on to their streets, but will continue on through to the ocean. He moved the City Manager or City Attorney contact them and see if we can work with them to secure full development of Hawthorne Blvd.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen stated he favors this, too, and had intended to ask for an investigation of this last week. He had read an article in a newspaper which had been misleading, hence his opinion last week that this was not necessary.

The Mayor suggested that the City Engineer should work with the City Manager and City Attorney on this.

Councilman Beasley thought the City of Palos Verdes would like to see this go through, too.

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

3. Councilman Blount moved that any further lease negotiation for land on the Torrance Airport be assumed by the Council as a Committee as a whole. He said the Council must make the final negotiation anyway, and many times have had to vote against the Commission's recommendations; he felt this would save a lot of time and perhaps get some leases going on the Airport.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant the Commission would not make contacts at all.

Councilman Blount said yes; he said nothing gets done this way. We have a big corner there which will soon be available, and which will have to be taken care of. He believed the Council, the body ultimately responsible, should get into this.

Councilman Beasley was not sure that this motion would perform what Councilman Blount is trying to do, but he believed the Council should negotiate the leases. He thought the Commission should determine the uses of some areas, and not actually negotiate leases. He believed the terms and preliminary negotiation should be done by the Airport Manager, and then come here.

Councilman Blount said he would amend his motion to stipulate that the preliminary negotiations be carried on by the Airport Manager.

Councilman Jahn believed this would have to be done by amendment to the Ordinance.

Councilman Blount said that could be done.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant a prospective lessor would see Mr. Egan, pick out a site, and work out terms with the Council.

Councilman Blount said he could make an offer to the Council. He felt this is only a policy change.

Councilman Bradford asked if a new survey is not being made, as requested several weeks ago.

The City Manager said it is to be made, that the same man who prepared our former survey will make it.

Councilman Jahn thought the Airport Manager and Airport Commission have been at a loss as to their respective responsibilities; he suggested that the City Manager prepare 'set of rules' as to these points. He believed this might apply to other Commissions as well, but this is the newest Commission. He suggested that the City Manager should, perhaps, meet with them and try to get them on the right track.

Councilman Bonstead thought there were too many people involved; he mentioned the Commission, Manager, and Airport Committee.

Mayor Isen asked if the motion could include a stipulation that the ordinance be corrected accordingly.

Councilman Blount accepted that as an amendment to his motion, and the amendments were accepted in the second to the motion.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Councilman Bradford apologized for having been late, and asked the Asst. City Manager to explain a notation about sales tax which was on the Emulsion Truck Bid Analysis.

Mr. Mansfield explained that we get back 1% of the sales tax the dealers in our City are required by law to charge.

5. Councilman Bradford recalled his questions about the bids on the water tank, saying the cheaper method is to use pickled steel. One of the bidders had included that as a 'side bid', as it was not a part of the specs. He felt this \$4860 bid for sandblasting and painting the water tank which had been here tonight could have been cut down. He said he had asked Mr. McVicar a question on this some time ago, and considered that he had been rudely treated. He wanted to state that he had followed this program in its entirety, and does not approve of it.

6. Mayor Isen referred to the corner of Crenshaw and Highway 101 which has been under lease to Hody, and suggested this be referred to the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, with the commission to be paid by

the buyer if they found someone interested in the land.

The City Attorney said he would have the papers requested by the Council ready very shortly.

Councilman Blount thought this should be considered.

7. Mayor Isen read a prepared statement concerning our need for proper recreational and park development. He felt our need to be urgent, and suggested there be no further delay in planning for this problem. He suggested to the Park and Recreation and Planning Commission that a study be made of this problem and recommendations made for a park and recreation development program, with the necessary funds to be derived from a bond issue at the regular municipal election in April, 1960. He suggested further that ways and means be found of immediately financing necessary improvements on the existing City properties, with an auditorium to be built at the Civic Center to be considered, which could be combined with recreational needs; he suggested consideration of the WALTERIA Lake as a recreational area, and other small neighborhood community centers; he felt the idea of using the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club as a youth center even though the old building burned, saying the County owns some of the beach frontage and is attempting to acquire more.

Mayor Isen suggested inquiries be made into the possibilities of financing construction of many improvements with private capital, with the lender to be paid back on a long term basis or in full at the time of the passage of the bond issue.

A copy of the statement was filed with the Clerk.

Councilman Drale asked if Councilmen Benstead and Bradford, as members of the Shoreline Planning Committee, thought State funds might be available to improve shore frontage.

They did not believe so.

Councilman Beasley pointed out to Chairman Cramer of the Park and Recreation Commission that he felt the consideration of the WALTERIA Lake Area as a major park on the order of the one near El Camino should be considered.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Cramer that copies of this statement would be given to the Commission.

Thirvin Fleetwood, Vice President of Utility Workers Local No. 132, speaking for Mr. Lunceford, asked the Council to make public their stand on some of the Propositions to be on the November 4 ballot, saying this would guide the people.

Mayor Isen told him this was not the policy of the Council as a body.

Several of the Councilmen stated their personal beliefs on some of these matters, but they were agreed this was not a matter for official Council action.

Larry Townsend of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers discussed this with the Council, but their position remained unchanged.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adjourn to November 5, 1958, at 5:30 P. M., motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 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