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MINUTES OF A 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. Tuesday, December 23, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bill Stiger led the salute to the Flag. Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Stiger and his friend, Mr. Pat Anderson, who are students of Municipal Government at USC.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen extended the best wishes of the Council to the citizens of Torrance for a merry Christmas season, and said the Council feels that the next year will be a happy and prosperous one for our City.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 16, 1958, as written.

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

It was noted on the Agenda that the Metropolitan Water District trip has been scheduled for May 15, 16, and 17, 1959.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. With a letter dated December 8, 1958, Allan G. Bird, Attorney, submitted the claim of Mary A. Brown for alleged injuries and damages sustained as a result of an accident in front of the Howard Wood Elementary School on November 4, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved this be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

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

2. A December 17, 1958, letter from the City of Redondo Beach, signed by F. M. Arnold, City Clerk, transmitted an original and duplicate of an agreement dated December 8, 1958, which had been approved by the Redondo Beach City Council and executed by their Mayor and City Clerk. The agreement provided that the City of Redondo Beach shall make improvements on a portion of 190th St. lying within the limits of the City of Torrance and the City of Torrance shall make improvements on a portion of 182nd St. lying within the City of Redondo Beach at equal costs. They requested that we approve, execute and return one agreement to them.

A comment from the City Manager was appended, and recommended approval of the program so the work can be started very soon.

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

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

3. A December 4, 1958, letter from the Regional Planning Commission, signed by Fred M. Gebhart, Chief Deputy for Milton Breivegel, Director of Planning, transmitted a copy of an Amendment No. 342 to the Master Plan of Highways for the Los Angeles County Regional Planning District.

Councilman Drale asked to see a map, which the City Manager presented.

Councilman Drale asked if there had been any substantial changes. The City Manager said there had been a rather minor change, saying 223rd St. from Western to Eshelman has been deleted.

Councilman Drale assumed that was done because Plaza del Amo has become the major street there.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with this Amendment.

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

4. A December 15, 1958, letter from Chanslor-Western Oil & Development Co., signed by N. L. Briggs, asked that the City accept sewer installations in Carson St. on the Chanslor-Western camp site.

City Manager Stevens had noted his recommendation that the City accept these sewers.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked if this would cost the City anything, and the City Manager said it would not.

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

5. A December 5, 1958, letter from The Dominguez Estate Co., 5410 Wilshire Blvd., signed by C. M. Crawford, Manager, reported that they did not object to a request from Torrance Unified School District to permit a 7½ acre school site adjoining Tract 21725 to be drained into the sump area in Tract 21725. If more formal consent is needed, they agreed to execute whatever documents are required.

The City Manager explained to the Council that no drainage could go to this sump unless they gave their permission, as it was to drain Tract 21725.

He said they would have to give consent to use this for anything else.

The City Manager recommended this be granted.

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

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

Item No. 6, from Executive Airport Development Co., re the Airport Hotel-Terminal Bldg. property was held until Councilman Jahn arrived. Mayor Isen explained that Councilman Jahn would be at the meeting a little later and had requested this be held over.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated December 19, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendation for consideration and approval:

##### APPROPRIATIONS:

For the purchase of two Marbelite Street Lamp Standards and appurtenances, the sum of \$685.54. These are replacements for two damaged by auto accidents. We hope to recover the cost of one.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked why we are not recovering the cost of the other, and Mr. Stevens said it was a hit-and-run case. We will try to recover if we find out who it was who hit it.

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

2. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, the City Manager

reported that some time ago we contacted Pacific Electric Railway Co. concerning the possibility of the City leasing portions of their right of way on Torrance Blvd. for beautification purposes. The company has submitted a lease, which is similar to those used in other cities where the right of way has been beautified. The following is a brief outline of the lease:

- (a) A yearly lease at a rental of \$50 per year;
- (b) May be terminated by either party on 30 days' notice;
- (c) City may plant lawns within 4½' of center line of rail and shrubs up to 3' high within 8½' of center line of rail;
- (d) The company reserves the right to lease portions of the area covered to sign-board companies for erection and maintenance of sign-boards.

A copy of the lease and the map pertaining thereto will be available at the Council meeting.

Mayor Isen asked about 'd', saying he did not like that.

The City Manager said he had talked to them, and told them we had restrictions on signs; they had understood this and had agreed that if they did lease the land to anyone, they would have to come in for a permit and come through the Council. They did not object to the procedure, but they do want the right not to be prohibited.

Councilman Beasley said we would be beautifying the property, and he thought the rate should be cut to \$1 per year.

Councilman Benstead moved to take no action at this time and that the City Manager confer with them and see if both 'a' and 'd' could not be corrected as requested here.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Bradford commented that throughout the country, in all cities, it seems that the railway corners are the dirtiest of all.

Mayor Isen said this area's need for beautification has been discussed consistently, and this should be done.

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

3. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, the City Manager submitted a job description for Pool Maintenance Man for information and approval. He recommended that an open-promotional examination be called at salary range #36.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, who asked if this included approval of the job description.

Councilman Beasley said it did.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. An October 28, 1958, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, secretary, recommended that John T. Stimach, Custodian, be allowed move-up pay for the period that Mr. Hight was on vacation, i.e., July 21 to August 8, 1958 inclusive. Mr. Hight placed Mr. Stimach in charge while he was away, per his memo of May 13 to the City Manager.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. With a memo dated December 18, 1958, the License Inspector submitted to the Council the application of John Vaio and Theodor J. Gates, new owners of Bay Cities Taxi Co., for license to operate 3 taxicabs in the City of Torrance for the year 1959. The License Inspector reported that the application had been approved by the Chief of

Police. Mr. Whitacre, the License Inspector, therefor recommended the license be granted subject to all insurance requirements being met as required by Chapter 27 of the City Code.

Mayor Isen thought this should be in two parts, one part for the approval of the new ownership of the company and the other for adding to the number of cabs they are licensed to operate in the City.

Councilman Beasley thought in a previous discussion the Council had agreed there is no demand for more cabs in the City. He felt if there was some way the Council could approve the change of ownership without an increase in the number of cabs it would be better.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if such a motion was legal, and the City Attorney said it would be.

Mayor Isen moved to approve their present operation and the new ownership.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked how we could limit the number of cabs in the City, and the City Attorney said by ordinance.

License Inspector Whitacre said they had omitted applying for permission to continued use of their cab stand in the City.

Councilman Bradford asked what would happen if he had two calls at the same time or if the licensed cab broke down.

Mr. Whitacre said that has posed a problem in the past, under the old ownership. The old owner would now and then run in an unlicensed cab, and then the Chief of Police and he would follow up on it when it was reported.

Mayor Isen said the motion was merely to approve the change of ownership on the licenses they now have.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is an out-of-town operation.

The License Inspector said it is, and about 8 months ago the Council had granted them a cab stand at Palos Verdes and Sepulveda. If they do not want to continue to use the stand, Mr. Whitacre recommended it be specifically eliminated at this time.

Mayor Isen thought perhaps they had forgotten to ask for it.

John Vaio, 540 - 20th St., Hermosa Beach, one of the new owners of the company, came forward. He said they do still want the stand, and had simply overlooked asking for it.

Mayor Isen said he would amend his motion to allow them to continue to use their old cab stand at Sepulveda and Palos Verdes, on the service station property.

Amendment to the motion was accepted by Councilman Beasley in his second.

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

Councilman Drale said some time ago a taxicab service in North Torrance had been refused a license, and the cab service which had been promised for that area had not materialized. He wanted this to be a matter of record.

Mayor Isen said he had felt that the Gardena company which wanted to go in there was just to run a shuttle service to the gambling clubs in Gardena.

Councilman Drale said a Torrance man was granted a license for that area and there never is a cab out there.

P. W. Dowander, 1404 Cravens, of the Yellow Cab Co., said he had that license, and that Councilman Drale is correct in some instances. The cab is not there all the time. It is moving. He said his cabs have two-way radios, and he is trying to give service in North Torrance. It is a large area, and they are doing their best to serve it well.

Councilman Drale said the other man had wanted to keep a cab there all the time, and Mr. Dowander said he was doing his best to handle it.

Mr. Dowander went on to say that it has been proven many times over that to run a profitable business, and to employ the highest type of driver and render ethical service, it is necessary to keep the cabs busy all the time.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 8:25 P. M.

Mayor Isen declared a recess at 8:25 P. M., with the Council reconvening at 8:30 P. M.

Mayor Isen said the second portion of the application is for the petitioners to add two additional cabs in the City.

Mr. Stan Watts, 4069 Bluff, operator of A-1 Taxicabs, said the old operator has not complied with his license, and has been 'bootlegging' other cabs into the City. He cited two instances of this witnessed today by one of his operators. He told of the local needs to keep our cabs in fine condition and manned by the highest calibre of drivers.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the request for two additional cabs.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. John Vaio said they really would like to have the extra cabs; they serve a very large area, and often have more than one call. They would be able to render better service there.

Mr. Vaio said a city with a population of 100,000 such as ours needs about 80 cabs according to surveys, and we are served by only about 15. They want to be able to render service even in case the cab at one of their local areas is broken down.

Councilman Bradford felt they should be able to back up the cab licensed for Torrance with an emergency cab.

Councilman Benstead said he could bring in another in its place if it breaks down.

The License Inspector said they cannot. He referred to Mr. Watts' statement that one of his driver had witnessed two violations today, and said such reports should go to the Police Department. If the cab breaks down, there must not be a cab which conflicts in color with the local cabs sent into the City.

Mr. Dowander said his company often has calls from out of town, and he refers them to the proper company.

Mr. T. J. Gates, the other new owner of the Bay Cities Cab Co. said they believe they need two more cabs in the City to serve the westerly portions of the City.

Councilman Jahn moved the question, and the motion to deny the two licenses carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said he had voted to deny this application because he believed that the cab drivers must make a good living to keep high calibre men driving. The cab business is one which is regulated by the police to be sure there is no vice involvement. He has not had complaints about the cab service, and does not believe additional cab service is necessary.

Councilman Bradford voted against denial because while he has not heard complaints, he knows that the service is poor in the City, and he believes if a company is licensed to operate a cab in the City they should be able to send in another in case it breaks down. He felt that if only one cab is licensed, they cannot render such dependable service as a small business needs to do.

G-6: As Councilman Jahn was now present, Mayor Isen asked that this item be brought before the Council.

This was a December 18, 1958, letter from Executive Airport Development Co., 1300 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, signed by E. E. Wilson, asking for an extension of 5 months on their option at Torrance Airport.

Councilman Jahn said he understood Mr. Wilson was willing to pay the same rental for the 5 months as he has been paying, and Mr. Wilson said that is correct.

Mayor Isen moved the option be extended for an additional period not to exceed 5 months, with payment of \$350 per month, and with the payment to be stopped when he exercises the option.

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

J-2: A December 18, 1958, letter from Bever & Lippert, asked for cancellation of Oil Well Bond No. 7236960 on Brown Well, located on Lot 6 of Tract 2895, with a recommendation from License Inspector Whitacre that the refund be granted. Mr. Whitacre reported the City's requirements have been complied with.

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

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

3. A December 18, 1958, memo from License Inspector Whitacre, reported a request from Boy Scout Troop #732 to have a free license to go door to door and solicit 'soda pop' bottles. The drive will be conducted Saturday, January 3, 1959, only. He recommended the free license be granted.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A December 18, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., requested permission to purchase 3 8" Hersey Detector Check meters at \$678 each; 1 4" Hersey Detector Check Meter at \$315; and 1 2" Hersey Compound meter at \$317. Mr. McVicar stated his Dept. holds the cash or a purchase order for each of these.

Councilman Benstead moved this go to bid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

The City Manager said Mr. McVicar will not be buying these with City funds, but is setting up a fund to buy them for others, such as the School District, who need them. These are on order, but he does not carry them in stock. We would be spending their money, not ours; this is a special order. It takes a month to get bids, and the customers need them now.

Mayor Isen asked if the customers are committed now, and the City Manager said they are.

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

Councilman Jahn moved the request be approved.

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

2. A December 18, 1958, memo from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., recommended that the contract for the installation of 7,900' of concrete cylinder pipe in Lomita Blvd. be awarded to the low bidder, S. E. Pipeline Construction Co., at a price of \$7,600.00.

Mr. McVicar submitted a summary of all bids received with this letter.

Councilman Blount expressed surprise at the wide variance of the bids.

The City Manager said Mr. McVicar had checked into this before making his recommendation.

Councilman Blount moved the bid be awarded to S. E. Pipeline Construction Co. and all others be rejected.

Councilman Bradford seconded the motion, with the stipulation that there be very good inspection on this job.

Councilman Bradford asked if they would post a performance bond, and the City Manager thought they would.

Councilman Blount said he would withdraw his motion of approval if they would not post such a bond.

Councilman Blount moved that if this is not covered with a performance bond, the contract not be awarded but come back here for further action.

The City Attorney said he would check with the S. E. Pipeline Construction Co. in the morning on this.

Councilman Blount, with the permission of his second, made it a part of his first motion that this bid will not be awarded if there is not a performance bond.

Councilman Jahn seconded the entire motion as amended.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPT.

1. With a letter dated December 17, 1958, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted for acceptance two easement deeds, as follows:

- a. Street Easement - portion of Lot 40, Tract 2895, given by Jack B. Ripley and Cecelia E. Ripley for the widening of Valerie St., and
- b. Storm Drain Easement - portion of Lot 18, Block 5, Tract 14016, given by Geo. M. Yoder and Marianne Yoder, to take drainage from proposed Tract 21517.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the easements as submitted.

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

Councilman Jahn asked how many trees and shrubs we would be re-locating for the widening of Valerie, and whether it would be less expensive to buy the land.

The City Engineer said there would be no relocation of these unless the street is widened.

In response to further questioning by Councilman Jahn, the City Engineer said he did not know how many trees and shrubs were involved.

This was ordered held for a week, as there were no objections, so that the City Engineer could check into this and see if it would be cheaper to buy the land.

2. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, reported that bids on the following street improvement projects were received in the Office of the City Engineer until 5:00 P. M. Tuesday, December 16, 1958, and opened at 10:30 A. M. in the Council Chamber Wednesday, December 17, 1958:

- a) IMPROVEMENT OF 171ST ST., by the construction of curbs, gutters, etc., from Ermanita Ave. to Glenburn Ave.

Low Bidder, Eric L. Peterson, bid \$746.68.

At the Council meeting of November 25, the Council authorized spending not more than \$1,035 on this project.

- b) IMPROVEMENT OF 168th ST., by the construction of curbs and gutters, between Fonthill Ave. and Ainsworth Ave.

Low Bidder, Eric L. Peterson, Bid \$423.50.

Your Honorable Body authorized up to \$600 for this project.

The City Engineer recommended that Eric L. Peterson's bids be accepted and that purchase orders be issued.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount said he would vote yes if a performance bond is a required part of this.

Councilman Jahn considered a performance bond is a matter of policy and this was discussed, with it being agreed that this is so.

The requirement of a performance bond was accepted as a part of the motion, and was accepted by the second.

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

3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22228 - Don Wilson, Subdivider.

Submitted with this Final Tract Map were:

- a. Transmittal form from Engineering Dept., submitted Final Tract Map No. 22228 containing 428 lots located south-erly of Del Amo Blvd. and westerly of Henrietta St., presented by Don Wilson, Subdivider;
- b. Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, dated December 18, 1958, contained the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval;
- c. Letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, dated December 16, 1958, stating that this map substantially conforms to Tentative Map;
- d. Aug. 1, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Water Dept., stating we have ample water to serve the subdivision.

Councilman Benstead could not see why some of the streets in this tract did not run straight through.

Mr. Wilson explained that even if these had not been view lots, short streets in such an area are considered good planning, as they preclude the use of them for 'speedways', and that people like to live on such streets because the traffic is slow and they are safer.

Councilman Benstead especially pointed out that these may not be desirable from the viewpoint of the Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Wilson said these had been approved in the Tentative Map; he explained that the streets were named by Departments in the City, and he has no jurisdiction over the street names.

Mayor Isen asked if the Tentative Map had been approved subject to a Joint Use Agreement with the Dominguez Water Company.

Mr. Wilson had the Minutes of the meeting during which the Tentative Map was approved, and he read them to the Council.

Councilman Blount felt that there were substantial changes from the Tentative Map, and asked how many changes had been made and what status the Council had in such cases.

The City Attorney said it would be up to the Council to decide whether or not there were substantial changes in their opinion.

Mr. Wilson asked Councilman Blount to look at the two maps and enlighten him as to what the 'substantial changes' were.

The Council looked at the maps with Mr. Wilson, and discussed this with him.

Mr. Wilson said before going into the question of water service, he wanted to say there seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of the Council relative to the street names. He repeated that street naming is a function of the City, and he had no power to change them.

Mayor Isen asked if these could not be changed, and Mr. Wilson said he did not know the law on it.

Mayor Isen believed they could be changed before the signs are put up, in the interests of uniformity. He asked if the original map had streets named 'Karen' and 'Michelle'.

The City Engineer said the street pattern was the same in both maps.

Mr. Powell, Planning Director, said the changes were in the street names only.

Mr. Wilson said the one thing not yet settled was the matter of the Park Fee, but he has posted the bond he discussed with the Council last week.

Mayor Isen said he had seen the bond, which allows the Council to make a choice on the manner of payment of that fee by January 31, 1959, and if they wish to discuss this with Mr. Wilson they can call him back. He asked the City Attorney to notify Mr. Wilson if this is on the Agenda before that time.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval, with all their stipulations and the stipulations put on the Tentative Map.

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

December 23, 1958  
Council Minutes

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead said he had voted no because the lots do not conform to our Ordinance.

Mayor Isen said he would have voted 'Yes' on the Tentative on this too, except that he was unhappy with the water situation and he still is.

Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney inquire forthwith, and employ outside counsel if necessary at a reasonable retainer fee, to determine the rights of the City in instituting a condemnation action against this tract to acquire the Dominguez Water Company's 'right to serve'. He thought the Council must have an opinion on this, and he thought it would be cheaper to condemn the 'right to serve' than to condemn an operating water company. He thought it was time the Council found out about this.

Councilman Blount agreed with this, and that this would establish whether or not there is such a 'right'.

The City Attorney said he could not establish the price on this without an appraisal.

Mayor Isen said he wanted an opinion as to whether we have a right to go to court and condemn a 'right to serve'.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney if he agreed that the City had a right to offer water service there, and the City Attorney said he did. Mr. Remelmeyer said their private agreement with Mr. Wilson does not preclude us from serving the area.

Mayor Isen thought we should condemn before there is a going system there.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, and there were no objections and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen, for the record, moved that it be the intent of the City of Torrance if possible to serve this tract with Torrance Municipal Water.

Councilman Blount said he would second such a motion next week, and Councilman Beasley said he would also second it next week.

Councilman Blount said he would like to register a protest at this time on the street patterns and street names, which he said were almost unbelievably fouled up. He thought before the street name signs were ordered, the names should be considered very carefully.

Mayor Isen asked if the Council should not refer this back to the street naming committee.

Planning Director Powell said one of the Department Heads had opposed the original street names at a staff meeting, and a Committee had been named to check this and name the streets. He was not a member of the Committee. These street names were recommended by the Committee.

City Engineer Bishop said the Staff names the streets.

Mayor Isen ordered this back to the Staff so the streets will bear the same names along their entire length.

Councilman Blount so moved, saying he would do anything to get this straightened out.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Wilson when he would begin paving Henrietta, and Mr. Wilson said very shortly.

Councilman Bradford asked that before he gets too far into paving Henrietta he talk to the Council about it, saying it would be less expensive to do all necessary paving at one time.

Mr. Wilson said he would do so.

The City Manager said the Council had approved our part of this expense already.

This was discussed briefly, and Councilman Bradford said he simply wanted to be sure this was done in the least expensive way for the City.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered the motion to refer the street names back to the Staff carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted for consideration and disposition a request from Wallace E. Franklin, 3225 Sonoma Ave. for a parking arrangement for a TV repair service at 2318 Torrance Blvd., per plot plan submitted. Mr. Powell reported that the Planning Commission, at their meeting of December 17, 1958, had voted 4 to 4 on the request.

Councilman Jahn asked if this was a new building, and Mr. Powell said it is. The old building has to be moved, and they plan to put up a new building. He plans to furnish 9 parking spaces, and under our ordinance 16 are required.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that a building had just been put up on Carson with no parking spaces, and asked why.

Mr. Powell replied it was built prior to the ordinance.

Councilman Drale said if this building had that amount of parking space it would be the only one on Torrance Blvd. which did have.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the plan as requested.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if he still had to pave the part of the lot not built on, etc., and Mr. Powell said he would.

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

2. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the request of Lorine Harline for a 90-day extension on a Variance granted her (Case No. 496) because of illness.

The Mayor moved the request be granted.

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

3. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the request of A. A. Allen, Revivals, Inc., for a religious revival service to be held in a tent on the large vacant lot across from El Camino College, per specifications submitted with the request.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

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

Councilman Drale said there is a huge double bill-board on that property which should be removed.

Mr. Powell said he would see that is done.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A December 15, 1958, letter from the Airport Commission President, Thos. B. Abrams, submitted their recommendation for approval of the H. W. Barley application to lease about 1.9 acres of highway frontage for a garden shopping center. Copies of Mr. Barley's application and layout sheets, as well as Airport Manager Egan's summary sheet, were submitted with the recommendation.

Councilman Beasley moved this application be denied.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Beasley said his motion to deny was made because he believed the land is worth more money than that.

Councilman Blount said he likes the rest of it, and he suggested this go back to the Commission with that one objection.

The City Manager said he had received the re-appraisal requested by the Council, and it covers this area specifically. He presented copies to the Councilmen.

Councilman Jahn asked what was being discussed, saying he knew at least one person and perhaps more than one who would be interested in taking the entire highway frontage for a lot more than this figure of \$1.30 per front foot. These persons of whom he spoke had applied more than once for a lease, and the applications have been pigeon-holed.

Mayor Isen thought the Council should not even consider any more applications for any options unless the applicants were willing to pay for the options.

The City Manager said the appraisal he has just received within the last week puts a market value of 80¢ a square foot on this land, and at the formula of 6% the rent for this would be about \$400 per month for about 10 or 11 years, and then it would change.

Councilman Blount said he thought that would mean about \$3936 per year rental for the land, figuring the 6% on the market value.

Mayor Isen pointed out that Mr. Barley is offering \$9600 per year.

Councilman Jahn asked what would happen if our Terminal Building and the hotel go in, saying this would then be another corner comparable to Crenshaw and Highway 101 or Hawthorne and Highway 101. He did not feel it would be right to rent the ground at this rate. If the Council wished to send this back to the Commission with that comment, he would not object.

Mayor Isen expressed concern as to whether this is the best use of the property. He had seen something in the papers about this, and felt the City was the only one who stood to lose here.

Councilman Blount said we would be giving 10, 10 and 10 with no escalator clause under this lease.

Councilman Drale said they offer 5% of the gross if it is greater than the monthly rental figure.

Mayor Isen could see no reason to let this go if they do not wish to pay for the option.

Councilman Benstead moved a substitute motion, to send this back to the Commission with the comments of the Council, for further consideration.

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

Mayor Isen suggested that if there are other applications for this land, they be considered.

Councilman Blount asked if we do not have a policy of requiring payment for options, and the Mayor said we do.

The City Attorney reminded the Council that we cannot give an 'option' as such unless a lease is drawn. There is no lease here, so this could not be considered an option in any case.

Mayor Isen said if this had passed, it would have been subject to an agreement allowing the lease to be dated back to when the Council granted it.

The City Attorney stated that if the Council granted an option on suggested terms, then the terms are final.

This was discussed at some length.

The City Attorney said this was a most important point.

2. With a letter dated December 15, 1958, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, reported that they have taken the report from the City Manager on Commission Procedures under consideration, and will tender their recommendation to the Council in a letter just after their meeting of January 8, 1959.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record.

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

3. With a letter dated December 15, 1958, the Airport Commission President submitted their recommendation for approval of the offer of Mercury Helicopter Service of \$20 per month for use of Airport facilities.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

4. With a letter dated December 15, 1958, the Airport Commission President submitted their recommendation for approval of Mrs. Pfleuger's

application to sublease her 'office' lease to the Pacific Counties Land Company for the length of her lease.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

The City Attorney asked that this be delayed until he has time to check this. In reply to questions, he said he does not see these letters, as they do not come to his department.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion.

Councilman Blount withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Isen thought when these came to the Council, from now on they should bear the approval of the City Attorney, signified by his signature, the Airport Manager's similar approval, and perhaps the City Manager's as well. He so moved as a matter of policy.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Bradford thought the City Engineer should also approve these.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

5. With a letter dated December 15, 1958, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation for approval of the T. W. Hallerberg application for a 100' x 100' hangar lease.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur and refer this to the City Attorney for the preparation of the lease.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked if the \$65 figure for rental had not been considered with a view to change at one time.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the lease form was a standard one.

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

Councilman Bradford protested that he saw no real escalator clause on this property.

The City Attorney said we have adjustments which are tied to the 'cost of living' index.

Councilman Bradford said he would have voted against this if he had realized that, as that is not a genuine escalator clause and the cost of living has nothing whatever to do with the value of property.

The City Attorney said the lease was based on the value of the dollar.

Councilman Drale said he had voted against this because he felt the price too cheap.

6. With a letter dated December 15, 1958, the President of the Airport Commission submitted their recommendation for denial of the application of H. N. Bracken for a lease for a carwash at the corner of Crenshaw and Highway 101.

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

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated December 17, 1958, the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission submitted their classification of the terms of the members.

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

2. With a letter dated December 17, 1958, the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission submitted their recommendation that the

following priority be given to the development of the undeveloped parks in the City: 1) La Romeria; 2) Paradise Park; 3) Los Arboles Park.

Councilman Beasley moved this be approved and filed.  
There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported receipt on December 19, 1958, of a complaint and summons in the action of Vegas Air, Inc., against the City of Torrance, et al., complaint No. 713818, from Lessin & Foley, attorneys for the plaintiff.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk had 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 Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3608

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AIRPORT LEASE WITH V. E. NOBLE, DBA AERO ADVERTISING COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3608. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3609

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3609. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated December 18, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1053, which was approved by all the Councilmen except Councilman Bradford at its first reading on December 16, 1958.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1053

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 17.35 AND 17.42 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1053 at its second and final reading.

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

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1054

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 approve Ordinance No. 1054 at its first reading.

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

Councilman Blount asked if we could post State highways, and Councilman Jahn said we could if we pass certain ordinances and include provisions protecting the State.

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1055

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 Blount moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1055 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said he would have to vote against this because the Traffic Commission did not think this was necessary, and they had not had time to complete their study of the requirements of the area.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen requested Assistant City Manager Mansfield to leave the room, which Mr. Mansfield did.

When he was gone, Mayor Isen announced that the Council knows Mr. Mansfield is leaving us on the first of the year to become the first City Manager of the City of Bell. There will be a luncheon honoring him next Tuesday, December 30, at the Palms Restaurant.

A Resolution was distributed by the City Attorney, and Mayor Isen said he understood the Board of Supervisors has already passed a similar one.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3610

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. DONALD W. MANSFIELD FOR HIS SERVICES AS ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONGRATULATING HIM UPON HIS SELECTION AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3610. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Mayor Isen said we had received an application for a building permit for a luncheonette on Arlington, in the area where we had considered it hazardous to issue such permits because the water pressure is so low.

Planning Director Powell said the plans had been made some time ago, and noted that this lady wants to comply with all the requirements. This is immediately south of Toshi's Market.

The Deputy City Clerk reported this is in the water service area of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2.

Councilman Blount said they have enough water pressure.

Mayor Isen thought this should be clarified.

The City Attorney said a hearing is scheduled for next week.

Councilman Blount moved this permit be granted.

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

3. The City Manager said that at the last Council meeting, he had asked that the Eligible List for Director of Public Works be abandoned because none of the top 3 was acceptable. The third man on the list had been acceptable, and had taken the test and been interviewed. The man had then found he might receive another appointment, and had asked that his name be withdrawn from the list. He is now available. For that reason, the City Manager recommended that the list be re-established and that this man be appointed as Director of Public Works at a salary of \$1195 per month.

Councilman Jahn asked if that was the salary for the job, and the City Manager said it was.

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

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

Councilman Blount said he had voted no because of the Council's policy of taking the No. 1 man on a list. This man was not the No. 1 man. He wanted the rest of the Council to note that this policy would have changed by this action.

4. The City Manager said that in order to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Bone's advancement from Sr. Administrative Aide to Assistant City Manager, the City Manager recommended that the position of Sr. Administrative Aide be filled by Mr. Bob Carlson, now the Assistant City Manager, Finance Officer and City Clerk of the City of Claremont, with the appointment to become effective as soon as Mr. Carlson can begin.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

Mayor Isen returned to the subject of the Director of Public Works, and suggested that the matter be considered in two parts, a) the re-establishment of the list and b) the appointment of one of the candidates.

Councilman Benstead said he would vote in favor of re-establishing the list.

The vote otherwise was unchanged, and Mayor Isen said the list could be considered as re-established under that circumstance.

He asked the City Manager if the City Manager wished to hire from that list.

The City Manager said he did.

The City Manager recommended that the salary of \$1195 be approved for this job.

The roll call on re-establishing the list was re-taken, and the recommendation that the list be re-established was approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Beasley, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn asked if the salary of \$1195 was the same salary carried in the announcement of the examination.

The City Manager said there is a 3-step scale on the job, and this is the third step. He explained that our present announcement for the test which was to be given in January did not specify a salary. He believed the salary should be such that it would attract the kind of man we need for the job.

Councilman Jahn said he did not intend by his original motion to set the salary at the third step of the scale.

Councilman Drale asked how there could be a list established and a salary set by the same motion.

Councilman Jahn said he wished to withdraw his motion, and change his vote to "No" under this; he would not start anyone at the third step.

Mayor Isen declared the motion lost.

Mayor Isen said he would consider a motion to establish the salary for this position.

Councilman Blount asked for a recess, and was seconded by Councilman Drale.

At 10:15 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 10:25 P. M.

The City Manager thought one of the problems we had in getting the kind of man we need is the salary. In our recruitment program, we have set an 'open' salary. He believed we should set the salary for this job at \$1195 or \$1200 a month, which the man in Inglewood is getting and cities comparable to us in size pay more than that. He believed \$1195 or \$1200 a month should be the starting salary for this job. He knew that the Council wished to hire a top man.

The City Manager recommended the salary for the Director of Public Works be set at \$1195 a month or \$1200 a month.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council was changing the Ordinance and setting up a different set of specifications, saying if that was the motion he would vote for it, but he would not vote to start anyone at the third step.

The City Manager said this is a starting salary. On the original job description, there was a 3-step salary, with a top of \$1195.00.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would involve changing our Ordinance, and the City Manager said it would, to set this as the starting step.

Councilman Drale asked if we had the results of the examination, and Sr. Administrative Aide Chapman Bone read them to the Council, and it developed there was a difference of only about 5 points between the 1st and 3rd men on the list.

Councilman Beasley asked if our Civil Service Ordinance does not provide that when employing a Department Head the City Manager, whose prerogative it is to employ Department Heads, may choose one of the top 3 on an Eligible List.

The City Manager said it does, and that has been our practice.

Councilman Blount felt it had been Council policy that the #1 man should be employed, regardless; he was aware of the Charter provision which gave the City Manager the right to choose any one of the top 3 on a list, but said this has not been Council policy.

Councilman Jahn left the meeting at 10:30 P. M.

Councilman Blount said he had met the man in question, and was impressed by his qualifications and ability, and felt he would be very good in the job; however, he did not think the Council should change policy.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the list has been rejected here; the Council has ordered a new examination, which calls for an open salary. Now the City Manager is asking that the successful candidate under the examination be paid a salary of \$1200 per month. He asked for the roll call vote on the motion, which failed by the following vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

5. The City Attorney asked the Council to approve employment of Charles Catterlin as City Prosecutor at a salary of \$300 per month until such time as another examination has been given, saying he believed this would be in about 90 days.

Councilman Drale questioned this, saying he wanted to be sure the City Attorney has enough time but that he thought 90 days too long a time.

The City Attorney did not think 90 days too long a time.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the request for 60 days, so the City Attorney can set up the necessary qualifications and the examination be given.

Councilman Beasley asked if Mr. Pannell could not continue on this work, and the City Attorney said Mr. Pannell's own practice has become so successful that he no longer has the time to devote to this work.

Councilman Benstead asked why this had waited until this time for an examination to be ordered, if the work has become so heavy.

The City Attorney explained an examination was given, and two had passed it, however, he had found it necessary to reject both the applicants.

In response to another query, the City Attorney said if it became necessary to adjust the \$300 salary, it would come before the Council. Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

6. Bldg. Supt. Schlens, speaking for Public Works Director Russell, extended to the Council best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

7. Councilman Beasley noted that at the end of this year, we will be without a City Engineer or Public Works Director, and asked the City Manager what would be done about that.

The City Manager said he would recommend that the people now performing those jobs continue until such time as the positions are filled.

Councilman Bradford asked if that meant they would stay on the jobs after January 1, and Mr. Stevens said yes.

Councilman Bradford said he would not agree with that, and has real reason not to.

The City Manager said that would be his recommendation, but it would be the right of the Council to express their views on it.

Councilman Bradford said he would wait until next week on this.

8. Councilman Beasley moved that the Chief of Police and Traffic Commission make a survey of the entire city with the view of eliminating those stop signs not necessary for the safety of school children and/or the proper flow of traffic.

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

9. Councilman Benstead extended his best wishes to all for a happy holiday season, as did Councilman Blount.

10. Councilman Bradford said some time ago he had suggested more policemen be employed, and he now moved that six more be employed as of March 1, 1959.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked where we would get the money.

Councilman Bradford said that would only be a 4-month period in this fiscal year and we have the money.

Mayor Isen made a substitute motion to refer this to the City Manager for his recommendation.

Substitute motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford said this had gone to the City Manager some time ago for a study, but there has not been a recommendation.

Mayor Isen pointed out that we have just added some men to the force, and asked how many.

Capt. Maestri of the Police Dept. said three new ones and three replacements have just been added to the force.

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

The motion to add the 6 men to the force on March 1, 1959, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

Mayor Isen said he felt the motion was premature.

The City Manager said he had tonight, to distribute to the Councilmen, the study he had been asked to give them on this at the First of the New Year.

11. Councilman Blount asked if the Councilmen would get the new appraisals on the Airport, and the City Manager said he would distribute this to them tonight. He just got it within the past week, and broken it down.

12. Councilman Drale recommended that a study be made to see if a traffic signal is needed at Ocean and Highway 101.

13. Councilman Drale recommended that John Mulvihill be reappointed to the Planning Commission at the expiration of his present term.

14. Mayor Isen asked that the Council be polled on approval of Mr. Carroll as the new member of the Airport Commission, saying he had made the nomination last week.

Upon being polled, those Councilmen present unanimously approved Mr. Carroll's appointment, (Jahn absent).

15. Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 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