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Torrance, California
January 30, 1959

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:30 P. M. Friday, January 30, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Joyce of Columbia Van Lines led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A January 14, 1959, letter from the Olson Glass Co., 22501 So. Western Ave., requested that the City grant the Edison Co. an overhang easement for the cross arms of a power line along their West property line from Plaza del Amo towards Lincoln Avenue, along the City-owned Little League ball diamond. This will permit an overhang of about 4' over City-owned property. The letter also requested that the City trim the trees along the east boundary line of the ball diamond.

A January 21, 1959, memo from the City Manager was appended, and recommended concurrence with the request for the overhang easement and reported that the Park Dept. would investigate the need for trimming the trees.

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

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

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

Mayor Isen was called from the Council Chamber, and requested Councilman Jahn to chair the meeting during his absence from the room; as there were no objections, Councilman Jahn did so.

2. A January 16, 1959, letter from the Riviera Hospital, Kent and 226th Sts., signed by Jack Saylin, Administrator, requested erection of directional signs to be located on City property, submitting data as to size, location, etc.

Councilman Benstead thought these were not too large, and he moved to grant the request.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, with the stipulation that the signs be of the type and size that the police use.

Councilman Drale asked that the City be held harmless in this, noting that the signs will be on City property.

This motion was amended to accept the two requested stipulations, both accepted in the second to the motion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 22, 1959, letter from Don Wilson requested permission to erect a 16' x 28' sign at the SW corner of Torrance Blvd. and Hawthorne Blvd.

A memo from the Supt. of Building, Lee Schlens, reported this was planned to be a 3-sided structure with an area of 448 sq. ft. to a side, a total area of 1344 sq. ft.

Councilman Beasley asked if it had not been our policy to allow such signs when the houses they would advertise for sale were located inside the City, and was told that it has been.

Mr. Schlens told the Council that Mr. Wilson has submitted the required bond. In reply to a question, Mr. Schlens said that some of the existing billboards were erected previously to the adoption of our new law.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted.

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

Mayor Isen returned to the Council Chamber at 5:36 P. M., but was called away again immediately, and Councilman Jahn retained the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 19, 1959, letter from Fire Chief Benner reported that a law in the State now required conversion of Pacific Coast Thread to National Standard Thread on all 1-1/2" fire hose. Chief Benner had obtained quotations for converting to the thread required by law, and submitted them with his letter. He recommended acceptance of the quotation from S & L Machine Shop.

A January 20, 1959, comment from the City Manager was appended, and in it he stated he concurred with Chief Benner's recommendation.

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 (Blount, Isen absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 13, 1959, letter from Newlin, Tackabury & Johnston submitted their January 13 statement in the matter of the application of the Dominguez Water Corp. PUC # 37685, in the amount of \$921.85.

Councilman Drale thought the Council had asked the City Attorney's office to secure more information on such statements, possibly a calendar of events.

The City Attorney reported that the firm has finished their work in preparation of the Reply Brief and in respect to the proposed condemnation of the rights and interests of Dominguez in and to Tract 22228, unless the Public Utilities Commission requires an oral presentation in San Francisco, which is not expected. He stated that no one could be sure the job was done until the Commission had rendered a decision.

Councilman Jahn, acting as Mayor, requested the record to show that this is a final billing unless the Commission ordered a hearing.

The City Attorney requested the record show that while this is before the Commission, it still must go through the courts.

Councilman Drale moved that this bill be paid.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 1, 1959, letter from Glenn A. Black, Counsellor, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), submitted a request for a free license to paint house numbers on curbs.

Appended was a memo from the License Inspector, recommended the request be granted subject to the usual stipulations.

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

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

2. A January 15, 1959, letter from Jack I. Friedman, Manager, State Standard Blind Made Products, requested renewal of their free business license, saying they are an authorized distributor of the products made

by California Industries for the Blind.

A memorandum from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, and recommended that the request be granted, saying this company is authorized by the State of California, Dept. of Education, Los Angeles Center, California Industries for the Blind, to sell their blind made products.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is a profit-making organization, and in reply License Inspector Whitacre told the Council this is one of the 4 organizations authorized by the State to sell these products. They do make a profit, and it goes toward benefits for the blind.

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

4. A letter from Jimmy Henderson, 21803 Caroldale Ave., asked for a refund of a dog license fee, as he needs a county license for his dog, and not a Torrance license.

Councilman Drale referred to the recommendation of the License Inspector recommending this refund be granted, and moved to concur with it.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. A January 22, 1959, letter from Acting City Engineer Bishop concerned the 174th St. Corporation Multiple Development, and referred to Council action of January 6, 1959, regarding the condemnation of a 5' strip of land along the west side of this property running from 174th St. about half way to 173rd St. The letter reported that the Council's action was not clear to the Staff, but Mr. Bishop believed the intention was to not require the condemnation of the 5' strip, inasmuch as the developer was already providing an improved alley 20'6" wide.

Councilman Drale agreed with this, saying he thought it had been the opinion of the Council that the 5' easement need not be acquired.

Councilmen Bealsey and Benstead agreed, and the City Manager was agreed on this point.

Councilman Jahn, chairing the meeting, reported it was the consensus of the Council that the 5' not be required.

2. With a letter dated January 21, 1959, Acting City Engineer Bishop submitted an easement for the widening of Anza Ave., on a portion of Lot 40, Tract 2895. The letter also bore the signatures of C. W. Clemmer, Park Supt., and George C. Powell, Planning Director. The letter reported that the Council had withheld acceptance of this easement at the meeting of December 23, 1958, for the reason that certain stipulations were asked of the City as a condition of the granting of the easement. An inspection of the property was made by the Acting City Engineer, the Park Supt., and the Planning Director, and they submitted the following information to enable the Council to make a decision:

"There is only one tree (a lemon tree), some 8' in height located within the offered easement. There is a 6' hedge along the front of the property, which hedge is now actually in the existing city street. The City, therefore, should accept no responsibility in the relocation of this particular portion of the hedge. (Reference to Mr. Clemmer's report for method and cost of moving the tree, hedge, shrubs, etc., was made). If, and when, this proposed easement is accepted for street widening, the easterly boundary of the street property will be within two or three feet of the front of the house, which would require the removal of approximately 50' of hedge now on private property. It is Mr. Clemmer's recommendation that this 6' hedge should not be relocated but should be replaced with a new hedge across the front property line adjacent to the street widening. There is a doubt in Mr. Clemmer's mind that this 6' hedge could be relocated with any assurance it would continue to thrive."

Councilman Drale thought we should accept the easement, as Anza will be a through street.

Councilman Benstead had no objection to the easement, but he did object to having 4 men there for a day and a half. He thought this too expensive, and that it would not take that many men nor did he think it should take that long to do this job.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the easement, but that we do the work at a saving of time and money over that shown here.

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

Mayor Isen returned to the meeting at 5:45 P. M.

Councilman Beasley moved the usual motion that after the Clerk had given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on this 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 Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3623

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM JACK B. RIPLEY AND CECELIA E. RIPLEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3623.

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

3. With a letter dated January 21, 1959, John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted for acceptance by the Council the following easement deeds:

- a) Easement Deed dated Jan. 14, 1959, for the widening of Crenshaw Blvd., given by Tsutomu T. & Setsuko O. Akiyama;
- b) Easement Deed dated Oct. 16, 1959, for the widening of 233rd St., given by George J. & Imogene S. Peckham;
- c) Easement Deed dated Jan. 14, 1959, for the widening of 238th St., given by Albert C. and Janet E. Sandstrom.

The letter bore the approval of the City Attorney and the City Manager. Councilman Drale moved to accept the easements submitted with this letter.

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

4. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 24603: Transmittal form from Engineering Dept. submitting for approval Tentative Tract Map No. 24603, presented by R. A. Watt Construction Co., consisting of 105 lots located southerly of Emerald St., easterly of Henrietta St. and westerly of Victor St.; this was accompanied by:

- a) Jan. 22, 1959, letter from Plng. Dir. Powell transmitted Planning Commission approval with comments;
- b) Excerpt from Planning Commission Mins. of Dec. 17, 1958;
- c) Nov. 4, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick;
- d) Oct. 16, 1958, report from L. A. County Flood Control Dist., that they believed the low areas south of Emerald St. would be subject to infrequent inundation unless filled and graded to drain into the streets, and the streets graded to drain from the tract;
- e) Oct. 2, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., reporting on cost of serving water to this tract;
- f) Sketch of tract.

The City Attorney told the Council there is a problem about the water service to this tract. If the tract is passed as it is, the tract will be served with water by the Dominguez Water Company. The City Attorney said he had talked with Mr. Watt about this and Mr. Watt had hoped to get information from his loan company as to whether they would make the necessary loan if the Dominguez Water Co. did not sign off the easement for water service there. Mr. Watt had not reported to the City Attorney on this, and Mr. Watt was not in attendance at this meeting.

Councilman Jahn moved Tract 24603 be approved with the stipulations, and with the further stipulation that we serve the area with water and an equitable solution to the problem of running the long water line be worked out between Messrs. Watt and McVicar.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn did not think it should be Mr. Watt's whole responsibility to pay for the whole line if we are to serve the area anyway. He suggested that a solution be worked out which will serve in the future.

Councilman Bradford withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Bradford did not see how we could ask any subdivider to pay for a water main if we are going to sell water in his tract.

This point was discussed, and Councilman Drale said it had been our policy that the subdivider should put these in and receive a prorated refund as others tied into the line.

Mayor Isen said the motion had been seconded, and it could not be qualified now.

Councilman Jahn explained that in most tracts, the subdivider has to pay for some main line extension, but in this case, we are talking about 4,000' of 16" main. With a tract of only about 100 lots, this would not be economically feasible. We wish to serve water wherever we can in the area. He thought some solution could be worked out between the subdivider and the Supt. of our Water Department.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that there are many acres there under option for building now. This main would serve other parts of the area. He thought we might also pay for the line on Torrance Boulevard.

Mr. McVicar, Supt. of our Water Dept., said this is a 16" line which will serve the area. He thought it would be difficult to pro-rate the cost of the line because it will serve such a large area.

Mayor Isen complimented Mr. McVicar upon his very able service to the City for many years, and said he thought we should do this.

Councilman Bradford said if we have to take the water from Hawthorne to the area, that was one thing, and then if the man wanted to take it into his tract that was another.

Mr. McVicar said that was the point he wanted to make. He thought this was a small amount of money compared to the whole thing.

Councilman Jahn agreed.

Motion to approve the tract with stipulations carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Benstead explained his vote by saying the lots do not conform to our Ordinance.

5. A January 22, 1959, letter from Columbia Van Lines, Inc., 12604 Chadron Ave., Hawthorne, signed by James E. Walsh, General Mgr., contained their request for a 60' driveway at their new facility in Torrance.

A comment from the Acting City Engineer was appended, and reported that special permission is required beyond 20', but that Staff had approved this draft.

Mayor Isen moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mr. Joyce, representing the petitioner, came forward to explain that this is needed for their large trucks.

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

COMMUNICATIONS RE AIRPORT MATTERS:

The City Manager told the Council that it was requested the item regarding the Mayflower Trailer request to remove building restrictions from parts of their property be withdrawn from the Agenda.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated January 20, 1959, Robert S. Cramer, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, submitted their recommendation that 'in order to guarantee a neighborhood park in the area of the new Don Wilson subdivision, that the Council consider starting negotiations with the owners of five acres, or more, of land south of Spencer St. and east of Henrietta St.' (shown as Site A on a map submitted with the letter). As an alternative to that site, they suggested that "the northeast corner of Emerald and Victor streets, (Site B on the map), adjacent to a proposed elementary school, would be available."

Mayor Isen said he had been advised that Site A would be part of a subdivision.

Councilman Beasley understood it would not be very long until that land is all built up, and that out of this there may be funds for the Recreation Dept. to get a park in that area. He thought this should be continued and the area inspected with a view to picking other sites which are available.

Mayor Isen thought Site B would be available. He thought the City Manager should look into this.

Councilman Jahn said the schools have a lot of land under option there and have already bought some of it. A lot of that, he understood, would not be built on. He pointed out that the money the schools and the City use comes from the taxpayers, and thought perhaps we could work out a better joint use agreement for this ground which is not built on with the schools, and he recommended that the City Manager or a Citizens Committee work out a plan as to how this could be done, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Benstead demurred, saying there is a vast difference between parks and playgrounds. The schools would use their land for playgrounds.

Councilman Jahn said the Recreation Commission wants 5 acres, and outside of grass planting, he did not see much difference. Parks need more than 5 acres, he said, and if they want more than that he did not think they could have it in that area.

Councilman Beasley said he had talked to Dr. Hull and he thought there should be more cooperation between the City and the schools about this, and Dr. Hull said he would name someone from his department to meet and study this with a City representative. Councilman Beasley believed a great deal of good could come from this. He said we would save money and still provide for recreation facilities. He thought we might look into the methods of the Long Beach operations.

Mayor Isen agreed it would be wonderful if this could be worked out, and said we have tried for years to do this. In the matter, he felt we should continue to work with them, and in the meantime he thought the City Manager should find out what it would cost to acquire Site B. He said there would be fees from the Watt tract and some from the Wilson tract now for this, and there will be other money in that area in the near future to develop the land.

Councilman Drale said he would second that as a motion.

Councilman Jahn said if this was not tied down to 5 acres, he would be in favor if it. He did not think that was enough land for a park.

Mayor Isen said that would serve as a community center. He said we do not have the money to develop the acreage we have now for this use.

Councilman Jahn said the schools are going to build out there; if this motion was pointed toward the immediate area of the schools, he would approve it.

Mayor Isen said the intent of his motion was to buy the Site B.

Councilman Jahn's motion that the City Manager of a Citizens Committee work out a plan as to a better joint use agreement between the City and the schools carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Mayor Isen's motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

Councilman Bradford thought it was time there was closer understanding between the School District and the City Government, as he feels there is a connection.

Councilman Benstead said we had come a long way toward this with Mr. Van Bellehem.

Councilman Bradford agreed, and said he was thinking of general community activity.

Councilman Beasley felt we had an opportunity now with the recreation problem.

Mayor Isen agreed, and suggested that Councilman Beasley spearhead this.

2. A January 20, 1959, letter from the Park & Recreation Commission, signed by Robert S. Cramer, Chairman, contained their request that the City send Commissioners Bernard M. Dougan and Rose Craig as official representatives, with appropriate expenses paid, to the 11th Annual California & Pacific Southwest Recreation Conference to be held in Santa Monica February 14-18, 1959.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

REPORTS:

The office of the City Clerk reported that they have on file the December, 1958, reports of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and of the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated January 22, 1959, the City Clerk submitted Ordinance No. 1056 for its second reading, with the information that this had been unanimously approved, with all Councilmen present, at the time of its first reading on January 20, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1056

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.26 TO PROHIBIT THE SOLICITATION OR RECEIPT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CITY EMPLOYEES AND PERSONS ON THE ELIGIBLE LISTS.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1056 at its second and final reading.

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

2. With a letter dated January 22, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1057, approved by the following roll call vote at its first reading on January 20, 1959: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1057

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.10 AND 2.15 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF SAID COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE MEMBERS THEREOF; AND REPEALING SECTION 2.18 OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1057 at its second and final reading.

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

3. With a letter dated January 22, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1058, approved at its first reading on January 20, 1959, by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1058

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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1058 at its second and final reading.

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

4. With a cover letter dated January 22, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1059, approved by the following roll call vote at its first reading on January 20, 1959: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1059

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 for adoption of Ordinance No. 1059 at its second and final reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mr. Ray Watt was present, and told the Council he had a tract in north Torrance where the FHA had denied financing of some homes because the Moneta Water Co. is in violation of an order given to them some years ago. He asked if the City intended to render service in that area.

Councilman Beasley suggested Mr. Watt contact Mr. McVicar of our Water Dept. about this.

The City Attorney said he knew nothing of this.

Mr. Watt said it was something about the Health Department, and the FHA will not insure loans there because of it.

The City Attorney asked Mr. Watt to bring this into his office on Monday, and Mr. Watt said he would do so.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said we have been negotiating with them, and have made them an offer; a majority of their service area, however, is in the City of Los Angeles and in the County. The Bureau of Water and Light and the County are making surveys in their respective areas to see what they will offer. We can do nothing until they have offers from all three.

There were no objections, and Mr. Watt was told to contact the City Attorney on Monday.

2. Concerning a report the Councilmen had received from the City Manager on the Riviera Storm Drain, and a letter from Wilson O. Wade, Councilman Jahn said he had talked to Mr. Wade, and he thought the City Manager's report was very good. He said he did not agree completely, as he had a different view of the situation. He thought someone, either the individuals concerned or the engineering staffs of both cities, had made a serious error. He understood the two engineering departments had agreed this would be used as an overflow drain, but this was constructed several inches above the curbs of the low area. He said the water marks on the houses were clearly visible. He felt this was only a catch basin built up above the street with a grade, and below it is the steel pipe which goes to the ocean. He could not see how it would cost so much to take out the grate, lower this to the same elevation as the street, and put back the grate.

Mayor Isen suggested this be referred to the City Manager to review to see if something should be done. He felt we had a responsibility to Redondo Beach to make this right.

The City Manager said they have worked up a project which is far beyond anything we ever had in mind, and it will cost about \$20,000.

Councilman Jahn said that would take a lot of time. The next time it rains, we might not be so lucky. There might be water in apartments in that area which would ruin floors and carpet. He would like to have this fixed now.

Councilman Drale asked if the original plans for the storm drain were changed.

The City Manager said he had outlined this in his report, and that the grade elevation was actually 7" higher than the plans showed.

In reply to a question as to the contractor's responsibility, the City Manager said he had been told by us where to set the drain.

Councilman Drale asked if the plans were changed to raise this drain 7".

The City Manager said the drain was set 7" higher than the plans showed, and this was done by our engineers. It was not the contractor's fault. The City Manager said he was not trying to say this was done right. He said more grate area is needed.

Councilman Beasley asked if it were true that the outlet for this drain is below the low tide line, and the City Manager replied that he did not think that was so.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said the outlet is 2-1/2' above mean sea level. He said the bottom of the pipe is that high.

Councilman Bradford said he had never seen the drawings, but this is a different type of drain than he would have envisioned for this use. He said we want to get the water off the streets. He felt this was too technical.

Councilman Jahn agreed.

Councilman Bradford said he could not understand why a head must be built up which will have to go into someone's yard a block away before this can drain.

Mayor Isen said that he, as most of the Councilmen are, is a layman who knows little or nothing about engineering. He suggested this should go back to our experts.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this back to the Engineering Department and the Public Works Department, for them to submit to the Council their recommendations on a drain.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn moved we fix that drain.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn said he made this motion because we could have a flood condition at anytime.

Councilman Drale asked what harm it would do to lower the drain 7", and the Acting City Engineer said we would have to remodel the paving to meet the lower grade. Mr. Bishop said we could do that, and we could put in the old type of grate the County used to use.

Councilman Drale thought this should be done, and said he thought this grating was too high.

Councilman Drale asked if it would cost \$9,000 to lower this drain and do whatever was necessary, and Acting City Engineer Bishop said he did not think it would cost anything like that amount of money.

Councilman Drale thought this should be taken care of immediately.

Councilman Beasley asked whether the grate could be taken out and barricades put up at once if we had a flood, and Mr. Bishop said that could be done.

Councilman Jahn, with the permission of his second, withdrew his motion.

Councilman Jahn said he thought the intent of the Acting City Engineer was to lower the drain, and put in the old type of grate which would not clog, and he said that would not entail too much cost.

Councilman Jahn moved we lower the drain 7" and change the grating so it will work and at a later date when the plans are ready for additional drains, that they be submitted for approval.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Mayor Isen said he would vote for this, but on the word of the engineers in the City's employ; he said he did not understand it at all, but that Acting City Engineer Bishop had recommended this, and that Mr. Russell had also recommended that the Council do this.

Councilman Benstead asked who would pay for this.

Councilman Jahn did not think this had been a joint error, saying he did not think both cities had made this mistake. He said it had not been the intent of the motion to ask that this be a joint venture.

Mayor Isen did not agree with Councilman Jahn on this point.

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

Mayor Isen repeated that he had voted in favor of this only because the engineers and the Director of Public Works had approved it here tonight.

3. Mayor Isen said the City Manager had asked for an extension of time on the matter of the Director of Public Works, and he moved to grant this request.

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

4. Director of Public Works Russell advised the Council of a poiling problem in connection with getting electricity into the new industrial tract north of Maricopa.

Mayor Isen and the Council reviewed the map with Mr. Russell and representatives of the Edison Co.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the plan as presented here.

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

Mayor Isen commented that in view of the explanation, the Council felt this was the best plan possible.

5. The City Manager said we had requests for temporary sidewalks for three schools. The Traffic Commission had recommended we put in one of these, across the Edison right of way at the Perry school and this had been referred to him by the Council to see how much it would cost.

The City Manager said a survey had been made to determine the cost of that, and in the meantime, the other requests had come in. One of these is for a new elementary school, the Hamilton School, one for Perry, and one on 182nd Street. There is a total of about 630 lineal feet of walk involved here, and he said he thought it would cost about \$700 to put in this walk. He said the one on 182nd is particularly necessary.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that we put in this sidewalk.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said these would be only temporary black-top walks.

The City Attorney told the Council that a section of the 1911 Act provides for an involuntary assessment for schools.

Councilman Jahn said this problem had been before the Council from time to time. He said 182nd is a minimum width street, and the school is built. When we begin this, we will have a hard time stopping it, and we will have to put sidewalks at other schools. He felt the School District had some responsibility in that direction. Some of this expense should be borne by them. He said he would like to have the City Attorney investigate and bring back some kind of finding to determine their responsibility. He said he would like to know this before spending any money.

Councilman Beasley said there has been quite a demand for sidewalks near the South High School. He had not thought this a responsibility of the City. He agreed with Councilman Jahn. He thought another method should be found for financing these walks.

Mayor Isen said he had felt the same way at one time, and had found that, as with signals, crossing guards, and other safety measures, the schools know exactly where they are going. If we are to have sidewalks for the children, the City must put them in.

Councilman Jahn asked if there was not some basis for his question.

The City Attorney did not know the answer, but he said he would look up the law and report to the Council at their next meeting.

Councilman Beasley asked if an assessment district could be formed.

Mayor Isen suggested waiting for the Attorney's report.

Councilman Bradford asked if there was not something in the school code requiring the schools to provide safe conditions for the children.

The City Attorney agreed to check this.

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

It was agreed that the City Attorney should check the law on this and report to the Council next Tuesday.

6. The City Manager referred to earlier action by the Council on a storm drain, and said if we are to lower that drain, we must have permission of Redondo Beach, as it is completely within their City.

Councilman Jahn thought the permission would be forthcoming, and Mayor Isen asked that the record show our engineers agreed with Councilman Jahn.

7. Assist. Police Chief Porter said some time ago the Police Dept. had been given permission to hire 6 men on March 1. The Sheriff's Academy opens on February 16. He asked if they could put the men on in time so they can go to school February 15, 1959, instead of waiting until March 1.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted.

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

At 6:55 P. M., the Council recessed, reconvening at 7:05 P. M.

8. Mayor Isen announced that the Council had asked to work as a Committee of the Whole on the problems of the uses of our old City Hall. This has been referred to the next Regular Meeting of the Council, on February 3, 1959. He has read the Attorney General's opinion which was that a Committee of the Whole must meet under the Brown Act in public session. He asked that the Agenda be prepared accordingly, directing this to the City Manager.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney for a comprehensive report on the Brown Act, saying he felt this is almost all-inclusive.

Mayor Isen doubted that the Attorney would have time to do this.

Councilman Blount joined the meeting at about 7:07 P. M.

Councilman Jahn repeated his request to the City Attorney.

9. Mayor Isen welcomed the Airport Commission, and thanked them for turning out en masse for this meeting. He introduced Mr. Carroll, the new Commissioner, to the Council.

Mayor Isen then asked the President of the Airport Commission, Mr. Thomas Abrams, to take over this joint meeting with the Council.

Mr. Abrams thanked the Mayor, and suggested that Airport Manager Egan, who had prepared the Agenda for the meeting, handle this.

Mr. Egan referred to an Agenda he had prepared, and told the Council and the Commission that he had compiled for them the offers for leases and the communications which had gone through his office to date. This is a compilation of the recent activity, which has been very great for the past three weeks. It is his desire to know what the Council and the Commission policies which are to guide him will be, in order that he may proceed in an orderly fashion to bring about the results they wish.

Mr. Egan referred to a policy on the use of the Appraisal Reports dated April 24, 1957 and December 9, 1958, from Howard S. Martin, as a basis for rental negotiations for that certain commercial property as appraised in said reports. He pointed out a map of the airport which he had prepared showing these properties, as well as showing the properties we have leased.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is another appraiser besides Mr. Martin, and why we use him.

The City Manager said there are many appraisers, and that we have used Mr. Martin because our City Attorney had been in court with him and had been most impressed with the thoroughness of his work, and because Mr. Martin has done a lot of work in the area and was therefore familiar with it.

Councilman Jahn felt that Mr. Martin's appraisal had been made with service stations in view, and he felt the land had other values.

This was discussed at some length, and Councilman Jahn read excerpts from the report which he interpreted as having been made with a view toward establishing service stations.

Concerning the prices for frontage leases, Councilman Jahn said he thought the Council wanted to work with this at about \$3 a front foot.

Councilman Jahn referred to the appraisal's recommendation that the leases be for periods of from 5 to 7 years, and said if that was the policy of the Council, it would not be possible to get the sort of development there the Council would have.

Commissioner Floyd said he did not agree with this completely, and said he felt this recommendation for 5 to 7 year leases was made with an eye to 'holding' operations, to have an opportunity to allow the area to develop and then lease for long term leases at a higher price. He felt that the only service station in mind in the appraisal was at the corner of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway, where it was recommended a 150' x 150' plot be reserved for that use.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said when the April, 1957, appraisal was made, Mr. Martin had gone to a Standard Oil station, the

Ford lease, the Polynesian, etc., to see what he could determine about prices for these various leases.

Councilman Beasley asked if the area could be developed over a 7 year period, saying if this corner goes it would increase the values of the rest of the frontage, however, if that is slow in developing it might help to hold back the rest of the development.

Councilman Drale thought the most important and valuable piece of property is the 9-acre piece at the corner of Highway 101 and Crenshaw, and he estimated it at \$1 per square foot, and thought the rental value should be 6% of the value of the property. He felt that if we let 7-10 year leases, no one would build substantially along there, because it would not be possible to finance it. He felt a 50-year lease to be a necessity to get financing. He stated he was against short term leases for that reason.

Councilman Jahn agreed. He felt we should strive to lease the properties to people who would need 50-year leases and would put up building of value which would bring in tax revenues, and that it would be best to get sales tax producing business there which short term leases will not do. He opposed cutting up the 9 acres as suggested to allow a service station on the 150' x 150' at the corner. He felt that offers had been received for the entire piece of land, and that taking out the corner would mean we would have a lot of trouble leasing the rest.

Councilman Drale felt that had been the policy of the Council, and that if a station went in there, the City should receive the benefit from it. He agreed this should be a 'package' lease.

Mayor Isen felt the 150' x 150' at the corner should be reserved for a service station and the City should get the benefit of it.

Councilman Beasley said a developer who could lease the entire 9 acres would also pay the gallonage plus the land rentals, and he would certainly want to control the land development to bring the highest return.

Commissioner Floyd told the Council we have had some very good proposals on the corner, both as a 150' x 150' plot and for the whole 9 acres. He said representatives from several major oil companies had attended the last meeting of the Airport Commission. They had said they would construct architecturally-designed stations. We had also had an offer for the entire acreage and the developer had said he would give us the gallonage. Commissioner Floyd said he had asked Mr. Cake, who made the offer to develop the area at the top dollar rental figure and give us 1-1/2¢ per gallon if he would take the rest of the land without the corner and Mr. Cake had said he would. Commissioner Floyd felt we could develop the corner for a service station and receive all the income from it and still get the rest of the area developed. He referred to Mr. Cake's written offer.

Councilman Benstead said for several years the Council has refused even to discuss a service station on that corner, and he could not see why it was being considered now.

Commissioner Floyd thought the City would derive more benefit from a station on a gallonage basis.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that a service station would kill some type of business entirely.

Mayor Isen said everyone who wants the corner wants it for a service station.

Councilman Beasley said he knew of people who want to lease the whole frontage who do not want a station there.

Councilman Jahn felt that putting a station there would retard the development of the rest of the corner.

Councilman Blount said he would like to know how the Council's policy is on this matter of having a station there, and he moved that the City Council go on record as being opposed to putting a filling station, gas station, or service station on the 150' x 150' corner at Crenshaw and Highway 101, and that this be the policy of the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Commissioner Floyd asked if this is the only corner in the City which we own on a U. S. highway, saying we have a real potential here because this is on a major highway and a major traffic artery.

Councilman Beasley said if Newton comes through, we will have two corners there. He pointed out that the Council must consider the whole thing.

Commissioner Floyd said at the Commission meeting there had been a man who had offered the top appraised price for the whole 9 acres, or the 9 acres less the corner.

Councilman Benstead referred to 1-1/2¢ gallonage, and asked what the assessed value on the whole property would be.

Commissioner Floyd said on just this corner, it would be worth \$5,000; a service station would pay that against a gallonage proposal.

Councilman Benstead thought we could get it developed in a way that would be more valuable tax-wise to the City than a service station would be.

Commissioner Floyd said he is looking at this only from the Airport Commission's viewpoint, and that he had no idea of tax values.

Commissioner Herrick said since we have started leasing property at the airport, the policy has been against a service station on that corner. He agreed that if we took that corner out it would retard the rest of the development.

Commissioner Floyd said everyone had talked about this, and the rest of the land could be leased at the top appraised price without the corner.

Councilman Bradford thought if the corner was a part of the lease, we would get a much better development there.

Mayor Isen said he felt that anyone who comes in for the area would insist on the corner being a gas station. If this is so, and we exercise control there and do not allow a station, we will have no bidders. His point was that if we do allow a station there, the City might as well derive the full benefit from it. Everyone he had talked to about this would like to have it for a gas station.

Commissioner Floyd felt the Council's policy precluded that; this limits the use of the corner. He felt we should accept the best offer. He asked that the Council not set any standards until we have firm offers.

Councilman Beasley asked if Councilman Blount would make this simply an informative motion, due for reconsideration when final bids are received, and Councilman Blount said he would.

Councilman Blount explained that the Council must look at this from the standpoint of the entire City, while the Commission must look at it from the viewpoint of airport income.

Councilman Jahn said he had understood this motion covered only the 150' x 150' plot at Crenshaw and Highway 101. People are now bidding for those properties. He explained he felt that from a building standpoint, it would be better if the people who lease the property plan what will be on the corner, for instance, if they want a retail shopping center they might want a shop there. He felt that under this motion, if someone wanted Parcels 1, 2, and 3 as shown on the map before the Council and were willing to pay the price and design the area with a shopping center and put a station on any of it, they could do so.

President Abrams of the Airport Commission said the gallonage basis had been acceptable to those who wished to lease the property. He had checked this with some major oil companies, and the consensus of the 5 majors is that the corner will produce from 90,000 to 100,000 gallons a month, a huge income.

Mayor Isen agreed with Mr. Abrams on this. If this is leased this way, then the City would still have the rest of the area to lease. We could control the design of the station and still have a nice area around it. There was no question in his mind that anything else would be better than this.

Councilman Drale had no opinion on a gas station there at this time; he felt that 1-1/4¢ per gallon frightened him. They sell other products than gasoline, and many stations pay a percentage of their gross as rent.

Commissioner Floyd said he was asking only that the Council have an open mind and not restrict the point.

Councilman Jahn called for the question.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute motion, that the area be leased to the best interests of the City whether it be to a single developer or a service station.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

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

Councilman Beasley referred to the map presented here by Airport Manager Egan, and felt the various applicants should come to the Council.

Councilman Beasley moved the Airport Commission advertise and invite competitive bidding for the 9 acres on the corner and at the end of 30 days, or at the Council meeting closest to that date, the Commission bring to the Council the offers they have received and their recommendations, and at that time the Council consider a lease.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Commissioner Simpson asked if this meant they could not consider an offer for use of a service station, and Councilman Beasley said the Council would consider offers.

Commissioner Floyd did not see how they could justify accepting proposals for a service station when the Council had just voted against one.

Councilman Blount said his motion is on the 150' x 150' parcel at the one corner only.

Mayor Isen told the Commission the Council could consider a lease on the whole thing including a service station on the corner.

This was discussed at some length.

Councilman Jahn agreed that if a developer wanted the whole piece with a station there he would not necessarily be against it.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead said the Council is also interested in what is going on the land next to the station, and they will want to get the best possible development on the whole piece of land.

Airport Manager Egan asked what the Council's term 'advertising' meant in this respect, pointing out that he had listed the following on the agenda for discussion:

- a) By existing word of mouth?
- b) By posting property with large signs?
- c) Invite competitive bids:
 - 1) Newspaper advertising?
 - 2) Letters - to whom?
- d) If so, on what specifications (so as to obtain uniform proposals).

Mayor Isen suggested all four of these methods be used.

Councilman Blount moved the Commissioner be authorized to use due diligence and any type of advertising they might feel has value, including signs on the property, the local newspapers, local radio, or the methods set forth in these suggestions a), b), c), and d).

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Commissioner Floyd did not think 30 days was time enough.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote, and Mayor Isen suggested to President Abrams of the Airport Commission that he hold a special meeting of the Commission very quickly on this.

Councilman Beasley said the Council has an open mind, but he wants to consider a lease on #1 without the rest of it.

City Manager Stevens asked what price the Council wanted to consider for the rest of this frontage, and in answer to questions, the City Manager made the following recommendation:

"That all the frontage, to a uniform depth of 100', be leased at the present time at \$3 per front foot, and the rest of the frontage to be given consideration."

Councilman Drale so moved.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Council not consider short term leases on the frontage, unless for a very special thing, in order to get the right type of development there.

Mayor Isen suggested that we require 50-year leases.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn did not accept the amendment to his motion, and he defined a short term lease as a 10-year lease or less.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead suggested leases should be written so they could not be transferred, but the City Attorney said they cannot be financed with that restriction.

Mayor Isen thanked the Airport Commission for this meeting, and complimented them upon the attendance of all members of that Commission.

10. Councilman Blount said he had a letter from City Manager Stevens regarding the drainage at Calle Miramar and Paseo de la Playa; he said he was told by good authority that John R. Patrick, without authority from anyone, had changed the elevation of the catch basin 7", and he asked if this were true, directing his question to the City Manager.

The City Manager replied that this was true.

Councilman Blount said then he would like to know how a member of the engineering department can go out without authorization from the City Engineer or the City Manager and expend public funds. He said the grade in question was obviously high, and he did not think the Council should just pass over this. He wanted to know what we are going to do about this, who is responsible, and whose 'head was going to fall', saying to the Secretary that he wished his remarks in the record.

The City Manager said the Council had authorized the lowering of the grade earlier this evening.

Councilman Blount found that interesting, but said as he understood this, the plans had originally been for a grade 7" lower than this is, and one man had gone out without any authorization and changed the grade. He wanted to know what we are going to do about this.

The City Manager did not know.

Councilman Blount asked the City Manager if he was going to bring Civil Service charges against this man, demote him, give him time off without pay, or what, saying Mr. Patrick had spent our money without authorization, had raised that grade 7", in a flood area; he said the man had spent our money and the City of Redondo's money. The City Manager had apparently not known about it, nor had the City Engineer.

The City Manager said he did not know about it.

Councilman Blount asked if the Director of Public Works had known about this, and the City Manager said not to his knowledge.

Councilman Blount wanted to know what we are going to do about this, asking if the chain of command had been followed, and the City Manager said not to his knowledge.

Councilman Blount asked if we were going to condone this, and the City Manager said he did not think so.

Councilman Blount asked what we are going to do about this, and the City Manager said he did not know, saying he had not thought of it.

Councilman Blount said he had thought of this a good deal; he said we had spent money belonging to both ourselves and the City of Redondo Beach.

Mayor Isen repeated that the Council could not sit as an expert on engineering matters.

Councilman Blount said he did not have to be an expert in engineering to stand on a hill and look at the surrounding territory and tell that he was on a hill.

Councilman Benstead said this was not the first time that Mr. Patrick had taken things into his own hands without authority.

Councilman Blount said he wanted to bring up another thing; he said he had driven over Lomita Blvd., and he would bring that up later. He said he had driven over that Boulevard with a number of members of the Council, and other citizens of the City, and it is a mess.

He said the cross gutter there is dangerous to human life. He asked the City Manager if this is the final grade, and the City Manager said it is not, and we would not accept it as such.

Councilman Blount said he had asked the same question several weeks ago and got the same answer; now he wanted to know when we will change it.

The City Manager said a water main is being laid in there and we will be off the job until that is done.

Councilman Blount asked if that main is not being laid on the shoulder, and not in the street.

The City Manager said actually we have to build a berm the complete length of that on this side.

Councilman Blount asked what would be done about the cross gutter, and the City Manager said that is not the contractor's fault. He said he had seen it. He said he thought it was too sharp.

Councilman Blount asked if we are going to do anything about it, and the City Manager said we are.

Councilman Blount said he had always intended to go along with the City Manager's judgment in these things, and he thought it was time we faced up to the fact that we have made some very expensive mistakes. He said he wanted it to appear in the record that he, as an individual and a member of this Council, is not pleased with the storm drain referred to, and particularly not with the way tax funds have been spent on Lomita Blvd. and that we have done nothing to correct it.

Councilman Jahn asked if we had applied to the State for an encroachment permit at the westerly end of Lomita Blvd. at Hawthorne, and Councilman Blount added that was his third question.

The City Manager said the information he has is that we had applied a long time ago for that encroachment permit, and it was refused the first time, however, that has been changed and a new application went back to them and is now in their hands.

Councilman Jahn asked if it was not foolish for us to go ahead and spend all this money improving the street without an encroachment permit.

The City Manager said he felt sure we would get the permit.

Councilman Jahn said we have been running into many errors of this kind, or mismanagement somewhere along the line in engineering, and in the end we will owe a lot of money for things we can't use; he said we could not go south on Hawthorne from Lomita Blvd. because of the drainage ditch, and can't go east on Lomita Blvd. from Hawthorne for that same reason. Lomita Boulevard is useful from only one direction.

The City Manager agreed, but said it is only a temporary situation. He said the State is going to change the intersection and move the signals.

Councilman Blount asked if we were going to pay for moving the signal up, and the City Manager said he did not think so.

Councilman Blount said he had another question; Carson Blvd. east from Hawthorne to Crenshaw is being improved; he asked the City Manager if this was correct.

The City Manager said not to his knowledge; he said we had considered the project, but we did not have the money.

Councilman Blount asked if we are, then, improving Carson from Hawthorne to Juniper, and the City Manager said yes.

Councilman Blount asked if the City is actively inspecting the work being done, and whether we had engineered it, and whether we are inspecting the work, and whether we had set the grades.

The City Manager said he would assume so; it is completely our job. He said the only people involved there are the City and the contractor.

Councilman Blount said he would want an answer on the following: 1) the drain; 2) Lomita Blvd.; 3) Carson improvement; he said he would want this in the near future.

The City Manager said it would be forthcoming.

Councilman Blount said he wanted to impress upon the City Manager that he was going to insist upon an answer from him as to what action is taken as to whom is responsible, and as to what action is taken, saying if the City Manager did not take action, he would move to bring Civil

Service charges against those individuals who are to blame, saying he is tired of fooling around.

Councilman Blount added that he thought it was the City Manager's prerogative to do this, and not his, but he would do it if the City Manager did not.

Councilman Benstead said Mr. Patrick is being paid \$850 a month plus the last raise, and he asked the City Manager whether, in his opinion, Mr. Patrick is worth that much money, saying he is not a registered engineer.

The City Manager said he thought so, from the amount of work the man does as compared to others.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Manager thought Mr. Patrick should be authorized to do these things without authorization from anyone, and the City Manager said if there was something specific meant by this he would be able to answer it. The City Manager said he did believe this man would better work through the Department Head.

Councilman Benstead felt that was right, and that the man should not bypass the Department Head and go to the City Manager.

The City Manager agreed this man was under the Department Head.

Councilman Beasley felt that lately the things coming from Engineering to the Council had been most difficult to get a basis for opinion on; he felt the City Manager should do all he could to rectify the situation in the Engineering and Public Works Departments by getting competent people in there and correcting the situation which exists, and to take over and correct that. He said the Council should be able to get something to base an opinion on. He said he was not aiming this at anyone, but he has been nervous about these things for some time.

Councilman Beasley said he had spent almost a whole day looking at Lomita Blvd. and talking to the contractor.

Mayor Isen said this upsets him, because he has noted that Sepulveda is being prepared for a reconstruction job; in the years he has been on the Council, the Council has depended on engineering, and that is where the principal weakness has been in engineering. This worries him, as the Council is ultimately responsible to the people for these errors.

Mayor Isen said the Council had to depend on these people, as the Councilmen are not engineers and must depend upon the experts they employ.

Councilman Blount said he agreed with the Mayor on this, and said he did not intend here to strike at any individual.

Mayor Isen said when a recommendation comes to the Council from a Department, the Council had a right to accept it and go ahead with it.

Councilman Benstead said we will have a Director of Public Works who is a registered engineer, and a new City Engineer, and they should be prepared to stand before the Council and explain what they do.

The City Manager, in reply to a question, said we are getting a new City Engineer, and that the examination would be held on February 21. He added that we had recently employed a registered engineer in the Engineering Department.

Councilman Blount said that on Page 14 of the December 16 Minutes of this Council, it was shown that Councilman Drale had asked for 'a list of leases in arrears,' and it had been agreed that the City Attorney, the City Manager, and the City's Finance Officer should work on this and present it to the Council. Councilman Blount said he wanted this before the Council at their next Regular Meeting, without fail.

Councilman Blount moved that this request of Councilman Drale's be complied with no later than the next Tuesday meeting of this Council.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Blount said he wanted to make Civil Service charges against these employees unless he gets the answer within a reasonable time.

11. Councilman Bradford asked about a report on the rubbish collection, and Assist. City Mgr. Bone said we would have a financial report recapping this on the Agenda for next Tuesday. Mr. Bone said he had started a study of the various factors involved which the Council would

receive before the Budget Report.

Councilman Bradford said he understood a lot of people aren't paying for this service, and Mr. Perkins is having trouble finding out who they are so the service can be stopped. He asked if that was true.

Mr. Bone said it is. He said he had noted in his report that there seems to be a lack of coordination in this matter.

12. Councilman Blount asked the City Manager whether a report would reach the Council next Tuesday on Lomita Blvd., saying he meant the rough paving, the dangerous cross gutter, and the lack of access to Hawthorne Blvd., and what would be done about those conditions; he thought if the 7 members of this Council had known that we would not be able to get onto Hawthorne, they would not have approved the street.

Councilman Beasley told the City Manager, for information, that he had spent almost a whole day trying to find one of our inspectors on Carson or Lomita, and could not; he had come to the City Hall, and had been told that we did have an inspector who was supposed to be there. He said he did not know whether the men were on the job or not.

13. Councilman Jahn said he thought that tonight the Council had probably put a lot of pressure on Mr. Stevens, and perhaps he might feel as if he was being blamed. Councilman Jahn had not intended that, but he thought the City Manager might be surrounded by people who are not giving him the cooperation he should have, and Councilman Jahn did not want that situation to exist. He felt the City Manager should have people who will take the burden off him. This consideration tonight was of the people under the City Manager, and not in any way a reflection on the City Manager himself.

Councilman Bradford agreed, and felt if the City Manager needed anyone he did not have, he should get such persons.

Councilman Blount said he agreed, and that he had never refused to agree with the City Manager on any major matter.

The City Manager thought that our present plans are a big step in the right direction, and that we will make real progress with them.

Councilman Blount agreed, but felt that the City's various departments should work together.

Mayor Isen agreed, and said he knew that Ryan had wanted Lomita paved very badly, and we had not wanted to lose the County appropriation for that street. He felt this had all arisen because of a departmental situation. He felt that if there are weaknesses, particularly in the Engineering Department, it is time to stiffen up on it. He pointed out that the Council gets the ultimate blame.

14. Councilman Beasley said the City Manager had asked for such discussions as this, and there had been a certain reluctance on the part of the Council; he felt when the City Manager wanted such conferences we should have them. He felt part of the responsibility for this lay with the Council.

Councilman Blount said the City Manager is charged with the personnel of the City; he said he had never refused the City Manager any major policy matter. He felt it is time for the City Manager to take action, so the Council will not have to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance