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Torrance, California
March 17, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, March 17, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

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

The Reverend John Taylor of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 10, 1959, as written.

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

At this time, the Council asked the indulgence of the audience, and a moving picture was taken for the United States Chamber of Commerce, showing our City Council in action.

BIDS:

SALE OF THE FORMER CITY HALL BUILDING:

Mayor Isen announced that bids would be opened for the former City Hall building at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, March 18, 1959, in the Council Chamber, with a summary of the bids received to be submitted to the City Council at the regular meeting to be held March 24, 1959. At that time, the Council will entertain oral bids of not less than 10% greater than the highest written bid.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice Inviting Bids.

Councilman Beasley moved this be received and filed.

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

HEARINGS:

HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3637 - CONTINUED:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the continued Hearing on our Resolution of Intention No. 3637, to construct water mains and sub-mains, laterals, and other water facilities in South Torrance.

The Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing had been received by the Council last week, and filed.

Mr. Anderson, attorney for the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3, and representing some of the protestants in the area, came forward to be heard. He protested the Hearing, and took issue with the proceedings, based on the Notice of Hearing published in the Torrance Herald on March 1.

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:40 P. M.

Mr. Anderson took issue with the statement that the two water companies have not and are not undertaking improvements in their water systems; he said they are planning improvements now.

The City Manager presented the following 4 protests which have been received by the City:

E. G. and Maye M. Adams, 2077 - 238th St.;
 Flossie E. Crans, 2076 - 238th Street;
 Stephen & Metta E. Spaan, 2100 - 238th Street;
 Paul P. and Eleanor Schneider, E. 82.5' of Lot 5, Tract 1046.

Mr. Anderson, saying many of the signers of these were present, presented the following protests:

Floyd G. Benton, by M. L. Tulp, Lot 90, Tract 639, E. 115' of N. 140'
 G. M. & Mrs. Byrne, 2035 - 240th St.;
 L. D. Rush, 2017 W. 240th St.;
 William & Annie Kantz, owners of Lot 16, Tract 1046;
 Ruth M. Ruby, owner, Lot 17, Tract 1046;
 W. L. & Leona Blue, 2061 - 240th St.;
 Edwin G. Schaap, Lot 20, Tract 1046;
 Forrest G. & Patricia W. Bell, Lot 20, Tract 1046;
 John F. Gannon, 2364 - 246th St.;
 Wm. & Freda R. Bodenlos, Lot 67, Tract 437;
 Frank R. & Treva Hollopeter, 2138 W. 238th St;
 Ray & Ailo S. Green, 2017 - 238th St;
 Alphonse & Mrs. Lambrigger, 2026 - 238th St;
 Wm. & Mrs. Dorman, 2058 - 238th St.;
 Gilbert & Cornelia Pharris, 2011 W. 238th St.;
 Melba & Nyle Lowrance, 23725 Eshelman Ave.;
 Robt. E. & Biddie Dennis, 2108 W. 236th St.;
 Beva G. Tapley, 2233 W. 230th St.;
 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hogsten, Lot 8, Tract No. 3391;
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Stiles, Lot 5 & Lot 6, Tract 3391;
 Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Diedrichs, Lots No. 15 and 16, Tract 1046;
 Mrs. Helen Muensterman, Lot 3, Tract 3391;
 Johanna Olson Nelson, Lots 73, 77, 80, 1/2 of Lot 75, 1/4 interest
 in Lots 8 and 81, Tract 639;
 Dorothy & John R. McTee, 2270 W. 231st St;
 Elmer & Gladys Baskins, Lot 17, Tract 530, 2163-235th St.;
 Helen & Harold LaMour, 2066 - 236th St.;
 John & Doris Brokaw, 2260 W. 236th St.;
 Christine Hedrene Knott, 2458 W. 239th St.;
 Mrs. Katie Gray, 2170 - 235th St.;
 Lynn and Willie Mae Wilson, 23516 Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Beasley asked if these protests were against the assessment district or against the City putting in the water mains there.

Mr. Anderson understood this was a preliminary to putting in an involuntary water district there.

Mayor Isen asked if there was not a proper time for protests later in the proceedings, and the City Attorney replied that the protests have no legal force in this instance. The law does require a hearing and presumably written protests would be received by the Council, but the Council may overrule them.

Mayor Isen asked if there is not a time for formal protests, and the City Attorney said yes.

Mr. Anderson said these people were protesting the involuntary assessment district.

At the request of Councilman Beasley, Mr. Anderson read in full one of the protests he had filed with the Council.

Mr. Anderson protested other facets of the Hearing.

Mr. Harold Walsh, 2077 W. 233rd St., said there are over 500 owners of the water company in question. If it is repaired, the people will have to pay for it again; if the water company is sold to the city, the taxpayers will necessarily have to pay for it. He said the people there cannot get good clean water, nor can they depend

upon the water pressure. He said they cannot get results when they lodge protests.

Mayor Isen informed Mr. Walsh and the audience that this Council had held several informal hearings on this, and as a result the Council had determined the necessity of putting water there for the public safety and welfare.

Mr. Walsh said the people will have to pay for the improvements, no matter who puts them in. He said he had attended a meeting at the Howard Wood School about this not long ago, which he had been told would be an open meeting, but the meeting was held just to sell the water company to the County for \$250,000; when he had asked whether they had contacted the City of Torrance, he had been told that they could do nothing here.

The City Attorney said there is nothing in any of this about buying the water companies.

Mr. Walsh said they want to sell the water companies. He said he wished only to have reasonably priced and decent drinking water for his family, and that he spoke for many of his neighbors.

Mr. Anderson asked that the record show Mr. Walsh to be an employee of the City of Torrance, in the building department.

Mr. Walsh replied that his interests in this matter were solely those of the welfare and safety of his family.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn moved to close this hearing.

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

Councilman Jahn had questioned whether or not some of the protests came from people in the area we would affect by this, and the City Attorney suggested this be referred to him for analysis of the protests.

Councilman Drale so moved.

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

The City Attorney requested that an informal poll be taken of the Council to determine whether or not they are in favor of an involuntary assessment district, so he can determine whether the necessary majority can be obtained.

Mayor Isen agreed that a positive policy should be reached.

Councilman Blount said he would have to know what such a district would consist of; he asked whether the people who do not use the service would be faced with a lien on their property to pay for the service.

The City Attorney said they would if the service were available to them; if they can show they do not receive benefit, they would not be assessed.

Mr. Anderson took issue with this.

The City Attorney said there can be no valid assessment unless there is a benefit.

Councilman Blount said if a person did not avail himself of the services to his property, he would like to know if he would be taxed.

The City Attorney replied that as long as the service is available to him, he would be assessed. He agreed that there may be certain areas which would not get benefit from this, and in that case they could not be assessed.

Councilman Bradford said before he could vote on this, it would have to be after he knew which areas and how many people would not be assessed.

The City Attorney said before he proceeds any further with this, he would like to employ the Realty Tax Service to make a survey of the area so it can be determined how many people and how much property is involved; he said he would like to have the Council's permission to do this. This will require the expenditure of money. Then we can take the next step, which is to plot the area lot by lot.

Mayor Isen felt this was in the public interest, and had gone

along with it for that reason. He felt if a 5/7ths vote of the Council could not be obtained to go along with the suggestion of the formation of policy, he would be willing to drop this and let it go, even though this would mean lifting the moratorium on building in that area.

The City Attorney said we would need a 6/7ths vote on this.

Councilman Jahn did not feel it made any difference whether the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. brought their equipment up to standard or not; the important issue here is not that point. The people who live there want water, clean water, so they can drink it, and so they can operate the facilities of their homes. We have an opportunity to serve the people of our City. If the improvements are made on the private water system, the people there will have to pay for it. We have a chance to get good water service to the people there and assess all the land in the area. If the City does this, the people will receive reasonably priced good water; the cheapest and best way to serve the people is to go through the City, and not buy the privately owned water company.

The City Attorney said the proceedings so far have not provided for the purchase of the Narbonne Ranch Water Company.

Councilman Jahn said that has been rumored. He thought they wanted to be paid for that company, not realizing that this would increase the cost of providing water service.

Councilman Beasley agreed with Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney if there would be an election by the voters in that area to decide about this, and the City Attorney said no. The City Attorney explained that in a voluntary assessment district, if a majority of the citizens affected protested, the district would be killed; in an involuntary district, with a 6/7ths vote of the Council, the protests could be overridden.

Councilman Jahn asked if we had not held meetings to determine the need and necessity for this, and Mayor Isen said we had.

Councilman Jahn said it had been determined then that many people in that district could not run washers, flush toilets, etc., during some times of the day.

Mayor Isen said if 6/7ths of the Council could not go ahead with this, it would be impossible to continue the moratorium on building there, which had been declared because the water pressure is so low it will not serve to fight fires.

Councilman Beasley said he would differ; as long as there is no water for fire protection, there should be no building there. He pointed out that the State building code required 15# water pressure, which is simply not there.

Mayor Isen asked that a poll be taken of the Council to determine whether they wish to proceed with further steps to form an involuntary assessment district there.

Before casting his vote, Councilman Blount asked if we would have an opportunity to hear legitimate protests before anything else is done.

The City Attorney said this would be according to the policy of the Council.

Councilman Blount asked if we would have a hearing where counter proposals could be heard either way, and Mayor Isen said he would insist on that.

The City Attorney said he would arrange to present that to the Council before proceeding any further.

The Council voted unanimously to continue with this matter.

The City Attorney requested the Council to authorize him to employ the Realty Tax Service of a similar firm to determine the assessed valuation, etc., of the property in the district.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request.

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

Mayor Isen asked whether there will be a hearing when this can be weighed and the benefits weighed and, if there are counter-proposals, they can be heard.

The City Attorney believed he could start with such a hearing as the first step.

Mayor Isen asked if we could hold this hearing before we employ the service just authorized, and the City Attorney said we could not.

At this time, Councilman Jahn introduced his father, Louis Jahn, who is visiting from Illinois.

At 6:15 P. M., the Mayor declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:25 P. M.

2. HAWTORNE AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 - 1911 Act.

Acting City Engineer Bishop, in a letter dated March 12, 1959, submitted a letter dated March 4, 1959, from R. O. Gilbert, M. D., County Health Officer, who recommended that sanitary sewers be installed in the Hawthorne Avenue Sewer District No. 1 as revised. Because the district has been revised, it was necessary that the letter from Dr. Gilbert be read and spread in full in the Minutes of the meeting.

The letter is herewith spread in the Minutes:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEALTH DEPARTMENT
241 NO. FIGUEROA STREET
Los Angeles 12, California.

Honorable City Council,
City of Torrance,
3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, California.
Atten: Mr. Ronald W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer.

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Hawthorne Avenue Sanitary Sewer District.

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully recommended that sanitary sewers be installed in this district.

ANALYSIS: On January 7, 1958, this Department recommended to your Honorable Council that sanitary sewers be installed in this district as a measure necessary to the protection of public health. Since that date, a minor alteration has been made in the boundary of this proposed sanitary sewer district, namely the addition of a parcel of property located on the North side of 190th St., as shown on the map submitted. This minor change in boundaries has not materially affected the sewage disposal problems and if anything, the sewage disposal difficulties have increased due to the elapsed period of time.

In view of our original survey which revealed that out of three property owners or tenants actually contacted two or 66-2/3% reported having experienced trouble with their individual subsurface sewage disposal systems, I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, do hereby again recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in this district as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,
S/Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.,
Health Officer.

Councilman Jahn moved that after a number had been given and the Clerk had read 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 Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Clerk read, in proper sequence, the titles to all resolutions and ordinances shown in these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3642

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE HAWTHORNE AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID SEWER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS OUTLINED ON DRAWING NO. SZ-14-4 PREPARED BY THE CITY ENGINEERS.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3642.

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

3. MUNICIPAL LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2 - 1919 Act:

A March 12, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, presented to the Council '1919 Act' street lighting petitions for the installation of street lights which would serve approximately 2200 lots. Sketches were attached to show the area which would be served. A letter dated March 5, 1959, from Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, was submitted by Mr. Bishop, and outlined Mr. Thompson's proposal for street lighting District No. 2.

RESOLUTION NO. 3643

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT, DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE AND REPORT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 1, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF MONTHS BEGINNING WITH ENERGIZATION THEREOF, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1961.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3643.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from the Sacramento Newsletter, signed by Bob Voigt, Associate Editor, requested the City to subscribe to that publication. The City Manager had samples of the Newsletter for inspection.

Councilman Jahn moved this letter be filed as a matter of record.

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

The City Manager reported that the Chamber of Commerce does subscribe to the Newsletter and we can arrange to have their copy handed on to us.

The Mayor directed the City Manager to have this read carefully, and if there is anything in it the Council should have, that it be placed on the Agenda.

2. A March 6, 1959, letter from Gerald D. Morgan, Deputy Assistant to the President, to Mayor Isen was about the People to People program, and invited him to attend sessions scheduled in Washington, D. C., on March 16 and 17, to review the results and plan future activities of the Committee.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed, after it had been reported that the Committee in our City which works on this program has received a copy.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated March 12, 1959, the City Manager presented a Summary of Bids Opened 10:00 A. M. March 11, 1959, for Abatement of Weeds & Rubbish. The 'Conclusions' of the City Manager were as follows:

- "1. Carbohad Corporation is low bidder in both Option 1 and Option 2.
- "2. Award of Option 2 will take maximum advantage of the very favorable volume prices bid.
- "3. Terms of Option 2 will provide for cleaning operations in Spring and again in the Fall which is considered the best schedule for effective weed abatement.
- "4. Responsibility for proper identification and posting of parcels will rest with the Contractor. One thousand dollars will be retained by the City until after the tax bill protest periods in March 1960 and 1961, to cover any improper charges made."

The "Recommendation" of the City Manager read as follows:

"That your Honorable Body award the contract for abatement of weeds and rubbish 1959-1960 to Carbohad Corporation in accordance with the terms of Option 2 of the specifications and bid proposal submitted by said contractor, and publicly opened at 10:00 A. M. March 11, 1959, and reject all other bids."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager and hear the necessary Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3644

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., FOR ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND RUBBISH IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3644.

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

2. With a letter dated March 12, 1959, the City Manager reported that:

"Residents and businessmen along 101 Highway between Crenshaw Blvd. and Calle Mayor and Hawthorne Avenue from 238th St. to Newton St., have petitioned for a lighting system. Included in the system would be approximately 20 - 20,000 lumen, mercury vapor lights along the Torrance Municipal Airport. The cost of operating that portion of the lighting system along the Airport would be approximately \$2,000 per year.

"I believe that in the interest of good lighting, and with the

hope that all the Airport frontage will be developed as commercial properties, that the City and the Airport should pay their share of the lighting system."

Councilman Jahn asked why we should share in this, and the City Manager said we automatically share 30% out of the General Fund. He added that we have done this in the lighting districts.

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

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

City Manager Stevens commented that time is of the essence in this matter; he had sent this to the Airport Commission for their meeting of March 12, but they had not had a quorum at that meeting so he had brought it here.

3. With a letter dated March 12, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

"In 1959, Memorial Day (May 30) and Independence Day (July 4) are on Saturdays. Although there appears to be some conflict in regard to the City's policy in regard to holidays falling on a Saturday, I have interpreted the Council's policy as intending that all City employees be paid for the seven (7) legal holidays indicated in the Political Code. If this is your intention, I recommend that the Friday preceding holidays which occur on Saturdays be designated as holidays for pay purposes. Employees required to work and maintain basic services, such as police, fire, bus, refuse collection, etc., will be paid in accordance with the current Civil Service rules which provide that "When a holiday falls on a scheduled work-day on which the employee is required to work, he shall receive additional compensation at the average rate applicable to the month".

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

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

"1. To Arrow Engineering Co., Inc., for engineering services during the month of February, 1959, the sum of \$3,750.37."

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

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

"2. For the purchase of desks for the Police Department, the sum of \$896.42, plus sales tax. This is a Budget Item. (Copy of request submitted).

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. With a letter dated March 9, 1959, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, the Civil Service Board informed the Council that they concurred with the approval of Casper Clemmer, Park Supt., in approving

a request from Jonathon A. Dunmyer for a two week leave of absence, without pay, in addition to his regular vacation leave.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant this request.

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

2. A March 12, 1959, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, reported to the Council that they concurred with the recommendation of Chief of Police Percy Bennett that Dorothy Culverhouse receive move-up pay to the classification of Stenographic Secretary (first step) during the period that she is performing the duties of Pauline Martin (resigned). Dorothy Culverhouse has been acting in the capacity since January 29, 1959.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A March 2, 1959, letter from the Palos Verdes Bowl at 24600 So. Crenshaw Blvd. requested a waiver of 18.16 of the Municipal Code so that they may operate their billiard room 24 hours a day. The letter contained their assurance that there would be strict supervision in that room 24 hours a day.

A communication from License Inspector Whitacre to the City Manager was appended, reporting that this request could be granted by the Council, if they wished, under Chapter 18, Section 18.16, Page 280.

A memo from the Police Chief was appended, stating he had no objection to this request.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this request.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

The City Attorney said the ordinance could not be waived, but must be amended.

It was agreed the Council had allowed this privilege in some instances, and Councilman Jahn said the intent of his motion was to allow this by approval of the request or by amendment to the ordinance.

Councilman Benstead said the Council should retain the power to revoke this, and the City Attorney said that would be done.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A letter from the American Legion Auxiliary, Bert S. Crossland Unit #170, signed by Mary B. Harder, Secretary, had been received in the office of the City Manager on March 12, 1959. The letter contained the request of the group to conduct the sale of fireworks in the City at the same location they have had for the past 3 years, namely, on the parkway on Torrance Blvd. just west of Crenshaw. Their check in the amount of \$300 is ready to deposit. They pledged full observance of fire regulations, etc.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted.

License Inspector Whitacre reported to the Council he had received a communication from Park Supt. Clemmer asking that this be denied, because of the new lawn in that parkway; if the request is granted, Mr. Clemmer had recommended that the organization bear the full expense of replacing the new lawn.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, asking that it be amended to specify that either sufficient cash or a bond in sufficient amount to replace the lawn be deposited when the license is taken out.

Amendment accepted by Councilman Benstead, and the motion as amended carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A March 12, 1959, letter from the Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club, signed by M. G. Wilson, President, contained their request for a

business license for the sale of fireworks; in another letter, they requested permission to use City property for this purpose, certifying that they are a non-profit organization.

Councilman Jahn moved these two requests be granted.

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

Councilman Bradford asked the License Inspector if the breakdown of expenses from the American Legion had finally been received last year, and Mr. Whitacre replied it had and that it had been a different group than the one before the Council tonight.

4. A March 12, 1959, memo from the License Inspector reported to the Council the receipt of an application of a free license for a sound permit from the Pastor of the First Baptist Church at 4558 W. 182nd St., asking to operate their loud speaker as outlined in the letter, copy of which was submitted. The letter stated the system would be operated as chimes for an interval of 15 minutes twice a week, once on Sunday morning between 9:45 and 10:00 A. M. and Sunday evening between 6:15 and 6:30 P. M.

A petition bearing 52 signatures of residents of the area who approved the request was attached, as was one letter of protest from Frank Lenihan of 18202 Kingsdale Avenue.

The Reverend Pizel was present, and said they would comply with all the City's requirements in this use, and that they realized such a permit was revocable.

Councilman Blount thought the time limit should be a part of any motion on this.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted with the proviso that the sound be within our ordinance and specifying the time limits in the letter be observed.

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

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said we do not have a decibel meter.

Councilman Bradford thought we should obtain one.

5. Dr. Pline was present on behalf of the Civitan Club, who requested a free license to sell fireworks in the City, and Dr. Pline was prepared to make the required cash deposit with the City. He said they wish to sell these fireworks at the Paramount Builders' Supply Co., private property.

Councilman Drale moved this request be granted.

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

Councilman Jahn asked whether these people to whom the Council grants free licenses still have to comply in all respects with our requirements, and was told that they do.

6. Mayor Isen reported that the Reverend Hugh Percy had brought in an application from the St. Andrews Episcopal Church to operate their chimes.

License Inspector Whitacre read the application, which stated they wished to operate their chimes between 9:45 and 10:00 A. M. and between 10:30 and 10:45 A. M. each Sunday.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant this request with the time limits set in the letter.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A March 12, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City

Engineer, reported regarding the completion of the work on Lomita Blvd., and recommended that Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete Co. be granted an extension of 30 days due to 1) the holdup for the installation of the water line along the northerly side of Lomita Blvd., and 2) the encroachment permit at Hawthorne Ave., and 3) the rains we have had this winter.

The letter was signed John V. Russell, Director of Public Works by R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer.

A March 12 memo from the City Manager, concurring with the recommendation, was appended.

Councilman Benstead differed saying that the rains have been almost non-existent this year and he did not think they could have caused delay.

The City Manager said he would be inclined to agree, but actually he thought the work would be completed today or tomorrow, with the exception of the intersection of Hawthorne, which is our fault because we do not have the permit.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

The City Manager replied to a question by saying this does not mean the signal moving is included. We have sent in the plans several weeks ago. They are under study now.

Director of Public Works John Russell said we had sent them in, but it is hard to get the people over there to give us that permit. We have sent our plans back twice after making changes they requested. He thought we would have the permit very soon.

Councilman Blount said he would like to have, in writing, the date the application was first made, and a copy of the original letter of application to the State for the encroachment permit.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A March 11, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, reported the bids for 8" and 10" cast iron pipe received on March 10, 1959 had been examined, having been opened at 10:00 A. M. March 11, 1959.

Mr. McVicar submitted a bid summary with the letter, and recommended here that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co., who bid \$2.745 per foot and \$3.620 per foot respectively for a total cost of \$12,971.70 plus tax.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A letter dated March 12, 1959, from Airport Manager Egan submitted to the Council an estimate of the cost of an underground installation of power lines at the airport, which was \$34,800.00. Mr. Egan's Item A read:

A. Underground Installation - cost estimates:

I have consulted with the Edison Co. in regards to the cost of an underground installation. They estimate \$15 per lineal foot for the ducts and vaults; thus 1,600 feet at \$15.00 per foot amounts to approximately \$24,000.00. The Telephone Co. estimates approximately \$4,000 for their parallel installation.

ESTIMATED COST:

Installation Edison & Telephone Co.	\$ 29,000
Plus 10% for Engineering	2,900
Plus 10% for Administration, overhead and contingencies	2,900
Total Estimated Cost	\$ <u>34,800</u>

Mr. Egan came forward to answer questions.

Councilman Blount said he had meant underground lines only across the service road, and asked the other Councilmen if this was their feeling, which they said it was.

The City Manager recalled that the Council had directed us to find the cost of the whole thing while we were about it.

Mr. Egan said this was for 120', and Councilman Jahn said he was only interested in running the lines underground across the runway.

Mr. Egan explained he could only give an engineer's estimate after several weeks of study and work. He said Edison would ask us to furnish that.

The consensus of the Council was that they had not thought it necessary to have 120' of the lines underground, but they agreed it may be. After further discussion, Councilman Jahn moved that the Council, in approving the Edison map for poling which was before them last week, have the power go underground across the taxiway for an approximate distance of 120 feet.

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

On Item "B" of Mr. Egan's report concerning pole heights, Mr. Egan reported that the necessary height is determined by the separation requirements of the various services, and that this was best explained by Exhibit A, available at the meeting for the Council's inspection.

The Council inspected the Exhibit.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with these heights.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford believed the City could insist on Edison furnishing underground service at the Airport.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to find out whether this assumption was correct.

Councilman Blount moved the previous motion be withdrawn.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote, and the entire Item was ordered held for this report.

It was agreed to hold the rest of this report for the time when the information requested above reaches the Council.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Egan if he had contacted Mr. Frank, who had written to the Council about the Airport and asked him to attend this meeting.

Mr. Egan said he had, and Mr. Frank could not attend because he goes to school on Tuesday evenings. Mr. Frank had felt there should be no further interference on the runway. At the time the letter from Mr. Frank came here, Mr. Egan said he had discussed this with the City Manager as concerned the building proposed in the 'restricted' area on the north side of the Airport, and the City Manager had given the Council, orally, the report they had requested.

Mayor Isen said he would not sign the lease with Mayflower until he could be assured that the future of the Airport would not be imperilled; he does not feel he has that information. He had thought there would be a written report, backed up with some authority.

The Council discussed this, and they agreed with the Mayor.

Mr. Egan said he would get that for the Council.

Mayor Isen spoke to the Supt. of the Bldg. Dept., Mr. Lee Schlens, and told him that the Council would not want Mayflower to make any improvements on that land until they have this information.

Mr. Schlens said no permits would be issued until the City Attorney has informed his Department that this has been cleared with the Council.

Councilman Jahn said he had asked a question on the matter of the difference between 'omni' and 'terminal omni', and that Mr. Egan had given him literature explaining this; this was a Government

booklet, and he had found it to be most difficult to interpret.

Councilman Blount felt someone should be able to answer a direct question regarding the validity or non-validity of this. He felt we could get an answer by going to responsible Federal officials of the FAA and getting direct answers.

Mr. Egan said a meeting had been arranged at which there were 5 such officials, the City Manager and himself to try to get these answers. The Council had been notified of the meeting so they might be present if possible. The matter had been thoroughly explored at that meeting, and an oral report made to the Council on the meeting. Mr. Egan read a letter from the District Safety Officer in which it was stated that this proposed construction would not adversely affect the future potential of the Airport.

Mayor Isen said he wanted a recommendation saying this would or would not impair the usefulness of the Airport.

Councilman Benstead agreed, and said he wanted to see this in writing.

Councilman Blount agreed.

The Airport Manager was directed to send a written recommendation to the Council on this for the next meeting.

2. With a letter dated March 13, 1959, the Airport Manager submitted to the Council his recommendation on Airport insurance for the year of March 1, 1959 to March 1, 1960. Mr. Egan had sent this to the Airport Commission for their meeting scheduled for March 12, but there had not been a quorum at that meeting. Because of the time limitations in the matter, it had been brought here.

Mr. Egan reported on his investigations, and recommended that: "USAIG be selected as the underwriter to carry the airport risks indefinitely; the premiums to be negotiated annually at which time the USAID quotation to be compared with the premium quotations of other underwriters (if any).

"USAID quotation for the year of March 1, 1959, to March 1, 1960, for the coverage heretofore mentioned is \$1588.88. USAID letter of March 2, 1959, submitted to the Council."

Councilman Beasley agreed with the body of the letter, saying he knew that this is a type of insurance most difficult to buy, however, he felt there should be more than one bid for comparison purposes.

Mayor Isen agreed, and asked to have this back next week.

Councilman Benstead said he thought we should call for bids on this.

Councilman Beasley did not think there would be any reply to such a call, and added he knew of his own knowledge this is a kind of insurance no one wants.

Mr. Egan said this is the only underwriter willing to accept this.

The Airport Manager was directed to have this back next week, with a comparative bid if possible.

3. With a letter dated March 13, 1959, the Airport Manager submitted to the Council a compilation of letters and abstract, together with a letter to the Airport Commission dated March 11, 1959, is submitted as being the report from the Airport Manager relative to Proposals Received for the Pacific-Crenshaw property.

Councilman Benstead moved to hold this for a special meeting, saying he did not believe the Council could determine the successful bid tonight.

Mayor Isen said it had been directed these be here tonight for the Council to study.

Councilman Beasley noted that the Airport Commission had made no recommendations or decisions on these bids.

Councilman Beasley asked to discuss the fact, at this time, that

there are seldom more than 3 members of the Airport Commission in attendance at their meetings. He said he had asked Mr. Egan for a report on attendance at those meetings over the past year. If the people on the Commission are not interested enough to be present, he felt they should move off the Commission and let someone else serve.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said unless special permission had been obtained for extended absence, 3 consecutive absences from a Commission automatically terminated membership of a Commissioner.

Airport Commissioner Floyd was present, and handed to the Council the attendance report prepared by Mr. Egan.

Councilman Blount reported that the City Attorney said the Commission has the right to excuse members from attendance. The requirements could be changed, he went on, to transfer this authority to the City Council.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Beasley's statement, and thought each of the members of the Commission should get copies of it and of this discussion.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Councilman Beasley's statement, and that it should extend to all Commissions.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and it was so ordered, with copies of this section of these Minutes to be sent separately and individually to each Commissioner, with letters saying if they cannot attend the meetings regularly, the Council would appreciate having letters from them assuring us that they will attend regularly or that they will resign.

To return to the bids at hand, Councilman Jahn said he did not know the feeling of the rest of the Council, but there were 3 bids for the entire 9 acres. He believed the Council had agreed to consider such bids first. Each of the bidders had a little different idea. He did not think the Council could make a proper decision until they had talked to these individuals. If the Council wishes to hold a meeting with the Airport Commission on this, he thought these people could be asked to meet with them and discuss this.

The matter was discussed briefly, and it was directed to notify the Airport Commissioners and these bidders that such a meeting would be held in the Council Conference room at 5:30 P. M., Wednesday, March 25, 1959; the Council would like to have the bidders appear at half-hour intervals, namely, 5:30, 6:00, and 6:30 P. M. The Airport Manager was directed to see that this was done.

Airport Manager Egan invited the attention of the Council to Mr. Cake's application, saying it had come in before we had called for bids. In some respects, it does not comply with the bid call. It had been made previous to the call for bids. It did not have the \$5,000 cash deposit with it which is required by the bid call.

Councilman Jahn said if it does not comply with the bid call, he could see no reason for even considering it.

Mayor Isen disagreed, saying he thought the Council should hear everyone.

Councilman Jahn said in that case we would be re-opening this for any kind of bid.

At 7:15 P. M., the Mayor declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 7:20 P. M.

Mr. Cake came forward, and told the Council that when his bid came in, it had not been rejected, but tabled. He had not made another bid because the one he had sent to the City had not yet been rejected or accepted.

Councilman Blount moved to reject the bid from Mr. Cake.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn said Mr. Cake had been notified of the bid call, and had known his bid did not comply, but had ignored that. He felt

it would be unfair to those who had complied with the bid call to consider this bid.

Mr. Cake said he has made his bid and it was in the hands of the City.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Cake had ignored the rules on this which the Council had adopted, but that if he could comply by the next meeting, he felt this bid should be considered. He explained that the Council's wish was to get the very best bid for the interests of the City and no avenue should be left unexplored.

Councilman Drale said we were not obligated to accept any of the bids, and he felt that we should have an 'auction' type of bid as well as sealed bids on this, in order to get the best type of bid for the City. He believed this was a requirement when selling City-owned property, and should hold in this case.

Councilman Bradford told Mr. Cake that he was wrong because he had not complied with the rules drawn up as to how to bid on the property and sent to all bidders. He felt Mr. Cake should have been interested enough to answer the letter.

The motion to reject Mr. Cake's bid carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Cake that he wanted to be heard next Tuesday, if he would deposit the cash required and comply with the other requirements, he would be heard.

Councilman Jahn did not agree with this.

Mr. Cake said this bid just rejected had been for \$2500 per acre per year.

Councilman Jahn said the bid was not in conformance with the bid call.

After further discussion, Councilman Drale moved that if Mr. Cake made the deposit and met other specifications of the bid call that he be heard on Wednesday, March 25 at the meeting about these bids.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford thought this did not comply with the rules. Mr. Cake had been notified of the rules, and he did not feel that Mr. Cake was playing the game if he did not comply.

Mayor Isen felt the Council should consider this, saying they surely wished to get the best possible return from this land for the City; he added that we are trying to get high bids, not low ones.

Councilman Drale thought oral bids should also be accepted on this.

Councilman Beasley said the question of price is not always the whole picture.

The motion to hear Mr. Cake failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMMISSION:

1. A March 13, 1959, letter from the Civil Defense Commission, signed by R. H. Ellis, **Chairman**, contained their recommendation that the City Council authorized Mr. Bone to sign for and accept Federal property for Civil Defense purposes, and that they authorize the expenditure of \$400 to buy Federal surplus jeeps as Civil Defense equipment. They also recommended that the Council authorize the expenditure of \$100 to buy Federal surplus public address units. These expenditures were noted as coming from the current Civil Defense Budget. A resolution was submitted with the letter.

The jeeps were discussed, and Mr. George Powell told the Council this money would buy 4 jeeps in all likelihood.

Councilman Jahn explained to the other members of the Council that as a rule machinery such as this is 'pickled'.

RESOLUTION NO. 3645

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CHAPMAN L. BONE, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, TO SIGN FOR AND ACCEPT SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY FOR CIVIL DEFENSE PURPOSES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3645. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated March 12, 1959, signed by Lawrence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem, the Park & Recreation Commission recommended to the Council that the lease drafted by the City Attorney between the City and the Torrance American Little League for the Seaside Rancho Sump be granted on the terms and conditions contained in the tentative lease.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Commission.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24633 - Located easterly of Arlington Ave. and southerly of proposed San Diego Freeway, containing 32 lots, presented by Property Management Corporation.

A transmittal form from the Engineering Department submitted to the Council this Final Tract Map, and the recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. Substantiating material consisted of:

- a. March 12, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell;
- b. Excerpt from Jan. 21, 1959; Planning Commission Minutes;
- c. Jan. 20, 1959, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr.;
- d. Dec. 12, 1958, letter from So. Calif. Edison Co., agreeing to poling plan;
- e. Sketch of tract.

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

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

Councilman Benstead said he had voted against this because the lot sizes do not conform to our ordinance.

Councilman Blount had voted 'No' for the same reason.

2. With a letter dated March 11, 1959, R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, submitted the following easements for acceptance:
- a) Easement Deed dated Feb. 18, 1959, from Edward W. and Louis Blackwood;
 - b) Easement Deed dated Feb. 18, 1959, from Andrew Brandl;
 - c) Easement Deed dated Feb. 20, 1959, from Laura M. McEwen;
- (The above three easements are being given for the 2' widening of 171st St., being portions of Lots 24 and 25 in the La La Fresa Tract).
- d) Easement Deed dated Feb. 16, 1959, from Industrial Centers Corp. for the 2' widening of Earl St. and Spencer St., being portions of Lot 28 in Tract No. 2895;
 - e) Easement Deed dated Feb. 27, 1959, from Narbonne Homes, Inc., for portions of Lot 41 in Tract No. 588 needed for the widening of 235th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. and future 234th St.

- f) Easement Deed dated Feb. 11, 1959, from Clifford M. and Gladys M. Bergon for portions of Lot 49 in Tract No. 639 necessary for future 229th Place.

Councilman Drale moved to accept these easements as submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

3. With a letter dated March 13, 1959, the Acting City Engineer, R. W. Bishop, reported that: the auxiliary sewers in 237th and 238th Streets, as constructed by Charles J. Dorfman, have received final approval of the Engineering Dept. and it is recommended that this construction be accepted by the City Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated March 12, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the following cases which the Planning Commission had recommended for approval, and requested that Hearing dates be set on them by the Council:

CASE NO. 566: Petition of Toryotaro and Midori Kato, 3855 W. 174th St., for a Change of Zone from R-1 to R-3 on the property described as Lots 1, 2 and 3, Tentative Tract No. 24819, being a portion of Lot 3, La Fresa Tract, situated on the North side of 174th St., approximately 670' east of Prairie and abutting the east line of Freeway property. Change of Zone is requested to complete the street pattern.
COMMITTEE: Chairman Fleetwood, Mulvihill, Uyeda.

CASE NO. 561: Petition of Joe Corsaro, Box 344, Redondo Beach, for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on that portion of Lot 20, Meadow Park Tract lying east of the line that is parallel with the west line of Hawthorne Blvd., 100' wide and distant 150' Westerly at right angles therefrom except the Southerly 75' of said lot and except the Easterly 59' of said lot within the line of Hawthorne Blvd., situated at the SW corner of Hawthorne and 230th St., for the purpose of operating the retail sale of cars and an existing service station.
COMMITTEE: Chairman Wing, Osborne, King.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen announced that the Third and Final Hearings on these Cases would be held at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, March 24, 1959.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. With a letter dated March 13, 1959, the City Attorney reported on the "Arlington Avenue Crossing", and submitted a contract between the City and the Santa Fe Rwy. If the Council concurred in his recommendation, the City Attorney suggested that a specific motion be passed.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be hereby authorized to execute and attest the contract attached to this letter between the City and the Santa Fe Railway for the preparation of the track and the installation of signals at Arlington Avenue Crossing No. 2H-21.3-C and that the easement deed from the Santa Fe Railway for said crossing dated October 2, 1958, be accepted by the City.

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

2. With a letter dated February 27, 1959, resubmitted, the City Attorney discussed the abandonment of Lot P-6 for the purpose of allowing the Torrance Rod & Gun Club to build a clubhouse on it. A letter from Remco, dated Feb. 7, 1959, concerned their reversionary rights on this property, and was addressed to the Rod & Gun Club, telling them they could buy the property from Remco, if it is vacated by the City, for \$5,000.00.

Assistant City Manager Bone said he had contacted Mr. Findley of Remco, and their position is fixed.

Councilman Beasley moved the City refer this area to the Park & Recreation Commission for possible development as a park site.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount demurred. saying we have had the property for over 30 years, and these people want to develop it and this will bring it back on the tax rolls. He did not think the location or the size of the land suitable for park purposes. He felt this should be allowed.

Mr. Ernest Malloy, 2005 Middlebrook Road, said this is 32,000 sq. ft., but only about 25,000 sq. ft. of the land can be used for building and parking because of the shape of the property.

This was discussed fully, and the Mayor and Councilman Beasley pointed out that this land had been held off the tax rolls for many years by this action of Remco and their predecessors; now they will gain the \$5,000 by this vacation of the land by the City, and they do not wish to contribute any part of that profit to the Park Fund the City maintains nor to any charity.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said we do not have any right to lease the land to anyone.

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

Councilman Blount moved the abandonment proceedings be started forthwith, so the Torrance Rod & Gun Club can build there.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3646

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE LOT P-6 OF THE TORRANCE TRACT, FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3646.

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

Mayor Isen said he voted no as a symbol of his resentment of what he thinks of as avarice of some of the people concerned.

REPORTS:

1. A complaint and summons was received in the office of the City Clerk on March 9, 1959, in the action of Bob (Robert) Aycock against the City et al for alleged injury and damages sustained as the result of unlawful entry and mistreatment in incident which occurred on or about August 28, 1958, being Case No. 718068.

RESOLUTIONS:RESOLUTION NO. 3647

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE DEFEAT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 919.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3647. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen noted that both Long Beach and Bell had passed similar Resolutions.

ORDINANCES:ORDINANCE NO. 1079

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 556.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1079 at its second and final reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. The City Manager reported the Council had not settled the matter of the proposed annexation of the 'Alondra Park' or "Lawndale" area, and the determination of the people in the area about it.

Councilman Drale suggested we follow the procedure used in the Victor Tract, and not spend money on it. The City employees could go out there and explain the benefits of belonging to the City very well.

Councilman Jahn did not agree; he felt we had grown up in the past few years, and that in anything this important we should get professional help. He pointed out that the area is already well developed, and that much of it has curbs, sidewalks, etc.

Councilman Beasley concurred, saying if the area is worth having, it is worth working for and spending a little money for.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said Mr. Knight, who would do this, would take a survey to determine the feeling of the people, and this would probably cost from \$500 to \$1,000.

Mayor Isen said he would not favor such an expenditure, and Councilman Benstead agreed with him.

Councilman Benstead expressed concern about using people who may use high-pressure methods.

Councilman Blount said he had heard similar rumors from people about those who worked in the Victor Tract.

Mayor Isen did not think the City is that anxious to get the area. He thought the Staff could figure out/it would be an advantage or not, and could answer questions. We could hold a meeting in a public building of some kind in that area with the people, similar to the one held with the people from the Victor Tract, and answer their question. If the people there do not want to come into Torrance, he did not want to force our way in there. We believe we are building a great City, but we don't wish to force it on anyone.

Councilman Blount asked what we had paid the man for the sampling in Lomita, and the City Manager said we had paid him by the hour, and the bill had not been very great.

The City Manager said these are trained opinion surveyors, not salesmen.

Councilman Jahn felt the Staff members would not have time to do this; he said the people in the area concerned are under a better tax rate than we can give them, because they are in an unincorporated area and we, as an incorporated city in Los Angeles County, are paying part of their taxes.

Councilman Beasley said the Planning Commission had accomplished much in their meetings with people from the Victor Tract.

Mayor Isen said some members of the Council had met with them, too.

Councilman Bradford suggested an organization with the time which the City helps support do this, and said he meant the Chamber of Commerce. He thought their job was to sell the City and disseminate information about the City.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Manager be instructed to negotiate with the John B. Knight Co. for an opinion survey of the area in question, where we have filed boundary descriptions, in an attempt to get the feelings of the people there, for an amount not to exceed \$500 and bring the results of the negotiation to the Council next week.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, with the comment we should try to get this done for less money.

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

2. The City Manager reported that our survey shows at the present time there is not much interest on the part of many of the people in Lomita to annex to Torrance, however, there is an uninhabited area contiguous to an area now annexing to the City where it has been indicated that annexation is desired.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Attorney proceed with the necessary work for the annexation of the area under discussion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to hold this a week for study, and moved to table for one week.

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

Councilman Drale said about the Alondra area discussed earlier that the people in that area should know that if they annex to our City, their children could go to El Camino, as they would be in the proper district then.

Mayor Isen said when the Board of Supervisors reapportions the taxes properly so that the incorporated areas are not helping pay the tax of the unincorporated areas in the County, it will be desirable for such areas as this to annex to incorporated area,

Councilman Bradford thought we should go on record with the Board of Supervisors telling them we do not think this method of taxation is right.

Mayor Isen said we have, and that they have heard it many times.

Councilman Jahn said he thought there should be more people on the Board, so there would be better representation.

3. The City Manager wished to be sure the City Council had notice of the preview of the new market at the Airport on Monday, March 23, at 7:00 P. M., the evening before the formal opening on Tuesday morning, March 24.

4. The City Attorney recalled Councilman Blount's request for a meeting with the PUC.

Councilman Blount thought this was no longer necessary.

5. The City Attorney asked that the Council authorize him to employ Mr. James Hall to try to clear the City's title to the Airport. He thought this a good time to do it, when we are leasing the 9 acres

and so that the lessees would find it easier to get financing for the development of the land. Mr. Hall had handled the matter of getting the reversionary clause off the land in the Airport Triangle which is now leased by Jefferson, Inc.

Mayor Isen thought the bids would come in without this and we would get the land developed.

The City Attorney said O'Melveny and Myers, attorneys for Longren, have informed him that they will pay a portion of the cost of clearing the title in order to get the Longren lease cleared. He said financing agencies sometimes balk at this clause.

After a full and lengthy discussion, Councilman Jahn suggested we try to get help on this from other people there, and get an estimate from Mr. Hall on the cost before a decision is made.

Councilman Drale suggested the City Attorney talk to all the interested parties there.

6. Planning Director Powell said the Planning Commission would like to have a dinner meeting with the Council to discuss general planning matters, and asked for the Council's availability on April 2.

Mayor Isen said any business sessions would be held here; a social meeting was something else again, and said the Brown Act applies to Commissions as well as Councils.

It was agreed to meet in the Council Chamber with the Planning Commission to discuss any mutually interesting matters.

Councilman Blount asked the City Attorney to give him a brief of the Brown act and the penalty clause.

Councilman Bradford stated that there is no penalty in the Brown Act.

7. Councilman Blount asked that the record show he felt the way the matter of Weed Abatement had been handled was in direct opposition to the bid system we usually follow.

It was explained to him that there had been another bid, but the other bidder had not bid on Option 2.

8. Councilman Bradford said it is difficult to get on to Hawthorne from Del Amo during the hours of heavy traffic, and he thought there should be some provisions made to have either a stop sign or signals there.

9. Concerning the Porto Bello situation, Councilman Bradford said the Council had asked the Engineering Department for specifications and figures for repairs; nothing has been done. We were to have a special report weeks ago, he said, and he wanted it brought up to date and brought in here.

Acting City Engineer Bishop said he was directed by John V. Russell, Public Works Director, not to go to the bother because of the test case.

Councilman Bradford was tired of Department Heads stopping action ordered by the Council.

The City Attorney said he would write a report on this to the Council, but this morning he had been notified that the Court has rendered a decision in favor of the City, and Mr. Scharfman has lost his case. The formal decision will reach us soon.

Councilman Bradford decried the unpredictability of the courts, and said he wished to have the material the Council had ordered.

10. Councilman Bradford asked the City Attorney what was being done about an Assistant City Attorney.

Mr. Remelmeyer said he has a letter in to the Civil Service Board now about this; he has re-assessed the requirements, and feels it would be better and much less expensive to have a Deputy City Attorney. It has taken some time to make the necessary survey.

Councilman Jahn asked to have this on the Agenda next week in writing, and it was so ordered.

10. Councilman Drale said our neighboring City of Redondo Beach is going through a great thing in the development of the Harbor there; he thought we might send them all the help we can in this, and moved to do everything we can to help them.

Mayor Isen felt this was none of our affair, and Councilman Benstead agreed.

Councilman Drale felt this improvement would benefit the entire area, and that he had thought a letter to them favoring this might be encouraging.

11. Mayor Isen had been advised that Robert Cramer, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, has moved out of the City and so there is a vacancy there. He said he would ask next week that the Council approve the following person to be a member of that Commission:

Dr. W. J. Labit, 3768 W. 242nd St., as a replacement for Mr. Cramer.

12. Councilman Beasley said one of our lay members of the Inter-City Highways Committee had not attended a meeting since the trip to Sacramento.

Mayor Isen suggested this be brought up next week, and said he would at that time entertain suggestions from Councilman Beasley, as these appointees should obey the rules.

13. Mr. Kenneth Knott, 2458 - 239th St., protested that the Variance granted to Mercury International, directly behind him, had not been complied with.

The City Attorney had looked at this, and said he would recommend that the Planning Commission make the decision as to whether or not compliance had been complete.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Bradford said they had not come in or made any effort to comply after the Council's former discussion of this. He moved, therefore, that no City license be issued pertaining to any business in that building until they do comply fully with the Variance.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen said the record should be checked to see if the height of the fence was a part of the Variance.

Councilman Beasley said he would not vote for this while the facts are in dispute.

The Planning Director described the wall which has been built at that location.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Planning Commission define for the Council the Variance which was granted.

The City Attorney read the law on the revocation of Variances, and said this must be done by the Council.

The motion and second were withdrawn, and Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to ask the owner of the building and this gentleman or his representative to appear before the Council to show cause why this Variance should not be revoked, with this on the Agenda.

Mayor Isen instructed the Planning Director to have all historical matter on this Variance before the Council at that time.

Councilman Jahn so moved.

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

14. Councilman Drale said a petition brought about by the accidents at Anza and Torrance Blvd. would be filed.

Asst. Chief of Police Porter said the gentleman carrying that had met with the Police Dept. today and had dropped the petition when he found out what had been done.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett March 17, 1959
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APPROVED: *Robert Isen*
Mayor of the City of Torrance