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Torrance, California
April 7, 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, April 7, 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. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John V. Russell introduced our new Director of Public Works, Mr. Wade Peebles.

Mayor Isen expressed the Council's welcome to Mr. Peebles, saying they are happy to have him, and would do whatever they can to make his way easier.

Mr. Peebles, at the request of Mayor Isen, led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Clifford Hitchcock of the South Bay Church of God, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 31, 1959, as written.

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

Mayor Isen explained the Council's procedure to the audience.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that bids will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, April 8, 1959, for the following equipment for the Water Department:

Item 1: Furnish and install one (1) electrical panel including all necessary circuit breakers, magnetic motor starters, hand-off-automatic switches and indicator lights to handle three 50 H.P., 400 volt, 60 cycle booster pumps; also a 600 amp. main circuit breaker to replace existing 225 amp. unit.

Item 2: Furnish and install one wall mounted electrical control panel to supplement Item 1 above which will control above 3 50 H. P. booster pumps.

Item 3: Furnish and install one electrical panel including necessary circuit breakers, magnetic motor starters, hand-off-automatic switches, and indicator lights to handle hydropneumatic pump system consisting of one 20 H. P. booster pump with one 60 H. P., standby fire pump and one 3 H. P. Compressor.

Item 4: Furnish and install one floor mounted electrical control panel to supplement Item 3 above.

Item 5: One horizontal hydro-pneumatic pressure tank to conform to A.S.M.E. Code, Code U52A or U52B for unfired pressure vessels. Tank to be approximately 1500 to 1600 gallons capacity, with a working pressure of 150 p.s.i. cold water pressure.

Item 6: One air compressor capable of delivering 3 c.f.m. at 150 p.s.i. pressure complete with motor and base. 440 volt, 3 phase, 60 cycle drip proof motor.

Item 7: One centrifugal booster pump for water service. Two stage, bronze fitted, built together, with monel shaft sleeve. 440 volt, 3 phase, 60 cycle drip proof motor. Pump capacity to be 125 G.P.M. at 135 p.s.i. total head.

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City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

2. Mayor Isen announced that bids would be opened publicly in the Council Chamber at 10:00 A. M. Thursday, April 9, 1959, for the removal of soil and dirt from a portion of Palos Verdes Blvd. lying between Via Monte D'Oro and Pacific Coast Highway.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A March 26, 1959, letter from Don Matthews, General Contractor, 3413 Cricklewood St., reported the need for removal of trees on Madison St. south of 230th. He said that on the east half of this future street there is a row of eucalyptus trees which must be removed to allow the homeowners access to the garage at 2604 W. 230th St.

Appended was a comment from Park Supt. Clemmer, who said these trees could be taken out down Madison as far as the curb is in. He reported that at the Staff Meeting on Monday there was a discussion of this, and as to the easement and whether there may be oil, water or gas lines near the tree row. The Staff had agreed to hold up removing the trees until these things are determined.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park Supt., to hold this up until we have further information as to whether there are such lines as described, and that the person who wrote the letter be so notified.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked if anyone is working to clear up the easement, and Acting City Engineer Bishop said he is working on it. He said his department is also checking to see if there are gas or oil lines there.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried, with Mayor Isen directing Mr. Peebles to write to Mr. Matthews on this.

2. An April 1, 1959, letter from James S. Dresser to the Council said he wished to secure a building permit for a 4-shop store building on the west side of Arlington Avenue between 236th Place and 237th St. He had not been able to secure the permit because of the water situation in the area, even though he believed that ample water would be available for these shops.

He asked the Council to allow him to secure this permit.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen moved a substitute motion to refer this to the Building Department to see if there was any hardship here.

Councilman Jahn said this was in the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3 area, where the water pressure has been at its worst.

Mr. McKinnon of the Bldg. Dept. said Mr. Dresser had applied only 4 working days past for the permits; he had not met any of the conditions under which the Department could issue a permit.

Mayor Isen's motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale thought Mr. Dresser should be advise of the reasons for denial.

There were no objections to the motion, and it was ordered carried, with Mayor Isen directing the Building Department to reply to the letter.

Mr. Allen Moore, 1741 Elm Ave., said he had brought in a letter yesterday for the Agenda, but he did not see it listed.

Mayor Isen explained to Mr. Moore the Thursday closing of the Agenda, and the reasons for it.

The City Manager reported that he had the letter with him, but it had come in too late for this Agenda.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Moore if he wanted to have the letter on the next Agenda or have it read under Oral Communications tonight.

Mr. Moore said he and the group with him would wait for the letter to be read later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

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

PERSONNEL:

- A. That Jack Egan, Airport Manager, be authorized to attend the California Association of Airport Executives Conference at Monterey, May 5, 6, and 7, with appropriate expenses paid.
- B. That Policewoman Regina Ryan be authorized to attend the California Woman Peace Officers Association Conference in San Jose, May 25, 26, and 27, with appropriate expenses paid (copy of request submitted to the Council).

FOR DISCUSSION:

Consideration of vacating a portion of Arlington Avenue in the vicinity of 203rd St. (Del Amo Blvd.). Maps to be presented at the Council meeting.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Items A and B under Personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Bradford absent).

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager exactly what was under consideration on 203rd St., and the City Manager presented to the Council the map he had with him.

City Manager Stevens said some weeks ago he had a communication from Pacific Electric in reply to a request for an easement over their right of way there, and they had set up certain conditions, among them a price of \$2500 for the easement. A Committee had been appointed from the Council to meet with them, and had done so; out of that meeting had come these suggestions. There would have to be 2 crossings within a distance of 300' if they ever extend their tracks in this area. Our request, if granted, would pose a real traffic problem, and a solution has been suggested and is shown on the map.

Mayor Isen interpolated here that it had been indicated this could be worked out; Pacific Electric is more interested in avoiding the dangerous crossing than in having the \$2500. If a plan can be worked out to avoid this dangerous crossing, he believed the next step would be for them to commit themselves so far as this point is concerned.

Councilman Benstead asked what the \$2500 was a charge for, and the City Manager replied for the vacationing of their easements.

Mayor Isen explained they would have to put signals in at 2 crossings if this goes through, so they have an argument on their side.

The City Council and the City Manager, along with the Acting City Engineer and the Director of Public Works, gathered around the map to study and discuss it.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the solution on the map which the City Manager had presented, and that the people own the property on the vacated portion of Arlington be notified of the existing conditions, subject to the negotiations with Pacific Electric.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated April 2, 1959, Alyce N. O'Rourke and Walter J. O'Rourke re-applied for a permit to erect a large business sign on the office building at 23870 Hawthorne Ave.

A memo from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg. Inspection, was appended, and reported that this exceeds the area for a pole sign, having 88 sq. ft. of area, with the extreme perimeter of sign being 188 sq. ft., and the occupancy frontage of the property being 50 ft.

Councilman Jahn asked if they had not cut down the size of this sign considerably since they first applied, and Mr. Schlens said they had.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve this request.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 2, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, contained his complete report on the traffic signals at 190th St. and the main entrance to General Petroleum refinery. This report had been requested by the Council.

After his analyses were given, Mr. Bishop recommended a combination of the Econolite 4-pole signal design and our own 2-pole signal design, in the interest of over-all traffic safety, using the 2-pole design, with actuation on the refinery leg. This retains practically all the good features of 4-pole design with much of the economy of 2-pole design and would be estimated to cost \$4,000; he recommended that the refinery be required to contribute an additional \$1,000.

Councilman Benstead said this was for the benefit of the refinery and he could not see why they should not pay for the entire installation.

Mayor Isen said they had offered to pay \$3,000 and it is recommended we ask them for another \$1,000. That would pay for all of this.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Acting City Engineer.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. In a letter dated April 1, 1959, Mrs. Lois Krauszer, Leader of Girl Scout Troop 1299, requested permission to get a free license to hold a fashion show at the Civic Auditorium on April 29, saying they will charge admission in an endeavor to obtain enough money to help finance a tour of the U. S. this summer. She said all the girls in the troop are Torrance girls, and they hope to spread good will for Torrance throughout the nation.

A memo from License Inspector Whitacre was appended, recommending the request be granted subject to the approval of the use of the Auditorium by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, subject to the approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission and payment of the usual custodial fees.

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

Councilman Blount stated he had abstained from voting because of the fact that his daughter is a member of that Troop.

2. With a letter dated April 2, 1959, the License Inspector reported receipt of a request from the Frank W. Babcock United Shows, 501 S. Los Angeles St., for a business license to hold a carnival at the rear of the "Food Giant" and "Owl Drug Store" at Pacific Coast Highway & Hawthorne. This is at the request of the merchants of the area, and the dates are April 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19; the fee is \$50 for the first day and \$25 per day for each day thereafter; the police have approved the request.

The License Inspector therefore recommended this license be granted, subject to the filing of the required insurance.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, who suggested that the approval of the Fire Department also be required in this case.

Councilman Jahn so amended his motion, with the amendment accepted in the second.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. In a letter dated April 1, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that the proposal from the Torrance Fire Dept. for establishment of a fire station which will include crash protection for the airport on a certain parcel of the commercial frontage there be approved.

Mayor Isen invited Bessie Slonecker, Secretary of the Walteria Civic Organization, to be heard on this if she wished.

Mrs. Slonecker asked where this would be on the airport, and the map was presented for her inspection, with Councilman Jahn saying it would be almost across the street from the intersection of Newton and Denny at Pacific Coast Highway.

Mrs. Slonecker asked how they would get the fire trucks out on the highway, citing the heavy traffic as the reason for her question. She said it had taken over 2 years to get a signal for the station at Calle Mayor, and she doubted if it would be there now if the school had not gone in.

Councilman Jahn asked the Acting City Engineer if this signal was not one of those in the increment approved by the State.

Mr. Bishop replied the State had approved the spacing of the signals suggested along there, subject to their study.

Mrs. Slonecker asked if the station they have now in Walteria would be painted.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that labor would be involved in this job, and we could not afford it at this time.

Councilman Jahn returned to the proposed suggestion of location for the fire station, and asked the City Manager if this would be a good location, and whether it would interfere with activation of the Master Plan of the airport.

The City Manager thought this a logical outlet from the airport, and that the street should be there even if the fire station is not.

Richard DeArmitt, 5102 Pacific Coast Highway, asked if any plans have been considered for building this station underground, saying many fire buildings are being built that way now because of the hazard of war.

Councilman Beasley thought if we did that we might be able to get some of the funds from Civil Defense funds.

Mayor Isen said we had hoped to do this anyway by building the new station as an alternate seat of City government, and asked George Powell if the Civil Defense and Disaster Commission has not been studying that report.

Mr. Powell said they are studying the matter now.

Councilman Beasley thought a copy of this section of the Minutes of this meeting should be sent to the Civil Defense & Disaster Commission for their special attention.

Mayor Isen agreed, and directed that the entire matter be sent to them.

Councilman Beasley suggested it also be referred to the City Manager for consideration with the Budget.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the map presented in principle and that an explanation be sent to the people in Walteria that we will have good fire protection for them at the Airport, which will serve two areas; he moved to concur with the plot plan presented to the Council in principle.

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

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager about painting the present Walteria Station.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the City Manager in connection with the Budget.

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

Councilman Drale moved that station be painted.

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

2. With a letter dated April 1, 1959, the President of the Airport Commission submitted to the Council their recommendation that a request from Chester & Trefethen to sublease their hangar to Doak Aircraft be approved, and that the request of Doak Aircraft to retain the fenced area about 70' x 90' in front of that property be granted; and that Doak's use of a 10' x 12' pad between that hangar and the Johnson hangar be permitted to continue.

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

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

3. With a letter dated April 1, 1959, President Abrams of the Airport Commission submitted that Commission's recommendation that the request of the South Torrance Lions Club to use the northwest corner of Highway 101 and Crenshaw Blvd. at the airport for a fireworks stand be approved.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn said it should be clearly stated that the property may be leased before that time, in which case we could not give this permission.

License Inspector Whitacre came forward, and told the Council this location had been approved for use by the Torrance Lions Club.

Mayor Isen asked why this was here, and Mr. Whitacre said he did not know, that this was the first time he had seen it.

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

Mr. Whitacre said he had heard nothing from the South Torrance Lions about this. The Torrance Lions had applied for the location and paid the fee.

Mayor Isen assumed this was for the South Torrance Lions, and that all their applications had been combined for the sake of simplicity.

Councilman Beasley moved this communication be filed, and as there were no objections it was so ordered.

4. With a letter dated April 1, 1959, President Abrams of the Airport Commission submitted that Commission's recommendation for approval of the Torrance Airport Notice dated March 9, 1959, regarding control tower hours of operation.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if he thought this was necessary and whether we could afford it.

The City Manager said he could not see that it was necessary.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that we would be moving the time ahead in the morning from 10:00 A. M. to 8:30 A. M. for tower operation.

The City Manager, in reply to a question, said he could not see the desirability of this as there is not a heavy load in the early morning.

Councilman Jahn said to have the tower open later in the evening might be all right, but not in the mornings; he could not see why we should pay an operator at that hour as the traffic is very light at that time.

Councilman Beasley said he had been told that we now have 11 or more employees at the airport, whereas there used to be 4. He had heard they have a number of problems there, and he said he would like to have the

City Manager make a study of the situation there and send the Council his findings and recommendations about the airport operation, such as hours, amount of personnel, etc. The airport is always out of money and losing money. He felt this was the only way we could get an answer on the questions.

Councilman Beasley moved the City Manager's office be requested to look into the operation of the airport so far as operation, manpower, overhead, etc., is concerned, to see if it is topheavy.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and this motion was ordered carried.

Councilman Jahn moved to table the item about the hours of tower operation which was before the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and as there were no objections, the matter was ordered to be tabled.

Councilman Beasley thought the hours of operation of the tower could be extended without adding more personnel.

5. An April 1, 1959, letter carried President Abrams' transmittal of the Airport Commission's recommendation for approval of Standard Helicopters, Inc., request to operate a schedule airplane pick-up and delivery service in and out of the airport.

Councilman Jahn asked what they are going to pick up and deliver; he thought this was an important matter, and if they are going to operate out of this airport he would like to know more about it.

Councilman Beasley asked if they do not operate out of the commercial area now.

No one present knew the answer to this.

Councilman Blount said the name of this firm is misleading, as they use planes and not helicopters.

Mayor Isen asked who would get the \$30 per month rental mentioned in this letter.

Councilman Jahn understood that would come to the City for use of the field.

Councilman Blount referred to Mr. Jack Egan's letter about this which was submitted to the Council in support of this recommendation; from it, he deduced that the Commission had acted only on Mr. Egan's recommendation and not on the letter from Standard Helicopters, Inc. He felt that was the only thing before the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Airport Commission's recommendation on Mr. Egan's letter.

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

6. With a letter dated April 1, 1959, President Abrams of the Airport Commission submitted that Commission's recommendation that the request of Pilots Inc. for a lease at the airport be dropped on the grounds of lack of interest and failure to perform.

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

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

7. With a letter dated April 1, 1959, President Abrams of the Airport Commission submitted that Commission's recommendation for approval of a request by the Skyline Co. to sublease a portion of the Chester hangar for which a sublease is now pending.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation of the Airport Commission.

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

8. With a letter dated April 1, 1959, Airport Commission President Abrams submitted that Commission's recommendation to the Council that they reconsider the decision to put the utility lines under the taxiway as the Commission felt the money could be better used in other ways.

Councilman Beasley moved this be filed.

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

Councilman Blount said Mr. Egan had been asked to give the Council firm prices on this before the Council makes the motion final.

Councilman Jahn asked if that price information was available.

Mayor Isen directed that the record show that the price for the 120 feet of utility line to be put under the taxiway is to be given to the City Council so they may take action on that.

Councilman Blount said other heads of departments who have matters on the agenda were present, and that the airport manager should also be.

Councilman Jahn agreed with him, and so did Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen said as a matter of policy, when departmental matters are on an agenda before the Council, the head of the department should be present at the meeting.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council hear the matter to be presented by Mr. Allen Moore of 1741 Elm Avenue at this time.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen called for Mr. Moore.

It developed that Mr. Moore had left the Council Chamber, but the group which had accompanied him was present and asked that his letter be read.

The City Manager read the letter in full; this was from the residents of the area bordering on Monterey west of Crenshaw, and expressed their displeasure with the action of the Council in regard to the industrial land south of Monterey and west of Crenshaw. The letter referred to the Planning Commission meeting of January 7, 1959, and the recommendations of that Commission. They stated a delegation from their neighborhood would attend the meeting of the Council on April 14 to present their formal protests and arguments against that type of development.

Mayor Isen referred to Planning Director Powell, and told him to get the letter and answer it in writing so that the people would understand the situation fully.

Mrs. Swartz, a member of the group, asked if they would be heard on April 14.

Councilman Beasley said the group should know the Council had discussed this with the Planning Commission.

Mayor Isen directed Planning Director Powell to give a letter with the complete detail on this to whomever the group may designate as their representative, and in the meantime to set this up on the Council's agenda for the April 14 meeting. He asked the group to call the City Manager and tell him if the letter answered their questions fully and if they decide not to come before the Council, so the Council will be aware of their wishes in the matter.

At 6:15 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:25 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. CASE NO. 564 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of application of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Variance to permit two single-family dwellings to be placed on property legally described as the west 15' of Lot 19 and the north 40' of Lot 20, that portion lying west of a line drawn parallel with and distant 114' east of the west line of said lot (40' x 211') of the R. O. Hickman Tract, situated at the south side of 180th St., west of Bailey Drive in Land Use Zone A-1. Attached to this were:
 - a. 2 location sketches showing the property;
 - b. Excerpt from Planning Commission Mins. of March 18, 1959;
 - c. Letter dated March 22, 1959, from Harry Barela, 4110 W. 180th;
 - d. Letter dated Mar. 22, 1959, from Geo. Woodruff of 4109 Hickman

Mayor Isen did not understand this, and suggested it be sent back to the City Attorney for clarification. He asked if the City would still

have a saleable piece of land.

Planning Director Powell said they would.

Mayor Isen suggested again that this be referred to the City Attorney for clarification and then be back on the Agenda as soon as possible.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. An April 2, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell contained a report ordered by the Council on the matter of parking at the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall on Hickman Drive near Bailey Drive. The report was ordered because of an oral complaint by a Mr. Glen R. Everett, 18014 Bailey Drive. Mr. Powell reported that the Police had investigated, and they did not feel they could recommend the restriction on parking which was requested.

Mr. Powell reported the land is zoned A-1, which permits churches. There is a parking lot with adequate ingress and egress and with the required number of parking spaces. They reported there is an unpaved portion of the church property where parking for six cars might be provided.

Copies of the letter had been delivered to Mr. Everett and to Mr. LaVoyd Towe, minister, at 2050 Earl St.

Councilman Drale said he had wanted to know if the Church had given us the easement for widening the street in front of the church.

Mayor Isen did not think Mr. Everett would like this, but he had said they do not use the parking lot.

Councilman Benstead agreed, and said Mr. Everett had reported that these people park under his bedroom window and then stand and talk by their cars late at night and awaken him.

Mayor Isen suggested that the minister, Mr. Towe, and Mr. Everett be invited to attend the Council meeting on April 21 and discuss this.

Councilman Drale said he wanted the information on the easement in front of the church building.

In answer to a question from Councilman Beasley, Lt. Don Nash of the Police Dept. said he had contacted the residents who lived immediately behind Everett, and they did not want the restriction on parking beside their house. They feel it would not help enough.

Mayor Isen asked this matter be continued to April 21 with people to represent the Church and with Mr. Everett to be here then.

Councilman Benstead thought the Council should have the information Councilman Drale asked for about the easement at the next meeting.

Mayor Isen suggested that Lt. Nash try to get the people at the Church to use their parking lot so they will not have to come here.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. With a memorandum dated March 26, 1959, Chief of Police Percy Bennett submitted to the Council the various recommendations on Traffic Control coming out of the last Traffic Commission meeting.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with these recommendations.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that Item 4, about parking on Carson between Arlington and Cabrillo, might be too restrictive between Arlington and Cabrillo on the north side of the street; he thought that should be 2-hour parking at least from Cabrillo to Andreo on both sides of the street.

Councilman Drale amended his motion to concur with the recommendation made by Mr. Jahn.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion as amended.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

or resolution in regular order.

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

The respective numbers were assigned and titles read by the City Clerk as shown hereafter in these Minutes.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3660

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3660.

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

Councilman Beasley asked if the people doing this work were not to do the work in our alleys as well.

The City Manager said the City Attorney is checking into this now, to see if this can be done.

2. Mayor Isen referred to the next resolution, saying the Planning Commission had believed the name "Hawaii" might be difficult to spell, etc., but as it is the name of our newest State, he felt it most acceptable and said we will all become more and more familiar with it.

The City Attorney said the Planning Director had informed him that the map submitted to the Council is not correct; Alaska Street should be on the east, and Hawaii St. on the west.

Councilman Drale asked why the name 'Fonthill' is not used, as the one street is a continuation of it.

Planning Director Powell explained that it is felt the names of residential streets should not be used in order to avoid confusion and help keep heavy industrial traffic off the residential streets.

RESOLUTION NO. 3661

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING COLUMBIA, HAWAII, BUSH AND ALASKA STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3661, with any pertinent maps to be corrected as shown by the Planning Director.

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

3. With a cover letter dated April 2, 1959, the City Attorney submitted a resolution authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the City and the Torrance Unified School District for water service to Adams Elementary School, to be constructed on 238th St. and Arlington Avenue. The City Attorney reported on the details of this service.

RESOLUTION NO. 3662

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 THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR WATER SERVICE TO ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. McVicar who would pay for these lines, and

Mr. McVicar explained this in some detail, as outlined in the letter from the City Attorney.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3662.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. ORDINANCE NO. 1081

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUB-SECTION 5 OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1036 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF VALERIE STREET IN SAID CITY TO ANZA AVENUE AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1081 at its first reading.

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

2. ORDINANCE NO. 1082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.3 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING THE DEPOSITING OF RUBBISH ON CITY STREETS AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 13.3 THEREFOR PROHIBITING THE DEPOSIT OF RUBBISH IN PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1082 at its first reading.

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

3. ORDINANCE NO. 1083

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. 561.

Councilman Benstead moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1083 at its first reading.

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

The City Manager said he would like to check to see if this will be in the flight pattern from the airport before the second reading and/or final adoption of the Ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved to rescind the action of approving Ordinance No. 1083.

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

Mayor Isen said this could be returned to the agenda when the City Manager has finished his investigation.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1084

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. 566.

Councilman Jahn moved for approval of Ordinance No. 1084 at its first reading.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen proclaimed Tuesday, April 14th, as PAN AMERICAN DAY, and April 12-18th as PAN AMERICAN WEEK 1959, in the City of Torrance, and urged all citizens and interested organizations to join in the appropriate observances of these in testimony of the steadfast friendship which unites the people of the United States with the people of the other American republics.

2. With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of April 12-18, 1959, as "REALTOR WEEK" and urged all citizens to join with the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors in its celebration.

APPOINTMENTS:

1. With a letter dated March 31, 1959, Boris S. Woolley, attorney, asked for time on the agenda concerning the matter of Manning, et al. vs. City of Torrance, et al. Superior Court No. Inq. C 2486.

Mr. Woolley was present, and came forward.

Councilman Beasley said that he felt Mr. Woolley should not be here while he had a case against the City; if the suit were withdrawn, then this matter could be negotiated and possibly referred to the City Manager in his capacity as Personnel Director.

Mr. Woolley said he had intended his first remark to be that he was willing to dismiss the suit or mark it off calendar if the Council would talk to him about it; he had read a statement in the newspapers to the effect that one of the Councilmen had felt he and his clients should come here and discuss this rather than filing suit. He said he would be glad to do this, if those employees of the City would not be discharged in the meantime; he repeated his offer to dismiss the suit and discuss it with the Council.

Councilman Beasley said from 25 to 50 people have contacted him since the first information on this went out. The City Manager is the Personnel Officer of the City, and this should have been discussed with him.

Mr. Woolley said he had discussed this with the City Manager, who had felt this was a problem for the City Council.

Councilman Drale asked if the suit had actually been filed, and Mr. Woolley said it had.

Mayor Isen said he understood this was only the Council's problem so far as amendment of the ordinances is concerned.

Councilman Drale said he would have no objection to hearing Mr. Woolley's statements on the matter.

Mr. Woolley told the Council that there are 2 ordinances and the recent Administrative Directive sent out over the City Manager's signature which are parts of their suit; the Directive had indicated that other employees of the City than firemen and policemen are having those restrictions placed on outside employment. The two ordinances which were passed in 1934 govern the firemen and policemen, but have not been enforced. The letter sent out in 1959 over the City Manager's signature implied this same provision applied to all City employees.

The City Manager suggested the letter be read.

Mr. Woolley said they have been hired by a large number of City employees, with Miscellaneous Employees outnumbering the police and firemen in the group. They don't know if they are going to lose their jobs; the suit is not necessarily by the two firemen named, but is a representative suit. He said again they are perfectly willing to dismiss the suit if the Council will talk to him about it.

Councilman Jahn asked if we have anything in the ordinances, rules or practices of the City which would place the miscellaneous employees of the

City under the rules governing the police and firemen in this.

The City Attorney said we do not.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager what basis he had for the directive.

The City Manager said he had based it on the fact that we treat all municipal employees alike.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if it had been his feeling in writing this that in other cities in the County, and possibly in the County, there are limitations placed on outside employment.

The City Manager said his feeling has always been that all employees should be treated the same.

Mr. Woolley reported that this has come up in other cities in the County, and in the County, and there has been a compromise reached under which employees give the heads of their departments a list of their outside activities; the head of the department impartially analyses each of them to see if they interfere with the duties in the employ of the municipality. If an employee places his job with the city or county as secondary, he should be fired; if the outside job interferes in any way, the employee should not try to keep it; the employees agree on that point.

Mayor Isen asked if we should not consider the people in the general public who might not be able to get jobs.

Mr. Woolley thought these jobs would not affect them greatly.

Councilman Benstead protested that there are more than 5,000,000 people unemployed in this country today.

Mr. Woolley knew the figure was a high one, but said he did not know if the small jobs these people took would affect it.

Mayor Isen felt if a labor pool was available, the City's employees would be competing with people who do not have jobs for what work is available.

Councilman Jahn felt it might be that a person who accepted an outside job might be injured on that job, then come to work here for the City and start drawing disability pay or sick leave with rate increases, etc. This, he felt, was the most important problem. A person might have such an injury and not even know it for several days.

Mr. Woolley said the people generally do some kind of work on their days off, and they should be busy. He said he does carpentry at home, and a man can be injured doing that sort of thing at home just as easily as he could working on a job doing it.

Councilman Beasley felt that filing the suit was the last thing the people should have done.

Mr. Woolley said April 1 was the deadline in the directive sent out, and the suit was filed to stop the enforcement of this. It had been thought a lot of people would lose their jobs if it was not filed.

Mr. Woolley said the City of Los Angeles had exactly this problem. The case was dismissed, and each employee disclosed to his department head his outside employment. If it was determined that the outside employment would interfere with his City job, the employee could be required to leave it. That is the way the City of Los Angeles, the County, and other cities have settled this question.

Councilman Blount asked if they have ordinances governing them the way we do, and Mr. Woolley said he did not know.

Mayor Isen explained that we have an initiative ordinance which applies, and he believed that the initiative measure was started by the police and fire departments back in 1934; regardless of what is done at the present time, it would be consistent, if the Council is so inclined, to order an ordinance to cover other employees of the City.

Councilman Jahn said if a way could be found to resolve the workmen's compensation matter, he might be willing to listen to this.

Mr. Woolley told the Council there are many hardship cases involved; in some cases, the City's insurance does not cover the needs of the employee. He would like to discuss that with a Committee of the Council or the Council.

Mayor Isen thought all avenues toward settlement of this matter should be explored, in discussion with the City Manager, the Personnel Officer of the City.

Mr. Woolley said he would be glad to do that.

Councilman Blount said the City Council had met with the City Manager, and told him what to do in this matter.

Councilman Jahn thought if a discussion is held on this, that Mr. Woolley should discuss it with the Council as a whole.

Mr. Woolley said we would have a problem in enforcing this dogmatic law larger than we would have in enforcing a less severe ordinance.

Councilman Blount said this Council had nothing to do with adopting that ordinance, and could not change it.

Mr. Woolley said he had understood it could be changed.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney expressed his opinion that this ordinance can be amended. This is an initiative ordinance, but the Charter was passed subsequent to it, and the Charter gives the Council the power to amend the Civil Service Ordinance; the City Attorney said he had told the Council this about two years ago.

Councilman Blount said that in line with this, and as it is the opinion of the City Attorney that the Council can amend an ordinance passed by initiative, he believed it is the duty of the Council to pass a similar restriction to apply to all departments of the City, and perhaps a time should be set to consider this. He would agree to a Committee appointed by the Mayor on this, as he did not think it would require all the Councilmen. He believed such a Committee should be a Committee of three members of the Council, with it understood that nothing would be resolved in that Committee until it has been back here for decision by the Council as a whole. He believed it should also be agreed that no one would lose their jobs as a result of this until a decision is reached and a course laid out to follow. This will take a lot of study and work.

The Council discussed whether or not three or four members should comprise such a Committee, and the ultimate decision was that three members should serve, although the possibility of four members being on the Committee was considered.

Councilman Beasley said when a policeman or fireman comes to work from outside employment, he might be so tired he would jeopardize his own life and/or that of others. That should be considered. He understood that in some cases this might work extreme hardship. Some people have more income from their outside jobs than they have from their City jobs. This bears a great deal of investigation. He was inclined to go along with Councilman Blount's suggestion for a Committee, and he felt if this applied to one department it should apply to all.

Councilman Drale felt if there were to be any deviations or concessions, the Council should forget all about this and let the employees do as they have been doing. There is no use in adopting a new ordinance if it is not going to be enforced.

Mayor Isen said in line with almost everything said on both sides of this, he thought Mr. Woolley should take the suit off the calendar instead of dismissing it; a study of this kind will require a great deal of time. The intention of the Council had contemplated two thoughts, (a) that this created a problem when unemployment is relatively high, and (b) the risks employees run on 'moonlighting' jobs. He said he thought it would be only fair for each and every employee to report to the head of his department, in writing, the outside employment he is engaged in, and the head of the department can determine whether there are any extra hazards involved; if there are, the employee could terminate his employment there. He felt the City had a right to know who is working extra and where they are working.

A City employee, Richard DeArmit, asked to be heard, and told the Council that regarding injuries on the job, the City had just been given a big refund check from the State's insurance board, and he thought it was for about \$15,000; this was larger than the one we had received last year, but he thought that one had been for about \$7,000. He said the City had received these, as well as the safety award, because of our splendid safety record. He felt that to have jobs which gave a man exercise and helped keep him fit helped him perform his duties better.

He reported to the Council that employment in this State is at a high figure.

Councilman Jahn felt if the Council was going to have a Committee, rules should be laid down and this should be discussed there.

Councilman Beasley moved the Mayor appoint a Committee of 3 to be given at least 30 days to make a study of this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

The question of how many members should be on the Committee was discussed, with Councilman Drale suggesting 4 members, and the Mayor suggesting the Council as a whole, with which Councilman Benstead agreed.

Mayor Isen thought the Committee should meet here, and every employee would have the right to hear what goes on; no employee should lose his job over this.

Councilman Blount said he had suggested a Committee, and they in turn would have to return to the Council as a whole with any suggestions they may outline; this would save time and confusion. He would be more than willing to go along if the Council as a whole serves as the Committee on this, but he thought a Committee would be a saving.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion to specify 4 members on the Committee.

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

Mayor Isen feared that to have a Committee of 4 would violate the Brown Act.

The City Attorney read that portion of the Brown Act which refers to personnel matters; he said this excludes only certain types of personnel matters from the Act's provisions.

Councilman Drale did not think this would apply as long as the meetings are open meetings.

The City Attorney said he would prefer to have this be a Committee of 3 to avoid any possibility of confusion.

Councilman Beasley withdrew the amendment to his motion, and Councilman Jahn withdrew his second to the amendment.

In reply to a question, the Mayor said the Committee would meet with Mr. Woolley and the City Manager, and their recommendations would be brought back to the entire Council.

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

Mayor Isen said he had voted with the majority of the Council on this, but he believed the Council as a whole should have served.

Mayor Isen appointed the following Committee: Chairman Drale, Councilmen Jahn and Benstead.

Councilman Jahn moved that alternates be appointed.

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

Mayor Isen appointed Councilman Blount and himself to serve as alternates on the Committee.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council adopt a policy that until this matter is resolved by a meeting of the minds or by the courts, the employees will be assured their employment will not be terminated as a result of the action of this Council or by these ordinances.

At the suggestion of the Mayor, Councilman Blount amended his motion to add "or jeopardized in other ways".

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion as amended.

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

Mr. Woolley said he would put the case off the court calendar and meet with the Committee.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Assist. Chief of Police Porter said that some time ago the City Manager was contacted by Mrs. Czar of the North Torrance PTA, and the Police Dept. has been contacted many times by various PTA groups about licensing bicycles. We used to do that, but stopped about 4 years ago because of the prohibitive cost. The Sheriff's Office now has a program under which they will come in to the City and do this at no cost to us.

It is the recommendation of our Police Department that they be allowed to proceed with this program in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked what he meant when he said this program was too costly.

Mr. Porter replied that we charged 50¢ per license and lost 32¢ on each one. Both the plates and the labor were expensive.

Councilman Jahn said it distressed him to see any of our prerogatives handed over to the County, so he would vote against this.

Councilman Blount asked what useful purpose it served to license the bicycles, and Asst. Chief Porter said it is useful in identification of lost or stolen bikes. He agreed with Councilman Blount that there are serialnumbers on them which we check.

Assist. Chief Porter said the licenses issued by the Sheriff would be transferrable. He said this is valuable from a public relations standpoint, and he outlined the procedure to be followed.

The motion to concur with the Police carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

2. Supt. of the Water Dept. A. E. McVicar told the Council that in the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #2, some of their lines are transite and are in good condition. He suggested it might be well to negotiate and buy those lines. He thought they would be willing to negotiate. He has not gone into the details of this with them at all.

Mayor Isen suggested that he do so, and report to the Council.

The City Attorney thought if negotiation with them is contemplated, it would be unwise to include them in the District being formed.

Mr. McVicar said this was an entirely different matter than the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3.

Councilman Drale moved this matter be referred to the City Attorney, Water Dept. Supt., and Director of Public Works, for recommendations on procedure.

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

3. Councilman Blount referred to the Minutes of the Water Commission Meeting of April 1, and their reference to a meeting on March 13. He was shown as having attended that meeting, and he had not; he was, in fact, out of town that day. He felt the section of the Minutes in question was entirely too ambiguous, and recommended they be clarified. He pointed to the excessive use of the word 'they', and the fact that in some places it was not clear who was meant by the pronoun. He could not tell whether 'they' meant the Commission or another group.

Mr. McVicar had not read the Minutes in question.

Councilman Blount said the intent of the Minutes was not clear, and he wanted Mr. McVicar to read them from now on before they are put into final form.

2. The City Attorney returned to the matter of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #2, and said they would find out whether the area would agree to this suggestion. He said that concerning the entire area served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3 and #2, he had toured it with a bond expert, who had decided it was bondable. After talking with O'Melveny & Myers, it had been decided to use the 1911 Act in this. The next thing which must be done is to draw the plans to be approved by the Council. These must be fairly precise plans.

Mr. McVicar said the plans can be ready in about a week.

The City Attorney said we must know the boundaries of the District.

Councilman Jahn suggested these be here next week so we can proceed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

4. The City Manager said he had handed to the Council the report from John B. Knight on the Alondra Park area where annexation had been considered.

5. The City Manager said the Council had asked him to negotiate with an appraiser to get an appraisal on 5 acres in the Victor Precinct adjacent to the school property. The School Board had changed their boundaries there. He has talked to the appraiser. He believes this will have to go to court. It will cost us about \$475 to get the appraisal. This is close to the appraisal price the schools are paying. The land in question is a 5-acre piece with 3 structures and an oil well on it.

Councilman Blount asked if the schools had their appraisal, and the City Manager said they are having the appraisal made.

In answer to a question, the City Manager agreed that their appraisal would be public and he could get the figures, but he said they would not apply to the land the City had in mind.

The City Manager was directed to get those figures from the School Board's appraisal before we proceed.

6. The City Attorney referred to the Dominguez Water litigation, and said Mr. Wilson has filed a petition for a re-hearing. He believed the answer to their petition is contained in our petition.

7. Councilman Beasley reported that the Inter-City Highway Committee has an appointment with the State Highway Commission on April 30, and plans are being formulated about this. He will know the plans when the Committee meets on Thursday evening. Supervisors Chace and Hahn, members of the Chambers of Commerce, etc., will attend the meeting. He wanted the Council to know this trip is in prospect, and said it is felt that a lot of work must be done to speed up development of the San Diego Freeway. An effort is to be made to get industries affected to join in the plea to the State. Arrangements are being made for meetings with the State Director of Public Works, the Lt. Governor, the State Highway Commissioner, etc. He expressed the hope that the entire Council would go on this trip.

8. Mayor Isen said the newly appointed member of the Inter-City Highway Committee, Mr. Harmon Belcher, had just come into the Chamber. He introduced Mr. Belcher to the audience.

9. Councilman Jahn said he would be out of town next week, and would therefore miss the next meeting of the Council.

10. Mayor Isen referred to the action being taken in Los Angeles to provide for children who are making solicitations for charitable causes to be protected from tragedy, and thought this was a matter on which we must not delay. Redondo Beach is preparing an ordinance calling for similar safeguards. He suggested the City Attorney present such an ordinance to the Council.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

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

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance