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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 28, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bob Marshall, Carl Steel School, led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 21, 1959, as written.

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

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Wortham who will be touring the middle east beginning the middle of May and will represent the City of Torrance while he is visiting in Konya, Turkey, June 21 through June 25. Mayor Isen explained our Sister-to-Sister Program after which he read in its entirety Resolution No. 3674.

RESOLUTION NO. 3674

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE APPOINTING MR. CHARLES H.
WORTHAM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE PRO TEMPORE
FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE CITY OF
KONYA.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3674.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen presented Mr. Wortham an official copy of said Resolution along with a letter addressed to The Honorable M. Sitki Bilgin, L.L.D., Mayor of Konya, Turkey, which was signed by Mayor Isen. Mr. Wortham stated it was indeed a pleasure for he and his wife to represent Torrance and extended his appreciation for such an honor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. CASE NO. 536, George C. Powell, Planning Director, with reference to extension of time on Variance granted to Bee Gauthier (optionee) and Bobbie L. Boltz (owner) to build six units on an acre of A-1 land at 2147 West 237th Street, legally described as Lot 33, Tract 437, being Case No. 536, recommended for approval.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval of Case No. 536. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

- 2. CASE NO. 571. Geo. C. Powell, submitting letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission on petition of Pauline LoBuglio, 17403 S. Elgar Avenue, for a Variance to add a separate unit on the rear of the Lot at the above address, being in Land Use Zone R-1.
 - a. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial.
 - b. Location sketch.
 - c. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of April 15, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett read a petition opposing Case No. 571 containing 39 names stating as follows: "We, the undersigned property owners between Glenburn and Delia, 174th and Edison power line south in Torrance, California, desire to have this area remain zoned R-1 for best interest of this community".

There being no objections, Mayor Isen ordered the petition filed. Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission for denial. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 3. WAIVER. Carl L. Lambert, 437 Via Colusa.
Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitting recommendation for approval of request of Carl L. Lambert for a Waiver of rear yard requirements, per plot plan.
Councilman Jahn moved the request of Carl L. Lambert be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

- 4. Proposed Amendment to Land Use Ordinance (Revision of M-2 Section).
Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, requesting the Council to fix a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on proposed Ordinance amending M-2 provisions of the Land Use Ordinance.
Mayor Isen announced the Third and Final Hearing would be held May 12, 1959, in the Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m.

- 5. CASE NO. 517: Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitting recommendation of Planning Commission for approval of revision of Exhibit "A", Variance of Paul and Mary Strahl.
 - a. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of April 15, 1959.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval of Case No. 517. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. A letter from Jefferson, Inc., dated April 22, 1959, signed by Albert Levitt, President, regarding lease of 9-acre parcel of airport property.
Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.
Councilman Jahn suggested Jefferson, Inc. obtain leases for stores immediately.

Mr. Walter Marks, 3660 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, stated he had been a member of the Los Angeles Realty for 33 years and had just completed the South Bay Shopping Center for Brodie Investment Company and also the insurance center on Wilshire Blvd. He stated they were in the process of closing leases now with several major tenants and felt the City Council should consider the 36 acres and 9 acres at the airport as one project.

In answer to a question from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Marks replied the lease is drawn for their major tenant and they hope to have the lease in order the first of next week. All plans have been completed.

2. Letter from Mr. John Frederick dated April 20, 1959, for claim for damages to residence at 1543 West 220th Street, resulting from a stray bullet.

Assistant City Manager Bone explained that this particular case had been discussed with the City's insurance carrier and legally they have denied the claim. Mr. Frederick felt the City had a definite obligation.

Since this bullet was from a Torrance Police Officer's gun, Mayor Isen moved the amount of \$50.00 be paid to Mr. Frederick. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A letter from E. Snowden Chambers, Program Executive, Office of Private Corporation, U.S. Information Agency, Washington D.C. regarding People-to-People program, dated April 20, 1959.

Councilman Beasley asked that City Clerk Bartlett forward a copy of Resoluion No. 3674 to the United States Information Agency. Mayor Isen further requested that a copy of the letter from the United States Information Agency be forwarded to the Sister-to-Sister Committee along with a copy of resolution.

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Remelmeyer to check to see if a copy of the resolution rewarding Mr. Somnez had been delivered to him.

4. A letter from the Junior Baseball League, and signed by Mrs. Thelma Friberg, Activity Chairman, Woman's Auxiliary, dated April 21, 1959, inviting the City Council to lead the parade opening the baseball season, Saturday, May 2, 1959.

With the exception of Councilman Blount, the Council expressed their regrets they would be unable to attend this event.

5. A letter from Inter-City Highway Committee signed by Wilburn E. Baker, President, dated April 23, 1959, regarding dinner meeting on May 14, 1959.

Councilman Beasley stated a great many representatives from neighboring cities would be present and requested members of the City Council, Planning Commission and Department Heads be present if possible.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to mail a memo to the Council, Planning Commission and Department Heads reminding each one of this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated April 23, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Casper Clemmer, Park Superintendent, be authorized to attend the National Shade Tree Conference in San Francisco May 5-8, 1959 with appropriate expenses paid. (Budget Item).

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. The top three people on the eligible list for City Engineer have been interviewed by Mr. Peebles and myself. Two of the three did not have any administrative experience of the calibre required, and the other applicant did not possess the qualifications which the City requires for this important position. It is our recommendation that none of the three be appointed. I recommend that we re-bulletin for an unassembled examination for the classification in the same manner that was used in recruiting the Director of Public Works.

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

Councilman Benstead stated he felt this should go through the proper channels; the examination should be rebulletined, an examination

called and held in the proper manner under Civil Service. City Manager Stevens explained this examination would be bulletined and an oral examination given similar to the one given for the Director of Public Works.

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

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen asked to digress from regular order of business to present a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 9, 1959, "TORRANCE YOUTH BASEBALL DAY" to presidents of Little Leagues, Babe Ruth Leagues and Pony Leagues.

Mayor Isen commended the Leagues and their President, Pat Hogue, for the progress during the past few years after which he read the proclamation in full and handed official copies of proclamation to the presidents of such leagues.

At 8:30 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a five-minute recess; meeting reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Councilman Drale moved the fees for operating the loudspeakers for all the baseball league grounds be waived and asked they not disturb the neighbors. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried un-animously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER (CONT.)

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. That the bid of National Supply for furnishing 945 lineal feet of 2½" I.D. galvanized pipe, in the amount of \$751.27 plus sales tax, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Motor Vehicles and Equipment.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4: That these items be rejected and be purchased on the open market.

City Manager Stevens stated the bid had required a 10% bidder's bond and none was received on these items; therefore he has asked that these items be rejected and perhaps purchased at the bid price on the open market.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item 5: (4-wheel tractor with loader) To Southwest Tractor Sales, Inc., the low bidder.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item 6: No bid.

Items 7, 8, 9 and 11: To Pacific Toro Company.

Item 10: Recommend no purchase at this time.

Item 12: (Equipment Trailer with tilt bed) To Hayes Loading Service, the low bidder.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE FUND:

1. For purchase of one 7'x7' aerial photo, the sum of \$375.00.
2. For purchase of a set of aerial photos, 1" to 250' scale, mounted on 36"x36" paper and contained in a hard covered book, the sum of \$600.00.
 Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.
 City Manager Stevens presented the photos and explained in detail the many uses of such photos.
 Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. The property owners of the lots that would be affected by the vacation of Arlington Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard (203rd Street) have indicated that they would object to such a vacation, believing that it would be detrimental to their interests. It was suggested that a portion of Arlington Avenue be vacated as an aid in acquiring a section of right-of-way from the Pacific Electric Railway, and also a means of avoiding a very hazardous street intersection when Arlington Avenue is extended through the Columbia Steel property. It is the recommendation of the Director of Public Works that the section of Arlington Avenue referred to above be vacated if at all possible. A map of the area showing the property affected will be available at the Council meeting.

City Manager Stevens stated the property owners (two people) have indicated their opposition to the closing on the belief that it would be harmful to the value of their property. We believe otherwise as it will create a traffic hazard when Arlington Avenue is put through.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: None. Councilman Drale stated he was concerned over the small business located there.

2. Allocate space at old City Hall. Floor plan will be available at Council Meeting.

The entire council reviewed the proposed map presented by the City Manager's office, which was ordered marked "Exhibit A".

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with Exhibit "A", Floor Plan of allocation of space at old City Hall. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Benstead requested the City Attorney present an opinion as to the legality of giving the Chamber of Commerce free rental of City property.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

1. Letter from Assistant City Manager Bone addressed to City Manager Stevens, subject "Study of Torrance Airport Operations".

Councilman Jahn questioned Attachment "D" under Customer Sales and Service, the figure of \$11,340 and under Attachment "E" account no. 4800, Cost of Sales and Services. Mr. Scharfman explained that this year the cost of the reserve policemen was included under the account of Customer Sales and Service and these accounts were requested as such on reports from the State Auditor's office.

Mayor Isen directed the Airport Committee of the Council consisting of Councilmen Beasley, Drale and Jahn to meet with Mr. Scharfman, Mr. Egan, Mr. Bone and any other interested parties and report back to the Council the explanation of the questioned figures. Assistant City Manager Bone was asked to set up such a meeting sometime in the latter

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part of May and so notify such members and interested parties. Councilman Blount asked to be notified as he wished to be present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DIRECTOR:

1. Letter from Jerome I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, dated April 6, 1959, regarding payment of rentals at the airport.
Since there was some question as to the legality of such a request, Mayor Isen referred the matter to Mr. Scharfman, City Manager Stevens, City Attorney Remelmeyer and Mr. Egan.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. Letter from Mr. A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, dated April 23, 1959, regarding acceptance of tax deed, covering parcels of tax-delinquent real property purchased under an Agreement with the County and State as follows:

McDonald Tract, San Pedro Rancho, Por. Lot 62 - Purpose -
Street
Tract 10303, Blk C. Lot 14, Undivided 1/39th Interest -
Purpose - Shoreline Development
Tract 14938, Lots 54 through 61, Exclusive of Mining Rights -
Purpose - Sump.

Councilman Drale moved to accept the tax deed. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter from S. E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney, submitting report on the history of the Fireworks Ordinance.
There being no objections, Mayor Isen ordered the report filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. Elbert Scott Brown, submitting application for business license to paint house numbers on curbs, together with recommendation of License Inspector to grant such license.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of the License Inspector. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

2. Recommendation of Gale Whitacre, License Inspector, for release of Oil Well Bond #72-25-68, covering Ever Bros. Oil Well #4, located on Lot 11 of Tract 454.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Whitacre. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A letter from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works requesting Council approval to have Carnivals seeking to locate in Torrance cleared through Staff.

Councilman Jahn moved requests of carnivals first be considered at Staff meetings then forwarded to the City Council for their consideration. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

2. A letter from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, by R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, transmitting easement deeds as follows:

a. Sewer Easement. Granted by Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Guardian of the Estate of Walentz Graniczny, an incompetent, over the south 10 feet of the west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of Lot 72 of the McDonald Tract.

(1) Location sketch.

b. Street Easement. Granted by Saul and Bernee F. Levine over a portion of Lot 89, La Fresa Tract, for the widening of Redondo Beach Blvd.

(1) Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn moved the acceptance of (a) and (b). Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

3. A letter from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, by Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building Inspection, submitting request of Marina Federal Savings and Loan Association requesting extension of time for temporary sign located at Hawthorne Avenue and Sepulveda.

Councilman Jahn moved the extension be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

4. A letter from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, by Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building Inspection, resubmitting request of Mr. James Dresser for Council consideration to permit building in the low water pressure area in South Torrance.

a. Copy of letter dated April 15, 1959, from James S. Dresser.

Councilman Beasley moved the request be filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen making a substitute motion moved the request be granted if proof of expenditures are shown or a sworn affidavit as to the expenditures is presented.

Mr. Schlens presented a letter from the California Bank to the City Council advising that on or about November 15, 1958, Mr. Dresser negotiated with them for a loan for money to construct buildings on Arlington Avenue between 237th and 236th Place at which time a verbal commitment was made to assist Mr. Dresser in the financing of this project. Councilman Jahn pointed out that this is not an expenditure of money. Mr. Dresser stated he had spent approximately \$300. Mr. Schlens stated Mr. Dresser had not produced anything which would show he had spent any money.

Mayor Isen withdrew his substitute motion, and requested Mr. Dresser to meet with Mr. Schlens and present proof of expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from Harry B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, requesting authority to advertise for bids on playground equipment.

a. Copy of Notice Inviting Bids and Standard Bid Form attached.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley. Councilman Beasley withdrew his second and Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion.

Councilman Blount moved that it be made a matter of policy that all departments within the city when inviting bids send such bid to a great number of people and not restrict such bid to one trade name and that if the specifications are based on one brand that they include "or equivalent" in their specifications. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request for authority to advertise for bids on playground equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

2. A letter from Harry B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, submitting recommendation on bids received for diving equipment at the Victor E. Benstead plunge.

Councilman Jahn inquired as to when the pool would open. Miss Jensen replied on June 13. After a lengthy discussion regarding the diving standard, installation time, and former purchase of diving board, Councilman Blount moved the Recreation Department be directed to draw up standards for the equipment, take formal bids, and that the matter be expedited as quickly as possible, the Engineering Department be directed to assist them in all ways they can, and that the standards not be set up to eliminate any bidder.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Bradford asked that Mr. Peebles and Mr. Schlens check into the standard that is now at the pool and see what need be done and report back to council as soon as possible.

There being no objections to Councilman Blount's motion, it was so ordered.

Mr. Peebles stated the reconstruction of the pool and the painting of the pool were all designed and specifications made by the Engineering Department in conjunction with Mr. Van Bellehem, formal bids have been mailed and will be submitted shortly.

Councilman Jahn moved the City Manager submit a report as to the possibility of opening the pool prior to June 13 if the work can be expedited. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

At 9:20 p.m. Mayor Isen declared a 10-minute recess; meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. A letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. MWD #3, recommending payment of the City's share of the cost to participate in the West Coast Basin Watermaster service area.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Water Superintendent. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAINED: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

2. A letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. MWD #3, recommending payment of the special assessment to West Basin Water Association, as outlined in their statement and letter dated March 3, 1959, copies of which are attached.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Water Superintendent. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. MWD #3, and Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, recommending approval of pipe installed in Lomita Blvd.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Water Supt. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Peebles stated the City now has the encroachment permit on Hawthorne Blvd.

Councilman Beasley inquired as to the ditch across Sepulveda near Madrona Avenue. Mr. Bishop stated this was a storm drain and he had notified the contractor this date to come in and patch it up and put a temporary pavement in the ditch, then permanent paving; however, there is a lot of work to do on Sepulveda Blvd. Councilman Bradford felt the contractor should place the permanent paving next week.

Councilman Beasley stated there was a great deal of water on Lomita Blvd. during the last rain. Mr. Bishop stated it was a question of ditching to the south which is not our own.

Mr. Peebles stated the contractor was ordered not to start work this week and this matter would be brought up later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A letter from Civil Service Board, requesting allocation of expenses to permit two Board members to attend Western Regional Conference of the Public Personnel Association, to be held in Santa Barbara May 20 to 22, inclusive.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the request of the Civil Service Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A letter from Percy G. Bennett, Chief, Torrance Police Department submitting miscellaneous recommendations of the Traffic Commission as follows:

"The Torrance Traffic Commission hereby submits the following recommendations for the approval of your Honorable Body:

That traffic signals be posted (installed):

1. 190th and Rindge Lane
2. 190th and Inglewood Avenue
3. Calle Miramar and P.V. Blvd.

That stop signs be posted:

1. 162nd St., westbound at Arlington
2. Sonoma at Maple, eastbound and westbound
3. Alaska at Maricopa, southbound
4. Hawaii at Maricopa, southbound
5. Bush at Maple, westbound
6. Bush at Alaska, eastbound
7. Columbia at Maple, westbound
8. 180th Place, eastbound onto Yukon
9. 181st St., eastbound onto Yukon
10. Beryl St. at 190th

That Two Hour Parking Restriction Be Posted:

1. For the City Parking lot at Cravens and Sartori

That Parking Prohibited Be Posted

1. On both sides of Del Amo between old and new Arlington

That Ordinance Be Passed:

1. For issuance of an all-day parking decal, for merchants parking. Cost of decal to be \$4.00 per month sale of which can be handled by Chamber of Commerce."

Councilman Drale stated item 10 is not exactly correct as this sign is in the area of Beryl St. at 190th but at the entrance to the Little League field.

Councilman Jahn stated item 3 had previously been referred to budget sessions. After a question from Councilman Jahn, City Manager Stevens stated he felt it was necessary to hire either a full-time or part-time traffic engineer. Councilman Blount stated the Council had asked previously that when the Traffic Commission presented recommendations for approval on signals and signs that the amount of money involved should accompany same.

Councilman Jahn moved that items 1, 2, and 3 be referred to the budget sessions to be given a priority number. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission on Items 1 thru 10. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission on Item 1 under "Two Hour Parking Restriction", Item 1 under "Parking Prohibited" and Item 1, "Ordinance". Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale read a portion of the Traffic Commission Minutes of April 9, 1959, as follows: "Radar installation for the City of Torrance was discussed. With this installation more realistic speed zones could be established. Speed would be greatly reduced as motorists would be made more thoroughly aware of speed limitations. A price of \$2,000.00 per mobile unit is estimated. This would include the unit as well as the signs needed to post the areas advising all motorists of Radar Control. It was proposed by the Traffic Commission a budget item be made on this."

Councilman Drale moved this matter be considered as budget item. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount moved a substitute motion to immediately initiate the radar system for one month on a trial basis and a report be given as to its success. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Bradford moved the motion be tabled and the City Attorney prepare a decision on the legality of such a system and the Police Department present a report stating further information.

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

Councilman Drale read the following from the minutes of the Traffic Commission of April 9, 1959: "It is also the proposal of the commission that a budget be set up for twenty more needed traffic signals. Priority locations are to be set up by Lt. Nash, which in turn will be sent to Engineering. Engineering is to make up a master signal plan on counter map, copies to be sent to the Police Department."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Traffic Commission. Motion, died for a lack of a second.

Councilman Blount asked these requests be submitted in writing from the Traffic Commission and the entire Council agreed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Bradford.

The City Clerk read the titles of each of the resolutions and ordinances presented, after assigning the respective numbers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3666

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 COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR CONNECTION OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES SEWER LINE TO THE LOMITA TRUNK SEWER IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3666. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Works Director Peebles stated he had prepared a report on this matter but by error had failed to forward it to the City Manager to accompany this resolution and asked that this matter be held over for one week.

Councilman Beasley moved the matter be referred to the Public Works Director and the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3675

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 Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 3675. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 1085

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1085 at its first reading. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1086

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 25.33.6 WHICH PROVIDES FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE EXCAVATIONS, GRADING, CUTS AND FILLS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1086, at its second and final reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 19 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "OIL CODE", AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated this rough draft had been prepared in order for the Council to study same and make correction, additions, and suggestions.

Councilman Blount moved the City Council note on this draft their objections and suggestions and forward them to the City Attorney and return this matter to the agenda in two weeks. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

ORDINANCE NO. 1087

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 Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1087. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1088

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION "D" ENTITLED "LOT AREA PER FAMILY" OF SECTION 6 ENTITLED "R-2 TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT" OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1088. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford and Jahn. ABSTAINED: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of May 3rd, 1959, as "NATIONAL YOUTH FITNESS WEEK" in the City of Torrance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Peebles stated the problem came up this date with regard to Mr. Koletos wanting the pipe that was originally proposed under the State encroachment permit which extended 20' in an open trench in an easterly direction along Lomita Blvd. be relocated northerly along Hawthorne Blvd. to the end of his property in such a manner that the drainage would get into the pipe at that point shown on the diagram. Mr. Peebles stated he wished to make several recommendations: (1) City would require a grading plan to be submitted on this property; (2) Mr. Koletos be required to pay for the 36" pipe; (3) That the grade around his property be in such a manner after it is filled that the water concentrating at this point be drained to the inlet of this pipe; (4) An investigation be made of the new water line on Lomita Blvd. to be sure it does not interfere with the drainage pipe. Mr. Peebles stated the pipe will cost approximately \$1,000.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the recommendations of Mr. Peebles. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead stated Mr. Koletos had told him Councilman Jahn was building the new construction on this property. Councilman Jahn asked for a point of personal privilege granted by Mayor Isen. Councilman Jahn stated that he and Mr. Koletos, on any property that Mr. Koletos owned, had never gone into any bidding proposition nor had any contracts ever been signed by him, Mr. Jahn, or by his company or anyone in his employ.

Considerable discussion was held with Mr. Koletos regarding these recommendations and the paying of \$1,000 by Mr. Koletos.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute motion that the necessary 36" pipe be installed and the cost of installation be borne by the City and further that Mr. Koletos submit the grading plans etc. that Mr. Peebles required. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Councilman Blount asked discussion be held on the Personnel items listed under "For Information Only" dated April 24, 1959, from W. C. Bradford addressed to Mr. Geo. W. Stevens asking City Manager Stevens to report as to the reason the #1 person was not hired in the permanent position opened in the Water Department. Councilman Benstead stated he was not in accord with hiring employees on a temporary basis and then on a permanent basis if they are not #1 on the eligible list. City Manager Stevens stated he would check into the matter and report.

3. Councilman Bradford commended Mr. Peebles on his work with the City the past month after which he moved that the City Garage be placed under the jurisdiction and direction of the Director of Public Works. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Councilman Bradford inquired as to the letter on A.B. 1896 and was told the letters were in the Councilmen's boxes for signature.

5. Councilman Bradford stated that he had been informed by several people in Ranch Water #3 that they had had an offer to sell their stock and be supplied by independent water company who will bring their water mains up to standard - adequate water pressure. It was felt this should be discussed after more information is available.

6. Councilman Drale moved that the City lease the 9 acres at the corner of 101 Highway and Crenshaw Blvd. at this time. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn moved a substitute motion that the City Council reject all three bids received on the 9 acre parcel and proceed to remove the reversionary clause from the federal government on the commercial part of the airport and then proceed to renegotiate the leasing of the property at a later date after the clause had been lifted. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale and Isen. ABSTAINED: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked for a roll call vote on prior motion of Councilman Drale that the City lease the 9 acres at the airport at this time. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved the City accept the proposal of Eltinge-Hobbe Company subject to a certified current accredited financial report being presented and approved by the City Council. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford and Jahn.

Councilman Bradford stated he voted "no" as he would like to have the financial report from this company before he voted. Councilman Jahn stated he voted "no" because he did not like the development.

Councilman Drale moved the City obtain a certified current accredited financial report from Eltinge-Hobbe Company and the matter then be considered by Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. City Manager Stevens stated he would proceed immediately to obtain this report.

7. Councilman Drale stated the Council had been handed the report from the Committee on Outside Employment and asked if the Council wished to take action on same. Councilman Jahn, member of the Committee, stated that the suggestions as outlined in the report are only the principles and if the Council approves the principles then they could order the City Attorney to draw up an ordinance. Any other suggestions the Council might have could also be included in the ordinance.

Attorney Woolley asked that the matter be placed on the agenda as he was unable to attend the meeting of the committee.

Mayor Isen stated if there were no objections, the report from the Outside Employment Committee would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

8. Councilman Drale asked that the matter of a Bus Depot be again placed on the agenda for the next meeting and tentative plans presented.

9. Councilman Jahn mentioned the Council's policy that no tentative tract map would be presented to the City Council until the zone had been changed to the zone that was going to be proper and pointed out the inequities of such a policy.

10. Councilman Jahn stated a few months ago a tentative tract map had been presented to the Council for a tract in the Victor Precinct and one of the conditions placed on this tract map was that the houses must be served with Torrance City Water instead of Dominguez Water. Since the Title Insurance Company will not help define these easements for the subdivider and therefore makes it impossible for the subdivider to build the houses, such tract of houses will not be constructed.

Councilman Jahn moved the fight be dropped with Dominguez Water Company in the Victor Precinct only and allow these tracts to be submitted without the provision that they must be served with Torrance City Water. (This does not mean the Dominguez Water Court Case). Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, and Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. ABSTAINED: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved the reconsideration of that tentative tract map presented by Mr. Watt a few months ago in order to take up the one item provision; namely, of serving the tract with Torrance City Water. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford and Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. ABSTAINED: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn then moved that the tentative tract map presented by Mr. Watt a few months ago be approved and that it not have the provision subject to the tract being served by Torrance City Water. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford and Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. ABSTAINED: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn asked the record to show that it was not his intent nor did he speak regarding the court case but only in regard to Dominguez Water service in the Victor Precinct.

11. Mayor Isen moved the City abandon the suit of the Dominguez Water Company court case. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Jahn and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

12. Mayor Isen read a letter from David Oehlert and Dick Holdsworth, 1958 Reynosa Drive, Torrance, California, complaining about the Torrance Park. Mayor Isen asked that the Park and Recreation Commission answer this letter.

13. Mr. Henry West, representing the Torrance Civitan Club, asked permission to place their fireworks stand on the east side of Hawthorne Blvd. between Torrance Blvd. and Emerald Street rather than in the Paramount Parking lot.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

14. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

(Deputy City Clerk Whitacre replaced City Clerk Bartlett at the end of the first recess.)

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Council Minutes
April 28, 1959

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Jahn
Mayor of the City of Torrance