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Torrance, California
May 26, 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 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, May 26, 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, Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. The City Manager, G. W. Stevens, and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

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

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 19, 1959, as written.

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

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, May 27, 1959, in this Council Chamber, Bids would be opened for:

Playground Equipment for Sea-Aire Park.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

As there were no objections, this was accepted and ordered filed.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3686, declaring the parcels listed on Pages 1 through 12 thereof inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

1100-140, 1099-140, 548, 550, 549, 549B-140, 1101-140.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

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

Councilman Drale noted the number of exceptions, and asked for an explanation of them.

Mr. Bob Carleson, Administrative Aide, referred this to the Director of Public Works, who said the owners of these properties have said they would clean the lots.

Mrs. Davy, 2436 W. 233rd St., DA 6-8305, said one of the signs was put on some lumber stacked in her yard. The lumber is not rubbish, and is stored there.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles to check into this.

Mr. M. Nelson, DA 6-2470, said he owns two acres on 230th St., one of which is the southwest corner of Pennsylvania. They are lots 80 and 81. He will clean them himself.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said this could be allowed with an expiration date being set.

Mr. Nelson said he will clean the lots in about 2 weeks.

Mayor Isen requested the Director of Public Works to postpone this for 10 days, and directed Mr. Nelson to see the Director of Public Works about this.

Mr. Nelson reported that on City-owned property at Crenshaw and 230th, there are weeds which should be cleared.

Mayor Isen directed this to the attention of the Public Works Department.

Mr. D. Wilson, 23664 Susanna, said he understood that when land is cleaned by hand, the cost will be 2½¢ per foot; he asked if this was correct.

In reply to a question from the Council, the City Manager said that price had been suggested by the Public Works Dept., and that no price figure had actually been adopted yet.

Mr. Wilson said his own property is already clean, and some of his neighbors have already cleaned their property and had asked him to report that fact.

He was directed to clear this information with the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Milton Langum, 3832 Newton St., said he will clean his own lot; he expressed concern about erosion onto his land from the hillside behind his property if it is cleaned. He believed that the plants and roots there kept the mud and dust off his property from that hillside.

Harold Yarborough, 3858 Newton St., agreed with Mr. Langum about the mud washing down from the hillside behind their homes if the land is disced. He said his own property is clean and is kept clean.

Councilman Beasley reported that he had brought up the question of how the hillside would be cleaned about two weeks ago, and he knew that matter is now under advisement and that a policy is being set.

In reply to a question, the Director of Public Works said he had sent a recommendation to the City Manager for study, recommending a method of cleaning those hillside lots which would control erosion.

Mayor Isen assured those people interested that the cleaning would be accomplished in such a way as to control erosion as much as possible.

Councilman Benstead asked if that hillside had not been planted, and Mr. Yarborough said it has not.

Mr. Yarborough asked if the people behind his house had been notified or would be notified of this necessity for lot cleaning, and the Director of Public Works said that the posting served as notice.

Mr. Yarborough said when the hillside was cleaned before, the mud flowed down onto his property during the rains.

Councilman Beasley said there is wild grass there, and if it is disced the land would erode, but if the plants there are cut by hand he did not believe the people would be faced with this problem.

The Director of Public Works said the lots would be cleaned in such a way as to control erosion. He said the weeds there would not be entirely removed, but trimmed.

Mr. Yarborough did not believe those weeds should be cut.

Walter Valentine, 4042 Bluff St., FR 8-1066, agreed with Messrs. Yarborough and Langum, and asked when the hearings would be held.

Mayor Isen directed him to get the information he wished from the Director of Public Works.

Mr. F. Wilson, 3820 Newton, read in full and filed with the Director of Public Works a letter from W. E. Ford, a geologist who is employed at El Camino College. In the letter, Mr. Ford, who lives at 24703 Hawthorne Blvd., stated that he believed wholesale removal of the weeds from that hillside would be disastrous when the rains come.

Councilman Jahn said the Director of Public Works had reassured everyone that there would not be a wholesale removal of the weeds, and that the topography of the area would be given consideration when the work is done.

Councilman Beasley moved to close this hearing, but Mayor Isen declared the motion out of order as someone still wished to be heard.

H. E. Lauder, 24254 Ocean, FR 5-5979, said he has been using that property as a pasture, renting it from the owner for that purpose.

The Mayor instructed the Director of Public works to take this fact into account.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

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

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

The City Clerk did assign numbers to and read the titles of the ordinances and resolutions shown hereafter in these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3689

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3686.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3689.

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

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3687, declaring parcels listed on Pages 1 through 19 inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, with no exceptions.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Beasley moved this be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close this Hearing.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3690

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3687.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3690.

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

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on:

CASE NO. 526: Petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from M-2 (Heavy Mfg.) to Residential on the south side of Monterey St. between Crenshaw and Maple, legally described as all of Lot 4, Tract 2675, and the northerly 620' of Lot 2, Tract 10777, to a uniform depth of 620'.

Submitted with this were a Planning Commission recommendation for denial, and a location sketch of the land, with an excerpt from Planning Minutes of May 6, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Beasley moved this be accepted and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered. Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial.

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

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

4. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for: CASE NO. 570: Third and Final Hearing for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-1, on petition of Robert B. Jahn, to subdivide property for single-family residential lots (Tract 24938), situated 200' east of Arlington on the north side of the easterly extension of 231st St. in South Torrance, legally described as Block A, Tract 10691, except the westerly 200' thereof, and Lot 13, Tract 15, except the westerly 200' thereof.

This was accompanied by:

- a. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval;
- b. Location sketch;
- c. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of May 6, 1959;
- d. Tentative Tract Map No. 24938:
 - 1) Letter of Transmittal from Dept. of Public Works, submitted by W. E. Peebles, Director, submitting for tentative approval Tract Map No. 24938 presented by Robert B. Jahn, consisting of 26 lots located northerly of 231st St. and easterly of Arlington Avenue;
 - 2) Letter from G. C. Powell, Planning Director, dated Apr. 23, 1959;
 - 3) Excerpt from Planning Commission Mins. of Apr. 1, 1959;
 - 4) April 1, 1959, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr.
 - 5) May 21, 1959, letter from A.E. McVicar, Supt. MWD #3;
 - 6) March 26, 1959, letter from L. A. County Flood Control Dist.;
 - 7) Location sketch.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed, as there were no objections.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

C. T. Rippy, 1331 Post, said he has two oil wells on this, and they were excepted from the sale. In the agreement, that land had been excepted so that the wells could be operated; they do not want the land where the wells are to be rezoned so the wells cannot be operated.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that this area is the oil well area.

Mr. Rippy wanted the record to show that the wells are there and may be continued in operation.

Mr. Rippy said the well is on Lot 21; it is their intention to put a steel fence around the wells and tear down the derrick, similar to what has been done in other locations in the City.

Mayor Isen asked if the Planning Commission had considered this, and Planning Director Powell said they had and that this would come in with the tract.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval.

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

Tract No. 24938, Tentative Map:

Planning Director Powell pointed out the oil wells in the tract, and said this map provides for the continuation of 231st Street. He pointed out the 5 conditions for approval. They are not to build on the lots

where there are oil wells until the wells are removed. The lots where the oil wells are must be fenced with chain link fence. Those requirements are set by the Subdivision requirements.

Mayor Isen thought it should be shown that this means Lots 3,12,17, and 21.

Planning Director Powell said that would be shown at the time required.

Mayor Isen thought there should be a stipulation that those lots would not be built on while used for oil wells.

Councilman Beasley moved for approval of this tentative tract map, with the 5 stipulations of the Planning Commission to be made a part of the record of the Tract, and with Mayor Isen's suggestion also a stipulation of approval.

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

5. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for: Third and Final Hearing on Ordinance repealing Subsection "K" of Section 15 of Appendix I of "The Code" entitled "Accessibility to Building Sites and Living Quarters".

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Upon motion by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this was accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen said this had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard. There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn returned to the meeting at 8:35 P. M.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would affect deep, private driveways, and Planning Director Powell said driveways are not covered by this.

ORDINANCE NO. 1095

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION "K" OF SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "ACCESSIBILITY TO BUILDING SITES AND LIVING QUARTERS" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1095 at its first reading.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. CASE NO. 474: With a letter dated May 21, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of a Revised Plot Plan for Case No. 474.

Mayor Isen asked what assurance we have that they will proceed with this, and Mr. Powell said they must be given a Variance for it.

Councilman Jahn asked if they are only reversing their plan, and Mr. Powell said that was right.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale asked what the distance would be between the east property line and the building if this is done, and Mr. Powell said 10'.

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

2. CASE NO. 558 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending denial of petition of Albert & Janet Sandstrom for a Variance to construct three single-family residences on Lot 3 of Tract 1046, situated at the east and south sides of 2042 W. 238th St., between Eshelman and Narbonne in Land Use Zone A-1. Submitted with this were:

- a) Location sketch
- b) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of May 6, 1959.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for denial.

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

3. CASE NO. 569 - CHANGE OF ZONE: With a May 21, 1959, letter, Planning Director Powell requested the Council to fix a time and place for the 3rd and Final Hearing of Case No. 569, petition of Bollenbacher & Kelton for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on property situated on both sides of Palos Verdes Blvd., adjacent to Sepulveda Blvd., for the purpose of developing this property commercially.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 569 at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 9, 1959, in this Council Chamber, at the regular meeting of the Council.

4. Street Name Change - Bluff Street: With a letter dated May 21, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation that the name of the 4000 block of Bluff St. be changed to Calle de Primera.

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

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

5. Proposed C-R (Restricted Commercial) Zone: With a letter dated May 21, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted a draft of a proposed Ordinance designating a C-R zone, with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and himself that the Planning Commission be authorized to hold the necessary Hearings in order to present this to the Council for adoption.

There were no objections, and after a very brief discussion, Mayor Isen directed that the Planning Commission hold the Hearings suggested.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter from the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3, dated May 1, 1959, signed by H. F. LaMour, was resubmitted in accord with the Council's wishes at their meeting of May 12, 1959.

Councilman Jahn asked if anyone had presented to the City or any City representative an offer in writing or any answers in writing to the questions listed here at the May 12 meeting when this was ordered filed.

No one had any knowledge of any such written material.

Mr. Anderson, a representative of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3, said a representative of Dominguez had been at the May 12 meeting but had not been heard.

Mayor Isen said the Council had wished to have the information in writing, and suggested this be held another week so that it could be submitted.

Mr. Anderson said he would be busy next week, and asked that this be held for 2 weeks if it is held over.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would delay any City proceedings,

and was told it would not.

Mr. Anderson was directed to forward this information mentioned in the letter and in the Minutes of the May 12 meeting of this Council in portfolio form, and Mayor Isen suggested this be in the office of the City Manager not later than Thursday, June 4, so the material may be duplicated and presented to the Council for study before the meeting.

2. With a letter dated May 21, 1959, E. E. Wilson, Executive Airport Development Co., requested an extension from June 16 through December 16, 1959, of his option at Torrance Airport, and he asked for credit of 17 days which he thought he had not been given.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, subject to the usual monthly rentals.

Mayor Isen said he would second the motion if the 17 days is not included.

Councilman Drale said it was not the intent of his motion to grant that 17 days.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

The matter of the 17 days was discussed, and the Council was agreed that this 17 day credit should not be given.

The motion to grant the 6-month extension carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a letter dated May 18, 1959, the State of California Division of Highways' District City and County Projects Engineer, M. L. Bauders, submitted a memorandum of agreement for expenditure of gas tax allocation for engineering under Section 2107.5 of the Streets and Highways Code for the 1958-59 fiscal year. A copy of the Agreement was submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 3691

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMO-
RANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS
ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF THE STREETS
AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3691.

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

4. With a letter dated May 14, 1959, in a letter signed by Milan W. Ranson for M. E. Salsbury, Chief Engineer, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District submitted an agreement providing for the construction of additional roadway and related facilities at Redondo Beach Blvd., Cherry Ave., Crenshaw Blvd. and Arlington Ave., to be used in the District's construction contract for the improvement of Dominguez Channel between Gramercy Place and Redondo Beach Blvd. A copy of the agreement was submitted with this.

Mayor Isen believed this had been approved.

Councilman Drale moved the agreement be signed by the pertinent parties and forwarded.

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

As a matter of information, the City Manager reported that he thought this would begin about June 5.

5. A letter dated May 18, 1959, from General Petroleum Corporation was signed by A. E. Thompson, Mgr. of the Torrance Refinery. In the letter, Mr. Thompson stated they are still prepared to participate in the installation of a traffic signal at the main entrance of the General Petroleum Torrance Refinery on 190th St. to the extent of \$3,000.

Councilman Beasley felt our decision had been made on this, to install this with General Petroleum paying for it.

Mayor Isen requested the Director of Public Works to review this and see if we can put traffic controls there for \$3,000.

The Director of Public Works said this is a modification of an elaborate system and improvement of a poor system. It would cost about \$4,000; he was familiar with the report which had been given to the Council.

Councilman Jahn thought the signal is needed there.

Councilman Drale suggested referring this to the City Manager.

Councilman Benstead thought they should pay for all the signal, saying it is for their sole benefit, and he so moved.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Beasley did not agree with this.

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

Councilman Beasley said he uses this street often in the morning, and the traffic is very heavy on that narrow street.

Mayor Isen moved to accept the \$3,000 contribution toward this cost from General Petroleum, and to install the signal for as nearly that figure as can be done.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead did not think we should pay any of this.

Councilman Jahn asked if it was the intent of the motion to ask the Director of Public Works to accept the \$3,000 from them and put the signal in for as nearly that figure as he can do.

The Mayor said it is.

Councilman Beasley said he would second that motion.

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

Councilman Jahn thought our new Director of Public Works should be able to do this for about \$3,200.

6. A May 18, 1959, letter from W. J. Hanson, Chairman of the Library Commission, recommended that all branch libraries in Torrance be open Mondays through Thursdays from 1 to 9 p. m. and from 10 to 6 p. m. on Saturdays. He gave a list of reasons in support of this.

Councilman Beasley said this would be quite expensive, and he felt this should only be referred to the budget hearings for consideration.

Mayor Isen said this would amount to about 140 hours a month.

Councilman Beasley asked the City Manager if our budget would support this.

The City Manager could not say at this time.

Mr. Hanson said they ask only consideration for this, and added it would cost about \$2200 during the next fiscal year.

Councilman Drale moved to refer this for consideration at the Budget hearings.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated May 22, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

EXPENDITURES:

a. For the purchase of 9,000 dog tags, the sum of \$369 plus sales tax, from the Lomita and Wilmington Tag Co., low bidder. (Bid summary submitted).

b. For the purchase of drafting room furniture for Engineering Dept., the sum of \$900 plus sales tax, from Parrish Stationers, the only bidder.

c. For the purchase of furniture for the Dept. of Public Works, the sum of \$1,157.04, plus sales tax, from Parrish Stationers, low bidder.

d. For the purchase of 230 lineal feet of 18" corrugated metal pipe, with bands, for the Street Department, the sum of \$671.71 including tax.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE:

a. For purchase of a modern duplicating machine, the sum of \$3,500.00. This item was to be in the 1959-60 budget, but in the meantime, our old duplicating machine has failed, and we have been advised by the company that it is completely worn out.

FOR DISCUSSION:

a. Investigation of trees at 816 Crenshaw Blvd. discloses that the two trees in question are on private property and not in the public right of way.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under Expenditures, including Items a, b, c, and d.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Manager why the Pound did not furnish the dog tags, and the City Manager said we control them. It was explained that they pay us for the ones they use.

Councilman Jahn asked the Director of Public Works why there is only one bidder for the drafting room furniture.

The Director of Public Works replied that the specifications had been drawn up so that the new furniture would be similar to that in the department now, and thus the equipment would be standardized.

Councilman Beasley seconded Councilman Drale's motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Re the 'Appropriations from Unappropriated Reserve', the Mayor asked if we have the \$3,500 for the new duplicating machine, and the City Manager replied that we have. He added that the one we have now is beyond repair and we would like to have a first-class machine. The one proposed will even print some of our forms. It is what most people have when they use as much paper as we do.

Councilman Benstead asked if only one firm sells this.

The City Manager said there are several. He said there are two American makers of this type of machine and one foreign maker.

Asst. City Mgr. C. L. Bone said we will buy directly from the factory, but must go through a dealer. There is only one dealer in the area who handles this equipment, a franchised dealer.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation of the City Manager, and that the funds be appropriated.

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

Re the item 'For Discussion', Councilman Benstead thanked whoever got the information for him.

At 8:55 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, and the City Clerk left the meeting.

At 9:10 P. M., the Council re-convened, and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assumed the duties of the City Clerk for the rest of the meeting.

At this time, Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Chester Ray, a teacher of Government at the Torrance Evening High School. Mr. Ray brings his class to visit the Council meeting at least once a year. Mayor Isen welcomed them to the proceedings.

2. With a letter dated May 21, 1959, the City Manager submitted to the Council a Refuse Collection Study as requested by the Council.

Mayor Isen noted that under Item 5 of the Study, it was stated that: 'The refuse billing operation can be more economically conducted by utilizing I. B.M. punch card services rather than the present Addressograph method.' He asked if this would be true of the billing for the Water Dept. as well.

Mr. Scharfman, the City's Finance Director, thought not; he explained that water billing is done every two months, whereas the rubbish billing is done every three months. He explained that the water billing is different enough so that he did not believe that a change would be beneficial.

Councilman Beasley asked if we could be sure, under the other method, that the people who get the service are billed for it, and those who do not get it are not billed.

Mr. Scharfman explained how this would be handled to ensure accuracy in billing procedures, as well as coordinating between the collection and billing operations.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the information given here, and that the City Manager proceed to initiate the recommendations.

Councilman Beasley asked if this meant that the packers mentioned here would be given budget consideration, and Councilman Jahn said it does. Councilman Jahn said the recommendations cover several things, such as 2 men on crews instead of three, and when a vehicle is beyond repair we will get another instead of trying to get by with it, more individual supervision, etc.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale asked if anyone would be laid off under this plan, and the City Manager said yes; the City Manager said an effort would be made to place those men to be laid off in other departments where possible, but that in some instances we could not successfully use the men.

Councilman Jahn said this costs so much that we must try to keep the costs down.

Councilman Bradford asked if this includes the collection of non-combustible rubbish.

The City Manager said the contract with Mr. Green has another year to go, and then we will see about that.

There were no objections so the motion was ordered carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. With a letter dated May 15, 1959, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, the Civil Service Board reported that they had approved a request for S. M. Fogarty, Civil Engineering Draftsman, for a 3-month leave of absence without pay, from May 8 to August 7, 1959. The letter reported that the request had been approved by Acting City Engineer Bishop and the Director of Public Works.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with this action of the Board.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. A March 31, 1959, memo from J. I. Scharfman, Finance Director, to Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, concerning concessionaires in Park and other Public areas, was re-submitted.

Mayor Isen asked if this would conflict in any way with the Little League or similar civic organizations who sell drinks, sandwiches, etc.

Mr. Scharfman said it would not, and referred to Paragraph No. 8.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with this suggestion.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated May 14, 1959, Percy G. Bennett, Chief of the Torrance Police Dept., submitted to the Council the recommendations made by the Traffic Commission at their May 14 meeting.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if he had been able to determine anything pertaining to a Traffic Engineer for the City, on either a full-time or part-time basis.

City Manager Stevens replied we have received applications from two people, and are including a provision in the budget for a full-time traffic engineer.

Councilman Jahn asked if we would have this man from the beginning of the budget period, and the City Manager said he would be hired as soon as we can tell if the budget works out. The matter has a high priority.

Councilman Jahn referred to the recommendation in this letter calling for a radar installation as an aid to speed law enforcement; he believed this should wait until we have a traffic engineer, saying he felt it would be better to have the advice of such a man before installing such an expensive item; further, he reported that the State Legislature may be setting up standards for such installations and that if they did, it might affect us.

Councilman Drale said this had been requested because on the streets which carry very heavy traffic travelling at a high rate of speed, it would help control the speed. He did not think having a traffic engineer would help in this way, saying this would serve us on Highway 101, Hawthorne, 174th St., Crenshaw, etc. He said it has been proven that people slow down when they see the 'radar control' signs.

Councilman Beasley moved that Items 1, 2, and 5 of this list be approved, and the necessary ordinances requested.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and as all were in favor, it was so ordered.

Upon reconsideration, Mayor Isen asked for a roll call vote on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved that Items 3 and 4 of this list be approved and the necessary ordinances ordered.

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

Councilman Beasley said he was not acquainted with that part of town, hence his 'No' vote.

Concerning the radar unit, Councilman Jahn said on such streets as Highway 101, 174th St., etc., they are state highways and it is up to the State to signalize them. We do the enforcement, but the State sets the speed limits. In heavy traffic, it is difficult to exceed the speed limits. Councilman Jahn believed that on Hawthorne, Crenshaw, and similar streets, we do not have the proper speed limits posted. He believed we should have a traffic engineer to recommend the proper speeds before we spend such large sums of money. The engineer would help us to plan and maintain traffic flow, speed limits, etc. He felt to put in the radar before we got the engineer would be putting the cart before the horse.

Councilman Drale felt this would be the wisest course. He said the experience of other cities has been that this slows down traffic.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt the item of the letter having to do with the radar installation.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked where the money would come from, and Councilman Drale said they are requesting consideration in the new budget.

Councilman Drale felt this would serve us very well.

Councilman Jahn said the Legislature is considering setting up standards on this type of installation, and he hoped we would not 'spend double' for this.

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

Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with all other sections of the letter from the Chief of Police.

Councilman Drale asked about the signs requested in Item #3 under "FURTHER INFORMATION", and if the Council would approve them.

Mayor Isen said he thought the motion was for Nos. 1 through 7, under 'Further Information'.

Councilman Blount referred to Item 7, and asked how many meters are being removed there, and whether we were talking about Carson or Cabrillo.

Lt. Nash of the Police Dept. said 2 meters on Cabrillo.

Councilman Beasley asked about the \$7.50, and Mr. Nash said this sum per meter would be paid to the City by the taxi service.

Mayor Isen did not see how we could do that, saying he thought it amounted to 'paying rent' for the spaces.

Councilman Beasley knew that other cities look at cabs as public service vehicles, and said this man will only be reimbursing the City for the loss from the metered spaces he will use.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with Item 1 through Item 7 under "Further Information" in Chief Bennett's letter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn objected to Item 3, and Councilman Blount to Item 7.

The maker of the motion did not object, and Mayor Isen ordered those two items held for separate motion.

The motion covering all items under "Further Information" with the exceptions of Items 3 and 7 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny Item 3, motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale objected, saying the signs are needed there.

Motion to deny carried by the following roll call vote: AYES:

COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES:

COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with Item 7, motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY CLERK:

1. With a letter dated May 21, 1959, the City Clerk submitted a resolution of which he asked adoption; this authorized and directed the City Clerk to destroy certain obsolete city records. City Clerk Bartlett submitted copies of the forms meant, and reported that the original signed copies are on file in his office in each instance.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford asked if we have a microfilm program, and if these should be microfilmed.

City Manager Stevens said these can be destroyed under the law, but others must be kept.

RESOLUTION NO. 3692

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK
TO DESTROY CERTAIN OBSOLETE CITY RECORDS.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3692.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter dated May 19, 1959, the Director of Public Works recommended the release of Subdivision Bonds on Tract #24229, Bond No. 316858, in the amount of \$34,800.00, and on Tract #23881 Bond No. 318920 in the amount of \$32,000.00.

A supporting letter from the Park Dept., reported that the trees in those tracts comply with City requirements, was signed by R. A. Schrauben, Tree Foreman, and the Director of Public Works.

Sketches of the tracts were submitted with the recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated May 19, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Torrance Airport Commission, transmitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation that Aeronca's request to lease two pieces of land for parking space 'be leased to them at \$435 per acre per year, subject to normal terms and conditions of our standard lease and subject to terms of cancellation of that part of the lease southerly of the building restriction line, to run concurrently with their existing lease'. A lengthy excerpt from the Minutes of the Commission accompanied the transmittal, and copies of various letters concerning this were submitted with it.

At this time, Mayor Isen referred to a letter marked for information only on the Agenda, and reported to the audience that the letter was from the California Association of Airport Executives, Inc.

He extended the Council's congratulations to Mr. Egan upon his appointment by this group to the Board of Directors of this group.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mayor Isen asked if this price was within the appraisal range, and Mr. Egan said we have not had an appraisal on this particular land and this is a negotiated price.

Councilman Drale asked how this price compares with the price of their existing lease.

Mr. Egan said they are paying \$250 per acre per year for their present lease.

Councilman Drale asked why the Commission did not extend their lease to 50 years as they asked.

Mr. Evert of Aeronca said they had asked to have the lease extended for financing purposes, but can get by without it.

This was discussed further, and Councilman Bradford asked if the new building they put up will be on their existing lease, and Mr. Egan said it would.

The motion to concur carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated May 19, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, transmitted that Commission's recommendation that the Engineering Corporation of America be permitted to sublease the CAP property at 'a rental of \$125 per month, as per Mr. Egan's recommendation'.

Copies of letters from Mr. Egan and ECA were submitted with this letter.

Councilman Beasley asked what they would do with the building there now, and Mr. Egan said they will occupy it temporarily. The CAP is moving out because of the proposed hotel development. ECA wants to use the building while they prepare a formal proposal of their planned

development at the Airport. In reply to a question, Mr. Egan said the CAP has been paying \$10 a month for this lease.

Councilman Beasley asked if they would use that building for 6 months or less, saying he does not think the building should be on the airport. Councilman Blount agreed.

Councilman Jahn agreed, and moved a substitute motion, to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission with the added stipulation that Engineering Corp. of America letter of May 14, 1959, Paragraph 4, be made a part of this motion, covering insurance; and that Paragraph 5 of that letter also be a part of this motion, with the exception that the Council does not wish them to keep the building on the airport, and it must be demolished or removed from the airport when their plans are ready. Councilman Jahn noted specifically that we were not noting the paragraph on Page 2 of their letter except as information.

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

3. With a letter dated May 19, 1959, the President of the Airport Commission transmitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation for approval of the R. L. Marks request to paint signs on his building at the Airport to advertise his services, 'subject to no conflict with the sign ordinance'.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

4. With a letter dated May 19, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted that Commission's recommendation that "the City Council call for bids on the 150' x 150' corner of Crenshaw and Highway 101 on the airport for service station purposes, saying the rest of that 9-acre plot could be leased without the corner and this would bring in a good income."

Councilman Jahn moved that the communication be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mr. Richard Floyd, a member of the Airport Commission, spoke briefly to the Council in favor of this recommendation. He believed that the rest of the 9 acres could be leased to good advantage, and pointed out that most of the would-be developers of the corner had stated they would put a station there. He expressed the thought of the Airport Commission that the City would make as much by dealing directly with an oil company as with a subdivider or developer, and said this would bring income to the airport.

Mayor Isen agreed with Commissioner Floyd, and moved a substitute motion to concur, saying this means from \$8,000 to \$9,000 income to the airport without a middleman.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen felt that this was such a desirable corner that there would be nothing about this service station lease which would prevent the development of the rest of the land in an orderly manner.

Councilman Jahn knew that this would be a good corner for a service station; he felt, however, that most developers would prefer to lease the entire 9 acres and develop under a master plan. He expressed a desire to see a first class development there which would bring in a stable income to the City, and thinks to put a station there would kill the corner. He felt that if we are successful in having the recapture clause removed from the airport, we will know that we can lease this for a most profitable figure. The developer can then install a station which will fit in with the rest of the land.

Councilman Drale pointed out that most commercial developments on comparable situations have stations; the developers who had wanted to lease the land had stated they intended to put in a station on the corner.

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

Councilmen Blount and Bradford did not return to the meeting at the time it reconvened.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3693

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 Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3693. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount, Bradford absent).

At this time, Councilmen Blount and Bradford re-joined the meeting, and both asked that they be shown as voting "NO" on Resolution No. 3693. Therefore, the motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3694

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3090 TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATED WIDTH OF CARSON STREET.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3694. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 3695

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING AND OPPOSING CERTAIN PENDING LEGISLATION.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3695. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated May 21, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its ~~second~~ second reading Ordinance No. 1091, which carried by the following roll call vote at its first reading on May 19, 1959: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 1091

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "LAND USE ORDINANCE", TO PROVIDE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR M-2 HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1091 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Bradford said he had discussed this with the City Attorney; he had believed that manufacturing of acids, fertilizers, etc., was not the only area where those products should be controlled in our City. He believed that the handling of them should also be controlled; he asked if the Ordinance should not specify that these materials should be handled in accordance with the California State safety laws.

The City Attorney said that such a reference would not be proper here; we could put in controls on handling if the Council wished.

The motion to adopt carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated May 21, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1092, approved by the following roll call vote at its first reading on May 19, 1959: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 1092

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 Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1092 at its second and final reading.

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

3. With a letter dated May 21, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1093, approved unanimously with all Councilmen present at the time of the first reading on May 19, 1959.

ORDINANCE NO. 1093

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN BUS LOADING ZONE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 17.99 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1093 at its second and final reading.

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 1096

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1096 at its first reading.

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen, with concurrence of the Council, proclaimed June, 1959, as City of Hope Month, and June 7th as Hope Sunday, urging all citizens to participate in this crusade.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayor Isen said last week he had requested an investigation of certain street construction in the City, and especially on Arlington Avenue south of 190th Street; he asked if this report was ready.

The Director of Public Works reported that a report had been made with respect to Arlington Avenue and along with it was a soils report submitted by a recognized soils engineering firm. The report related that the inspector of the City was rather negligent, and that the management in the engineering department was not up to the level it should have been. So far as the contractor was concerned, he had apparently done the job in good faith under the direction of the inspector on the project. The Director of Public Works said he had met with the contractor and the City Attorney, and feels confident that the failures which now exist on Arlington are covered by that report; he added that the contractor has agreed to correct a certain portion of the failures which he feels are attributable to base failure, but it was pointed out at the meeting that the contractor does not have to do this. He will do it to show the City he wants to turn out a good product. The core test taken by the private engineer shows the City got the true value paid for, but the material was not put down as it should have been, which is the fault of inspection.

Councilman Beasley moved the report be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen asked if there were any questions.

Councilman Jahn thought the people connected with the supervision of this project have left the employ of the City previous to this, and that this should be shown.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said that was correct.

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

2. The City Manager said some time ago, a report on the opening of the swimming pool before June 13 had been requested; our records show that to open the pool before school is out will entail a loss which we cannot afford. The weather has been chilly, and that would contribute to the loss. The City Manager did not consider it feasible to open the pool before June 13.

3. The City Manager said our tractor is broken down, and we must rent a D-8 for use at the City Dump at \$13.90 per hour for 32 hours.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request.

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

4. The City Manager said he would like to meet with the Council next Monday at 5:30 P. M. to discuss the 1959-60 Budget problems.

There were no objections, and it was agreed to adjourn to that time.

5. Chief of Police Bennett referred to the fact that the bids on office enlargement at the police station had been here, and that they were all larger than the original estimate had been. He said that Mr. Wells, the carpenter who had given them the original estimate on this job had come in and submitted an estimate that this could be done for time and material at a cost of \$6617.77, more than \$3,000 below the low bid on the job.

Mayor Isen asked that this be a bid.

Chief Bennett said it is a written estimate from him, signed, which was submitted. He added that Mr. Wells is not a licensed contractor.

Councilman Jahn asked who would supervise this if Mr. Wells did the work.

The Chief suggested the supervision be handled by our Building Inspection Dept., and Lee Schlens, the Supt. of that Dept., told the Council that could be done.

Councilman Jahn asked the Chief of Police if he would recommend we have this man do the work and the Chief said he would.

Councilman Benstead moved to reject all bids.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and have Mr. Wells do this work according to his written estimate.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked the Director of Public Works if he would concur with this, and he said he would.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. The City Attorney said at the May 19 meeting, the Council had requested that the City require labelling of plastic bags cleaners use as dangerous. He reported that he understood the State Legislature has a bill pending on this, so he recommended no action be taken on it by the Council at this time.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

7. License Inspector Whitacre told the Council that there has been some confusion about two fireworks stand locations on Highway 101; the Torrance Exchange Club wishes to move their location to the southeast corner of Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway, where they were last year; the Optimists wish to move their stand to the location 50' west of the Torrance-Lomita boundary line, where they were last year. The Police Dept. has approved both these locations for fireworks stands. It is simply an exchange of the two locations.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this request.

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

8. Councilman Beasley said there are 9 houses on the street where he lives, called Via Lado; that was an alley, but the houses cannot be reached from the street. Via Lado has been accepted by the Post Office and other services, but it will never be shown on a map unless the City accepts it as a street. The people who live there are interested in this. In justice to those people, he thought the City should accept this as a street and ask the Attorney to prepare the proper papers. This has been to the Staff several times and approved, and to the City Engineer more than one time; he moved this be accepted as a street.

Councilman Benstead asked how it was possible to have the houses face an alley.

The approval of the tract in which these homes are located was discussed.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens explained that the houses front on Bluff St., but there is a steep, long hill between the houses and Bluff St.

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

9. Councilman Beasley said that some months ago, the Council had voted to install 2-hour meters in the downtown district; this has not been done. Councilman Beasley reported he had held several meetings about this, and each time had been assured that the new meters would be put in within a week or so. Today, he had personally toured that area and could find only one meter. He protested this, saying if we are going to install the 2-hour meters we should do so, otherwise, he was in favor of telling the merchants we are not going to do this.

The Chief of Police said there have been delays caused by certain shortages in the deliveries. They will be put in very shortly, and two men will work on the installations to speed them.

10. Councilman Benstead moved that the blackboard be taken out of the Council Chamber before someone falls over it and is hurt.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who stated he had requested this several times.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

11. Councilman Drale said we had talked about investing City funds, and he wondered if this had been done.

Director of Finance J. I. Scharfman replied that it has been done; we have \$1,000,000 in Treasury bills, and there will be a return from them of about \$7,300.00.

This was discussed briefly, and the Council was in accord with this.

12. Councilman Drale complimented the new Director of Public Works on the job on Portobello, saying he thought this was a fine job and had saved the City a lot of money.

13. Councilman Blount asked if we should send someone to oppose the Southern California Gas Company's request for a rate increase.

The City Manager did not believe this would be worth while; he felt a letter would serve us just as well.

14. Mayor Isen spoke about the debacle of Arlington Avenue south of 190th St.; he said it was true that the materials were supplied to the job, which was on a tonnage basis, but as a result of the most gross kind of mismanagement, bordering on negligence, the street is not what it has to be. All the people concerned with this are gone from the City's employment rolls. We can start fresh now with a fine engineering department under the surveillance of a remarkably capable and astute Director of Public Works. He felt that the gross errors on Arlington would cost the City at least \$10,000 to repair even after taking into consideration the fact that the contractor, out of good will, will make part of it good.

The Mayor felt it his duty to call to the attention of everyone the fact that there had been permission granted to someone to dump about 3,000 yards of spoiled material on that new street. Our City-owned equipment had to move this to a dump.

Mayor Isen felt everyone was entitled to know this history, and that the parties involved do not work for us any longer. He stated that he felt the construction of that section of Arlington had been bungled from beginning to end.

14. Mr. John Kesson, 2015 W. 182nd St., speaking for Adolpho Mendoza, said Mr. Mendoza has borrowed money to build a little restaurant on some property he owns on Western Avenue. It has developed that there is a 15' strip of property along Western there which is County property. Mr. Mendoza has cleared a building from the land there, and is ready to proceed. As the grades are not established, he cannot put in the street improvements, and would like to get his building permit.

Mayor Isen referred him to the Building Department.

Mr. Kesson said he had been there.

Councilman Drale explained that there are no curbs, gutters or sidewalks along Western in that area.

Mayor Isen said he could post a bond under our ordinances.

The Director of Public Works said a portion of this street is in the County, with Gardena on one side and Torrance on the other. He had asked the Planning Director to write to the County asking them to release the land from the center line of Western to the City of Torrance. All Mr. Mendoza will have to do is put up bond under our commercial improvement ordinance and he can proceed with his building.

15. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

16. Mr. John Mulvihill, 3765 W. 171st St., asked if the Council had made any provision in the new budget for a direct route from North Torrance to Torrance.

No one was sure about this, but it was felt there had been no such provision, as this would be such a tremendously costly project.

Motion on payment of bills carried unanimously by roll call vote.

17. Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to Monday, June 1, 1959, at 5:30 P. M., for consideration of budget problems with the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 P. M.

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

By Gale Whitacre
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Jahn
Mayor of the City of Torrance