

MINUTES OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 2 1959

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Torrance, Calif.
June 2, 1959

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, June 2, 1959, in the Council Chamber City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

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

The meeting was opened with an invocation by the Reverend James Lowen of the Four Square Gospel Church.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting held May 26, 1959, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following Bid openings:

1. **POUND SERVICE:** Bids for rendering public pound services and performing the duties of Poundmaster for the City will be opened in the Council Chamber at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, June 3, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Upon motion by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Benstead, as there were no objections, this was ordered to be received and filed.

2. **OFFICE ADDITION:** Torrance Fire Station #1. Bids will be opened for this at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, June 3, in the Council Chamber, for performing work on the office addition at the Torrance Fire Station #1, 1701 Crenshaw Blvd.

Upon motion by Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley, as there were no objections, this was ordered accepted and filed.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the hearing on:

WEED ABATEMENT HEARING #7, Parcels 1-86, through 8-16-143, (Group 8), Resolution of Intention No. 3693, declaring Parcels listed on Pages 1 through 11 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 Jahn moved this be received and filed.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

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

Councilman Blount moved to close this Hearing.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3696

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. 3693.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3696.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. With a letter dated May 20, 1959, signed by D. R. Lewis, Vice President and General Manager, the Pacific Electric Railway Co. submitted to the City their terms for the possible lease of a portion of their right of way along Sartori Avenue from approximately Engracia Avenue to Maricopa.

The City Manager said the space is now used for parking and it is planned to use it for parking and beautification. There is no contemplated use of parking meters there at all.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager for investigation and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen commented that any fee we pay for this should be a very nominal one, and asked if any progress had been made toward beautification of the entrance on Torrance Blvd. from Western.

The City Mgr. said the Park Dept. had put their efforts on Torrance Blvd. and the 3 parks, but he thought this project now had No. 1 priority.

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

2. An April 23, 1959, memo from the Director of Public Works contained his recommendation that Projects 584, (Walteria Lake), 585, (Walteria), and 586, (Torrance), be contracted out to private engineering, and he asked permission to negotiate with private firms on them.

Councilman Blount moved to concur, saying the work must be done.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked if this will be done by bids, and the Director of Public Works said it cannot, but the final recommendation will come here for approval.

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

3. May 25, 1959, letter from C. B. Afflerbaugh, President-Mgr., Los Angeles County Fair Assn., asking to hang banners in streets to announce fair dates, location, etc.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

The City Manager was directed to reply to the letter.

4. Hiram Seda and Interinsurance Exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California, 5251 Las Lomas, Long Beach, submitted a claim for damages involving a city-owned truck.

Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied, and forwarded to the Legal Dept.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated May 27, 1959, the City Manager submitted a report from the Council Airport Committee's May 22 meeting. The report was on the Agenda for Council consideration, with Items 1, 2, and 3 needing formal concurrence if Council approves, and Item 4 for information only.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the report and the Committee's recommendations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, who asked if it will be possible to keep the Asst. Airport Mgr. in the employ of the City.

The City Manager hoped so, saying his background is such that it may be possible.

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

2. With a letter dated May 28, 1959, the City Mgr. submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Lt. Morris of the Police Dept. be authorized to attend the International Assn. of Identification Conference in Santa Barbara, June 17-18, 1959, w/appropriate expenses paid.

EXPENDITURES:

1. For the purchase of Fire Dept. equipt., the sum of \$880.93, from Halprin Supply Co., low bidder on the items (Budget items - supporting material submitted).

2. For the purchase of supplies for the Summer Recreation Program and Adult Softball sports from Torrance Cycle and Sports, low bidder, the sum of \$997.03. This company was awarded the bid for fiscal year 1958-59 by the Council on May 20, 1958 (Budget items).

3. For the purchase of an electric 13" Executive-type, typewriter from I. B. M., the sum of \$445 plus tax, \$300 to come from the Finance Dept. budget and the balance from the City Manager's budget.

EXTRA WORK ON WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM:

In order to carry on the Weed Abatement Program in hillside areas or other locations where it is impossible to use a disc, it will be necessary to do hand-trimming. The Public Works Dept. has determined that 2½¢ per square foot for hand-work on weed abatement is the going rate in other communities, with some paying 3¢ per square foot. Based on these facts, it is recommended that the contractor be paid 2½¢ per square foot for hand-work on the Weed abatement program, under the supervision of our inspectors.

Section 3, Page B-15 of the contract provides for the payment of extra work as follows:

"Extra work as hereinbefore defined, when ordered and accepted, shall be paid for under a written work order in accordance with the terms therein provided. Payment for extra work will be made at the unit price or lump sum previously agreed upon by the Contractor and the City Manager, or by force account."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under Personnel and Expenditures.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under Extra Work on Weed Abatement Program.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated May 27, 1959, License Inspector Whitacre recommended release of Oil Well Bond #131025 in the amount of \$500, covering the well known as Verbeck #1, on Lot 28, Tract 437, at 2138-236th St., to the New Amsterdam Casualty Co. The well was abandoned in 1957 and the property cleared; the Planning Director approves release of this bond.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the License Inspector's recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated May 28, 1959, the City Attorney made a report requested by the Council at their meeting of March 31, 1959, on the following:

CASE NO. 390: "At the meeting of March 31," the City Attorney wrote, "your Honorable Body gave Mr. Klum 60 days to finish building the block wall along the entire rear boundary of the property in question (239th and Crenshaw). A copy of the Minutes of said meeting is attached hereto. Also submitted is a letter from Mr. Klum, dated May 27, requesting reconsideration of your action.

"I inspected the premises today (May 28). The block wall has not been completed as directed by the Council. In fact, there is no apparent evidence that construction of the extension was ever started.

"Your Honorable Body now may either (a) find that Mr. Klum has not complied with the terms of the variance and revoke the variance, or give him an extension of time to comply. (Mr. Klum has already informed me that in the event that his variance is revoked he will ask the court to reinstate it) (b) Find that Mr. Klum has complied with the terms of his variance and take no further action."

The City Attorney reported verbally that since he wrote this letter, he has decided we should not revoke the variance without having the owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell of Delos Drive, present. If the Council does decide to revoke this, he recommended a Hearing date be set so they can be notified of the Hearing and can appear.

Councilman Jahn said after going out and looking at the property in question, and after getting copies of all the Minutes pertaining to the Case and reading and studying them, he did not think there were any firm grounds for revocation of the variance.

Councilman Jahn moved this matter be dropped.

Mayor Isen checked the letter from the Attorney, and ruled that the motion was in order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, who remembered this from the time it was before Planning when he was on that Commission. He stated he recalled the conversation about the trees and about the area. He felt the Council would be on shaky ground if they attempt to revoke this. The people have been there for years, and he did not want to see any lawsuits from this, and to revoke this would jeopardize about a dozen businesses.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Knott, when he was here, had complained that some of this had transpired when he was not present, and the Mayor felt he should know when any action is taken so he can be present.

Councilman Jahn felt his motion was right, regardless of anything else, and believed this to be the course the Council should take. He remembered the motion about the trees well, and remembered they had given land for the widening of Crenshaw. When he was there recently and looked at the trees, the way the building is, and the wall, it had all come back into his memory.

Councilman Beasley said Mr. Knott had insisted the trees not be taken out, and the building was put up around them.

Councilman Drale said that does not agree with the record, which we should depend on.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Drale, and believed the motion on the floor would simply re-open this whole matter.

Councilman Drale did not think any action should be taken on this unless Mr. Knott was present, and did not know how a variance could be rescinded any other way.

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

Mayor Isen set June 16, 1959, at 5:30 P. M. as the date for the Hearing, and instructed the City Attorney to notify the interested parties of the Hearing to be held for the purpose of determining why this variance should not be revoked, saying the notices should be in writing.

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:45 P. M.

2. A May 12, 1959, letter from Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Co., 2600 W. 247th St., by G. S. Wing, Pres., transmitted for Council approval a consolidation lease agreement, purpose of which was to consolidate the Hi-Shear lease and the sub-lease of Buttress & McClellan.

A May 28 letter from the City Attorney reviewed this, and recommended that 'the new lease be approved in principle and that the Council direct the City Attorney to resubmit the new lease with proper resolution when the property description has been approved by the Acting City Engr., and when the amendment has been made requiring Council approval of the building plans.'

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

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

Mayor Isen asked the Attorney if he had any charges against this, and the City Attorney said he did not.

3. A May 28, 1959, letter from the City Attorney transmitted a new draft of the ordinance establishing rules of order for Council meetings.

Mayor Isen asked to hold this over for a couple of weeks for study, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Copies of a proposed agreement with the Sanitation Dist. #5 were submitted with a May 28 letter from the Director of Public Works. These transferred certain sewer lines to the District. Concurrence was recommended, and this was here for the Council's approval.

Mayor Isen asked if they would take care of overloading if that should come to pass, and the Director of Public Works said they would.

To answer Councilman Jahn, the Director of Public Works said they would build a new sewer if it becomes necessary, or parallel this one.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount protested that as he read the agreement, he could not see where they agreed to do what the Director of Public Works has said they would do.

The Director of Public Works said this was the understanding, and the agreement was drawn with it in mind.

Councilman Blount repeated his disagreement with this, saying this agreement is no different from the one formerly submitted here.

The Director of Public Works explained that if the new line does overload, they may parallel it or build a new line, but it is their responsibility.

Councilman Benstead suggested holding this for a week for clarification, and Councilman Blount agreed, however, Mayor Isen felt we should cooperate with the District as they have with us in the past.

Councilman Blount said he wished only to protect the City.

The City Attorney agreed with the Director of Public Works about this.

The Director of Public Works said the area in the original Exhibit B was smaller than the area now delineated, and felt the Council should keep in mind that we are dealing with an agency which has the right to put a line down our street there if they wish to do so. They have agreed to enter into this agreement and take over the existing line. If the time comes when the line is not adequate, they will rebuild it.

Councilman Jahn requested the portion of these Minutes containing this discussion be attached to the Agreement, so everyone will be advised of the discussion.

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

Engineering Matters:

2. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24819: Located northerly of 174th St. and easterly of proposed San Diego Freeway, containing 9 lots, presented by Property Management Corp. Accompanied by:
 - a. Letter of transmittal from Director of Public Works, reporting recommendation for approval by Plng. Comm.;
 - b. May 27, 1959, letter from Geo. Powell, Planning Director, reported that recommendation, and that the Final Map conforms substantially to the Tentative;
 - c. Excerpt, Planning Comm. Minutes of May 20, 1959;
 - d. May 13 letter from So. Calif. Edison, signed by J. W. Kessler, re poling plan;
 - e. March 16 letter from State Div'n. of Highways, signed by A. L. Himelhock, re freeway right of way;
 - f. L. A. County Flood Control Dist. letter, dated Jan. 15, 1959, signed by Milan Ranson for M. E. Salsbury, Chief Engr., reporting this is 'reasonably free' of flood hazard;
 - g. Location sketch;
 - h. May 28, 1959, letter from Barclay-Pearson Engineering Co., signed by J. R. Spahn, stating the subdivision is substantially the same as the map approved as Tentative.

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

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

- 3. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24756: Located at the Northeasterly corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and 170th St. Accompanied by:
 - a. Letter of transmittal from Director of Public Works, submitting Planning Commission recommendation for approval;
 - b. May 26, 1959, letter from G. Powell, Plng. Director, submitting their recommendation and record of approval of Tentative;
 - c. Excerpt, Planning Commission Mins. of May 20, 1959;
 - d. Jan. 7, 1959, letter from L. A. County Flood Control Dist., signed by Milan Ransom for Chief Engineer, reporting this tract 'reasonably free' from flood hazard;
 - e. Jan. 7 letter from So. Calif. Edison Co. re poling plan;
 - f. May 18 letter from Supt. of Torrance Water Dept., saying we would serve this tract with water;
 - g. Sketch of tract;
 - h. May 28 letter from Barclay-Pearson Co. signed by J. Spahn stating this subdivision is substantially as it appeared on the tentative map.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead pointed out that on the cul de sac, 3 lots have 35' frontage and 2 have 37' frontage.

The Director of Public Works replied to a question from Councilman Jahn by saying this is substantially the same as the tentative map.

Councilman Beasley had checked with planning, and found that 20' from the cul de sac, at the set-back line, the lots are 50' wide.

Jack Spahn of Barclay-Pearson Co., representing the subdivider, agreed.

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

Councilman Blount said he thought Lot 4 in this tract a monstrosity, and Councilman Benstead agreed, adding that he would like to see Atkinson Street come on through.

4. With a letter dated May 27, 1959, the Director of Public Works submitted:

Two easement deeds dated May 13, 1959, from Eugene A. and Barbara Stockwell for portions of Lot 20, McDonald Tract, for the Widening of Bailey Drive.

A location sketch was submitted to the Council.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept these easements.

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

REPORTS:

It was reported by the City Clerk that his office had received a complaint and summons on May 25 in Case #633613, action of Kenneth and Delphine T. Severin, minors, by Clifford Severin, guardian ad litem, through Attorney for Plaintiffs, Thomas G. Neusom, 1111 East Vernon Ave., L. A. 11, against the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines at al, for injuries and damages allegedly sustained as the result of an accident which occurred at 57th and Hoover Streets on May 29, 1958.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett assigned the numbers shown and read the titles of the Resolutions and Ordinances hereafter in these Minutes.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3697

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 Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3697.

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

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3698

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND ERWIN EARL WILSON AND DARLENE JOAN WILSON EXTENDING THE TIME OF THEIR OPTION TO LEASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3698.

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

3. RESOLUTION NO. 3699

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING THE STREET NAME OF "VIA LADO" UPON THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Mayor Isen asked the meaning of this name, and Councilman Beasley replied that it means "Short Street".

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3699.

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

4. A resolution which would change the name of Bluff Street was submitted, but Councilman Beasley thought the description of the area involved was incorrect, and as there were no objections, this was ordered back to the City Attorney to be checked.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated May 28, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1095, unanimously approved with all present at the first reading on May 26, 1959.

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 dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1095 at its second and final reading.

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

2. With a letter dated May 28, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1096, unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at the first reading on May 26, 1959.

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 dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1096.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1096 at its second and final reading.
Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A May 28, 1959, letter from the City Attorney submitted an ordinance providing that any member of any of the city commissions must have the approval of the City Council before absenting himself from more than 3 regular consecutive commission meetings. This had been requested by Councilman Blount at the May 19 Council meeting. This was discussed at some length, with the City Attorney saying he had written this to require a majority of those Councilmen at a meeting, saying he thought this would serve.
Mayor Isen thought this approval should require 4 votes, or a majority of the Council.
Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Ordinance.
Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

ORDINANCE NO. 1097

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS NO. 2.14, 2.45, 2.75, 2.85, 2.95 and 2.105 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO MEETINGS OF CITY COMMISSIONS AND FAILURE OF THE MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR PROVIDING THAT SUCH MEMBERSHIPS SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATE UPON FAILURE TO ATTEND FOUR CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1097.
Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Councilman Beasley renewed his motion for approval, and Councilman Blount renewed his second to that motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. With a letter dated May 27, 1959, the City Attorney submitted an ordinance governing outside employment of City employees, with the conditions recommended by the Committee appointed to study this matter. These recommendations had been approved by the Council at their meeting of May 5, 1959.

ORDINANCE NO. 1098

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 11.10 AND SECTION 22.11 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", PROHIBITING FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN FROM ENGAGING IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS PERMITTING FIREMEN, POLICEMEN AND OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES TO ENGAGE IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1098.

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

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1098 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen moved to amend the motion by adding a line under Paragraph B to state that 'outside employment shall not be competitive with the general labor market'.

Amendment seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Beasley asked how that could be determined, and Councilman Jahn did not see any reason for this amendment.

Mayor Isen said this would not hurt; he added that the Council had started with a strict policy that there could be no outside work by employees at all. Under this ordinance, we will allow a number of exceptions, and it should be certain that the City employees who take outside employment will not be competing with unemployed for jobs.

Councilman Beasley said if he knew who would make the determination, he might join with the Mayor in this point.

Councilman Bradford believed the Mayor's amendment to mean by 'general labor market', organized union labor.

Councilman Jahn said that would mean practically all outside work, but Mayor Isen did not agree.

Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Jahn.

Mayor Isen felt that if a City employee worked at an outside job which could be filled by someone else, he should not continue to take work away from unemployed.

Councilman Jahn said it had been the consensus of the people on the Committee which worked on this that if the person working on an outside job fulfilled Items 1 through 5 of this Ordinance, everyone would be satisfied.

Mayor Isen said if an outside employer were so inclined, this would not be covered. He repeated that it had been the consensus when this began that there should be no outside work by City employees.

Councilman Bradford pointed out this ordinance contained the Committee's findings.

Councilman Blount called for the question.

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

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen, with concurrence of the Council, proclaimed the week of June 1-7, 1959, as "BETTER HEALTH THROUGH PEST CONTROL WEEK" in the City of Torrance.

2. With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of June, 1959, as "JUNE DAIRY MONTH", and urged everyone to use more of our dairy products during this time, and to recognize the great contributions the Dairy Industry makes to us each day of the year.

At 6:20 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:30 P. M.

Mayor Isen noted that a discussion with the Chamber of Commerce was next on the Agenda, but as a courtesy to those people present to speak to the City Council, he asked them to be heard first.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Pat Hogue asked for a 15 MPH speed limit and stop signs near the Little League ball park at Victor and Del Amo. He explained that the present speed limits are not observed, and that he has talked to the policemen in the area about this, and they agreed with him that these precautions would help.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the Traffic Commission.

2. The City Manager reported a request from the Public Works Department to continue the rental of a D-8 Tractor at the City Dump while ours is repaired. It is estimated this will be needed for 40 hours, at a total cost of \$560, which includes the operator.

Councilman Drale moved this request be granted.

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

3. Councilman Bradford asked if it would be possible to have the Flag flying here at the City Hall on holidays and Sundays, saying it had not been flown on Memorial Day as it should have been.

Captain Maestri of the Police Dept. said they would place the Flag if the keys to the building are made available to them.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

4. BUDGET DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Fred Mill, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was present to discuss with the Council their budget request for the fiscal year 1959-60. He said the City had given them \$19,000 last year, and this year they are requesting \$22,250 for the next fiscal year; out of this, they will give \$500 to the National Guard and \$500 to the Mounted Police, \$1250 to the City-to-City Committee, and they will have a balance of \$20,000. Some of the expenditures they plan to make are: Torrance-South Bay Symphony Orchestra, \$100; City-to-City activity, \$200; Airport Day, \$300; Inter-City Highway Committee, \$300 (they have budgeted the cost of having their Manager attend the meetings so important to this group which are held in Sacramento); Keys to the City, \$400; a Community Events sign, \$600.

Mr. Mill presented a sketch of the proposed "Community Events" sign, saying the Chamber would like to put this up in front of their office, and that it will conform to the sign ordinance. They have also included \$1,000 for the float in the Tournament of Roses Parade, saying they have not been able to raise enough money for this any other way. Their total request is for about 20¢ per person in the City. He presented copies of their Tentative Budget to the Council, saying these were for study so the Councilmen will have a full knowledge of Chamber expenditures. He said that in these brochures, there are figures giving the information on the sums given to Chambers of Commerce by other cities, in support of their request for 20¢ per person. He added that a breakdown of their budget is given in the brochure. In reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, Mr. Mill said they are paying the same rent and utilities that they have paid during the past year.

Councilman Beasley said in the past, there have been many contacts with new industries and new people coming here made by our Planning Department, and a lot of work on that done by the Planning Department. He did not think this proper, and thought that should be done by the Chamber.

The City Manager thought many of these have been referred to the Chamber, however, there are some things people need to know which we are in a better position to supply than is the Chamber.

Councilman Beasley agreed, but felt some of the work load should be transferred from Planning to the Chamber.

Mayor Isen agreed that there is an inter-relationship here, but felt in some matters the Chamber should offer assistance to Planning. The Chamber should call on Planning for information, but he felt the Chamber should make the contacts rather than Planning.

Dick Fitzgerald, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said in the past the City's Planning Dept. had contacted his office about these people. His office then sends out brochures, meets with the people on various matters, and frequently takes them to lunch. By the same token, when people come to their office they follow through with them. Normally, industry will go to the Chamber or to Planning, and they have been working very closely with each other.

Councilman Jahn thought that after people have secured the zoning information, or information as to ordinances which will affect them, any further contact should be through the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Isen agreed that Planning should be entirely out of industrial promotion. That is a Chamber function and that is one reason why the City contributes to the Chamber's budget.

Mr. Fitzgerald reported spending a lot of time with the Planning Director on industrial promotion.

In reply to Councilman Jahn, Mr. Fitzgerald said the membership of our Chamber of Commerce has grown from 135 to almost 700 firms in the past 3 years, with almost 200 new members in the past year. Membership fees are on a graduated scale. He pointed out that there had been a time when the City paid a far larger percentage of their costs.

Mr. Mill pointed out that the Chamber now supports 3/4 of its own budget, while just a few years ago the City had borne a large share of those expenses.

Mayor Isen said some of the figures given the Council provide for expenditures the Council had already planned.

Mr. Mill suggested this be studied, and if there are any questions or duplications, the necessary adjustments can be made.

It was agreed some of the items budgeted by the City should be disbursed through the Chamber.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained that on some of these items, we would pay a part of the cost and they would spend additional sums.

It was agreed to give this further study.

5. Mrs. Elizabeth Hinckley, 24103 Narbonne, said she has a lot on Arlington which she would like to sell, but because of the water situation in the area she has not been able to sell it.

Councilman Jahn told Mrs. Hinkley that there is Torrance water not too far away on Arlington, and if it is taken to the lot, when other people tie into the main the cost of the main would be prorated.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said it would be at least 3 months before our own proceedings to form a District there are completed if the City goes ahead with this.

After further discussion, Mayor Isen directed Mrs. Hinckley to contact Messrs. McVicar, Peebles, and Remelmeyer for any information she needs.

6. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:05 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance