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Torrance, California
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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 9, 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. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Gately, President of the American Legion Post, led the salute to our Flag.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting held Monday, June 1, 1959, as written.

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

Mayor Isen and the Council agreed to hold the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 2, 1959, for approval, as they had reached the Council so late they had not yet been read.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time for the presentation of two commendatory Resolutions, Nos. 3700 and 3701. These were, respectively:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3700, commending Per Svanevik for his excellent scholastic record and exemplary conduct as an exchange student and extending greetings to the Ordfører of Mr. Svanevik's home city of Bergen, Norway.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3701, commending Dieter Seiler for his excellent scholastic record and exemplary conduct as an exchange student, and extending greetings to the Buergermeister of his home city of Boppard, Germany.

Mayor Isen complimented Mr. Mosley of the Foreign Exchange Student Committee for his years of dedicated work in this cause.

Mayor Isen read in full Resolution No. 3700, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 3700

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING PER SVANEVIK FOR HIS EXCELLENT SCHOLASTIC RECORD AND EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT, AND EXTENDING GREETINGS TO THE ORDFØRER OF HIS HOME CITY OF BERGEN, NORWAY.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3700.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to waive the reading of Resolution No. 3701, and have only the title read.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried

unanimously by roll call vote.
Mayor Isen read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3701

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, COMMENDING DIETER SEILER FOR HIS EXCELLENT SCHOLASTIC RECORD AND EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT, AND EXTENDING GREETINGS TO THE BUERGERMEISTER OF HIS HOME CITY OF BOPPARD, GERMANY.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3701. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced that the Council had translations of the two Resolutions in the native languages of the students, and thanked the Acting Consul at the Norwegian Consulate in San Pedro, Mr. Arne G. Walther, and Helga Rasooli, his secretary, for the translation of No. 3700 to Norwegian, and thanked Erica Muhl of our own Recreation Department, the Arts & Crafts Center Director, for the German translation of Resolution No. 3701. At the request of Mayor Isen, the two exchange students read the translations for the benefit of the audience.

Mayor Isen then presented the executed copies of these Resolutions to Mr. Mosely and the students, and presented extra copies to the people who have acted as foster parents to these boys, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Grogan, 24249 Madison Street, who have hosted Per Svanevik, and Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Wolf of 21804 Halldale, who have hosted Dieter Seiler during his stay here. These foster parents were present, and were introduced to the audience by Mr. Mosley.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to send copies of these Resolutions to the City Councils of the boys' home cities. He then commented upon the excellence of the idea of having the translations of such Resolutions, and asked who had thought of this.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that he believed this had been suggested by Mrs. Marge Cunerty, a secretary in his office.

Mayor Isen commended Mrs. Cunerty, saying her idea will probably begin a pleasant custom.

Councilman Jahn asked if the water hearing had been set over, referring to the matter of the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3 and No. 2.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. LaMour, who has talked to the Council about these matters in the past was in the room, but had no reply.

Councilman Blount said if the Council had no written offer from Dominguez on this, he had understood this was not to be back.

The City Manager said we have had no communications from Dominguez about this.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following Bid opening:

1. AUDITORIUM AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING: Bids for the sale of the Auditorium and Chamber of Commerce Building will be opened at 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, June 10, 1959, in the Council Chamber.

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

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the following Hearings:

1. CASE NO. 569: Third and Final Hearing on petition of Bollenbacher and Kelton for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on property situated on both sides of Palos Verdes Boulevard, adjacent to Sepulveda Blvd., for the purpose of developing said property commercially.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered. Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply, but Mr. Kelton, a proponent of the Case, was present to answer questions.

Councilman Beasley moved to close this Hearing.

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

Councilman Drale wanted to be sure that Lomita Blvd. is being protected.

Planning Director Powell explained to him that this is only Parcels 1 and 2; they do not touch the triangle there or affect Lomita Blvd.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of Case No. 569.

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

2. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 8:-

Mayor Isen stated that the contractor had the Affidavit of Publication and the list of exceptions, if any, which should be presented now. They had not been returned to the Clerk's office today as they were supposed to be, and therefor the Mayor suggested that this be set over for the next regular meeting of the Council on June 16, 1959.

Councilman Beasley moved to continue this Hearing to the June 16, 1959, meeting of the Council.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated June 3, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Council hold the required Hearings and adopt an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" BY REPEALING SECTION 14 THEREOF RELATING TO CONTROLLED ZONING AND ADDING THERETO A NEW SECTION 10-Z CREATING ZONE C-R, RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL, ENUMERATING THE USES PERMITTED THEREIN AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS THEREFOR.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the time and place and date for the Hearing as follows:

8:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 23, 1959, in the Council Chamber.

2. With a letter dated June 4, 1959, the Planning Director submitted to the Council the Planning Commission's recommendation that the Council hold the required Hearing and adopt an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 10-X ENTITLED "C-3 SOLELY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT"

OF APPENDIX I (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW PROVISION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME ZONE AND ESTABLISHING PERMISSIBLE USES, BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITS AND LOT AREA THEREIN.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen set the following time, date and place for the Hearing:

8:00 P. M. Tuesday, June 23, 1959, in the Council Chamber.

Councilman Jahn asked a question about this, thinking that R-4 zone would allow apartments, but Planning Director Powell explained that this pertains only to hotels.

3. With a letter dated June 4, 1959, the Planning Director submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following Waiver:

R. L. Lewellen, 1307 Madrid Ave., waiver of side yard requirements to permit a patio to come within 3' of the side property line, in line with existing garage.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Planning Commission recommendation.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Two petitions were presented protesting the discontinuance of bus service to Los Angeles; one bore 9 signatures of patrons who reside in Hawthorne, and one bore signatures of 20 patrons who reside in Lawndale and Hawthorne.

The originals of the petitions were available at the meeting.

2. A letter from Mrs. Margaret G. Dege of 9516 So. Hoover Street, Los Angeles, protested the discontinuance of bus service to Los Angeles.

3. Mrs. Stella Freleigh, 1741 Martina Avenue, in a letter dated May 30, 1959, complained of the lack of a bus depot.

Councilman Jahn moved that Items 1, 2 and 3, listed above, be filed, saying the Committee is still working on this and investigating the situation.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley, a member of the Council's Committee on this problem, said they may have a report ready by the next meeting of the Council.

Mayor Isen thought all these people would appreciate the problem if they were aware of the tremendous deficit faced by our bus department. If taxes must be raised to pay for operating expenses of the City, he added, we must surely cut down where we can on expenses.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that this department has shown a \$43,000 deficit in the first 9 months of the fiscal year.

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

4. A May 25, 1959, letter from the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., signed by James B. Van Dyck, Director, requested an appropriation for their benefit in the fiscal year 1959-60.

The City Manager answered a question by saying this had been provided for in the Tentative Budget.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the City Manager.

5. In a letter dated June 1, signed by Glenn Koger, Board Chairman, and Jim Becker, Campaign Chairman, the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area, Community Chest, 1427 So. Pacific Ave., San

Pedro, California, requested use of the old Chamber of Commerce for their 1959-60 Community Chest Campaign Headquarters. They stated they would need this from August 1 to December 15, 1959.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that if the building is sold, we will not be able to promise them its use.

Councilman Benstead amended his motion to make granting the request subject to City ownership of the building at that time.

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

6. A June 4, 1959, letter from the City of El Segundo, signed by John D. Meschuk, M. D., Councilman, invited our Councilmen to participate in a meeting of representatives from each of the Centinela-South Bay Cities. This meeting is planned to be held June 25, 1959, at 6:30 P. M. at Robb's Restaurant in El Segundo.

Mayor Isen said another City had handled this by allowing any interested Councilmen to attend. He thought this would serve us very well, as any interested Councilman who was able to attend such a meeting could do so.

7. In a memorandum dated June 4, 1959, Mayor Isen told the Council that Governor Brown, in the 'Governor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth', had asked a representative from our City. Mayor Isen had suggested the appointment of Mr. Herbert W. Fisher, 18705 Fonthill Avenue. The Mayor's memo stated that Mr. Fisher would like to attend the Claremont Work-Shop, whose purposes are set forth in attachments submitted to the Council. The cost for room, meals and registration would be \$35 from July 13-16. Mayor Isen recommended that the Council approve Mr. Fisher's attendance and allow him the necessary expenses, not to exceed \$50.00.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Mayor Isen asked to discuss this, saying this meeting is on the subject of juvenile delinquency and solutions to juvenile problems. Governor Knight had a similar Committee, and Mayor Isen recalled that we had held meetings here on the subject and had good results from it.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Fisher isn't a City employee or official.

Mayor Isen said he has done a great deal of youth work, and worked with several Little League and/or Babe Ruth groups and is interested in the work.

Councilman Bradford suggested that as this is a Governor's Committee, the State should pay any expenses.

Motion to file carried by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
- NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.
- ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

8. A proposed Resolution was submitted by the Inter-City Highway Committee, in a letter dated May 29, 1959. The letter was signed by Wm. A. Cameron, President, and explained the purpose of the Resolution. Mr. Cameron said the Committee, through its attorney, plans to apply to the Attorney General of the State for permission to sue to prevent the closing of Pacific Avenue because of the construction of the Marina Playa del Rey.

Councilman Beasley asked to have this referred to the City Attorney to see what they intend to do; he said he was not happy about this, as a number of people at the meeting had voted against it.

Councilman Jahn thought we would be paying part of the cost of this suit if we signed this.

The City Attorney said we would be liable for a part of the costs if we were a party but not to the attorney's fees unless we entered into a contract for them.

This was ordered referred to the City Attorney for analysis.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated June 5, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following miscellaneous recommendations to the Council for their consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the class specification submitted for the position of Assistant to the Director of Public Works be approved and assigned to salary range #52 (\$662-\$724). If approved, the examination for the position will be ordered with the intention of allocating the position in the 1959-60 budget, effective July 1, 1959. This description was approved by the Civil Service Board at their meeting held June 3, 1959.

Councilman Drale moved this recommendation be deleted. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked the Director of Public Works if he wished to discuss this with the Council.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is a man doing the job now, and the Director of Public Works said there is.

Councilman Jahn said this does not sound like a promotional examination; he asked if it would be an open examination.

The Director of Public Works said that he did not know, and it would be up to the Personnel Dept. to decide. He added that the man's present salary is Range 41, from \$440 to \$500. He added also that he was not talking about a man now, but about the position.

Councilman Jahn said if that man passed this exam, he would be in the position; he asked if the man now doing the job is not on loan from the Engineering Dept., and the Director of Public Works said he is.

Councilman Jahn said that if he took this exam and got this job, it would mean an increase of about \$200 a month; he agreed that our fine new Director of Public Works would need a man to help him, but Councilman Jahn did not like the salary range. He asked if allowance had been made for this in the budget.

The City Manager said we have 2 additional people for the Public Works Dept., one Assistant and one girl. The City Manager felt that without any doubt, the Director of Public Works would need an assistant.

Councilman Benstead thought we would give an examination for the job, and the City Manager said we would if this was approved.

Councilman Benstead thought we were going to get some engineering help, as well.

The City Manager said we would; the Council has authorized 5 men there, and we have a couple of them.

Councilman Jahn asked if we could not hire a pretty good assistant for a lower salary, saying he felt this was a fair amount of money for a man who does not even have to be an engineer.

The Director of Public Works said the man will have to have a good and basic knowledge of the construction industry; he will have to know the number and type of personnel which should be used on jobs, and the type of construction which should be used, and a good understanding of basic engineering is required; he will have to have energy and interest, and be a good organizer, able to coordinate work of various departments, prepare reports, etc.

Councilman Jahn agreed, but said this man would be protected by Civil Service, but added that he can hire a good construction superintendent for \$600 a month.

The Director of Public Works said this man will require more background than just a construction superintendent.

Councilman Beasley asked if this would be an open or promotional examination, saying he agreed that help will be needed there.

C. L. Bone, the City's Personnel Officer, said this is planned to be an open examination. He replied to a question by saying we would waive the residence requirement for such highly technical personnel. He answered another question by saying, the examination would be called when the Council has approved this.

Mayor Isen thought the new Director of Public Works was one of the finest things we have had for years; he has taken on a tremendous work load; the Mayor said he had heard that now the Airport may go under him, as well as the many things already under his direction. If he needs an assistant, it should be a good man and the Mayor felt the salary should be consistent with the ability and qualifications we will require.

Councilman Drale stated he did not oppose any man needing help; he felt, however, we had created this new Department only last year. There is a Director, and he has a secretary; he has Mr. Horlander in there, and another girl in the office. That is 4 people in that office. All the department heads are at his disposal. If we bring Engineering up to where it should be, which Councilman Drale thought would be done soon, he felt there should not be a need for an Assistant to the Director of Public Works.

Mayor Isen disagreed.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion, saying he did so because this will be an open examination.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager with the stipulation that this be an open examination, and said he did not believe we could get a good man for less than the salary range set forth.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Bone if this will be an open examination, and Mr. Bone said it would.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For construction of two wash slabs with drain at the City Yard, the sum of \$3,500.
2. For the construction of adequate fencing at El Retiro and Seaside Rancho sumps, the sum of \$2,000.

The City Manager said we have needed the slabs for some time; they will give us a place to wash our equipment properly.

The City Manager said these two appropriations will completely use up the Unappropriated Reserve set up at the beginning of this fiscal year.

Councilman Beasley asked if these jobs will go to bid.

The City Manager thought we would perform the labor on the slabs.

The Director of Public Works told the Council these slabs will be about 40' x 60' in size, 6" thick, with 6" mesh inside them. The water used there will drain to the sewers.

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The City Manager told the Council the second item listed here would bring those sumps up to the City's standards.

Councilman Jahn excused himself from the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations Nos. 1 and 2 under "Appropriations from Unappropriated Reserve". Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

AWARD OF CONTRACT:

1. That the bid of South Bay Humane Society, only bidder, for Pound services, wherein the City shall receive 10% of all dog license fees paid for the fiscal year 1959-60, be accepted. This is the same figure as last year, but the contract provisions have been strengthened to provide insurance coverage and a bond.

S. P. C. A. did not bid, and they would have been required to hire additional personnel and place another truck in service to serve Torrance. (Copy of letter submitted).

Mayor Isen noted that Mrs. Blonk, (So. Bay Humane Society), had asked for a long-term contract. He doubted that we could award such a contract legally.

Councilman Drale moved to award this contract for one year. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. There seems to be some misunderstanding about the Council's decision to perform the construction work at the Police Station under force account. The City did not and could not award a contract to Mr. Wells.

I recommend that the work be performed under force account in the same manner that the alteration work is being done on the old and new City Halls at the present time.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with this recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

CONTRACTS:

1. I recommend that the bid of Emsco Pavement Breaking Corporation for the scoring of the concrete deck at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge be rejected (supporting material submitted).

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with this recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley reported that the City of Los Angeles has lowered their requirements from 1/2" to 1/4". There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

2. I recommend that the bid of Don Wolf for construction of office addition to Headquarters Bldg., Fire Dept., in the amount of \$10,529 be accepted. (Funds available in

Fire Dept. Budget) (Supporting material submitted).
Mr. Wolf was the only bidder.

Mayor Isen asked why there was only one bidder, but the Director of Public Works said he did not know the answer.
Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation.
Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn returned to the meeting at 8:40 P. M.

Mayor Isen asked who had invited the bids for this work, and the City Manager replied that it had been advertised in the papers. He did not know if the bid had been sent out. The City Manager thought one reason we did not get more bids was that we had just rejected some bids on this.

Councilman Jahn did not think that a valid reason, saying the contracting business is highly competitive.

Mayor Isen asked if this is a fair price, and the City Manager said we think it is.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 3. That the bid of The Casualty Auto Reconstruction of Torrance, in the amount of \$1,993.79, be accepted as the lowest bid for the body-work on City equipment with funds to come from the department budget whose equipment is repaired (supporting material submitted).

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the bid of the Casualty Auto Reconstruction of Torrance, \$1,993.79, as the lowest bid for body-work, as recommended.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

- 4. That the bid of Los Angeles Steel Craft on Items 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, and the bid of Jamison Mfg. on Items 3, 8, 9, and 10, be accepted as the lowest bids on the Items and all other bids be rejected (supporting material submitted).

Councilman Drale moved to accept these two bids as recommended.
Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WATER RATES:

Our current water rates were established in 1952 at the time the Water Bond Issue was passed. Since that time the cost of water to the City from M. W. D. has increased from \$20 to \$25 per acre foot. All other costs connected with the operation of the Water Department have also risen.

I recommend that the water rates be raised to be in keeping with today's costs. The proposed rates and increased costs to consumers are indicated on the attached communication from Mr. McVicar, Water Supt.

Mr. McVicar was present, and came forward to discuss this with the Council. He presented graphs showing comparative prices of water of other companies in nearby communities with our own water rates.

He pointed out that our rates are considerably lower than those of other companies in the area.

The City Manager said even with the proposed increase, we will be serving water at a lower price than others in the area.

Councilman Benstead asked if we really need this rate increase, and Mr. McVicar said this is a business, and costs of operation have risen steadily. As in any other business, we should compensate for rising costs.

Mr. McVicar said we will have to put in new lines and replace old ones, and the costs of that type of work have risen tremendously.

Mayor Isen thought the figures advanced by Mr. McVicar in his report were only realistic.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS:

To: Clyde Sheets Construction Co. for rental of D-8 Tractor to be used at City Dump, the sum of \$560.00.
Communication from Public Works Director giving details submitted.

The City Manager, in reply to a question as to when our own tractor would be repaired, replied that he would have to check.

The Director of Public Works said they are working on it right now and it should soon be ready. He said it would not have taken so long ordinarily, but the company had been out of the particular part needed for this repair, and had to send for it.

Councilman Benstead asked what kind of tractor we own for that job, saying this delayed repair has been so costly that it would almost have paid for another tractor.

Councilman Jahn agreed.

The City Manager said this is an International TD410. We have had it 5 or 6 years.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

At 8:45 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:00 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney submitted a June 4, 1959, letter from the Pacific Coast Gasoline Co., 2052 West 2334d St., P. O. Box 566, Torrance, signed by Larry J. Lasky. In this letter, they asked for a maximum 60-day extension of their existing Franchise on behalf of the Texas Company.

The City Attorney suggested that if the Council grants this, it be subject to the same terms and conditions of the Pacific Coast Gasoline Co. franchise.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request, subject to the same terms and conditions of the Pacific Coast Gasoline Co. franchise.

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

2. With a letter dated June 5, 1959, the City Attorney submitted to the Council the proposed amendment to the oil code. He said

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in the letter that this had been held over from the meeting of "May 26th. It was moved to hold this ordinance over for study and further suggestions from the Councilmen. Councilman Jahn suggested that the Council save these copies to avoid further printing costs. There will, however, be copies available for those who need them.

"At said meeting it was suggested by Councilman Beasley that Section 19.66 be stricken and Section 19.43 show that drilling islands are permitted. Councilman Benstead proposed that Section 19.21 include deepening of any existing well.

"For your consideration I am herewith submitting copies of letter from Western Oil & Gas Association listing their detailed comments on the proposed Code."

A May 21, 1959, letter from the Western Oil & Gas Assn., Sixth & Grand, Los Angeles 17, contained their recommendations.

The Mayor said that from a practical standpoint, he had not been able to understand the technicalities being dealt with in this matter. He asked how the changes could be pointed out, suggesting that they be tabulated on a sheet, with the changes suggested by the Association being shown opposite them for purposes of comparison.

The City Attorney offered to explain this item by item, but he said the suggestions already incorporated in the ordinance had been reviewed by himself with the City Manager, the Supt. of the Bldg. Dept., the Planning Director, and the Director of Public Works, as well as License Inspector Whitacre.

Mayor Isen suggested this be held over and submitted in written form next week.

Councilman Beasley said his exact meaning about sumps had not been translated here, but he found this satisfactory.

Mayor Isen asked the Attorney if his suggestions could be followed, and the City Attorney said yes, or he could re-write the ordinance inserting the recommendations of the staff and those approved from the Western Oil & Gas Assn.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. A June 4, 1959, letter from the Commander of Post 170 of the American Legion, J. Rome Gateley, asked the Council to grant them a fireworks sales permit even though they have not met the time limits set up by the City under our fireworks ordinance. The letter said this was because of confusion in their organization, and that the stand would be operated by members of their post.

A memo from H. C. Litzinger, Deputy License Inspector, was appended, and outlined the time requirements for such a permit. He recommended that if this request is granted, it be subject to their filing the proper application, paying the proper fee, and furnishing the required insurance.

Mayor Isen asked the License Inspector if they had paid their fee as yet, and Mr. Whitacre said they have done nothing but write this letter.

Councilman Benstead moved this be granted subject to those requirements outlined by Mr. Litzinger.

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

Councilman Benstead suggested that the License Inspector write them a letter telling them that from now on, if they want such a license, they must comply with the ordinance.

Mayor Isen said last year they failed to send in the required report promptly.

Councilman Benstead told Mr. Gateley, who was present, that

the Legion should be sure members of the Post run this stand, and not representatives of the manufacturer.

Mr. Gateley said the Council could be sure that they would comply, and that members of the Post will run the stand.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter dated June 5, the Director of Public Works submitted to the Council easements from the Torrance Unified School District and the Southern California Edison Co. for the purpose of joining Felbar Ave. northerly of 187th St. to the proposed extension of 186th Street. He recommended the acceptance of the two easements, and that consideration be given to concrete improvements in lieu of asphalt as stated earlier in the letter. The statement in the letter re asphalt read "I notice that the former City Engineer, in negotiating with the Edison Co., established rolled asphalt curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides of Felbar Ave., and rolled asphalt curbs on the southerly side of 186th St. It is my opinion that this type of construction is not in keeping with the standards of a metropolitan community such as ours."

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the two easements as submitted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen commented on Mr. Peebles' statement that this improvement is not up to our standards.

Councilman Drale said it is just a walkway for the children which we have been trying to get for some time.

Mayor Isen told the Director of Public Works that when the time comes to put in the actual permanent improvements, he should bring this back.

City Clerk Bartlett was directed to read the titles of the necessary Resolutions, as there were no objections and the motion was ordered carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3702

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3702.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3703

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3703.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously.

2. With a letter dated June 2, 1959, the Director of Public Works submitted a street easement dated May 20, 1959, from Dominguez Estate Co. for a 22' strip over their property extending southerly from the end of the existing service road at the SE end of Tract No. 17390 to, and through, the service station at the NW corner of Del Amo and Hawthorne Blvds. The letter stated further that "This section was paved at the time of tract construction, and the public has used this property without benefit of easement. In granting this easement, the Dominguez Estate Co. is reserving the right of termination thereof for the reason that possible future development of their entire property, in which this easement is located, could conceivably require such termination."

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3704

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM DOMINGUEZ ESTATE COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3704.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would preclude them from having to improve the property later, and the City Attorney replied he could not give an answer without having a copy of the deed.

Mayor Isen noted they reserved termination rights of the deed.

This question was discussed at some length, with the Director of Public Works, the Supt. of Building Inspection, and the Director of Planning answering questions from the Council.

The Director of Public Works said his interest here was to be sure that the residents have access to the boulevard there.

Mayor Isen moved to table this so the Director of Public Works could bring this back when it is improved.

Motion to table seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale didn't think we could do this anyway, as this gives access to a State highway and we would have to have a permit from the State.

The Director of Public Works pointed out that this is paved.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said it is paved. This easement is to coincide with the paving now there. There is a curb along the State road there, but there are no sidewalks. We will get the improvements when we put in a permanent commercial use there. This is only a temporary measure.

Councilman Jahn pointed out we have some temporary uses which have lasted for 25 years. He asked if we could enforce our commercial improvement requirements on a State highway, and the Bldg. Supt. said we could. He added we have a letter from the State to the effect that they will work with us on such matters, but if they do not want the improvements they will not work for them.

Mayor Isen did not think we should accept this now.

Mr. Schlens said a real estate office could have been right in front of those dwellings if we had not been able to get this.

In reply to questions from Mayor Isen, both the Director of Public Works and the Supt. of Building said they recommended this.

Councilman Benstead asked why this came here if we would not have control over it, and the Director of Public Works replied that he had tried to maintain control in the best interest of the citizens to the north, to hold the buildings by to the set-back line. He believed that by July we would have an agreement with the State under which we will be able to have control of such situations.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion to table, and Councilman Jahn withdrew his second to that motion.

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 3704 carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a letter dated June 3, 1959, the Director of Public Works submitted the following easement deeds for acceptance by the City Council:

Easement Deeds for Water Main - in Block 16, Walteria Tract:

1. Easement Deed dated June 3, 1959, for portion of Lot 8, granted by Percy George Bennett and Addie B. Bennett.
2. Easement Deed dated June 3, 1959, for portion of Lot 6, granted by Melvin Gerrard Bennett.
3. Easement Deed dated June 3, 1959, for portion of Lot 5, granted by Percy George Bennett and Addie B. Bennett.
4. Easement Deed dated April 6, 1959, for portion of Lot 7, granted by Addie B. Bennett and Percy G. Bennett.
5. Easement Deed dated Feb. 27, 1959, for portion of Lot 9, granted by Nora Stonebraker.

(The above-noted easements are required to enable our Water Department to serve this area.)

Easement Deeds for Street Purposes:

1. Easement deed dated May 16, 1959, for a portion of Lot 23, Tract No. 397, given by Joseph R. Emilia C. Regan for 2' widening of 239th Street.
2. Easement deed dated May 23, 1959, for a portion of Lot 36, Tract No. 639, for the 2' widening of Cypress St., given by Ross Leo and Mary S. Leo.
3. Easement deed dated May 29, 1959, for a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 2895, given by Goldie Kenyon Larsen for the 5' widening of Henrietta Street.
4. Easement deed dated Mar. 31, 1959, for a portion of Lot 24, La Fresa Tract given by Norman A. Staff, et al, for the widening of 171st Street.
5. Easement deed dated May 25, 1959, for a portion of Lot 60, McDonald Tract, given for the widening of Arlington Avenue by Max Hebert.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept all these easements.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated June 3, 1959, the Supt. of the Water Dept. requested authorization to call for informal bids on a pump for our No. 2 well, at about the same cost as repairing the old pump; he also asked permission to advertise for bids on a submersible pump for our #1 well.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the requests.

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

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. McVicar whether he is sure these

would solve the problems outlined in his letter.

Mr. McVicar replied that these will be more satisfactory than what we have been using.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. In a letter dated June 3, 1959, signed by Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, the recommendation of that body that the Council approve the application of Air Pony Company for establishing a regular delivery and pick-up service at our Airport.

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

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

2. With a letter dated June 3, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that the services of the Assistant Airport Manager be retained.

Councilman Blount moved this be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Beasley asked if it might be possible to find something for this man, who is well qualified, in some other department in the City.

The City Manager said yes, that the initial steps to transfer the man to the City's Engineering Department have been taken; he pointed out that Mr. Critchfield has the advantages of good training and background, and said the transfer would be approved tomorrow if the Council does not object.

Councilman Jahn said if there is a need which this man can fill, it would be fine, and then if the time comes when his services are needed again on the airport, he could probably be transferred back there.

Councilman Bradford referred to the letter, saying that there seemed to be some question inside the Commission as to whether or not they had any authority as to personnel on the airport, and he thought it should be made quite clear to them that they do not.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RECREATION COMMISSION:

With letters dated June 1, 1959, and signed by Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman, the Recreation Commission submitted the following recommendations:

a. That a special election be held in the fall of 1960 on a Park & Recreation bond issue, and that prior to it a survey be made to ascertain the wishes of the public in this.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this filed.

Councilman Jahn suggested that this be considered about the end of August.

The City Manager reported he had set up the funds in the budget for a special election if the Council wished one.

Councilman Beasley said if the public was sufficiently interested in this, the Council would probably go along with it, but so far there has seemed to be no demand for this except from the Commission.

b. That the Council determine the proper steps to be taken to obtain bids on the development of the Entradero Sump, by private funds, for an 18-hole golf course.

Councilman Benstead thought this would be a good idea if someone would build the golf course.

Councilman Bradford disagreed; he felt if a private individual did this the City should be given a good percentage of the income.

Councilman Benstead felt that was the intent of the suggestion.

Councilman Bradford thought bids should be taken on such a proposal.

Mayor Isen suggested referring this to management for investigation as to the proper steps to be taken to get bids on such development.

Councilman Blount demurred, saying we should first get all the details available; if there is to be a golf course there, it should be open to the public, and not a private course limited in any way as to its use.

Councilman Jahn thought the Council should have all the facts about any such operation.

Councilman Blount had read the material on this, and he wants to know more about it; under the scheme proposed, he felt we would furnish the land for a private use.

Councilman Bradford agreed that the Council should have all the details, such as the size such a course would be, whether it will be a public or private course, the proposed length of the lease, the percentage offered to the City, the probable income, etc.

Mayor Isen suggested sending this back to the Commission with excerpts showing this discussion; there were no objections and it was so ordered.

c. The Commission's recommendation that the Park Dept. take steps to start planting the trees on the north property line of the Civic Center.

Councilman Jahn asked whether any thought had been given to leasing this land for farm purposes and getting some revenue from it, and the City Manager said when the land was farmed we had been involved in a tremendous dust problem.

Mayor Isen asked if there was not some move afoot to put Little League ball diamond there, and Councilman Blount said there is.

Councilman Blount thought that would be a good use for the land right now.

Councilman Beasley asked if we had not told the Commission at one time that it would be a good idea to allow the various civic organizations of the City to contribute the trees there, and Councilman Benstead said yes. Councilman Benstead knew of one group who had contributed toward that, but the trees were used near the City Hall instead.

The City Manager said on the demand sheet tonight the second payment for that land is included, and that we will now own the land.

Mayor Isen agreed that this is a wonderful idea.

Councilman Blount agreed this had been left with the Commission with the idea that they would initiate a drive to get the trees free. He moved to send this back to them with a reminder that this had been settled once on that basis; and that the Council concurs in this and thinks it an excellent idea.

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

d. A suggested plan for the employment of teen-agers for recreation leadership jobs was laid out for the consideration of the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved this be filed.

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

e. A camping program for children between the ages of 10 and 12 was recommended for approval.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur.

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

REPORTS:

The City Clerk reported receipt in his office of a complaint and summons on May 28, 1959, in the action of Bill Toru Nishimura and Michi Nishimura against the City et al, for alleged property damage sustained as the result of an accident involving a City bus on March 4, 1959; this was submitted by attorneys for plaintiff, Goebel & Donovan, 1530 So. Olive Street, Los Angeles 15 (Case No. 633302).

(No verified claim was received in this action).

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read the titles and assigned the numbers of each Resolution and Ordinance shown in these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3705

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

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 3706

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF A PORTION OF BLUFF STREET TO CALLE DE PRIMERA IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 3706.

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

Councilman Beasley told the Council he no longer lives on this street.

RESOLUTION NO. 3607

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST CONSOLIDATION LEASE AGREEMENT AND FOR RECORDING PURPOSES A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND HI-SHEAR RIVET TOOL COMPANY.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve and adopt Resolution No. 3607.

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

ORDINANCES:

With a letter dated June 3, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1097, unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at the first reading on June 2, 1959.

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 Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the ordinance.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1097 at its second and final reading.

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

With a letter dated June 3, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1098, unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at its first reading on June 2, 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 Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1098.

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

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1098 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mr. Eugene Egbert, 1744 Greenwood, came forward. He told the Council he was not here as a delegate of his labor union. He could not see why the City should pay the firemen and policemen at such a rate that they would need outside employment; he thought these men that protect our City should have adequate wages. If it is necessary for them to accept outside work, however, he believed this Ordinance should be so revised as to provide that if they work in a business covered by a labor agreement, they must abide by the rules governing such work. He mentioned the number of people collecting unemployment checks from the State, and said at times like these he felt all should abide by the union rules where they prevail. He discussed this at some length.

Mayor Isen pointed out that in all probability they could not hire in to such a place without conformance.

Mr. Egbert said they could get temporary permits, and mentioned other ways in which companies with union contracts hire non-union workers.

Mayor Isen moved to amend this so that City employees qualifying for outside employment must abide by all union contracts of the union employer if they are employed where there is a union contract.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Jahn said if such a man got a temporary permit he would be so complying.

Mayor Isen thought this should be written here.

Mr. Egbert said Mr. Jahn might be correct. He went into some detail of how a man could get a temporary work permit from a union and could often have a period of 30 days or more in which to join a union.

Councilman Beasley agreed in principle here, but doubted that an ordinance of the City was the proper place for such a rule.

The City Attorney thought this would be most difficult to write and enforce. He mentioned some of the questions which could arise in connection with this.

Mayor Isen said he was thinking of the union clerks and so forth.

The City Attorney said the unions would contact the men anyway.

Councilman Bradford did not see how we could tell the men a thing like this; he felt it should be left to them.

Councilman Beasley said there will not be many of them working anyway under this ordinance.

The amendment proposed by Mayor Isen's motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The motion for adoption of Ordinance No. 1098 at its second and final reading carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Bldg. Supt. Lee Schlens presented to the Council a memo regarding Helen U. Felton's sandwich stand at 23825 Arlington Avenue, and Mayor Isen assigned this the Agenda Number J-9 for aid in identification.

The memo from Mr. Schlens reported that Mrs. Felton was appealing to be permitted to open the sandwich stand; final inspection has been withheld because the Bldg. Dept. has not had approval from the Engineering Dept. concerning the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the 239th St. frontage of the property or the posting of a bond in lieu of these improvements. Mrs. Felton asserts that she cannot obtain the necessary bond, for financial reasons, but could after opening the business. Mrs. Felton requested reconsideration of this by the Council on the grounds of hardship.

Councilman Beasley said in order to get this bond, it would be necessary for her to post the actual amount of cash required in the bank and keep it there.

Mayor Isen moved to reconsider this case, saying it is a hardship case.

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

Mayor Isen noted that Mrs. Felton agreed to write a letter to the City agreeing to post such bond within a reasonable length of time or to install the required commercial improvements if grades are available within that reasonable length of time.

The City Attorney read from the Code the Sections applicable in a matter such as this, and the conditions under which the City Council could rightfully consider relaxing the commercial improvement requirements.

Mrs. Felton came forward, saying she had put her life's savings into this venture; she said she had bought the property last October, after ascertaining the zoning. Her property is mortgaged, and she cannot furnish collateral for such a bond as is required. She needs to open this sandwich stand so she can earn her living.

Councilman Jahn asked how many feet of improvements were involved here.

Planning Director Powell said the improvements are in on the Arlington Avenue frontage, and what is under consideration now are the improvements in front of Mrs. Felton's home on 239th Street. He said the Planning Commission had recommended this exception for approval.

Councilman Blount, in view of the Planning Commission recommendation, and in order that justice may be done, moved the building department be directed to give the final inspection on this property with the stipulation that the letter described in the memorandum before the Council be written and received by them.

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

2. The City Manager said he and Mr. McVicar had been working for a long time to try to buy the Moneta Water Company. They have made calls, have phoned many times, and have made every attempt they could to procure this company. They have called the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light to try to get an indication of what they would do about purchasing their share of the company. He thought now was the time to get a Committee of the Council assigned to help them push this to the end.

Mayor Isen suggested a Committee from the Water Commission.

The City Manager said if that was what the Council wanted, it would have to serve, but it is hard to negotiate without authority.

Councilman Beasley suggested a member of the Council as chairman of the Committee with two representatives from the Water Commission.

Mayor Isen accepted the suggestion, and appointed Councilman Blount, who said he would serve, to act on this Committee.

3. The City Attorney reported that the Council had approved excess capacity on the sewer down Vista Montana, and a number had been assigned to the Resolution, however, the Resolution had not been adopted. He presented this Resolution to the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett read the title thereof, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3666

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR CONNECTION OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES SEWER LINE TO THE LOMITA TRUNK SEWER IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3666.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. Concerning the annexation of the Alondra area, the City Attorney said the Code provides certain priorities, governing annexations, which concern filing dates, etc. We had observed the Code, and had filed properly in this matter. The City of Gardena had then taken steps to annex a portion of that area, which was under our annexation proceedings. He described the property, saying it would provide us access to the area if we do annex it. In his opinion, they have no priority for that area. If the Council wished, he was prepared to apply to the Attorney General to file a writ to get their proceedings set aside.

Mayor Isen asked if we had not had a survey made there which indicated they did not want to annex to Torrance.

The City Attorney replied we had, but have been informed since that the survey was faulty.

Councilman Bradford moved the City Attorney be directed to file the necessary papers to proceed with this.

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

This was discussed briefly, and the City Attorney told the Council how he would proceed.

5. Asst. Police Chief Porter told the Council that we have one lease car which has travelled far over the mileage and one which is almost to the 30,000 mile mark. They have gone over

this carefully, and believe they can afford to buy 2 cars to replace these. They would like to have permission to negotiate to see if they cannot get them at the same bid price submitted last year.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant this request, but upon being told this would be a negotiated price, he withdrew his motion.

Councilman Jahn said if they will take this to bid, he would move to concur.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale reassured Mr. Porter that he thought the Department would get the same type of bids they had before.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Councilman Jahn referred to an 'Information' item on the Agenda, concerning signs at the airport. From it, he had deduced that the Commission was considering putting this sign on the top of a building. He did not know if that was what Councilman Benstead had in mind when he brought this up, but said most airports which have these signs have them on the runways.

Councilman Benstead said he had intended this to be on the runway, and he had notified the Commission of that.

This was pointed out to Mr. Egan, Airport Manager, who was present at the meeting.

7. Mayor Isen said the Council, at the pre-Council meeting, had indicated they had heard that the County's administrative officer outlined a sizeable tax increase for this coming year. In the newspapers, he said he had noted that Supervisor Hahn has been making almost a 1-man fight to cut the 16¢ increase recommended to 4¢. He believed the County to be hiding behind the possessory interest loss, and that the rate could be less than is evidently planned. Mayor Isen said the Council in the past has sent letters, telegrams, resolutions, etc., urging those responsible to maintain the tax rate or cut it, and he felt it would be appropriate at this time if they sent a telegram to the Board of Supervisors tomorrow urging them to hold the line in this and supporting Supervisor Hahn in his stand, and he so moved.

Councilman Drale said he would second that, if the name of Supervisor Hahn is left out, as he had received some very bad publicity in the papers this evening.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion.

Mayor Isen had not seen the publicity Councilman Drale referred to, and Councilman Drale said Supervisor Hahn's brother had been going to lose his secretary under an economy move of some kind and Supervisor Hahn had opposed that.

Mayor Isen agreed not to ask that Supervisor Hahn be named in the telegram; there were no further objections, and it was ordered that the telegram be sent.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to send this.

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

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

9. Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to 5:30 P. M. Monday, June 15, 1959.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P. M.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance