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Torrance, California
August 4, 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, August 4, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

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

The Reverend Morgan Gates of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 28, 1959, as written.

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

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that:
BIDS will be opened Wednesday, August 5, 1959, at 10:00 A. M. in the Council Chambers on the following items:
 - a) 3 to 6 trucks equipped with 20-yard Loadpackers;
 - b) 1 or more double gutter brooms (4 cu. yd.).

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

There were no objections, and this was received and ordered filed.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3744, declaring parcels listed on Pages 1 through 3, inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

Lot 76, Tract #437, Walnut between 238th & 242nd Sts.,
Lot 7F, Rancho Palo Verde, Walnut between Shilling
and 238th Streets;

Part of F, Rancho Palo Verde, Walnut between 235th
and Middlebrook Road.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Drale moved this be accepted and filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mrs. Russell, 2130 - 233rd Street, said she had been notified of certain requirements on Lot 12, Tract 437, and Lot 39, with the result that she asked if she would be allowed to have the necessary cleaning and grading done without having it done by the City.

In reply to a question about this, Director of Public Works Peebles said this was not a part of the land covered by the Resolution before the Council tonight.

Councilman Drale suggested that Mr. Peebles make a note of this so Mrs. Russell will have time to clean the land.

Mr. Peebles replied that the notice allows several days.

Mrs. Russell said Mr. Muker, one of her neighbors, would like to clean his own land too.

Councilman Drale thought he should come here and speak for himself.

Mayor Isen explained to Mrs. Russell that if they clean the land themselves, they do not have to come here.

Mayor Isen suggested that 30 days would be available to them according to a statement from Mr. Peebles to the Council.

Councilman Drale said we have been granting only 10 days, so if they are given 30 days, it would be out of line.

Mr. Peebles explained once more that this land is not under the Resolution before the Council.

Councilman Beasley said when the land is posted, the Notice gives them 10 days to clean their land.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Drale moved to close the Hearing.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3749

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. 3744.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3749.

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

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Beasley, Drale, Isen.
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	Blount.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEN:	Benstead, Bradford, Jahn.

In reply to a question from the Council, the City Attorney reported that inasmuch as this was a Resolution, he believed that this majority of a simple majority of the Council would be all that would be required for passage.

Councilman Blount said his vote is simply one of protest, and to prevent any question, he would change his vote to one of "AYE", so that the motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for: HEARING ON 1958-59 WEED ABATEMENT REPORT, containing 122 pages. This Public Hearing was held to hear any objections of property owners liable to be assessed for costs of abatement of weeds and rubbish, and to consider the report of such costs.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting. There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3750

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SHOWING THE COST OF WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1959.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3750.

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

At this time Mayor Isen announced that we had some new City employees present, and asked that they be introduced to the City Council and the audience.

Director of Public Works Peebles introduced the new City Engineer, Mr. Nollak.

City Attorney Remelmeyer introduced his new Assistant, Mr. Robert Dower.

Mayor Isen, speaking for the entire Council, welcomed these gentlemen, and expressed the hope that the relationship would be a happy one for all concerned.

Mayor Isen presented plates bearing the names of the various newspapers which regularly cover the Council meetings to the reporters, saying the Council was happy to have so many newspapers represented here.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A July 29, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted a request from the Planning Commission for the date of the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 576 to be set.

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

8:00 P. M., August 11, 1959, in the Council Chamber.

2. A July 30, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell submitted a request from the Planning Commission for the date of the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 579 to be set.

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

8:00 P. M. August 11, 1959, in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Isen suggested that everyone concerned familiarize themselves with the cases to be heard.

3. CASE NO. 584: Variance: Transmittal from from Planning Commission recommended approval of the request of Del Amo Estate Co. for a Variance to construct a Medical Center on the east side of Hawthorne, approximately 840' south of Torrance Blvd., having a frontage of approximately 500' and a depth of 420'.

Mayor Isen noted that the Council had approved this at their July 21 meeting.

Councilman Drale felt it would be best to clarify this, and he moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A petition bearing 14 signatures asked that a fence be erected bordering the park bounded on the west by Anza, on the north by Narrot Street, on the east by Inglewood Avenue and on the south by Darien Street, had been received in the Office of the City Manager on July 29, 1959.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the Recreation and Public Works Departments.

2. A July 27, 1959, letter from Gordon R. Hahn, Chairman of the Civil Defense and Military Affairs Committee, City Council of the City of Los Angeles, notified our Council of a hearing on survival under atomic attack.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed this be referred to the Civil Defense & Disaster Commission, with the suggestion that as many of them as possible attend the hearing, and said that he particularly hoped Mr. Robert Ellis, Chairman of that Committee, could attend.

3. A July 29, 1959, letter from the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles Area, 729 So. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, was signed by Ernest J. Loebbecke, President, Lynn D. Mowat, Secretary, Glenn Koger, Chairman of the Harbor Area Board, and James P. Becker, Chairman of the Harbor Area Community Chest Campaign. In the letter, the Federation asked for space on the Civic Center for a new building in which they may house their service offices for the area, saying that 22,500 sq. ft. would provide space for the building and for parking for their own needs.

Councilman Beasley suggested this be referred to the City Manager, saying he felt some of the thinking on this might be premature.

Mayor Isen suggested it go to the new Committee to be formed.

Councilman Beasley felt if the matter were to be referred to the City Manager, it would go to the Committee for consideration at the proper time.

In reply to a question from Councilman Drale, the City Attorney said he would have to check with Santa Fe to see if we may do this legally; there is a clause in our deed forbidding the use of this property for any but public purposes, and he

would like to have their interpretation on whether or not they would construe this as a 'public use' within their meaning.

Councilman Beasley said he understood they would not need too large a space.

Mr. Glenn Koger was present, and speaking on behalf of the Welfare Board, said the agencies which would be housed in the proposed building are those which spend Community Chest funds. There would be no donations required from the City. The Welfare Board feels it has become necessary to build facilities in the area to house the agencies; they have the money to build, which have been given to them for the specific purpose of building. They cannot buy land, but must rely on the community for that. It is felt that such a facility would be of great service to the area. The building would comply with all the City's requirements as to design, etc., and would be an asset. It is important that something be done within a reasonably short time; the facility should be built this Fall or Winter if possible. He believed the building would be about 10,000 to 12,000 sq. ft. They have asked for more land so that proper parking may be provided. He agreed that those details need to be worked out so that they would be satisfactory to everyone concerned.

Councilman Beasley mentioned the Civic Center Development Committee, saying it is hoped they will help us in the master planning for the Civic Center site. He knew the City Manager would be the first person to contact that group, and he felt this should go to him to be handed on to the Committee.

Mayor Isen thought the Council would have to tell the Committee whether or not the Council wanted such a facility here, so they could plan and allocate space.

Mr. Koger felt that if the Council knew the type of agencies the building would house there would be no objection to it; he explained that most of the people who use the facility are average citizens, not 'down-and-outers', and that the agencies render a public service.

Councilman Blount asked how this would be an asset to Torrance.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:48 P. M.

Mr. Koger spoke at some length and in some detail of the need for and use of the welfare agencies which are a part of community life. He said the agencies are designed to serve the whole area, and this site would make the whole harbor area look to Torrance as a center for welfare work.

Mayor Isen felt the Council would have to decide the question of whether or not they would go along with this before it is turned over to the Committee.

Councilman Drale said he was familiar with the services given by Community Chest agencies, but that before he made any decision he would want to know whether we could legally assign space for such use. He said there would be no question as to how he would vote if we could do this legally. He thought we should have a written statement from the City Attorney before any decision is made.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to know more about the total picture of the Civic Center site as it will be developed before deciding. He felt that this was the sort of service which should be near the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Isen said if the Council does not want this there is no use in sending it to the Committee.

Councilman Blount said he would want to know more about what would be here before he made any decision.

Mr. Koger said he had felt the City would want more information, and they are prepared to give any the Council might want about this. He agreed that a more complete plan would be more useful.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Koger to watch the development of the plans and keep in touch with the City about it; there were no objections, and he referred this to the City Manager and the new Committee.

Councilman Blount left the Council Chamber at 5:50 P. M.

4. A July 28, 1959, letter from James Van Dyck, director of Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc., informed the Council that the sale of the Civic Auditorium left the bands without a place to rehearse. The letter requested that the Council donate another \$100 per month for the remainder of the present fiscal year to be used, only if needed, for rental fees for their Youth Band activities.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed temporarily, saying they can use the auditorium for another month or so.

Mr. Van Dyck was present, and said they have been told they cannot use it after September 1; he explained the difficulty they have had in finding a suitable place to work.

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:53 P. M., as did Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Van Dyck whether the school auditoriums would not serve the youth bands, and Mr. Van Dyck replied that he had checked and been told they cannot use those facilities free of charge. They can use them for concerts for \$100 a night, and may have rehearsals there for \$25 per night.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone had any suggestions, informing Mr. Van Dyck that the City is on a very tight budget this year.

Mr. Van Dyck said they would like to have some of the land here to build facilities on. He said they are asking for advice and help. They are buying uniforms this year, and have installments on musical instruments to pay, and will not have the money to pay rent this year.

Mayor Isen asked if they could rehearse in the basement of this building.

Mr. Van Dyck said acoustics are very important to the band groups. He said they had to have a place to go by September 1, and must have help of some kind by then. He said they have tried to get County buildings, without success; they did rehearse in the Y building one night and it rained and the roof leaked.

Councilman Beasley thought that might be a good place, notwithstanding, saying rain is not frequent.

Councilman Bradford did not think the schools should refuse the use of the auditoriums to this group; he pointed out that we are all a part of the same City and the funds for all public facilities come from the same taxpayers.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Van Dyck if he thought a letter to the Board of Education from this Council might help.

Councilman Bradford said the schools had allowed the auditoriums to be used for political activities and other purposes in the past, and he thought they should allow this use.

Councilman Drale moved a letter such as the Mayor suggested be written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered. Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to prepare the letter for the Mayor's signature.

Councilman Jahn suggested letting the City Manager see what he

can do about finding a place for this group.

Councilman Bradford said there are a lot of facilities in the City which would be suitable, and he felt the schools should help in this matter.

Mayor Isen ordered this all referred to the City Manager.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter, undated, R. S. Perkins, Supt., Street Dept., reported that:

"MOBILE CRANE RENTAL, FLOOD CONTROL WORK.

AWARD OF CONTRACT.

"Bids were opened for the rental of a mobile crane to be used for flood control work, in the Council Chambers at 1:00 P.M. on July 28, 1959.

"I would like to recommend that the low bidder, Owl Trucking and Construction Co. of Long Beach, be awarded the contract for the sum of \$3,536.00."

The letter had been approved by the Director of Public Works, and was accompanied by a summary of the bids received.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Superintendent of the Street Department in his recommendation.

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

Mrs. Barclay, 4908 Narrot Street, Torrance, asked about the petition which was Item 1 under written communications, and Mayor Isen explained to her that this had been referred to the Recreation and Public Works Departments.

Mrs. Barclay said that their fence is down, and she wanted something done. She wanted to know if someone would go out and see about the costs of repairs to her fence, saying the kids use the park space to play ball in, and have damaged her fence.

Mrs. R. J. Weibel, 4900 Narrot St., supported Mrs. Barclay in her request, saying the teams playing there use a hard ball, although they are not supposed to. She described the danger to windows, fences, etc., from these games. She said she had not been well, and was supposed to get a lot of extra rest but had not been able to because of the noise and disturbance from the ball field.

Mayor Isen told these ladies that if they have any claims against the City in the matter, they should discuss them with the City Engineer, or the Director of Public Works.

Councilman Blount said the Little League season is over, so he did not believe these were Little Leaguers causing the trouble.

Mrs. Weibel said they were, adding that the ones there this evening were in blue uniforms with white lettering.

In reply to a question from Mayor Isen, the Director of Public Works said he would make a report on the situation at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Building Department:

2. A July 22, 1959, letter from the Desert Sign & Neon Co., signed by Ed. Gillespie, asked permission to erect a double-faced neon sign at 24209 Hawthorne Avenue, per sketch and plot plan submitted. (Letter re-submitted from July 28, 1959, meeting).

A memo from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., approved by the Director of Public Works, was appended. Mr. Schlens said the

sign requires Council approval because it exceeds the area permitted for a pole sign; the actual area of the sign will be 72 sq. ft., extreme perimeter 97 sq. ft., occupancy frontage of store 51' and street frontage of property 64'. He felt that since the one tenant will occupy all three of the original stores in the building he should be granted a permit for the over-sized sign, with the condition that no other signs that are controlled by size in the sign ordinance be permitted to be erected on the property.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Supt. of Building Inspection.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Councilman Jahn left the Chamber at 6:05 P. M.

Engineering Matters:

3. Resubmitted: FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24938, Subdivider, Robert B. Jahn. Location: Northerly of 231st St., easterly of Arlington Ave.; Number of lots: 26. Accompanying this transmittal were:
- a) A July 29, 1959, letter from W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, explaining the drainage at this tract.
 - b) July 23, 1959 transmittal form from W. E. Peebles.
 - c) July 23, 1959 letter from G. C. Powell, Plng. Dir., submitting Planning Commission recommendation for approval with all conditions imposed on tentative map;
 - d) Excerpt, June 17 Planning Minutes;
 - e) July 23, 1959 letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. Water Dept., saying City would serve water to the tract;
 - f) June 17, 1959, letter from W. E. Peebles reporting conformance with tentative map, and re drainage and streets;
 - g) March 26, 1959, letter from L. A. County Flood Control Dist., re flood hazard, signed by Milan W. Ranson for M. E. Salisbury, Chief Engineer;
 - h) June 11, 1959, letter from Sou. Calif. Edison Co. re piling plan for tract, signed by J. W. Kessler;
 - i) Location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, making the letter from the Director of Public Works, dated July 29, 1959, a part of the motion.

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

Councilman Jahn returned to the meeting at 6:08 P. M.

4. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 18657: Subdivider, Don Wilson-Ray Watt. Location: Southerly of Sepulveda Blvd., westerly of Crenshaw Blvd.; Number of lots: 338. Accompanying this were:
- a) Letter of transmittal dated July 29, 1959, from W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works;
 - b) July 29, 1959, letter from Geo. C. Powell, Plng. Dir., submitting Tentative Tract Map No. 18657 as requested by City Council at July 28 meeting, indicating parcels and zones requested;
 - c) July 8, 1959, letter from Plng. Dir. Powell submitting Planning Commission recommendation for approval and stipulations of approval;

- d) Excerpt, Planning Minutes of June 17, 1959;
- e) July 8, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Water Dept., saying City would serve water to this tract;
- f) L. A. County Flood Control District flood report, signed by Milan W. Ranson for M. E. Salsbury, Chief Engineer;
- g) Location sketch.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Tract Map No. 18657 with the stipulations outlined by the Planning Commission and Planning Department.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who said he was assuming that the stipulations made last time when the zoning was taken care of were all made a part of this.

Planning Director Powell said they had been, and presented a map showing all the zoning which will become effective in this Tract.

Councilman Jahn asked if this map was to be the official Exhibit A, and Planning Director Powell said it was.

Messrs. Wilson and Watt signed the map, as did Mr. Nick Harrison, their engineer.

Councilman Drale called the attention of the Dept. of Public Works and the Engineering Department to the drainage of this tract; he said the corner at Sepulveda and Crenshaw is a ponding area, and he thought that should be considered very carefully.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion to include Exhibit A, which he said would require that.

Councilman Jahn accepted the amendment.

Mayor Isen asked what would be done about the drainage, and Mr. Harrison, the engineer for the subdividers, said there is a natural drainage swale south of this, and the tract would be drained toward the southerly street and thence to Crenshaw. He said they would do whatever is necessary to take care of it.

Councilman Beasley asked if it would go to the drain at 241st Street, and Mr. Harrison said the natural drainage swale is just about there.

Mayor Isen asked if the new storm drains will help the drainage at Sepulveda and Crenshaw, and Mr. Peebles said when the drains are completed they will, but not right now.

The motion, as amended, carried unananimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

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

5. With a July 30, 1959 letter, W. E. Peebles submitted the following easement deeds required for proposed Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3:

Tract No. 10304:

- a) Portion of Lot 33, Block "I", document dated July 20, 1959, given by Lawrence D. and Katherine M. Ely;
 - b) Portion of Lot 1, Block "J" by document dated July 28, 1959, given by William C. and Virginia F. Williams;
- and the following easement deed being granted for street widening purposes:
- a) Portion of Lot 28, R.O. Hickman Tract; document dated July 7, 1959, given by Luis C. and Isabel C. Cerda;
 - b) Portion of Lot 20, McDonald Tract; document dated July 23, 1959, given by Thos. A. and Soon D. Baumgartner;
 - c) Portion of Lot 20, Tract No. 588, document dated July 21, 1959, given by Gilbert G. and Mildred Di Santo;

- d) Portion of Lot 53, Tract No. 639, document dated March 21, 1959, given by Walfred Gilbert;
- e) Portion of Lot 53, Tract No. 639, document dated June 24, 1959, given by Andrew J. & Dorothy C. Sanders;
- f) Portion of Lot 42, Tract No. 2895, document dated July 7, 1959, given by Harry C. & Johanna B. Titus;
- g) Portion of Lot 18 and portion of Lot 19, Tract No. 3458; document dated June 29, 1959, given by Antonio V. and Lupe C. Alvarez.

Location sketches and an outline of the proposed Sewer District #3 were submitted with the letter.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the easements as submitted.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION:

1. With a letter dated July 13, 1959, H. B. Van Bellehem submitted to the Council a summary of the bids on Golf Equipment as received when bids were opened on July 1, 1959, in the Council Chamber. Mr. Van Bellehem reported that only one bid was received on this, that of Maywood Sports Center, 6026 Atlantic Blvd., Maywood, California. As the merchandise they offer is satisfactory and as they are the only bidders, he recommended that the City purchase the equipment from them.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who asked why the Torrance Cycle Shop had not bid on this.

Mr. Van Bellehem did not know; he said a bid was sent to them. Councilman Jahn expressed surprise that only one bid was received.

Mr. Van Bellehem referred to the Torrance Sports & Cycle Shop, and said he thought they had intended to bid but Mr. Smith became ill at that time and could not.

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

Councilman Blount could not understand why there was only one bid on such a stock item.

Councilman Bradford protested that bids had been sent to Los Angeles, Long Beach, Anaheim and Inglewood, etc.; he said he had noticed this before especially in recreation matters. He felt it a waste of time to send bid calls there.

Councilman Drale disagreed, saying he thought they should be sent.

Councilman Bradford thought for such equipment as this we should send out only a few forms.

Councilman Drale said he would be willing to give a local man the benefit of a doubt whenever possible, but he felt we should get all the bids we can.

Councilman Bradford thought if it were published and they replied it would be fine.

Councilman Blount agreed that the sum was small, but he did think the principle involved was important.

Mayor Isen said about 4 local people were given the chance to bid on this.

Mr. Van Bellehem explained he had believed he was to get all the bids he could, which he had been trying to do. He said he would be happy to contact only local vendors if that was what the Council wished.

Councilman Bradford said he could not understand why these bids had gone to Anaheim.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEN:	Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Isen.
NOES:	COUNCILMEN:	Blount, Jahn.
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEN:	Benstead.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. A July 29, 1959, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, transmitted that Commission's recommendation that the application of Collins-Dietrich to construct a hangar on their lease be approved with the recommendations of the Airport Manager.

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

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

2. With a letter dated July 29, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, the President of the Airport Commission, transmitted that Commission's recommendation for approval of the combining of the interests of Black and Chester, an assignment to Aero-Care, Inc. There were stipulations made in the motion for approval, and a copy of a July 17, 1959, letter from J. R. Egan, Airport Manager, and a June 23, 1959, letter from Aero-Care, Inc., were submitted with the letter from Mr. Abrams.

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

Councilman Blount said he would concur with Commissioner Floyd's statement at the Commission meeting that the property should be cleaned up.

Councilman Drale amended his motion to include that as a stipulation.

Councilman Blount thought it should be made a part of the lease.

Mrs. Wheatley, an attorney representing Messrs. Black and Chester, came forward to say her clients would clean the property up; there is construction going on there now, but the property will be cleaned when it is through. There has been some delay caused by the illness of Mr. Black, but the work is proceeding, and the land will be cleaned as soon as it can be done.

Councilman Blount asked for a date.

Airport Commissioner Floyd was present, and pointed out that the Commission had set a date of 90 days from the date of approval for the lessees to complete the construction and clean up.

Mrs. Wheatley and the City Attorney discussed this, and Mrs. Wheatley said her clients were aware of the time when that work must be done.

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

3. With a letter dated July 29, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, the President of the Airport Commission, transmitted that Commission's approval of an assignment of agreement between Hosford, Trefethen and Bray. A copy of the assignment was included with the letter.

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

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

4. A July 29, 1959, letter from the President of the Airport Commission transmitted their recommendation for approval of Mr. Nagel's plan to install doors on his hangar, construct building and offices, etc.

Mr. Egan said he would watch this.

Councilman Jahn asked where this would be, and Mr. Egan said it will be immediately adjacent to the access road and parking will be on the dirt.

Councilman Jahn felt that would be most unsatisfactory.

Councilman Blount wished they would locate this at another place.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens told the Council that when a permit is issued for this, it will be for a parking use not ordinarily permitted. He asked for directions from the Council as to whether he should issue a permit to this group.

Councilman Beasley said it is a temporary use, and there will be ample parking space; something might have to be done about the dust, however.

Mr. Schlens was not familiar with the location.

Mr. Egan presented a photo of the airport and located this land for the Council.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. With a letter dated July 30, 1959, the City Attorney reviewed the matter of payment of \$7,009.92 to Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete, Inc., referred to him by the Council at their last meeting. He recommended payment of the said sum to Norwalk.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

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

2. The City Attorney presented a Resolution concerning the Sheridan-Gray, Inc., assignment to Atlas Factors.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk had given a number and read the title to any Ordinance or Resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, with the exception of those referring to payment of funds, and reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such Ordinance or Resolution in regular order.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the action taken by Sheridan-Gray in this case.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3751

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A LEASE ON THE AIRPORT FROM SHERIDAN-GRAY, INC., TO ATLAS FACTORS.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3751.

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

3. In a July 29, 1959, letter, the City Attorney submitted a review of the Aeronca request for a term to the year 2007 on Parcel B of their lease. His recommendation read:

"If your Honorable Body were to grant Aeronca's request, the City would not be injured because the City can cancel the lease on Parcel B on one year's notice. In effect the City is bound for one year but Aeronca would be bound for 48 years. On the other hand, if the lease were granted for only 10 years, it would force a renegotiation of the lease price at the end of the ten years. With the rising value of airport land, the City would probably gain considerable revenue by such renegotiation."

Mayor Isen asked if this could not be terminated at any time for renegotiation if the 1-year cancellation clause is there, and the City Attorney replied he felt there would be a moral obligation on our part not to do so.

Councilman Beasley moved this be filed.

Councilman Blount moved to deny this, saying he could see no useful purpose in granting it, and to grant this as a 10-year lease.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen asked if they have a 10-year lease, and the City Attorney said they do.

Mr. Becker of Aeronca said at the May 15 meeting of the Airport Commission, the Commission had agreed that this would run concurrently with their present lease. He thought that was the recommendation they submitted to the Council. At that time, their Vice President and General Manager, Mr. Eber, had made requests from their Board of Directors to lease the lands on concurrent leases. Mr. Eber had done this on the strength of the recommendation from the Airport Commission, Mr. Becker said, and with that in mind they had sent this in.

Councilman Beasley reminded him that the Airport Commission is only an advisory body, and Mr. Becker said he had been aware of that.

Councilman Jahn said he believed, after reading an outline of this, that the City Attorney had changed this to 10 years.

Councilman Blount felt this was much ado about nothing as there is a 1-year cancellation clause anyway.

Mayor Isen said this was a good, well-known national firm.

Councilman Beasley thought their request had been approved, and the City Attorney said he had changed it. He said Item 3 of his report explained that. He said the motions of the Commission and the Council are not written with the care used in the final instruments prepared in his office. He agreed with the Mayor that this does not make a lot of difference.

Councilman Blount felt the City Attorney was to be commended, saying he had done the right thing.

Mr. Becker said the main reason he was here tonight was that a commitment had been made by Mr. Eber to their Board of Directors on the basis of a 50-year lease.

The motion made by Councilman Blount and seconded by Councilman Drale carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

Mayor Isen declared that the motion to file, by Councilman Beasley, had been lost for lack of a second.

4. With a letter dated July 29, 1959, the City Attorney submitted to the Council for study a proposed form of lease, together with option agreement and resolution authorizing execution of the lease. If the Council approves, this will be used as a standard for bids on the proposed Airport Lease, 9-acre parcel.

Mayor Isen thought the City Attorney should be congratulated on doing a fine job on this.

Councilman Blount agreed, saying he had often been critical of the City Attorney, but he would like to congratulate him on this.

Councilman Beasley agreed, and said he thought the Council should set a time for consideration of bids on this land.

Councilman Jahn thought the City Manager had been requested to have them here - referring to the bidders - on July 28, but then he had gone on vacation. He asked if the prospective bidders could not be requested to be here August 11 on this.

The City Manager said he had not advertised for bids.

Councilman Jahn said he thought the City Manager had been requested to inform all those interested of whom he had any knowledge.

Councilman Blount felt they should have copies of this to study.

Councilman Drale said he was not in favor of any option.

Mayor Isen thought all interested parties should have copies of these and told to fill in the blanks.

Councilman Bradford would like to see the property advertised so anyone who wants to bid could do so.

Councilman Beasley said it had been advertised once, and there are big signs on it now to advertise that the land is for lease. He said, however, he did not object to Councilman Bradford's recommendation.

Councilman Bradford moved we advertise for bids on the 9 acres at the airport and that bids be in by September 8 and presented to the Council that night by anyone who wishes to bid on the property, with the statement that every bidder should be given copies of these papers before the Council on the property.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Beasley asked if we would take bids from anyone or if we would require good faith deposits.

Councilman Bradford said he would like to listen to anyone who comes in with a good bid in good faith.

Councilman Beasley felt a good faith deposit should be required.

The City Attorney said he would want to know if the Council would require a financial statement at the same time.

The motion was ordered carried, as there were no objections.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the wish of the Council is to get the best bid they can for the City.

Councilman Jahn said at one time before, this had gone before the Airport Commission and had come back here almost settled. He could see no reason to send it back to the Commission, as the Council has spent a lot of time and work on it.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3752

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING PROPOSED REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO GIVE LARGER REPRESENTATION TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNTIES.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3752.

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

Councilman Drale said he had noted in one of the newspapers that the City of New York, with a population approximately that of Los Angeles County, has 50 representatives in the New York State Legislature to represent the population.

Mayor Isen thought we should do more with this than send it to Mr. Bonelli, but the Council and Mayor agreed to follow the procedure established for this type of action.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3753

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ADAMS, MORGAN, LATHAM, KRIPP & WRIGHT, A CORPORATION, FOR COMPLETE AND NECESSARY FIELD AND OFFICE ENGINEERING WORK FOR THE SOUTH TORRANCE WATER DISTRICT.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3753.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated July 29, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1118, unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at the first reading on July 28, 1959.

ORDINANCE NO. 1118

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

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1118 at its second and final reading.

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

2. With a letter dated July 29, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1119, unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at the first reading on July 28, 1959.

ORDINANCE NO. 1119

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 22 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ESTABLISHING A "POLICE RESERVE CORPS" IN AND FOR SAID CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF SAID CORPS AND OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF.

Councilman Bradford moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1119 at its second and final reading.

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

3. With a cover letter dated July 28, 1959, the City Attorney submitted a proposed ordinance covering the termination and revocation of variances. This had been requested verbally by Councilman Blount; the provisions on revocation are a revised version of those presently in the Code. This proposed ordinance was approved by the Staff at their meeting of July 27, 1959.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the Planning Commission so the necessary Hearings can be held.

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

4. With a cover letter dated July 29, 1959, the City Attorney submitted an ordinance changing the limits of liability required of taxicab owners from \$100/300/10,000 to \$20/40/5,000. A summary of insurance requirements of other cities, made by License Inspector Whitacre, was submitted with this.

ORDINANCE NO. 1120

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.395 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAXICABS, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1120.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1120 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayor Isen said there had been a request from the Airport Commission for a meeting with the Airport Committee of the Council.

Councilman Jahn said it was with regard to a motion he had made several weeks ago about drainage at the Airport. It appears that drainage has something to do with the reason it is not more developed. He agreed we could not take an isolated piece of the airport and do anything constructive with it where drainage is concerned. He had moved to borrow the funds and have the entire engineering job done for the airport.

Airport Commissioner Floyd, who was present, said there had been some question about the motion.

Director of Public Works Peebles said the work is now in progress.

2. Airport Manager Egan said he had presented an item to the Council which he had prepared but had not been able to get ready in time for the Agenda on the matter of the weight frequency for charges to the Army at the Airport. His letter was dated July 31. It is here now so we will have a basis for charges for them to take back to their people as being the service charge we would expect for the 47th Brigade to operate at the airport. We must proceed step by step in this.

After further brief discussion, Councilman Drale moved to concur with the Airport Manager's recommendations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked if this was only on the service charges, and Mayor Isen said it was. Mayor Isen added this was only for negotiation.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered to be the policy of the Council.

3. City Manager Stevens said the firm of Kobig & Kobig is ready for their first workshop session with the City officials, and said he believed setting this as soon as possible would be best as time is so important in this.

Mayor Isen said the Committee of Councilmen Beasley, Blount and Bradford should arrange for this.

It was agreed to meet at 3:00 P. M. Wednesday, August 5, 1959, in the City Manager's office.

4. The City Manager said the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright had invited the Council to visit their office on Wednesday, August 12, to see their operation. If possible, the group should leave here at 11:00 A. M. and would return in the early afternoon. He said his office would remind anyone who wished to go of this visit.

5. The City Manager said Mr. Peebles had negotiated with the firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright on the South Torrance Water District. He asked Mr. Peebles to explain the negotiation to the Council.

Director of Public Works Peebles said in essence, they have agreed to provide complete engineering and take the full responsibility of the engineering plans as set forth by the 1911 Act, and will give the City credit for all work the City has done to date on those plans. He felt they would do an excellent job, and that this was a very fair arrangement. He said we were talking in terms of about \$25,000 for the completed project, including field surveys, borings, etc., ready to go to contract as set by the 1911 Act; there is a credit of \$3,000 to the City for the work which has been done, and they have said they will accept \$22,000 or 10% of the contract cost, whichever is the least.

6. In reply to a question from the Mayor, the City Manager said his family had an excellent vacation, going from here to Vancouver and back to San Francisco and then home.

7. City Attorney Remelmeyer, a Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve, said he would take his two weeks of military leave beginning next Sunday. He will be at Ft. McArthur, and said he would attempt to be here for the Council meetings.

8. Councilman Beasley said Councilmen and Mayors from nearby cities had held a dinner meeting at the Palms Restaurant and had planned for the formulation of a general organization of the groups to serve the entire area. Each member of the Council will receive copies of the Minutes, and be apprised of the programs. We had good representation from Torrance, but he wished the Mayor could have attended. He hoped that all the Councilmen and the Mayor could attend in the future, as he believes this group will serve a needed function.

9. Councilman Drale read a clipping from the Los Angeles Herald-Express concerning a plan of the City of Toledo, where autos have been banned in the down town area. He thought a plan of this kind might serve the down town section of Torrance, and said he would like for the Chamber of Commerce to see if the merchants thought such a plan would be desirable.

10. Councilman Drale nominated Mrs. Margaret Clark and Mr. John Kesson as members of the new Civic Center Development Committee.

11. Councilman Jahn referred to a letter from Mr. Trefethen which was on the agenda for information only; he asked if Mr. Trefethen was going to buy a business license.

Airport Manager Egan said Mr. Trefethen was going to buy a license for operating his hangar, but had said he was not operating a flying school.

12. Councilman Jahn noted that the Airport Commission had discussed a fence, and he knew that the insurance carrier had made requirements for us to meet before our insurance is renewed. That fence will be expensive, and Councilman Jahn thought the most important of the requirements was that for a service road, which he believed would serve to keep traffic off the taxiway.

Airport Manager Egan agreed, and said he had not meant to exclude the service road.

Councilman Jahn said if we lose the insurance we will be in a very bad position. He believed work should begin at once on the service road, engineering, planning, etc.

Mr. Egan replied that the Airport does not have the money. Councilman Beasley asked if the Airport Aid Bill just signed by the President would help us.

Mr. Egan said it might, but there are many strings on it. Mayor Isen asked for a report on what would be required.

Mr. Egan said he would be glad to prepare this, and said he knew that the first requirement was that we must have matching funds; they also ask that an adequate interest be acquired in any approach zone to prohibit building in those zones.

Councilman Jahn asked that Mr. Egan meet with him informally to discuss this.

13. Mayor Isen complimented the Council on the meeting this evening, saying it is his wish to maintain an informal atmosphere at these meetings, but if the meetings became disorderly it would be hard to do.

14. Mayor Isen wanted the record to show that last night the South Bay Bar Association had given their annual award to Sgt. Donald S. Hamilton of our Police Dept., and had named him the outstanding officer of the year.

15. Mayor Isen said he had been reading the papers lately and it was gratifying that our Police Dept. is being so prompt in solution of crimes. He had asked for and received certain information from Capt. Maestri. This information was to the effect that in the first 6 months of 1958, we had been successful in 35 1/2% of all major crime solutions and captures; in the year since then, with more men on the force, we have been able to solve 87.5% of the major crimes in the City.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P. M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance