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ADJOURNMENT - 8:18 P. M.

Torrance, California  
September 1, 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, September 1, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Sam Friedman, Past Commander of the William Randolph Hearst Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and an editorial writer for the Los Angeles Examiner, led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend William J. Roleder of the First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation, following which the Council and audience observed a minute of silence in honor of Police Officer Sgt. William "Bob" Lewis, killed in the line of duty on August 23, 1959.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer read in full the following Resolution after the number was assigned:

RESOLUTION NO. 3757

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF POLICE SERGEANT WILLIAM R. LEWIS WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON AUGUST 23, 1959.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3757. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, with Councilmen Bradford and Jahn voting affirmatively on this when they joined the meeting and only Councilman Blount absent from the entire meeting.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Isen requested the City Manager to prepare a proper letter of transmittal for this to the family of Officer Lewis, saying he would sign the letter.

Mayor Isen described the Council's procedures to the audience in some detail, so those present would be aware of the rules observed.

Councilman Jahn joined the meeting at 5:36 P. M.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the August 18 meeting of the Council with the following correction: the Ordinance Number on Page 15 should read 'No. 1121' instead of "No. 1021".

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

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HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on:  
CASE NO. 583, CHANGE OF ZONE: Petition of George Steinkamp, for a change of zone from R-2 and A-1 to R-1 on the property legally described as follows: Lot commencing at intersection of S. line of 182nd St. with East line of Lot 68; thence West on said S. line 657.07'; thence south 630'; thence East 653.03'; thence North to beginning, being a portion of Lot 68, McDonald tract, Rancho San Pedro, situated on the South side of 182nd St. between Arlington and Western Avenues.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen referred to the transmittal form from the Planning Commission, which recommended approval in accordance with the Tentative Tract Map No. 19910, submitted later on the Agenda.

Mayor Isen said he felt this was almost forced on the Council as the Change of Zone was recommended according to the Tract Map.

Planning Director Powell said a letter had gone to the City Attorney on this; it is almost impossible to pass a Change of Zone in such a matter without a Tract Map or some other method of accurately describing the land affected.

The City Attorney said he had not devoted a great deal of time to studying this, but had given it some thought and would give it more consideration. He suggested that the Council could make the Change of Zone a condition of the Tentative Map, and specify that no building permits could be issued until the Change of Zone had been processed. This would enable us to describe as the Change of Zone the territory as outlined in the Tract Map.

The City Attorney thought this would be a solution to the problem. He agreed that there should be more study of this, and he said that possibly by the next regular meeting of the Council he would have a better recommendation. He explained that a property owner could subdivide his land without showing the purpose of use of that land; for practical purposes, however, we had thought there should be a correct zone on tracts for residential use. This is a good idea, but there is a problem of time limits and property description.

Mayor Isen thought this was a non-controversial matter, and he said he had brought it up at this time for that reason.

Councilman Drale said he hoped he would not be approving a 44' street by approving this Change of Zone. He believed that it would be better to approve Changes of Zone according to an Exhibit A than according to a Tract Map.

The City Attorney suggested holding this a week for a better solution.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had wanted these Changes and Maps submitted together and had established a policy asking for them.

Mayor Isen felt that it might have been an error to do so.

Councilman Beasley pointed out there is no reason to have a 44' street there.

Councilman Jahn said with a Tentative Tract Map to consider with a Change of Zone, the Council could see what the Change of Zone will do, and if the Council approves it the Ordinance can be written. He could see no problem in this method of presenting the Change of zone.

Mayor Isen objected because either the Tentative Map or the

Change of Zone might not be approved, and then still another problem would be posed. He pointed out that if the Council did not approve a Change of Zone and the Planning Commission had approved a Tentative Map, the Map would automatically be approved under the legal time limits.

Councilman Jahn said the Planning Commission passing a Tentative Map does not make passage automatic; only the Council's favorable action could do that.

The City Attorney thought the Mayor was correct on this point, and said he would check it.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 583.

Mr. George Steinkamp, the petitioner, came forward; he said the narrow street shown here had been planned to save the beautiful trees on the land.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

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

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

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to help the Council formulate a policy on this, saying he would like to have a legal opinion on this.

Councilman Drale felt that if the items presented did not conform to our Ordinances, the Council had no obligation to pass them.

#### PLANNING MATTERS:

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

CASE NO. 581 - VARIANCE - William and June Grubbs.

A Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request of William and June Grubbs for a Variance to construct five medical suites providing off-street parking for 22 cars on property legally described as Lot 5, Block 28, Torrance Tract, situated on the SW corner of Torrance Blvd. and Portola Ave., in Land Use Zone C-1. A location sketch was attached to the Transmittal Form, and an excerpt from the August 5, 1959, Planning Commission Minutes was also submitted with this.

Councilman Benstead asked whether there will be parking for 18 cars at this building or for 22.

Planning Director Powell said there were 18 as this was originally submitted, but the plot plan has been changed and there will be 22. He said an embankment will be put there to provide parking off the alley. There will be double-deck parking at that location.

Councilman Jahn said that does not show. He said he would not approve this until they show more parking.

Councilman Drale asked if we would be working a real hardship on this man by requiring more parking, saying the Council has allowed half a lot for building and half for parking along there in other cases.

Councilman Jahn said because of the elevation of the alley, he believed only about 16 of these parking spaces could be used.

Councilman Drale said the Variance had been recommended on the basis of 22 parking spaces, and it would be up to the petitioner to get them.

Planning Director Powell said the Planning Commission had worked on this since July 1, and only at their last meeting had this solution been agreed upon.

Mayor Isen asked Bldg. Supt. Lee Schlens if he would require these 22 spaces to issue a permit, and Mr. Schlens said yes.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn knew of his own knowledge that there is a problem there, and said he would hate to see this man waste money and time to get plans prepared when this cannot be done.

Councilman Benstead agreed with Councilman Jahn, saying the parking space is no good if you can't get into it.

Councilman Bradford said this man would hire an architect who could figure this out.

Mayor Isen pointed out that no building permit can be issued unless these parking spaces are available.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

2. With a letter dated August 20, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted a draft of a new designation in zoning, to be known as R-R-3. It was requested that the Council give the Planning Commission an indication of their feelings on this zoning designation.

Councilman Jahn felt this would be a step in the right direction, and moved to direct the Planning Commission to hold the necessary hearings on this.

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

This proposed ordinance was discussed with Planning Director Powell, who said this would require that those buildings presently in such a zone would have to be removed before R-3 buildings could be put up; the purpose of this is to prevent overcrowding of an area, and to ensure that the City's requirements for multiple dwellings are met, wherever they are built.

Councilman Drale said he would not want to prevent anyone from improving his property.

3. With a cover letter dated August 27, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Commission's request for a Third and Final Hearing date and time to be set for Case No. 587.

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

8:00 P. M. Tuesday, September 8, 1959, in this Council Chamber.

4. With a cover letter dated August 27, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Commission's request for a Third and Final Hearing date and time to be set for Case No. 590.

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

8:00 P. M. Tuesday, September 8, 1959, in this Council Chamber.

5. With a letter dated August 27, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's request for a Third and Final Hearing date and time to be set on an Ordinance amending Section 10, entitled "C-2 General Commercial District", as the Commission has held the required Hearing on it.

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

8:00 P. M. Tuesday, September 22, 1959, in this Council Chamber.

6. Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval on the following Waivers:

W-115: George Fleming, 4705 Tower St., requesting rear yard waiver, above address, to put a plexiglass roof over the entire patio.

W-118: Fred W. Yunt, 2509 Highcliff Drive, requesting waiver of rear yard requirements per plot plan submitted with application.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Yunt property was on the filled land along Highcliff Drive, and Planning Director Powell said it is not.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with an admonition that the Inspector look and be sure this is not on filled land.

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

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An August 17, 1959, letter from Francis C. Salata, a City-employed custodian, protested the fact that the custodians had been given a 2½% increase while most City employees were given 5% or more.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the custodians get a 5% increase from the rate they were paid last year, the same as other employees.

Councilman Drale said there had been several classifications which had been given a 2½% increase only, and if Councilman Benstead included them as well as the custodians, he said he would second the motion.

Councilman Benstead said the intent of his motion had been to give them all the 5% increase over the rate they were paid last year.

Councilman Jahn asked Assistant City Manager Bone how he had determined the percentage increases given to the employees this year, and Mr. Bone explained this had been done according to a survey of comparable cities' pay rates. Mr. Bone said it has been established that we pay our custodians 8.8% more than the other cities surveyed pay theirs. He added that this was the result of a current survey and that the City Manager had a sheet showing the results of that survey with him.

Mr. Bone said the cities surveyed included Glendale, Burbank, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Long Beach, and others.

James Crowther, President of Local 1135, was present, and said he was appearing for Mr. Hogan, who could not be present. This is a small group of City employees who got only a 2½% increase in rates this year, and that some of our employees had been given not only the 5% increase but large increases besides. The Council has always given uniform increases before. He said

morale of the employees who got only 2½% was very low; to have given them all the 5% increase given the other employees would cost only about \$500 a month, and he felt it would have been and would still be to the advantage of the City to give them the same rate of increase given other employees.

Councilman Beasley explained that the increase given the custodians made their pay rate 8.8% higher than the average paid by other cities.

Mr. Crowther repeated that a uniform increase would have been better. He said the Council had always given uniform increases in prior years.

Councilman Beasley said even with the tax rate and budget adopted by this Council, if we are not careful we will have no unappropriated reserve left. The increases given this year had been given to keep the salary of our employees in line with that paid by other cities. It had been the thought of the majority of the Council that the salaries should be brought into line, and kept there. He said the City might be able to contract out their usual custodial work for half what the salaries of the custodians will be.

Mr. Crowther said this has caused a lot of hard feelings, and the amount of money involved is very small. Mr. Crowther said the Daily Breeze had published the salaries of the employees of Redondo Beach, and some of them are paid quite a bit more than our employees who do the same work.

John Stimach, 2410 Apple St., a City custodian, said he was here to protest the manner in which the letter under discussion was written. He felt the man had a right to express his own feelings in this, but he did not believe he should attempt to express the feelings of others without their consent and knowledge. Mr. Stimach said he and the other custodians are concerned by this, and they want the Council to understand that they are not in accord with the letter from Mr. Salata. He said they had felt disappointed and left out when they were given only a 2½% increase, but had not joined in sending this letter here.

Mayor Isen said the record would show Mr. Stimach's remarks.

Mr. Salata said he had not meant for his letter to represent anyone; it had been only his own feelings, and he had talked to some of the other custodians. He said there is no crisis in the custodial department.

Mayor Isen said the letter was simply a vehicle of getting this back before the Councilmen. He said it would not be held against anyone, as it is the right of any City employee to write a letter if they wish.

Mr. Salata said he felt the custodians should be brought up to par with the other City employees. He said one position which had been a full-time job had been made part-time job with a planned saving to the City of about \$145 a month. He said to give this additional increase to the custodians would only cost about \$115 a month, so there would still be a saving to the City if this is granted.

Mr. J. Simmons, a rubbish inspector, asked the source of Mr. Bone's information; he said he was not satisfied with the Truck Driver and Operator No. 1 examinations; he explained his reasons for this, and Mr. Bone said he had a complete survey on this which he would be glad to go over with Mr. Simmons at any time.

Mr. Simmons said the Operator #1 classification did not get the 5% increase; he said we need 12 of these men, and we do not have them.

Councilman Beasley thought the classification questions

should go to the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Bone said he would be glad to go over the surveys on the two jobs with Mr. Simmons.

Councilman Jahn recalled the time the increases were given this year, and some of the classifications which were given the 2½% raise instead of 5% were given that because we already pay above the average for those jobs. He said if we make this change now, in light of our austere position financially, we might find ourselves in the position of having to raise taxes again.

Councilman Bradford moved a substitute motion, that this be held for two weeks and that a complete report on those employees who got the 2½% raise be brought to the City Council for their information.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen suggested to Mr. Crowther that he submit copies of other information which he said he had to the City Manager, so the Council will have it with the City Manager's survey for study.

2. With a letter dated August 14, 1959, the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association reported the need for improvement of the Edison property between 176th and 177th Sts. off Crenshaw in North Torrance.

There were no objections, and this was ordered to the Public Works Dept. for investigation and report.

3. In an August 14, 1959, letter, the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association asked that the City and the School Board cooperate to have a walkway built for school children on South side of 182nd St. east of Crenshaw.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the Public Works Dept. for investigation and report.

4. With an August 17, 1959 letter, signed by Mrs. LaVada Weir, formerly Business Mgr. and Executive Producer of the Tent Players, Inc., Mrs. Weir told the Council that the Tent Players could not proceed with their proposed theatre.

Mayor Isen expressed the Council's feeling of sympathy for this group, and the letter was ordered filed.

5. An August 19, 1959, letter from the Inter-City Highway Committee requested representation of our City before the California State Highway Commission on August 26.

With the comment that we had been very well represented there, Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed.

6. With a letter dated August 18, 1959, signed by Glenn Koger, President, the Rotary Club presented to the City the facilities which they had constructed at Sea-Aire Park.

Councilman Jahn thought the proper letter should be written to the group.

Mayor Isen said that had been done, and the letter was ordered filed.

7. With an undated letter, received in the Office of the City Manager on August 12, 1959, the South Torrance Lions Club asked permission to tow a boat through the streets of the City and park it here and there in connection with a drawing for the boat.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said he had not investigated this.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the request subject to Police approval of parking places for the boat and the City Attorney's investigation.

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

8. With a letter dated August 7, 1959, the City of Los Angeles Dept. of Parks & Recreation asked our cooperation in the transfer of personal property on parks previously transferred to the City of Torrance.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk has given a number to and read the title of any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of such ordinance or resolution; he excepted ordinances and resolutions having to do with expenditure of money from this motion.

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

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

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3758

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN EL NIDO PARK TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3758.

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

9. Albert J. Albeck, Attorney, 704 So. Spring St., Los Angeles 14, submitted for W. J. & Louise C. Ogle, 1984 W. 174th St., a claim for damages against the City, alleging these damages resulted from flood waters subsequent to February 28, 1956.

Councilman Jahn moved the claim be denied and referred to the Legal Department.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

In reply to questions, the City Attorney said we are not insured against such contingencies as this, or at least, he has been told that by our agent.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated August 25, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations to the Council for their consideration and approval:

EXPENDITURES:

1. For membership in the American Municipal Association from October 1, 1959, to September 30, 1960, the sum of \$350.00 (Budget Item).
2. To Cotton & Francisco for auditing accounts and records of the 1911 Street Improvement Act, Bond Issue, the sum of \$400 per contract (Budget Item).
3. To Vel's Ford Sales Co., the sum of \$7,301.91, the only bidder on the Slurry Seal Truck Unit (Budget Item). Pauls Chevrolet notified the City that they were unable to bid for the reason that their 1959 trucks were out of stock and they were unable to price 1960 trucks.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE:

1. For overhead doors and flood lighting at the City Yard, the sum of \$9,500 (supporting material submitted).
2. For purchase of 3' x 4' sign facing applicator for use in the Street Department, the sum of \$1,250 (supporting material submitted).

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager as shown.

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

2. With a letter dated August 25, 1959, the City Manager submitted a report on the contract with Mr. Green for collection of garbage and non-combustible rubbish. He recommended that:

"effective July 1, 1959, the monthly fee payable to Mr. Green, under the terms of his contract, be established at \$8,920.11. The average monthly cost remains at less than 32¢ per meter, a very favorable cost for today. In spite of the rising costs since July 1, 1951, the average cost per meter for this service has increased only approximately 3-1/2¢ per month."

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Beasley asked whether this contract will expire in 1960, and whether we will enter into another such contract.

The City Manager said it will expire then, and we are now making a study of costs involved.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

At 6:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 6:35 P. M.

3. With an August 27, 1959, cover letter, City Manager Stevens submitted for study a report of the evaluation of proposals from the two election suppliers in Southern California.

The City Manager said that after the Council's selection of a supplier has been made, an agreement will be prepared embodying all terms of the proposals.

He said the agreement will be submitted to the Council for final approval before its execution.

In response to a question, the City Manager said the report had been made up by Mr. Bob Carleson.

Mr. Carleson was present, and came forward to answer the questions from the Council.

Councilman Jahn asked several questions with regard to the report, summing them up by asking if Wheeler Co. was a lower bidder than Martin & Chapman overall.

Mr. Carleson said yes. He pointed out that in any event, the charges for addressing and stuffing envelopes would have to be made whether it was done by Martin & Chapman or not, and this would add materially to their bid price, as they had not included it in the bid.

In reply to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Carleson said the best we could expect would be a price of from \$22,000 to \$24,000 for the election. In reply to another question, he said the last election had cost us about \$42,000 to \$43,000.

Councilman Beasley asked about the advisability of consolidating the precincts.

The City Manager thought if this is done, it should be done very carefully.

This was discussed at some length.

Councilman Drale moved that the proposal of the Wheeler Company be accepted, as recommended by Mr. Carleson in #10 of his report, and that negotiations be conducted along the lines suggested by Mr. Carleson; he said he did not want to cut out any precincts. He pointed out that there are only about 7 months left until the election and we must get to work on this.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Wheeler if we ever got the flags we paid for at the time of the last election.

Mr. Wheeler said those flags are the property of the City of Torrance, and he has them in his store room with the flags from many other cities. He said they will still be legal, adding here that any American flag, even if it bore only 13 stars, was still a legal flag.

Mr. Carleson asked if Mr. Wheeler also has our locks, and Mr. Wheeler said he does.

Mayor Isen and Mr. Wheeler discussed the reason Mr. Wheeler has not handled the Long Beach elections since 1957.

Councilman Beasley seconded Councilman Drale's motion.

Mr. Wheeler told the Council that in any of the cities they serve in the 11 southern Counties of California, their prices are the same.

Councilman Benstead asked if we would save money by doing this ourselves, and Mr. Carleson said we could do it, but he did not believe we would save any money. He felt that training the people would also pose a problem.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen said he could not vote to do any business with Mr. Wheeler because he felt we had been unfairly charged by him at the time of our last election.

Mr. Carlson asked if the motion covered the supplies and services specified in his report, and Councilman Drale said it did.

Mr. Wheeler asked the Council if this will be for 160 or 80 precincts, explaining the necessity for this information because of the cut-off date with the County.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this to City Manager Stevens for investigation and that he report back with a recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford asked if this meant there would be 80 precincts or 160 or what.

Councilman Jahn said the Council could consider the recommendation.

Councilman Drale thought we should have as many precincts as we had at the last election, particularly if we are to have any bond issues.

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

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to inform the Council in his report, if it is practicable, the distance the voters at the utmost perimeter of a precinct would have to travel to vote.

Mr. Wheeler told the Council he has at the present time the maps of the City and of the contemplated changes, and he would be very happy to send their suggestions on consolidation to the City Manager.

Mayor Isen asked him to work with Mr. Carleson, and Mr. Wheeler said he would.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. With a letter dated August 27, 1959, W. C. Bradford, Secretary to the Civil Service Board, submitted their recommendation that two members of that Board be authorized to attend the 1959 International Conference to be held in San Francisco October 4 to 8, inclusive, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with their recommendation.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With an August 20, 1959, letter, R. S. Perkins, Street Superintendent, submitted a summary of the Bids opened on Wednesday, August 19, 1959, at 10:00 A. M., for 1 Slurry Seal truck, complete unit.

Mr. Perkins recommended that the low, and only, bidder, Vel's Ford of Torrance, be awarded the bid in the amount of \$7,301.91, tax included.

The City Manager told the Council that had been covered by one of his own Miscellaneous Recommendations earlier in the meeting.

This was ordered filed.

2. With an August 26, 1959, letter, W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, reported that a field demonstration was held on the Toro Park Master Unit at Sea-Aire Golf Course and the Worthington Motor Unit was observed at the Virginia Country Club Golf Course. The Toro Master Unit is \$51.20 higher than the low bidder, Mr. Peebles reported, but, he recommended that:

"we purchase the Park Master Unit even though it is \$51.20 higher than the low bidder".

Mr. Peebles gave his reasons for this demonstration, and submitted a bid summary and supporting material.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Peebles's recommendation.

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

Building Department Items:

1. An August 13, 1959, letter from Dell Wright, Realtor, asked permission to install a real estate sign at 24211 Hawthorne in Walteria. A blueprint was submitted showing the size, structure, etc., of the sign.

A comment from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg. Inspection, was appended, saying he would recommend approval of this request and giving his reasons.

2. With an August 6, 1959, letter, John Haratackus asked permission to install a double-face pole sign according to design submitted at 21180 So. Hawthorne Avenue.

A memo from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg. Inspection, was appended, recommending approval of the request and giving his reasons.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Schlens on both these applications.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked if the question about the Haratackus sign had been cleared up, and Mr. Schlens said it had.

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

Engineering Matters:

1. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 19910 - Subdivider: George Steinkamp.

Location: Southerly of 182nd St., easterly of Arlington Avenue; Number of Lots, 38.

Attached were:

- a. August 26, 1959, letter from W. E. Peebles, Dir. of Public Works, and W. M. Nollac, City Engr.;
- b. Aug. 20, 1959, letter of transmittal from G. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitting Planning Commission recommendation and stipulations;
- c. Excerpt, Planning Commission Minutes, Aug. 19, 1959;
- d. Aug. 19, 1959, letter from Peebles to Nollac;
- e. Aug. 20, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of Water Dept., to Council re joint use agreement w/ Moneta Water Co. to serve water to this Tract;
- f. A May 26, 1959, letter from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, signed by Milan W. Ranson for M. E. Salsbury, Chief Engineer;
- g. Location sketch.

Councilman Drale said he had nothing against this tract except the 44' street; he did not know how the rest of the Council felt about this.

Planning Director Powell said that street would have the same amount of paving as our 54' streets have, and the sidewalks are placed at the curb not to make the street more narrow but to save the 25-year old trees which are there now. He said it had been the wish of Mr. Salm that the trees be saved if at all possible. The Planning Commission and City Engineer had worked this out for that reason.

Councilman Benstead asked about the lot sizes, and Mr. Powell said all have the necessary width in the front except those on a cul de sac or knuckle. He said only one lot was less than 6,000 sq. ft. in size, and it was over 5,000 sq. ft.

Mayor Isen asked what will be done with the land marked

'Not a Part'.

Mr. Powell thought that when Mr. Salm no longer wished to live in the home, he might give it to the City for a public building and lands.

This was discussed briefly.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with a special note of Mr. McVicar's letter and with the condition that no building permits would be issued until the zone of the land is changed.

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

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

2. With a letter dated August 26, 1959, W. E. Peebles and W. M. Nollac submitted an easement deed being given by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles for the widening of Redondo Beach Blvd., a portion of Lot 24, McDonald Tract.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the easement.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney submitted to the Council an August 26, 1959, letter from John D. Howard, 3300 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, concerning financing of real estate improvements to land subleased to him by Aeronca Mfg. Corp. at the Torrance Airport.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said the writer had asked that the letter be withdrawn.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

2. With a letter dated August 27, 1959, the City Attorney submitted a letter re Improvement Ordinances, and attached for the Council's study the following instruments:

- a. Ordinance regulating the division of lots other than subdivisions (hereafter called the Single Lot Improvement Ordinance);
- b. Ordinance establishing a sewer revolving fund;
- c. Ordinance establishing a drainage improvement fund;
- d. Ordinance amending subdivision ordinance;
- e. Resolution changing the engineers' standards for subdivisions.

Councilman Drale asked to hold this for study, and Councilman Jahn agreed with him.

The City Attorney said it was here only for study.

Mayor Isen asked to have this on the Agenda next week.

Councilman Beasley asked if Items a, b, and c affected commercial tracts, and the City Attorney said they would affect all the land in the City.

3. The City Attorney submitted an August 24, 1959, letter from James M. Hall of the firm of MacFaden & Hall, quoting as follows from a letter dated August 20 written to our congressman, the Honorable Cecil R. King from Robert E. Williams, Chief, Office of Congressional Liaison, Federal Aviation Agency, with reference to the City's pending application to clear title to its

surplus airport property:

"The Department of Defense has advised us that it interposes no objection to a release of the national emergency use provision in this particular case. Therefore, it has been determined that a release of that provision of the deed would satisfy the requirements of applicable law. Accordingly, we have authorized the Regional Administrator at Los Angeles to grant a release of the national emergency use provision of the applicable deed with respect to the two tracts of airport land described in the City's request."

The City Attorney said some of the commercial developers at the Airport had said this would allow them to build.

Councilmen Jahn and Beasley disagreed, saying this was not the release which would allow financing of properties there.

The City Attorney said some are interested in the reverter clause.

Mr. Bjorklund, one of the developers at the Airport, was present, and explained to the Council that under the reversionary clause, the Government would not agree to reimburse the developer of property at the Airport, and it is difficult to get financing there for that reason.

Mayor Isen asked to have a written report on this put on the Agenda for information, saying the Council would want an explanation of the clause which has been released and that one which has not.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3759

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF "INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE" FOR THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3759.

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

Councilman Jahn pointed out that this is the simple release, and does not increase the value of the land; he said we need the other release.

The City Attorney said Mr. Hall was still willing to work on this, and that he had made an appointment with the new man in Los Angeles who apparently is responsible for the recommendation on this, and he and Mr. Hall would go to see what can be done.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated August 19, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, informed the Council that the Airport Commission meeting of August 27, 1959, has been cancelled, as there would not be a quorum in town at that time.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed as a matter of record.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. With a letter which was not dated, the Chief of Police transmitted to the Council the recommendations made by the Traffic Commission at their regular meeting held at 8:30 A. M. Thursday, August 6, 1959. Requests were made for Ordinances on the following:
- a. There is a need for posting of Stop signs on Dalemead St. east and westbound at Rolling Hills Road. Normallin and Clarellen westbound at Rolling Hills Road and at the exit to Torrance Sand & Gravel Co. at Rolling Hills Road.
  - b. Request Stop sign be posted on Marcelina at Cabrillo, which is a blind intersection.
  - c. Stop sign on Amie, northbound, at Spencer as Amie deadends at Spencer.
  - d. Removal of Stop signs east and westbound at Amie, however, request the ordinance be left as is in event Stop signs **are needed** again at this location.
  - e. Stop signs should be removed on Anza north and southbound at Narrot.
  - f. Ordinance for 'Right Lane Must Turn Right' on Western Ave., northbound at 190th St.
  - g. Restriction of 'No Parking' from 2:00 A. M. to 5:00 A. M. on Paseo de la Playa should be removed.

Councilman Jahn asked if 'No U Turn' signs are to be posted on Pacific Coast Highway at Jeannetta, saying they are badly needed there by South High.

Lt. Nash did not know; he said the former City Engineer had been supposed to contact the State about it.

Councilman Jahn said the situation there is a dangerous one, and asked that this be followed up.

Councilman Drale moved the necessary Ordinance be drawn as requested.

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

Councilman Drale thought the Council should have a report on the 4 or 5 signals which they have requested but on which there has been no action; he named the following: Anza & Torrance Blvd.; 174th & Arlington; Lomita & Crenshaw; Carson & Arlington; Sepulveda & Arlington; 182nd & Prairie.

Councilman Drale moved that the Public Works Dept. give the City Council a report on the status of these signals.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3760

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT DEED CONVEYING A 40 FOOT X 196 FOOT PORTION OF LOT 20 AND A 15 FOOT X 186.98 FOOT PORTION OF LOT 19 IN THE RE-SURVEY OF THE R. O. HICKMAN TRACT, BOOK 5 OF MAPS, PAGE 193.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3760. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

RESOLUTION NO. 3761

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 MODIFICATION OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND EL RANCHO ROLLING HILLS, INC., DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1959.

The City Attorney said because we do not have the reverter clause released, we should give them a period of time suitable for financing purposes. He said we had made a complete new lease with them about a year ago, and then about 6 months ago had granted them this extension. This would be their second extension for financing purposes. The completion clause is still in effect. He said if we do not remove the reverter clause, we will have to go to another modification of that agreement. We are not extending the time for building, we are only extending the term of the lease for financing purposes. The date of completion is not changed.

Councilman Jahn asked if there is a cut-off date for these extensions if we do not remove the reverter clause.

The City Attorney said it continues in effect, but not after March of 1960 unless they have built.

Mr. Bjorklund said there is only one thing they are waiting for; their plans have been approved, and are now in the Building Department for check. They will begin building when the loan company lends them the money. The recapture clause did not bother them, as the Government would reimburse a developer if they took land under it, but under the reversionary clause, they would not.

The terms of the lease covering building were discussed. Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3761. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Blount absent).

Councilman Beasley asked what we are doing to remove the reversionary clause, which has such an effect on the property at the Airport.

The City Attorney said he had talked to Mr. Hall and they will call on the new Coordinator for the District and attempt to convince him he should recommend the release of this clause to the Government.

Mr. Bjorklund said he had contributed to the fund for this one time, and will again if it will help.

Councilman Drale asked if the money raised had accomplished only the release of the recapture clause, and the City Attorney said yes, but Mr. Hall has agreed to continue working on this regardless of the money.

3.

RESOLUTION NO. 3762

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF LOT 5 OF TRACT NO. 7873, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3762.

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 3763

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 Jahn asked about Lot 46, at the southeast corner of 235th and Crenshaw, saying he has a new house on that lot and it is a clean lot.

The City Attorney said this is only the first step in this matter.

Councilman Jahn suggested that the pertinent parties take note of the information he had just given, and moved to adopt Resolution No. 3763.

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

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

At 7:20 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess and the Council re-convened at 7:25 P. M.

ORDINANCES:1. ORDINANCE NO. 1123

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 576.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1123 at its first reading.

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

REPORTS:

1. The Office of the City Clerk reported that the July, 1959, reports of the General Manager and Chief Engineer and of the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District are on file in that office.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Councilman Drale had asked that a Resolution be prepared for presentation to Supervisor Chace, and the City Attorney distributed it to the Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 3764

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE HONORABLE BURTON W. CHACE FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3764. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale said he would present this at the party to be held in honor of Supervisor Chace.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to prepare appropriate copies of this for presentation.

2. City Manager Stevens said two weeks ago, the Council had held up action on approval of an AT&SF request for crossings on Madrona and Maple until it was ascertained who would pay for the signals which will be required. The cost will be borne by the railway, and we have a letter to that effect.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant them the crossing easements as required.

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

3. The City Manager reminded the Councilmen of the workshop and personnel meeting to be held here on Wednesday, September 2, at 5:30 P. M., and said his office would call the Councilmen that afternoon to remind them again.

4. The City Attorney said on August 18, the Council had brought up the question of increasing the salary of the City Clerk, and it had been tabled for his opinion. He said he believed this could be done by assigning the Clerk additional duties and paying him for them. It was thought the Clerk could be given the job of processing all incoming and outgoing mail and acting as a 'Postmaster' for this City Hall.

Councilman Beasley moved such a position be created and be assigned to the City Clerk, at a rate of \$50 per month.

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

5. Bldg. Supt. Schlens reported that temporary lighting will be put at Carson and Hawthorne within the next 3 or 4 days; as soon as the permit is obtained, the Edison Co. has said they will have the temporary lighting installed within 48 hours. He described the type of fixtures which will be used there. He said we have the approval from the State Highway Dept. to proceed with the design for signals. We know what they want, and so can go ahead with the design. As soon as we have the design submitted to the State for approval, they will request the money be appropriated.

The City Manager said that is a budget item.

6. Councilman Beasley said he and Councilman Drale and Mr. Fitzgerald from the Chamber of Commerce had spent a lot of time with this in Sacramento. After our engineering design is presented, it has to go there for approval and then we have to agree to pay our share and then it is approved. In trying to pin them down closely, they could only get an approximation of 6 months, and perhaps a year. They had specifically worked for the signal at 174th and Arlington. So far as they could determine, it is still from 6 months to 12 months away. He said he had pointed out that there is a need for a signal at Newton and Pacific Coast Highway and they said they had never had a request from us for a signal there. He knew we had asked for it. The signal as planned at Lomita and Crenshaw has been separated from the one on 174th and Arlington, and the County is sharing in it.

Councilman Beasley said several things concerning this had been brought up at Sacramento, and he felt we could get the signal at 174th and Arlington sooner by keeping after it. He said there is a feeling that if the City gets an Engineering Dept. which will cooperate readily and keep working on these matters that the work will be done.

He was aware that we would be getting a new Traffic Engineer, but felt even now we should be working on a survey of what we know we will need.

Councilman Beasley said regarding the San Diego Freeway, he felt sure that the presentation made on this at Sacramento to the State Highway Commission was as good as possible, and was well received. It was the last presentation of the morning. The group had been before the Commission for about a half hour, and everyone who was part of the program had given an excellent account of themselves. They had given the Commission facts and figures and statistics, and had rounded them out by saying there are over a half a million people in the cities in this area who are not served by a freeway. After the presentation had been made, the Chairman had told our group the progress on that freeway depends on the action of Congress and the 1¢ gas tax. He had assured us that the San Diego Freeway will receive the highest priority if we get the money for it. Councilman Beasley said every member of the Commission had seemed to agree with the Chairman.

Mayor Isen asked if they would appropriate any State funds for the freeway in case they do not get the Federal funds.

Councilman Drale felt that if the Federal funds come through, we will get the Freeway sooner than expected now.

Councilman Bradford said that last year a lot of the money for it had been turned back to Northern California projects.

7. Councilman Beasley said the shopping center at Sepulveda and Hawthorne, the Del Amo Center, is a beautiful one, but it is the only one he knows where the streets around it are not lit. He believed those major streets should have lights.

Councilman Beasley suggested contacting the Del Amo Center to see if they will install lights hanging over those two streets and the others around them as they develop.

Councilman Beasley said he had noted during his trip north that the State is planting oleanders down the middle of divided highways there, and they look very nice. He suggested they be contacted to see if they will plant the parkway down the middle of Hawthorne.

8. Councilman Benstead said he understood the Government has a plan for Federal Aid to Airports. He understood also that to get it, application must be made before September 1. He thought if we needed anything at the Airport we should try to get an application in for Aid.

Councilman Jahn said we had applied for aid in lighting, but had found we could do it more reasonably alone as we would not have to conform to their specifications.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had asked Mr. Egan for a report on this, and a recommendation.

Councilman Beasley understood we might have been able to get a Fire Station on the Federal Aid plan, and Councilman Jahn said he had understood that too.

Councilman Benstead thought we should look into this.

Mayor Isen thought this would involve matching funds, and the City Manager said it would.

They will go as far as 54% on the purchase of approach lands, the City Manager said, and while the Airport does have some funds, there are not enough to purchase land in any amount.

Mayor Isen thought the Airport Commission should make a study of this and come up with a program and recommendations.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

The City Manager said Mr. Egan had referred a study to the Council when it was requested, and it had been sent to the Commission at that time, however, the Commission has not met since that time.

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

9. Councilman Bradford said he was sorry about the accident which had cost the life of a Policeman at Carson and Hawthorne. In the future, he said he would not vote for any new streets of that capacity to open into a highway until the signals are installed.

Councilman Bradford thought that if the Engineering Dept. was functioning properly, and with a Master Plan of our proposed City streets, we can ask for the signals we will need long before they are actually needed. In this way, we can shorten the waiting time.

Concerning a signal at Del Amo and Hawthorne Blvds., he said it looks like Del Amo will go through from Western to Hawthorne right away; we should begin asking for the necessary signals now and Western, Crenshaw, and Hawthorne should all have signals, and possibly there should also be a signal where Del Amo crosses Arlington. The County will probably help us, he said, as part of Del Amo is a County street.

10. Councilman Bradford asked if we cannot limit the speed on Hawthorne Blvd., even though it is a State Highway. He noted that the highway through the City of Laguna Beach has speed limit signs posted.

The City Attorney said he would see if he can find how they got permission to post the signs.

Councilman Bradford thought the time had come for us to get the attention we need and deserve for speed limits and signals.

11. Councilman Bradford said that concerning the extension of Arlington through Pueblo, he thought the only thing holding this up is an easement across the Pacific Electric tract. He thought someone should push this program through to completion and see what can be done.

The Mayor said it had been his feeling after a previous meeting with P. E. officials that they would work with us on this.

The City Manager told the Council that all these things have a place on a numbered priority list, and this is high on the list.

12. Councilman Bradford asked what Santa Fe has said they would do about the signals where they want to cross Madrona and Maple.

The City Manager said that as he had previously reported, they have said they would pay for the signals.

13. Councilman Drale complimented Councilman Beasley and Mr. Cameron on their talks before the State Highway Commission, and said he thought they were making real headway.

14. Councilman Drale said he had received some calls from people who live in Lomita who would like to have Torrance acquire all of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #2. He asked to consider this at the workshop meeting to be held tomorrow.

Councilman Bradford and Councilman Jahn and Councilman Beasley had received similar calls.

The City Manager said that at the workshop, it would be considered. He said that Mr. McVicar is to present his cost estimate to the Water Commission tomorrow night, and then make an appointment with Dr. Cook.

15. Councilman Jahn asked for a report on the progress in the acquisition of Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #3, and an estimate of the time required and the cost to finish the construction there so that ultimately the building ban in that area could be lifted. He requested the City Engineer to get this information to the City Council.

16. Councilman Beasley said regarding the signals at 238th and Hawthorne, which do not get much use, he had discussed these at Sacramento, and they had finally agreed that if we would come up with an acceptable solution, they will go along with us in moving them and will give us full consideration and cooperation. He asked to have the City Engineer and Traffic Dept. go into this.

17. Councilman Beasley asked if we cannot move the old Lomita Blvd. signals to the new Lomita Blvd. or close the new Lomita Blvd. He said the situation there is a ridiculous one.

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

18. Mayor Isen referred to the nomination he had made last week of Amby Schindler to the Parks & Recreation Commission, and asked the Clerk to poll the Council on this.

The nomination was unanimously approved by those present with only Councilman Blount absent.

19. Mayor Isen said he had received a letter of resignation from the Airport Commission from Mr. Ted Carroll, who has moved out of the City.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept this and that the usual letter of gratitude be sent to Mr. Carroll.

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

Mayor Isen said at least three Councilmen had suggested Mr. John Wallace of Ryan Aircraft Co., 5620 Via del Collado, Palos Verdes Riviera, to the post left vacant by Mr. Carroll. He said he would poll the Council on this nomination next week, and that he hopes with the addition of Mr. Wallace the Commission will weld itself into a fine body to help the Council.

20. Mayor Isen said there is a new contraption called a "K Car" which is evidently the fad of teen agers. They are unlicensed, unlit vehicles, and should not be allowed on the streets or sidewalks. They are very noisy. He had been told they are being driven at night in the City. He thought in the interests of safety, we should be very strict about them and issue citations to get them off the streets.

21. Mayor Isen said all of us have been alerted and are very conscious of traffic safety this evening. He thought it appropriate and particularly at this time of year with the children ready to go back to school, for this City Council to urge that everyone be extremely careful. He requested that the Police Dept. declare open war on all speeders in the City.

Mayor Isen said he realized it is a difficult thing, but we are going to have to do something to stop the mounting fatalities.

About 8 months ago, there was a small child killed in the City of Redondo Beach, and at that time he had suggested formation of a Traffic Commission, to work on the dangers from the viewpoint of laymen, and through public relations, working with service clubs, schools, other cities, etc. He had received several calls about it at the time he had brought this up, and was only sorry he had not followed it further.

Mayor Isen said Dr. Yanase, who came from Honolulu to Torrance, had said they have a Traffic Safety Commission there and it is very effective. Mayor Isen said such a Commission would not interfere in any way with the Traffic Committee, the Police, or the Traffic Engineer. He suggested that we form a 15-man Commission, with each Councilman appointing two members, to wage war against traffic accidents in the City.

Mayor Isen moved such a Resolution be drawn.

Councilman Drale said if the Mayor would change it to a 7-man Commission, he would second the motion.

Mayor Isen agreed to start this with 7 men.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen ordered the motion carried, and asked the City Attorney to draw the necessary Resolution or Ordinances. He added that he had been approached by several people who are very interested in this.

22. Councilman Bradford said along Arlington Avenue, just north of 182nd St., there is an elementary school. There are sidewalks to the Edison right of way, and then the kids have to walk around through weeds and dirt. He thought if someone would just contact Edison, they would put in a black top berm there to help.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen referred this to the Director of Public works.

23. Councilman Jahn asked if everyone had made their appointments to the Civic Center Development Committee.

Mayor Isen said no, and he asked the City Manager for a list of those appointed so far.

City Manager Stevens said he would make up such a list, showing who had made their appointments.

Councilmen Jahn and Beasley agreed this Committee should start work soon.

24. Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

25. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P. M.

  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance