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Torrance, California  
September 8, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, September 8, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

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

The Reverend William J. Roleder of the First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 1, 1959, as written.

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

Mayor Isen explained the Council's procedure to the audience.

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the opening of:  
BIDS ON AIRPORT PROPERTY, for the lease of a portion of the Airport. The property is located at the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 101) and consists of approximately 8.4 acres of land suited for commercial development.

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

City Manager Stevens reported that only one bid had been received, and that it was from R. A. Watt, George A. Graziadio, and Associated.

The City Manager opened the bid, and, due to the length and complexity of the material, was instructed to study this and report to the Council later in the meeting on the bid.

HEARINGS:

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

1. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING #12, Resolution of Intention No. 3763:

To hear any and all property owners having objections to the proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in Resolution No. 3763, and declaring parcels listed on Pages 1 through 5 inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for

the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

Tract 588, Lot 10, Map 141, NE cor 233rd & Pennsylvania;  
Tract 588, Lot 20, (W 50 ft.), Map 141, Parcel 437.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

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

Councilman Drale asked why the exceptions were made, and Director of Public Works Peebles said the only exceptions so far have been made because the people wanted to clean their own land rather than have us do it.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

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

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number to and read the title of the following Resolution, and all other Resolutions and Ordinances shown subsequently in these Minutes:

RESOLUTION NO. 3765

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. 3763.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3765.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3765.

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

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

2. CASE NO. 587, Third and Final Hearing on petition of George Chacksfield for a Change of Zone from A-1 and M-1 to R-1 and C-2 on a portion of Lot 7, McDonald Tract, situated on the West side of Western Ave., beginning approximately 330' N. of the centerline of 186th St., with a frontage of 217' on Western Ave., for the purpose of making more productive use of the area.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the Hearing.

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

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

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, but asked if it had been the intention of the Planning Commission to extend "B" Street North and South.

Planning Director Powell said they had recommended it, but that turn-arounds are put there at the present time, as a more practical solution now.

Councilman Jahn said this shows C-2 zoning directly against R-1 property, and there is no buffer shown in part of the land, although there is an alley there part of the way. He said it had been our custom to require a wall or some other buffer in such cases.

Planning Director Powell explained that there is a nursery on Lot 26, adjoining the owners home on Lot 25, and these lots are the property of the owner.

Councilman Jahn asked to amend the motion to stipulate that the usual wall be built along the back of Lot 26 so that there will be the usual buffer there, and so moved.

Councilman Drale seconded the amendment.

The motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. CASE NO. 590, Third and Final Hearing on petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from M-2 to C-2 on two parcels of land fronting on Sepulveda Blvd., West of the recently rezoned C-3 property covered by Case No. 575, Getty Oil Co.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

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

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

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

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. With a letter dated August 28, 1959, Charlton A. Mewborn, attorney for R. C. Mahon Co., requested that "this Honorable Council reconsider said ordinance (zoning some of this property for "P" zone), insofar as my client's property is concerned, in view of the fact that said ordinance deprives my client of its constitutional rights and property without due process of law or compensation."

Mr. Mewborn came forward to address the Council. He said he had not expected to be heard on this tonight, but had thought it might be a good idea if he came down and spoke briefly about this. Mr. Mewborn explained that his client has never consented to the zoning of an additional 50' for "P" zone along the front of their property, and explained, in a lengthy dissertation, that they wish to maintain good relationships with their neighbors there and have made many adjustments to do so. He pointed out that they do not believe the zoning of the land for "P" zone should keep them from using that for office expansion or allied facilities in the future if such expansion becomes necessary. He said they would use it only for such uses, and that any future building or expansion would be of attractive modern design, as is the building they are now

Mr. Mewborn summed up his presentation by asking that the Council exempt the Mahon Co. from the "P" zone on the 'second 50' of "P" zone' along the south side of Monterey Street.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said the ordinance in question would be effective September 12.

Councilman Beasley asked if, during the time the hearings were being held on the Ordinance, the representative of the company which owns most of that land had not said an adjustment would be made with the Mahon Co. on this matter. He believed that the representative of the Mahon Co. had been present when that statement was made, and had not denied it.

Mr. Mewborn said Mr. Mitchell, representing the Mahon Co., had been present, but had thought and had brought out that Mr. Doherty was representing only the landowner, the Santa Fe Railway.

Mr. Mewborn said Mr. Mitchell was present this evening, and would testify under oath that Mahon Co. had already bought and paid for the land they own at that time, and they have never received any rebate for this. He added that since the time of the hearings in question, Mr. Doherty has become incapacitated, and the Santa Fe has denied that Mr. Doherty had the authority to make such a statement.

Mr. Mewborn said they wish to offer to meet with these residents of the area north of Monterey and, in good faith, work out with them a reasonable landscaping plan providing for possible future expansion.

Councilman Benstead asked if the Mahon Co. representative had not met with them once and agreed on this 100' buffer with the exception of the office building and executive parking only in the 100' buffer, in the 'second 50' of the buffer'.

Mr. Mewborn said Mahon had never agreed to this.

Councilman Beasley asked Planning Director Powell if Mr. Mitchell, representing Mahon, had appeared before the Planning Commission at any time to protest the zone change.

Mr. Powell outlined the history of the Change of Zone, and said there had been a letter from Santa Fe saying they did not object, and a letter from Mr. Mitchell saying Mahon Co. could not consent to the change.

Councilman Bradford asked if Mahon had owned the land at the time of the rezoning, and Mr. Mewborn said they had.

Mr. Allen S. Moore, 1741 Elm St., reviewed the history of this case and of Case 526, which had been a proposal to rezone the northern part of that property to R-2. He gave a thorough digest of both cases to the Council.

Mr. Moore, acting as spokesman for the residents of the area, said that at a meeting with Mr. Mitchell, the representatives of the residents had offered to incorporate into the agreement an exception for the office building and such additions to it which might become necessary in the future on the 'second 50' of the P zone'; so far as he knew, this would be acceptable to the residents.

Councilman Jahn said Mr. Mewborn had made an offer for his client to meet with the residents and work with them on a landscaping plan and plans for possible future expansion on the Mahon land of their office building; Mr. Moore, speaking for the residents, had said such a meeting and discussion and possible agreement were not out of reach. He suggested that a good 2-story office building similar to the one Mahon is now constructing would be a good buffer between the residences and the industrial use. Inasmuch as both sides of this discussion were willing to discuss

the possibility of future expansion, he felt they should meet and do so, and see what they can work out.

This was discussed, and the City Attorney felt that if the Council wished they might grant Mahon a Variance on a definite parcel of land to erect an office building within a certain period of time.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Moore if the people in the area would still agree to the possibility of expanding the office there, and Mr. Moore said so far as he knows they would.

Mayor Isen called this to Mr. Mewborn's attention, and asked that the neighborhood's representative meet with Mr. Mewborn and Mr. Mitchell and work out planting and so forth, and then meet with the City Attorney so he can work out some way of presenting the whole thing to the Council so it can pass an ordinance covering the agreement.

It was agreed that this course would be followed, and the Mayor asked to have this continued to September 22, when the City Attorney can present a draft of the agreement to the Council.

Mayor Isen said if the City Attorney wished, he could attend the meetings, but that it would probably be better if he attended only the last meeting after agreement had been reached.

At 9:05 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 9:20 P. M.

2. With a letter dated August 26, 1959, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors asked for the appointment of a representative to the Regional Library Council from our City.

Mayor Isen named Councilman Blount to serve in this capacity, with Councilman Bradford as alternate.

Both Councilmen agreed to serve, and it was so ordered, with the appropriate letter to be written.

3. An August 27, 1959, letter from George M. Green, 1511 Post Avenue, Torrance, asked for a 1-year extension of his present garbage and non-combustible collection contract with the City, on the same basis as his present contract plus a wage clause to be given him against higher wages.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this to the City Manager and the Director of Public Works for recommendation.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

4. With a letter dated August 20, 1959, the FAA District Airport Engineer, Geo. M. Gary, per K. K. Kellner, notified the City that there had been an announced extension of the Federal-aid Airport Program for submittal of the Fiscal Year 1961 Program. A new "Request for Aid" and a sketch identifying the work proposed should be in their office on or before November 30, 1959.

It was agreed that we should look into this and possibly apply for Federal Aid Funds.

Mayor Isen ordered this referred to the Airport Commission, the Airport Manager, and the City Manager for their recommendations on requests to be made.

5. A September 3, 1959, letter from Diane Strehlow, Corresponding Secretary of the South Bay Obedience Club, contained their offer of a refrigerator for the Walteria Park Recreation Building.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept this offer and send the proper letter of thanks.

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

6. With a memo to the City Manager dated August 28, 1959, the Director of Public Works discussed surveys of the Airport. He said that he would like to recommend that "the Engineering Service Corporation proceed immediately with this and have them draw up the contract so that this work can be done as quickly as possible as I should like it to dovetail into my Master Storm Drain Plan."

Councilman Jahn said he felt that this would be a design here which could be about 6" to 8" off over the entire airport and this could be a big error.

In reply to a question from Councilman Blount, the Director of Public Works said when any survey is made there is the possibility of error.

Councilman Bradford asked if the grid system is not better.

The Director of Public Works said there is a possibility of error there, too, when the interpolater who interpolates the grid into the map.

Councilman Beasley asked if he would say that the work done by the Engineering Service would be of the same value as the other, and Mr. Peebles said he would.

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

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMAN: Jahn.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn said he voted against this because he did not believe this method accurate enough and he felt it would be a waste of money.

The City Manager said the money for this would have to be taken from the Unappropriated Reserve, and asked if the Council would approve that.

Councilman Drale moved to amend his motion to specify that the money be taken from the Unappropriated Reserve.

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

7. The Citizens' Dairy Committee submitted a report dated September 2, 1959, concerning the regulation of dairies. This was signed by Mrs. Leota B. Didak and Jeanne Gerald of the Citizens' Dairy Committee.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed, with the comment from Mayor Isen that the dairies should continue to work to prevent their operations from becoming a nuisance.

Councilman Bradford asked if anyone in the employ of the City has been detailed to work with these people, and the City Attorney said Mr. Powell has worked with them and has handled the complaints which have come in concerning the dairies.

Mrs. Didak was present, and told the Council the dairies have, in general, made an effort to clean up; however, there have been sporadic recurrences of the flies, and there is being one now. She said they have had excellent cooperation from the Inspector who has worked with them, and that Mr. Vosges, acting for the dairies has met with them frequently and has done his best.

Mayor Isen thought the residents in the affected areas would have to continue in their vigilance.

Mrs. Didak thought it would be a good idea to have Mr. Powell or someone else in the City's employ watch this. She said she did not think the Ordinance was being enforced because of the way things are.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Attorney thought perhaps a legal action might be taken, saying that if the legal department called the dairymen in and told them of the problems and pointed out the ordinance it might help.

Councilman Blount thought it might help to talk to some of the dairymen besides Mr. Vosges.

Mrs. Didak said there is a weed hazard at the dairy on 182nd and Crenshaw, and described a fire which took place there this week, starting in those weeds.

Councilman Beasley said we are forcing many lots in the City to be cleaned, and asked why they are not required to clean that too.

Councilman Jahn thought Mr. Vosges had been bearing the burden of this, and there were supposed to be several of the dairymen on the Committee. He suggested that the City Attorney write to Mr. Vosges asking him to name the other members of that Committee so the burden would not fall on only one man.

The City Attorney said he would call a representative from each dairy on this.

It was agreed that the Attorney should have all these men and a couple of the members of the Citizens' Committee come in and discuss this very soon.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Peebles to have a check made of the area mentioned as being in violation of the weed and rubbish ordinance.

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn and another from Mayor Isen, Messrs. Dick Miller and Dave Stewart, sitting in the back of the Council Chamber, said the speakers were working well and that the Council could be heard in that part of the room.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, and headed "Miscellaneous Recommendations," the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

a. During the preparation of the 1959-60 Budget, all requests for attendance at out-of-state conferences were deleted, with the thought that as the year progressed it would then be decided whether or not it was financially possible to send delegates to the conferences.

I currently have requests from two Department Heads for authorization to attend such conferences. I believe it would be appropriate to send these Department Heads, following our policy that only one major conference would be attended each year. (Supporting material attached).

- (a) Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles.
- (b) Memo from Supt. of Bldg. Inspections Schlens.

b. I recommend that Robert Carleson be authorized to attend the 1959 International Conference of Public Personnel Administration in San Francisco, October 4 to 8, 1959, with

appropriate expenses paid. The topics to be covered are very important and timely to our own personnel administration.

EXPENDITURES:

a. To Advanced Electronics Co. the sum of \$555.36 for furnishing and installing amplifying equipment in the Council Chambers. (Supporting material attached).

APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE:

a. To R. B. Walker, the low bidder, 900 No. La Brea, Inglewood, the sum of \$1,642.65 for the purchase of one 1960 model Harley Davidson motorcycle. This is a replacement of motor unit No. 84 which was demolished in the traffic accident in which Sgt. Lewis lost his life. It is anticipated that the major portion of the cost will be recovered from the insurance claim being brought against the other parties in the accident.

MISCELLANEOUS:

a. That the letter of intent for installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Western Avenue by Rodolfo Mendoza be accepted in lieu of a bond, so the building may be occupied. (Supporting material attached).

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with items a and b under "Personnel".

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation under "Expenditures".

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation under "Appropriations from Unappropriated Reserve".

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

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

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation under "Miscellaneous", saying he had checked this and there is no curb on that side of Western from 190th St. to 174th St.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to know why this man would not furnish a bond.

Councilman Drale said no one would give him the bond. This

man has built a little restaurant there, and the only way he can get the bond is to post \$500 cash.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion.

Councilman Drale said the man had honestly tried and just could not get bond.

Councilman Beasley said everyone has to post such a bond.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that if we had the grades set there, it would have been necessary for the man to put in the improvements; he would have had to pay at least \$500 for them.

Mayor Isen suggested holding this a week to see if the man would post the cash instead of a bond, saying we were not sure he had been advised of this possibility.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens said he had told the man of this way of handing the matter.

Councilman Drale said the man had been given a permit for the building, and the man should have been told of this requirement now made when he applied for the permit.

Mr. Schlens said all applicants are told of this when they apply for a commercial building permit.

Councilman Jahn said every commercial building in the City built since the ordinance was passed has had to put in the improvements or post proper bond. He felt the requirement should be the same for everyone, regardless.

Councilman Bradford recalled a case where a lady had been allowed to open a sandwich stand on Narbonne Avenue about 2 or 3 months ago under very similar circumstances.

Mr. Schlens told the Council the petitioner had been told about this requirement. He outlined the requirements for such a bond.

Councilman Drale said this man is willing to give the City 15' for the widening of Western Ave., and he felt this was worth something.

Councilman Benstead felt this was a real hardship case.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, the City Manager recommended that the Airport Department remain in its present status rather than being placed under the Public Works Department.

City Manager Stevens gave a number of reasons for this recommendation, outlining them in his letter.

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

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

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

3. With a letter dated September 1, 1959, the Assistant City Manager recommended to City Manager Stevens that the City purchase a Ditto machine. Mr. Bone explained that tests had been made on both the Ditto and the A. B. Dick spirit machines, and that the Ditto had been found to be more efficient. He summed up his report by saying that although the A. B. Dick equipment is \$90 cheaper (\$605) he would recommend that the Ditto machine (\$695) be purchased, in view of the tests we have made.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation made by the Assistant City Manager to City Manager Stevens, and buy the Ditto machine at \$695.00.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale demurred, saying that he understood that the A. B. Dick was a better machine in every way. He explained that the A. B. Dick machine is the one used by Mrs. Drale in her office.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Isen.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved to accept the low bid of the A. B. Dick Company as outlined in the letter.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY CLERK:

1. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett submitted a petition requesting the creation of a 1911 Act Sewer Assessment District, submitted by residents of Spencer, Toluca, Wood, Garnet, and Entradero Streets in Tract 16884. A location sketch was attached showing the boundaries of the proposed district.

Councilman Drale moved to instruct the City Engineer to prepare a preliminary report and take the necessary action to proceed with the formation of the District.

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

2. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, the City Clerk notified the City Council that the second Tuesday of October of each year has been designated by the Council as "Junior Citizens' Day", and that this year the day will fall on October 13, 1959.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to prepare the proper Proclamation for this to go forward, and to follow the necessary procedures.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter dated September 1, 1959, the St. Superintendent reported that on Monday, August 31, bids had been opened in the Council Chambers on:

400' of 8" dia. #16 ga. galvanized corrugated pipe and couplers.

He recommended that "the low bidder, Armco Drainage & Metal Products, Inc., be awarded the contract in the amount of \$685.52, plus \$27.42 tax, all other Bidders failing to respond". A bid summary was submitted with this letter. The letter was approved by W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, and others.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Perkins.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley could not understand why we had only one bid, and Mr. Peebles said it was because of the steel shortage.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. With a letter dated Sept. 1, 1959, Street Supt. Perkins reported that bids had been opened on the following items on Monday, August 31, 1959, and that the low bidder had been Seaside Supply of San Pedro, who had bid \$613.38, plus \$24.54 tax. He recommended that their bid be accepted.

- Item #1 4" x 25' suction hose w/strainer, foot valve and pin-type couplings;
- Item #2 3" x 25' suction hose w/strainer, foot valve and pin-type couplings;
- Item #3 2" x 25' suction hose w/strainer, foot valve and pin-type couplings;
- Item #4 6" x 10' water discharge hose w/comboination nipples and cast iron flanges.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Street Superintendent.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Bradford asked how many people had been contacted on the bids, and the Director of Public Works said he had established a policy of sending bid calls to all local bidders as well as outside firms.

Councilman Bradford named a number of local people who would bid on this type of item.

Councilman Blount said he was opposed to informal bids of this type; he wanted formal bids or none at all.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer both this item and the previous item back to the Dept. of Public Works for more information.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the previous item had already been disposed of, and ruled the motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn protested that to call for formal bids on a small item like this would involve all the expense of the advertising, etc., running the cost up until it would be out of reason.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

This problem of who gets bids, and whether or not informal bids should be accepted was discussed.

Mayor Isen suggested that henceforth the Council get a list of at least three bidders to whom bid calls had been sent.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At 10:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:10 P. M.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, the City Attorney submitted to the Council a full explanation of the difference between the 'recapture' and 'reversionary' clauses in the Airport lease we have with the government.

Mayor Isen thanked the Attorney for the Council, and ordered this filed.

Councilman Blount said Santa Maria had the same problem we have had, and recently got both clauses released. He suggested our Attorney contact the County Counsel there, as he had helped them with this, and see what information he could get on this.

Mayor Isen agreed that the City Attorney should follow through on this.

2. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, the City Attorney reported to the Council that the speed limits established on Pacific Coast Highway through the City of Laguna Beach were all established by the State.

Councilman Bradford asked why we cannot get them to establish similar speed limits on the State highways through Torrance, mentioning specifically Hawthorne Blvd. and 174th Street and Pacific Coast Highway.

Councilman Beasley referred to the concrete piers the State is sinking in the divider strip down the freeway there, and said up north he had seen similar strips being planted with oleander and flowers, and he wished we could have the same here instead of the unsightly concrete piers.

Councilman Benstead said some of the local garden clubs are now in correspondence with the State about the possibility of planting these strips.

Councilman Bradford said the State is doing that work, and he thought we should get busy and get some limits on State highways inside our City.

Mayor Isen thought the State should plant flowers there as well as the concrete piers, and he asked the City Attorney to contact the Attorney General to see what we have to do to get the State to put acceptable speed limits on the State's highways inside our City boundaries.

The City Attorney said the State Vehicle Code states very clearly that this is a prerogative of the Traffic Dept. of the State Highway Division.

It was agreed that the Traffic Commission should make some recommendations on these limits to the Council and then the Council could write to these people.

Councilman Beasley said we should go and talk to them.

Councilman Jahn thought this should be referred to the Traffic Engineer when we get him.

Councilman Bradford said that might take too long, and he believed we should do this now.

Mayor Isen moved that the Traffic Commission study the areas in question and make recommendations to the Council on suitable speed limits, so that the Council could take appropriate action. He so ordered.

Councilman Jahn asked that the record show he was opposed to this, and would have voted "NO" had a roll call been taken.

There were no other objections.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, the Airport Manager renewed his recommendation that a Senior Airport Attendant be appointed. He gave a resume' of his reasons for this request.

Councilman Benstead moved this be denied.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated August 28, 1959, A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., reported that the West Basin Water Association has voted its annual assessment at 36¢ per acre foot, which is now due, along with the annual membership fee of \$100.00. This makes a total of \$742.78, and he recommended this be paid.

Councilman Jahn moved this \$742.78 be paid.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated August 28, 1959, the Supt. of the Water Dept. recommended that we purchase certain water meters from the Hersey Mfg. Co., the only suppliers of this type of meter, in the amount of \$9,485.75.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur, saying the users of these meters would pay for them.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mr. McVicar answered questions from the Council by saying these are the only such meters made, and we would actually only be holding them for the eventual users.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated September 3, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 1123, which had been approved by all Councilmen present (Blount absent) at the time of its first reading on September 1, 1959.

#### 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 dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1123.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1123 at its second and final reading.

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

#### 2. ORDINANCE NO. 1124

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CITY CLERK TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR EXTRA DUTIES.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1124.

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

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 1124 at its first reading.

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

#### 3. ORDINANCE NO. 1125

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1117 BY ADDING CERTAIN POSITIONS WITH THEIR SALARY RANGE TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1125.

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

Councilman Blount moved to approve Ordinance No. 1125 at its first reading.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale explained his vote by saying he does not approve of the job description for the nurse, and therefore would not approve this.

#### REPORTS:

1. The Office of the City Clerk reported that a Complaint and Summons had been received by them on August 31, 1959, in Superior Court Case No. 729197, the action of Tillie Eron against the City of Torrance, Torrance Municipal Bus lines, et al, for injuries and damages allegedly sustained on May 20, 1959, as the result of an accident involving a City Bus on which plaintiff was a passenger. Submitted by attorney for plaintiff, Wm. Sternfeld of SAMSON, STERNFELD, GOLDWASSER & SISKIND. This had been referred to the City Attorney, having been denied at the regular meeting of the City Council held on July 30, 1959.

#### PROCLAMATIONS:

1. With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of September 21-28, 1959, as GREAT BOOKS WEEK in the City of Torrance.

2. At this time Mayor Isen read the following Proclamation, which he directed be carried in the Minutes:

PROCLAMATION DECLARING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH,  
AS THE DAY FOR MEDITATION AND PRAYER.

WHEREAS, Mr. Khrushchev arrives in the United States next Tuesday, September 15th, as the leader of a world-wide movement which denies God and man's God-given liberty, which visit has disturbed many of us; and at the same time we all support the President in his ardent desire to bring peace to a troubled world; and

WHEREAS, something should be done to impress upon Mr. Khrushchev and his entourage the fact that we are a spiritual nation with a steadfast faith in God; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States it is being suggested that a national minute of silence for meditation and prayer can accomplish a unity of all Americans in a way that will strengthen the President's hand during his meetings with the Soviet leader, while at the same time bearing witness to our nation's faith in God and devotion to freedom; and

WHEREAS, the idea is simple -- a minute of silence from 11:00 A. M. to 11:01 A. M. (local time for each city) on the morning of Mr. Khrushchev's arrival on September 15th, the same to be observed simultaneously and nation-wide;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Albert Isen, as Mayor of the City of Torrance and together with other communities of our nation, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, September 15th, as a day for meditation and prayer in Torrance, and particularly that 11:00 A. M. to 11:01 A. M. be observed as a minute of silence for meditation and prayer, and I call upon the people of this community, City officials, businessmen, workers, housewives, school children, in short - everyone - to observe it.

It is requested that a copy of this Proclamation be sent forthwith to the churches and newspapers of Torrance, in order that our people be informed.

Dated this 8th day of September, 1959, at Torrance, California.

S/Albert Isen, Mayor.

Councilman Jahn asked that the record show a vote against the first part of that.

Mayor Isen then read the 'Creed for Meditation' prepared for the National Minute of Silence to be observed on September 15, 1959, by the Foundation for Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order.

Councilman Jahn moved that a Proclamation also be prepared for a minute of silence expressing our gratitude on the day the Soviet Premier leaves our country.

Councilman Blount said there was nothing in the Charter which gave the Mayor the exclusive right to make a Proclamation.

Mayor Isen said a proclamation such as Councilman Jahn asked could be prepared if Councilman Jahn wished. He said the minute of meditation he has proclaimed here is a national thing.

Councilman Blount took the same exception Councilman Jahn took to the first portion of this Proclamation.

It was agreed that the Council concurred in the essence of the Proclamation.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Manager Stevens read to the Council the terms of the bid on the property at Torrance Airport.

It was pointed out that they were not offering 'gallonage' to the City, and Mr. Graziadio, who was present to represent the bidders, said they were offering a fair rental figure.

The City Manager said the bidders had filled out the lease which had been distributed.

Councilman Jahn said there is a grocery store planned in the development, and this would not bring in the sales tax revenue the City would want.

The City Manager said he would have to check to be sure of the figure on this.

After further brief discussion, Mayor Isen asked to have the lease, as it was filled out by the bidder, duplicated and sent to the Councilmen for study.

The City Manager said he would do this.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. Bldg. Supt. Lee Schlens thanked the Council for their approval of his attendance at the conference in San Antonio. He explained the membership and purposes of that organization, and said he would like to have a letter from the Council requesting that the meetings either be held on the Pacific Coast or that they be split in the future, saying it would be better than to send a representative such a long distance.

Councilman Beasley moved such a letter be drafted.

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

3. Mr. Peebles thanked the Council for approving his attendance at the conference he will attend.

4. Mr. Peebles told the Council that their inspection has revealed that 522 oil wells are in the City, involving 120 companies; there are 39 sumps. They have found 225 violations of the oil well ordinances, and the notices are being sent out now on these. Corrections will be ordered and must be complete by November 30th. These will be checked on.

5. Mayor Isen referred to the draft of a Resolution forming the Civic Center Development Committee which had been called for, and the City Attorney said it is not ready yet.

6. The City Attorney asked if the Council was ready to discuss the ordinances held over from last week, and was told the Council would like to study these further.

7. Councilman Beasley said several people had contacted him from the Council and Commissions, and that he would ask that the City Attorney re-draft the Resolution on the Civic Center Development Committee and make the Library Commission, the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission members all ex-officio members of that Committee.

This was discussed, and the City Attorney said the Resolution provides for the members of those Commission to participate in the Committee's work when they are needed.

Councilman Beasley said this would indicate to them that they will be consulted in the plans.

8. Councilman Benstead said on 230th St. just east of Hawthorne there is a place where some lines have been put in and the street has not been resurfaced. This is a dangerous situation and should be repaired at once.

9. Councilman Bradford said last spring we discussed the fact that we had planted grass in three parks, and should put rest rooms in them. He asked if this is progressing.

The City Manager said Public Works is working on these plans. He said these would be paid for from the money from the special tax.

10. Councilman Bradford asked if we had an easement to the 27-acre Dominguez sump, and if so, whether it had a reversionary clause, and whether we could put a golf course there.

The City Manager and the City Attorney said this was subject to a couple of conditions, but the City Attorney thought they would allow this use as long as it is a City-owned course.

Councilman Bradford said he thought that the people in that area should be allowed to put recreational facilities there if we do not.

11. Councilman Drale said we should be working to get Arlington St. through; he said the corner there is very dangerous.

The City Manager said he would write to the Pacific Electric and see what could be done about putting the street on through their easement.

Councilman Blount said he believed they were asking a ridiculous price for that. He suggested we put the street on through and wait to see what would happen.

Councilman Beasley said they might close this.

The City Attorney said they would probably get out an injunction against us.

The City Manager said they had objected because they do not want to have two crossings so very close together. If we could eliminate one of the crossings, we might be able to work it out better. We have not vacated that one. The Engineer is working on the plans for that now.

Mayor Isen suggested that the City Manager contact them about this, and Mr. Stevens said he would.

12. Councilman Bradford referred to the latest Staff Minutes, saying he meant Item I under B, August 24 Minutes, re the sewer mains; he asked if that meant the people who maintain the sewers are devoting their time so that man can keep his private enterprises open, and if so, whether he paid the men.

Mr. Peebles said that enterprise has been shut down.

Councilman Bradford asked about the rodding equipment which has been ruined, and whether that would be brought up at the same time, saying he hoped it would.

13. Councilman Beasley said he thinks the City has been too soft in its attitude with most of the public utilities over the past few years, referring to the matter of Arlington Avenue.

Councilman Drale asked if any of the Councilmen had used that street, saying it has a really dangerous corner in it.

Mayor Isen said the City Manager would write to the Pacific Electric about the crossing.

14. Mayor Isen asked that the Council be polled on the appointment of John Wallace to the Airport Commission, saying Mr. Wallace had been nominated last week.

The nomination was unanimously approved.

Mayor Isen believed Mr. Wallace would be a splendid addition to the Commission.

15. Mayor Isen made the following nominations to the Civic Center Development Committee:

Mrs. Eve Bisou and Mr. Dick Barman, Secretary of the Oil, Atomic and Chemical Workers' Union.

15. Mayor Isen said he has been informed that Mr. Laurence Wing has resigned from the Planning Commission, and he asked the Councilmen to give him their nominations privately, so they may be considered. He asked that the Hollywood Riviera residents be represented on this important Commission.

Councilman Beasley thought someone from Waltheria should be considered.

Mayor Isen said Hollywood Riviera needs representation there.

Councilman Drale suggested Mr. Kenny Watts be considered.

16. Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 P. M.

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

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance