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Torrance, California
September 15, 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 15, 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, and Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Capt. Maestri of the Police Department 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 Council Meeting of September 8, 1959, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk prior to 5:00 P. M. on October 6, 1959, for furnishing the following equipment:

Ten (10) to Twenty (20) doors, overhead.

Councilman Bradford asked if these would be formal or informal bids, and the City Manager said they would be formal bids.

L. WING:

Mayor Isen announced that the Council had been informed by the Planning Director that Commissioner Wing has resigned from the Commission, and that the Commission had ordered a letter of gratitude be written to him to thank him for his intelligent and devoted service to the City during the past several years.

Councilman Beasley moved that a letter be sent to Mr. Wing from this Council, as well, expressing their gratitude to him.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with Mayor Isen directing City Clerk Bartlett to prepare the letter.

Councilman Drale nominated Mr. Robert "Bob" Burns of the Hollywood-Riviera area to replace Mr. Wing on the Commission, saying he did not know Mr. Burns's address, but his is a realtor in that section of the City.

Mayor Isen said some time ago, he had received a letter which suggested that the Commission have as one of its members a licensed engineer; the letter had given many substantial reasons for that recommendation. He suggested that the Councilmen keep this in mind when nominating members for the Planning Commission.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A September 4, 1959, letter from the Torrance Airport Businessmen's Association was signed by Edward Dietrich, Jr., President. In the letter, the Association reported on the need for an instrument approach facility and a Terminal Omni Station at the Torrance Airport.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to have the letter sent on to the Airport Commission. He felt that from this letter, the Commission could understand that they have a real obligation to the City to make the Airport one which could be used by both private and company-owned planes, and they should be working toward that condition as quickly as possible.

Mayor Isen agreed, and the letter was ordered, referred to the Airport Commission. Mayor Isen went on to say he believed the Airport Businessmen's Association is a vital instrumentality on the Airport, and that the Council should order the City Clerk to write to them suggesting they send their letters directly to the Airport Commission, and asking that they have a representative attend those meetings.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed the City Clerk to write the letter outlined.

2. With a letter dated September 4, 1959, William E. Payne, Executive Officer of the State of California Board of Administration State Employees' Retirement System, discussed federal legislation, HR 213. Under this bill, the State of California would be added to the list of states permitted to extend OASDI to policemen and firemen.

Councilman Drale moved the necessary survey be made and referred to the City Manager.

The City Manager interjected that the State law becomes effective September 18, and there is little doubt that the President will sign the bill. If the Council approves this, we should have a poll of the police and firemen to see if they wish to join; if they do, it would mean that we would have a uniform retirement system throughout the entire City system.

Councilman Benstead understood this has to be done by a vote of the employees; he asked if the City Manager wants to set up this vote.

The City Manager said the first thing we must have for this is the Council's opinion, and if they approve it, the State will handle the election.

There were no objections, and this was ordered referred to the City Manager for the necessary work to be done, as the Council did not in any way object to this.

3. A sheet entitled "Suggested Precinct Consolidations, City of Torrance, April 12, 1960", was handed to the Council.

This was ordered held for consideration later in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated September 11, 1959, the City Manager submitted to the Council for consideration and approval the following items:

PERSONNEL:

- a. That Police Chief Bennett be authorized to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference to be held in New York City September 27 to October 1, 1959, with appropriate expenses paid (supporting material submitted).

EXPENDITURES:

- a. To Brown-Bevis Industrial for purchase of one C-J-25-HL Drott Hydraulic Pump for TD-14-A in City Garage, the sum of \$432.90 plus tax (a budget item).

APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE:

- a. That the sum of \$34,933.11 be authorized to cover the unbudgeted cost of the sweeper and packer units. It is believed that this is more economical in the long run than borrowing the money and paying interest in the interim (supporting material submitted).

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the items under Personnel, Expenditures, and Appropriations from Unappropriated Reserve as recommended by the City Manager.

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

2. With a letter dated September 10, 1959, the City Manager submitted a summary of the salary survey requested by the Council of those positions receiving a 2½% increase in salary on July 1, 1959. The letter also reported that with regard to the Council's direction that any salary survey data which the employees wished to submit be filed with his office, he had received no data to date on September 10.

Mayor Isen suggested that the letter from Local #1135, AFSCME, signed by Donald E. Tandy, Secretary, as submitted by the City Clerk, should be considered along with this.

Councilman Jahn said we had asked them to submit their survey to the Council, and they had not; he could see no reason for them to complain under those circumstances.

Councilman Beasley moved that this letter from the City Manager and the letter from Local #1135 named by the Mayor be received as information and ordered filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale asked that the two items be separated, saying he wished to vote "NO" on one of them.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Drale.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion, to move that the letter from the City Manager and the attendant survey be received and filed.

Amendment accepted by the second.

Councilman Benstead moved to table the motion.

Motion to table seconded by Councilman Bradford.

The motion to table was declared out of order.

The motion to receive and file this letter and report from the City Manager carried, by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale felt this had nothing to do with the salaries; he felt this simply meant the report was filed, and he saw no reason to do otherwise with the report.

Councilman Drale said he felt that all the City's employees should have had a 5% increase at the same time, instead of some getting only 2½%.

Councilman Jahn moved that the letter from the Executive Board, Local #1135, AFSCME, signed by Donald E. Tandy, Sec'y., re a wage survey, be filed.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked if item H-2, the letter and report from the City Manager, could not be reconsidered upon proper motion.

Councilman Drale said if it is agreed that the City will pay those employees who got a 2½% wage increase this year a 5% increase instead, he would be agreeable.

Councilman Bradford said the survey had been requested when the janitors made their request, and it covers the several classifications which got only 2½% increase this year.

Councilman Drale requested to change his vote to "NO" on the motion to file the City Manager September 10 letter and report.

Councilman Jahn said this was out of order, because we had attended to another matter since that vote was taken.

Mayor Isen disagreed, saying that filing the other letter was simply action on a companion piece.

This was discussed briefly, with the various Councilmen and the City Attorney expressing opinions.

Mayor Isen ruled that Councilman Drale's request was in order, and said the matter was on the table for further consideration.

Councilman Drale moved that all employees who received the 2½% increase this year be given another 2½% increase, making their wage increase 5% this year.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Beasley said we had spent a lot of money and time on the surveys of the salaries this year, and the question had been thoroughly discussed. The Council had voted to approve the budget with the actual wages as approved a part of that budget. To change the salaries now would be to use money out of our low unappropriated reserve, which is very small and which we need badly. The City's employees in question are now being paid far above the average. He said the Council had tried in every way to bring the salaries the City pays into line. This is a time, he said when the Council should stand firmly on the budget as it was adopted.

Councilman Drale moved to amend his motion to specify that the 2½% additional increase covered by that motion be effective as of the date the other employees got their 5% increase.

Councilman Benstead seconded the amendment. He felt the reports handed to the Council by Administration were not surveys at all, but comparisons. He pointed out that we have no way of knowing what work the men in other cities do, how many men they have to do the work, and so forth.

Councilman Beasley used the bus drivers as examples, and said they do the same work in other cities.

Mr. Frank Visca, International Representative of the AFSCME, said the men who will get these increases live in our City, and their salaries affect the entire City. The Union does not normally approve of percentage increases, but this equalization should surely be made.

Councilman Bradford asked if the City has a contract with the Union Mr. Visca represents, and the City Manager said we do not.

Councilman Bradford said then he, for one, did not care to listen to any more speeches from Union representatives.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute motion, that in lieu of this increase, the City Manager be directed to negotiate the sale of the bus lines, so we can save the \$40,000 deficit we expect to have this year, saying he could not see why we should have an even greater deficit, which will be incurred by our increasing the drivers' salaries even more.

Motion declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen said that perhaps the City personnel who were given 12% to 14% increases would consider limiting themselves to the 5% increase given the great body of City employees and this 2½% increase could be paid from that money.

Councilman Jahn moved the previous question, and asked for the roll call.

Councilman Beasley seconded this motion.

A gentleman in the audience had arisen to be heard, and Mayor Isen told him the Councilmen were trying to avoid hearing him.

Councilman Jahn protested, saying he had made the motion before the man stood up, and he asked that the statement be stricken from the record.

Mayor Isen objected to having it stricken, saying he had made the statement and he wished it to remain in the record.

The motion calling for the previous question carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale's motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved to hear Mr. Simmons, the gentleman who had come forward to be heard.

Councilman Beasley moved the next order of business.

Councilman Benstead seconded Councilman Drale's motion to hear Mr. Simmons, and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Simmons said he is a Rubbish Inspector for the City, and he wished to speak for the Operators I; he said the test given does not correspond to their duties.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed him to take a question of that kind to the Civil Service Board, as the Council would have no jurisdiction.

Councilman Bradford moved that the Custodians be given an additional 2½% increase effective as of the date City employees were given 2½% and 5% increases this year, saying this would mean that the Custodians would receive a 5% increase this year.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley said the survey shows they make 8% more than men make in corresponding jobs in similar cities.

Councilman Bradford said he had just chosen them; he felt many inequities exist under the Ordinance which need correction, and when they are corrected it will affect others but will not affect the custodians.

Councilman Beasley said he would like to know how our salaries for custodians compare with those paid by the School District, etc.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale said he did not think this was fair, and he felt all those who got 2½% should have been given 5%.

Councilman Benstead felt that the 2½% increases had been indicative of discrimination.

3. A September 11, 1959, letter from the City Manager concerned the Consolidation of Voting Precincts, and he reported that:

"Attached is a report of the effects of a consolidation of voting precincts in the April 1960 general municipal election.

"Maps showing consolidations will be available at the Council meeting of September 15. At this time it will not be necessary to make a decision of exact precinct consolidation but our election supplier, Mr. Wheeler, has indicated that he would like to know whether or not the Council plans to utilize the county voting precincts or a consolidation thereof so that he can make arrangements for delivery of ballot boxes, voting booths, etc."

The City Manager presented the map referred to by his letter, and the Council studied this.

Councilman Jahn, after questioning the City Manager, said we would save about 1/3 by using this method.

Mayor Isen felt that people would vote if we do make this consolidation, pointing out that during the last School Board election, 55% of the voters had turned out to vote.

Councilman Beasley moved for consolidation at two to one for the Municipal election in 1960.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn moved to amend the motion to exclude County Precinct #152 from consolidation because it is so large.

Mr. Robert Carleson, Administrative Aide, explained to the Council that Precincts No. 152, 153, and one other would probably be excluded or broken up into smaller precincts. He added that the Council was not now setting the exact consolidation.

Mayor Isen agreed that some of the very large precincts should not be consolidated with another in toto.

Mr. Carleson said the exact consolidations would come before the Council later. He said we were just deciding now how large the precincts would be.

Councilman Blount asked to go on record at this time as saying if we do this, we will be sorry. He thought that this would be like going out of the way to prevent people from voting, and we should make it as easy as possible. He felt to consolidated these precincts would be to make an error. With even a minimum number of propositions on the ballot, the margin for error would be tremendously increased and the time element extended greatly.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Isen.

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

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The City Manager said then we would have to use the County precincts.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Engineering Matters:

1. With a letter dated September 10, 1959, City Engineer W. M. Nollac submitted a letter re Reimbursement District No. 2, (Joe-Don Enterprises, Inc.), showing the calculations used to determine the fees required. The letter and its contents had been approved by Wade E. Peebles, the Director of Public Works. A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary Agreement was submitted with the letter.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the City Clerk had 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 any such ordinance or resolution in regular order; excepting from this motion those resolutions and ordinances having to do with the expenditure of funds.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3766

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JOE-DON ENTERPRISES INC., A CORPORATION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3766.

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

2. With a letter dated September 9, 1959, W. M. Nollac, City Engineer, submitted a report requested by Councilman Drale relative to fees and work to be done by the Engineers on Narbonne Ranch Water Dist. #3.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. In a letter dated September 10, 1959, the City Attorney discussed the Dominguez Water Co. litigation, and asked the City Council which course he should follow, saying they should now decide whether he should (a) have all the work done in his office, (b), hire new outside counsel, or (c) continue to hire Mr. Tackabury and his firm.

Mayor Isen did not think we should continue to retain Mr. Tackabury, saying he felt their fees are far too high.

This was discussed at great length.

Councilman Jahn moved that we drop the suit against the Dominguez Water Co.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn said he made this motion because we will soon have an opinion on the hearing already held, and if it is not acceptable to us, he felt we should then make a decision and probably appeal it.

Councilman Drale objected, saying if we did this he did not see how we could claim the system after 10 years.

Councilman Bradford said we are waiting for a calm decision on this now, and then we can start litigation if we need to. He could see no reason to keep anyone on the payroll when there is a chance we will not need them again.

Councilman Beasley moved this be tabled until the PUC has rendered their decision.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

The City Attorney explained the time element involved, and the necessity for preparation and prompt action.

This was discussed at some length, with Councilman Drale explaining that he was familiar with the history of this and we should not drop the matter.

Councilman Drale and the Mayor were in agreement on this, with Mayor Isen saying he felt the paragraph in which the agreement says it is subject to approval of the PUC is redundant, as this was an agreement between gentlemen, and everyone concerned had been legally empowered to sign it.

Motion to table carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Drale, Jahn.

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

2. The City Attorney submitted to the Council the lease on 8.4 acres on the NW corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw as filled out by Ray A. Watt, George M. Eltinge & W. E. Hoppe for study.

Mayor Isen asked the term of years on Page 6-B for the completion of construction.

The City Attorney said 5 years; this had inadvertently been omitted from the copies sent the Council for study.

Councilman Blount referred to Page 4, where Item C makes reference to gallonage. He recalled that always in the past when we had discussed leasing this we had been offered from 1/2¢ to 3/4¢ per gallon on gas sold at that corner. He said he would really like to prohibit a gas station there, but as he could not, he wished to include gallonage as a part of the over-all picture.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Bert Lynn, an operator of and owner of several stations, what he thought the gallonage there would be, and Mr. Lynn replied that in all probability there would be about 50,000 gallons a month pumped there.

The City Manager said at 1/4¢ per gallon, that would mean income to the City of about \$125 per month.

Mr. Graziadio, representing the makers of the proposal, said they had offered about \$3,000 per year more than the appraised value of the property rather than including gallonage. He stated he was not empowered to accept such an amendment without consulting the men who are concerned with him in this.

Councilman Blount just suggested that 1/4¢ per gallon be offered to the City as gallonage.

This was discussed at some length, and when members of the Council referred to previous offers from Mr. Eltinge which had contained a gallonage provision, Mr. Graziadio said that offer had been entirely separate from this.

After further discussion, the City Attorney said the principals have had their attorney call him, as they have some technical changes in the lease they would like to have made, and he has

an appointment to meet with him tomorrow morning, September 16.

Mayor Isen moved to approve this lease in principal, subject to technical changes, with the proviso that Item C on Page 4 show a gallonage fee to the City of 1/4¢ per gallon.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount mentioned the fact that 5 years for completion should be inserted, and Mr. Graziadio said they have agreed to that.

Councilman Jahn asked if they are responsible for, and will put in, the improvements, and the City Attorney said they are and that the paragraph on that point is quite rigid. The City Attorney said the service road is not a part of the improvements they must install.

Mayor Isen asked if the first year's rent is payable in advance, and the City Attorney said it is.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION NO. 3767

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL AND DESIGNATING ITS ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES.

Councilman Benstead objected to that part of Section 1 reading "or owners or employees of industries or commercial establishments in the City", saying he felt everyone on any Commission, Board, Committee, or City body should be a resident of the City.

Councilman Blount agreed.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this was in agreement with the Resolution setting up the Civic Center Promotion Committee.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3767 with that portion of Section 1 to which Councilman Benstead objected to be deleted.

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

Mayor Isen asked the Council to submit their nominations for this group as quickly as possible.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3768

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A CIVIC CENTER PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND DESIGNATING ITS ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3747.

Councilman Blount moved to delete that portion of Section 1 reading "or owners or employees of industries or commercial establishments in the City".

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3768 as corrected.

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

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

Mayor Isen said he would have to notify one of his appointees to this Committee, Mr. Dick Baumann, Secretary of the Oil, Atomic & Chemical Workers Union, of this change, as Mr. Baumann lives in Redondo Beach. Some other members of the Council would have the same task to perform with some of their appointees, he said.

Councilman Beasley thought the City Manager had a list of the appointees, and the City Manager said he does have a list of the appointments made so far, and all Councilmen except Councilman Benstead have made their appointments.

Mayor Isen suggested that these be made without delay in order that the Committee may begin to function.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 3769

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 Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3769. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated September 9, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1124, which had been unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at the time of its first reading on September 8, 1959.

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 Drale moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1124 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously at its second and final reading.

2. With a letter dated September 9, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1125, which was approved at its first reading with all Councilmen present and only Councilman Drale casting a dissenting vote.

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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1125 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the

following roll call vote:

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

3. The City Attorney submitted the improvement ordinances, which he had given the Councilmen for study, asking if the Council was ready to consider these now.

Councilman Drale moved to hold these over for another week.

Mayor Isen so ordered, as there were no objections.

Councilman Drale asked if it would be possible to meet and discuss these before the next Council meeting, and the City Manager reminded the Council that they are to meet with the Library Board and Mr. Henderson at 6:45 P. M. next Tuesday.

Mayor Isen thought perhaps the Council could finish their discussion with the Board and still have about 15 minutes to go over these with the Attorney.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. With concurrence of the Council, Mayor Isen said he took pleasure in proclaiming September 17 through 20 as Constitution Week, and Thursday, September 17, as Constitution Day, and urged our citizens to display the new 49-star Flag on that day.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Frank Visca, International Representative of the Southern California Council of Public Employees, Local #1135, began reading to the Council the letter written by them to the Council which had been filed earlier in the meeting.

Councilman Jahn moved this be filed, as a matter of record.

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

2. Mayor Isen requested the Koebig & Koebig representative to wait until after all other oral discussion from the audience was complete, so the Council could have all the time with him they need.

At 7:00 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 7:05 P. M.

3. Mayor Isen said that Mr. Childs, the President of the Home Savings & Loan Association, had sent us a photo of their plans for the building they are now remodelling, and he presented it for the Council to view. Mayor Isen said they will not be able to get the building complete by the deadline they had set because of the delay in receipt of a shipment of marble for the facade of the building.

2. Mr. Frank Visca, representing the Local #1135, asked what disposition had been made of the letter they submitted this evening. He felt the subject matter in the letter should have been considered.

Mayor Isen said the Council had considered the letter as information and it had been filed. He went on to tell Mr. Visca that this Council has no jurisdiction over the City's employees, and that the City Manager is the City's personnel officer. He said he would request the City Manager to reply to the letter if the Union wished a reply.

Councilman Benstead believed that the City employees should be directed to contact the City Manager on matters which affect them. He pointed out that under our Charter, the City Manager has personnel authority, and he should not go to any Department Head.

Councilman Beasley said he knew the right to organize and negotiate has been recognized by this Council for many years; the letter was about something a Department Head said. The policy here is set by the Council and not by the Department Heads, and for that reason he considered the letter out of order.

3. Mr. Ed Shober, a resident of Southwest Park and a representative of the Tordondo Little League, wished to talk to the Council about getting other space for their games, saying they now have a field which is a part of the land for West High School. He was interested in Entradero Sump.

Mr. Shober was directed to present this to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

4. Mr. Art Kretschmer, who said he is the owner of an apartment house across the street from the golf course in North Torrance, protested the manner of rubbish collection and billing. He explained the difference between the City's method of collection and those of private rubbish collectors.

There were no objections, and Mr. Kretschmer was told to take this up with the Director of Public Works.

Mr. Kretschmer agreed to do so, but told the Council he hoped they would consider allowing apartment houses to be considered as 'commercial' collections.

Mayor Isen asked for a report on this from Mr. Peebles, the Director of Public Works, and that Mr. Kretschmer be notified when the report would be before the Council.

5. Mr. Haas Graham, a representative of Koebig & Koebig, came forward to discuss with the Council the work of the WALTERIA Lake drainage project.

Mr. Don Wilson, of Don Wilson Builders, his engineer Mr. Koenig, and Mr. Nick Harrison also came forward.

Mr. Graham presented a large map showing the 4 projects his firm had been retained by the City to engineer. He said they felt Project 584, the WALTERIA Lake drainage project, was worthy of consideration for several reasons. He said the area involved consists of about 2,500 to 2,600 acres. It is a major area now subject to serious flooding. The bond issue envisaged a sump in a general area outlined by green lines on the map before the Council, the sump being about 50' deep and having about 25 acres of area. The outlet from this sump would be into Project 245, built under the 1952 bond issue. He said those outlet facilities would be inadequate, as they were never designed to handle that much water. The facilities in question have a capacity of only about 50 second feet, and would eventually deposit the water in Bixby Slough. At this rate, it will take from 10 to 15 days to empty the sump. With that in mind, Koebig & Koebig engineers had thought another look should be taken at this.

There are two other ways to get the water out of this sump by gravity; one is to the east to Bixby Slough, and the other is to the west to the ocean. He believed the tunnel to the ocean would be cheaper than directly to Bixby Slough because it is shorter. They had investigated and have some rough cost figures.

In the first place, Mr. Graham said none of these solutions will be really efficient without the system of laterals shown on the map he was presenting to the Council. The cost of these will

be about the same regardless of the ultimate solution. Based upon the hydrology of this 2500 acres, they have calculated that the tunnel should and would handle about 2,000 second feet of water.

As now envisaged, the Walteria Sump will use about \$920,000 in construction funds plus right of way acquisition. There are about 28 acres involved, and in the final determination he did not know what would be. They have been thinking in terms of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per acre, but they do not know what the final figure will be. This means about \$1,250,000 to construct the Walteria Lake Sump; compared to this, the tunnel is in the area of \$3,500,000. Therefore he said we were talking about between 2 and 2½ million dollars. Assuming that \$1,500,000 is available from the County, then in 20 years of pay-back time, it would amount to about 80 or 90 dollars per acre per year. From an engineering standpoint, the tunnel would be much safer.

If a tunnel is built, they believe we should approach the County and ask that their criteria of a 50-year storm should be relaxed, probably to about a 10-year storm. On the basis of a 10-year storm, it appears the area can be pumped into the tunnel and drain by gravity. The area would be generally that west of Madrona. We can then serve about 4,000 acres, and this, on a basis of 20 years of pay-back time, is about \$60 per acre per year.

Mr. Graham thought all could recognize the undesirability of a sump. He pointed out that this tunnel would drain the area very quickly. He said they would not feel free to recommend that the 4,000 acres be connected with the sump, and therefore this sump and others would be perpetuated.

Mr. Graham felt that economically, as much land would be gained by putting in this tunnel, as it will drain faster and as it costs only two or two and one-half million dollars more, this tunnel is within reason.

He added that they were now waiting for the decision of the Council as to what they should do.

Councilman Jahn said he did not know where we could get the money for this; he said the tube to the ocean was not a new idea, and that if it were not for the money we might have had it before.

Councilman Beasley thought he had the answer. He said he had been living with the Walteria Lake area problems for quite a while. Eventually, the people will have to decide what they want. This could be done through a bond issue or an Improvement District. This would require about \$18 or perhaps \$20 per lot per year. He believed all the people would favor such a District, saying the people do not want a city which will be forever bound to sumps. We must face this issue. The Council can vote to establish an Assessment District in that area; besides this, he thought we could get additional funds for this purpose from the County. If we decide now to put sumps there, he said we would be keeping the people of the area in a flood hazard area, and as the engineer has pointed out, the drainage from this can be so slow that the flooded condition could last for many days. He felt the tunnel was the better solution, and that the Council should now decide to build it.

Councilman Drale said the drainage of the area had been brought to the taxpayers as our #1 priority, and the people had voted on it. He asked if there are provisions in the bond issue which would allow us to do this.

Mr. Graham said yes, this would be classified as a "betterment". It can be done. They have discussed this very

informally with the officers of the flood control people; they say it can be done, and that they were impressed with what a small amount of money it would cost. It had been thought at one time this would take from six to eight million dollars, but it will not.

Councilman Jahn said since the bond issue has been approved and the funds are available, if we go ahead and build the 28-acre sump, he would like to know whether this would preclude our building the tunnel later.

Mr. Graham said the system of laterals would have to be laid out to serve either a sump or tunnel, and if they are laid out for the sump they would not go to the pipe.

Councilman Jahn said the sump as a temporary measure would not mean that we had wasted money, as he saw it, and he asked if Mr. Graham agreed.

Mr. Graham said we would have wasted \$1,500,000.

Mayor Isen commended Koebig & Koebig for presenting these alternatives to the Council, but said he could not see where we would get the money. He said the Council was interested in getting the work done forthwith, and asked if all the projects they have for us are being worked on.

Mr. Graham said they are working on them, but this idea has such magnitude and such great possibilities that they thought it should be presented to the Council for a decision.

Councilman Drale thought the areas should be included which are south of this, saying he thought Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, a County area, etc., would also benefit from this, and he felt if we proposed an assessment district they should participate.

Mr. Graham pointed out on the map he was presenting that portion of those areas which would benefit from this.

Councilman Drale felt it would take too long to present this to the people.

Mayor Isen expressed his concern that the delay involved would mean that all other projects under the bond issue would be under way and there would be no money for us.

Mr. Graham agreed that there would be a delay, but said we are entitled to about \$2,000,000.

Mayor Isen said he liked everything about the tunnel idea except the money.

Councilman Beasley thought the Council should apply imagination to this. We have a problem out there and in other areas which this tunnel would solve. If the Council does vote to put in the sump, he hoped we did not have to face the 50-year storm this year.

Councilman Drale asked how many acres of land we would reclaim by this.

The City Manager said the 27 or 28 acres which is proposed for this sump.

Councilman Jahn asked whether the \$3,500,000 discussed here would include the cost of the land, and whether the \$1,500,000 which Mr. Graham had mentioned would be the additional cost here would include land acquisition.

Mr. Graham said it would.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant if we approved the tunnel we would not have the money to buy the 28 acres.

Mr. Graham said we might. He said the Flood Control people had said it is their policy not to transfer right-of-way funds to construction, however, with something which would be as large an improvement as this, he believed they would talk to us.

Mayor Isen thought that with our efficient Administration, Engineering and Public Works Departments, that within a very short while this could be briefed with the alternative and recommendations outlined and presented to the Council and put down in black and white; the sources of the money could also be listed there. He thought the Council should have this information from the professional sources at their command.

Mr. Don Wilson of Don Wilson Builders, said the Council should not overlook the fact that we do have the extension of the runway at the Torrance Airport to look forward to, and this will preclude the development of much of the property west of Hawthorne for many years. If we do go ahead with this tunnel, we will have to leave the equivalent of this 28 acres idle anyway, for that reason. We could use it as a sump for the next few years anyway. The time may come when we can use it as a park.

Mr. Graham pointed out the laterals shown on the map he had presented, and said we have to have them anyway, and they will cost about the same whether we have the pipe or the sump. None of these methods of drainage will be practical without them.

Councilman Benstead asked how large a sump we would need if we put in the pipe.

Mr. Graham thought perhaps an acre or two.

Councilman Blount asked which area it would be in.

Mr. Graham could not say.

Councilman Blount asked which area the sump would drain without the laterals, and Mr. Graham said he could not say.

Councilman Beasley said the area on Ocean Avenue north of this creates another drainage problem.

Mayor Isen asked what was to be accomplished when we put this up as a prime project.

Mr. Graham said an outlet facility for drainage.

Mr. Wilson said any project there would have to take in some land south of the highway, and he thought it would take water from about 230th St., or Lomita Blvd. to the north.

Councilman Jahn said some of the land there is in an area labelled as unfit for human habitation. It will have to remain as it is.

Mr. Wilson presented a map showing the development he proposes of the area, which includes what he said shows their planned drainage.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Wilson if he can drain that area if only the work being done by Koebig & Koebig is accomplished.

Mr. Nick Harrison, one of Mr. Wilson's engineers, said they can drain this to a sump.

Councilman Bradford reminded them that the water table is now very low but will be replenished under the present plans and that they should consider that. He asked if they plan to use the streets in this development to direct the water to the sump, and Mr. Wilson said they are.

Mr. Harrison said they can drain the area with the sump and can make provisions for the water to get there.

Mr. Graham said he was here to find whether the Council wants the sump or the pipe before the engineering can proceed.

Mayor Isen repeated his suggestion that the City's people should give the Council a brief and their recommendations on this. He suggested that the Councilmen who have ideas on this take them up with the City's people.

Mr. Graham said they have talked this over with the County officials, and they have said they will allow no sumps to be built until they see the master plan of the area.

Mr. Graham said they wanted this to be sure the sump would function and drain the 2500 acres. They will want to know what will ultimately be the use of the land.

Councilman Bradford wanted to know if they had said they would allow us the funds for construction of the tunnel.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Graham if the Redondo Beach plans are going forward in such a way that they might participate in such a program as this.

Mr. Graham said that should be investigated if the Council decides on the tunnel. He doubted that this would affect much of Redondo Beach.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen referred this to the City Manager so the reports he had asked for could be sent to the Council.

Councilman Drale thought the City Manager should try to contact the pertinent agencies.

8. President Bert Lynn of the Planning Commission said it has been found that the Land Use Ordinance is in conflict with Resolution No. 3455, adopted about two years after the Land Use Ordinance was adopted. Under Resolution No. 3455, we do require that building lots have 6,000 sq. ft. of land, but we allow them to have as little frontage as 50' for interior lots. He said he was here to ask the Council for permission to bring the Land Use Ordinance into conformance with Resolution No. 3455.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to give the Council a brief on the Resolution in question and put it on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The City Attorney said the Resolution discussed here is very old; it goes back to the Resolution before the Land Use Ordinance. That Resolution has subsequently been amended and certain portion of it have been brought forward but we have never amended some parts of it. Where there is conflict, the Ordinance governs.

President Lynn said the Resolution was adopted after the Land Use Ordinance.

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to present this on the next Agenda.

9. Councilman Beasley informed the Council that there is a vacancy on the Inter-City Highways Committee for a lay member.

Mayor Isen said he would appreciate suggestions as to an appointee.

10. Councilman Beasley asked if the Committee of the Planning Commission which had been working on the Safety Zone on the Airport has any report.

Planning Director Powell said their report is ready and the maps have been prepared; they are waiting only for a Council decision, as to the length of the runway.

Councilman Jahn thought it had been the wish of the Council to try to zone that area as an 'air lane' whether we extend the runway or not.

A written report for the next Agenda was requested by the Mayor.

11. Councilman Drale suggested that the Transportation Committee should be thinking of the fact that the rainy season is approaching and we should have some kind of shelter for the people who use the bus system.

12. Mayor Isen said the Council has been disappointed for the past several years by the fact that the word "Torrance" was not used in the names of tracts, shopping centers, etc. He noted with pleasure that Sears has been advertising the opening of their 'Sears Torrance' store.

Mayor Isen proposed that he write a letter, with the concurrence of the Council, congratulating Sears upon their opening and thanking them for this.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered the City Manager to prepare such a letter for his signature.

13. Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P. M.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance