

MINUTES OF TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 1959

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Torrance, California
September 29, 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 29, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Frank Barkley led the salute to our flag.

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

Mayor Isen thanked Reverend Roleder for giving the invocations for the month of September.

Councilman Bradford asked that the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 22, 1959, on Page 16, Paragraph 2, ORDINANCE NO. 1127, be corrected to show that "Councilman Bradford moved to approve Ordinance No. 1127 at its first reading".

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of September 22, 1959, as corrected.

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

HEARINGS:

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

WEED ABATEMENT HEARING #14 - GROUP OF PARCELS #15 - RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3776, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 3 inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels: no exceptions.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered. Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the Hearing.

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

Mayor Isen noted that a written complaint on this matter had been received from Mr. J. W. Webb, 20648 Victor Street, Torrance, California, and he ordered the letter referred to Director of Public Works Peebles for consideration.

City Clerk Bartlett read the titles of, and assigned numbers to, those ordinances and resolutions shown in these minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3778

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. 3776.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3778.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3778.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. CASE NO. 592 - VARIANCE. (Pleasure Plumbing & Heating - Tony Brander).

Letter of explanation from George C. Powell, Planning Director; Lee Schlens, Supt. of Building; Bert M. Lynn, President of Planning Commission; with signature of approval of W. E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, transmitted location sketch and copy of plot plan covering Case No. 592, Request for a Variance to operate a plumbing and heating company at 18080 Prairie Avenue in Zone A-1, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on September 22, 1959.

Councilman Jahn asked if there was now sufficient parking indicated on the plot plan.

Building Superintendent Schlens stated that they now have a plot plan from the builder that does comply to offstreet parking regulations and the building code.

Councilman Jahn stated he would now remove his objections to Case No. 592, made in the Council meeting of September 22, 1959, and moved to grant the variance according to the plans showing the parking now on file with the Building Department.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford. There were no objections, and it was ordered carried.

2. WAIVERS. A letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, dated September 24, 1959, submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following Waivers:

W-123, D. L. Jackson, 1124 W. 117th St., Los Angeles 44, requesting side yard waiver to permit apartments over garage at 4312 W. 180th Street per correspondence and application submitted at September 2nd Planning Commission Meeting. (Committee, Uyeda).

W-124, Alfred T. Ingram, Jr., 2517 W. 180th Place, requesting waiver of rear yard requirements per application submitted. (Committee, Uyeda).

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

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A claim from Donna J. Awerkamp and Ronald G. Awerkamp against the City of Torrance et al, for damages allegedly sustained as the result of an automobile accident between plaintiff's car and a Torrance police car at the intersection of 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard on July 22, 1959. Claim was submitted by Attorney Elaine B. Fischel, Suite 268, 742 South Hill Street, Los Angeles 14.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny the claim and refer it to the City Attorney.

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

2. A letter dated September 14, 1959, from the Torrance Airport Businessmen's Association, submitted their views on (a) Access road; (b) Placement of electric service poles; (c) Use of parkway underground cable; and (d) Continuance of roadway from present Soderstrom hangar to Crenshaw Blvd. as an access way for Acme Aircraft and others.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the letter to the Airport Commission for their consideration.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. A letter dated September 22, 1959, from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, reported that the 2nd annual Torrance Airport Day celebration was a tremendous success, and extended their appreciation to the Airport Commission for its efforts on behalf of Airport Day.

The letter was ordered to be filed.

4. A letter dated September 20, 1959, from DeVon Motors, 1600 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, California, requested information regarding the possibility of their obtaining a Building Permit for an automobile showroom and light work mechanical shop at 1311 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City was still considering the acquisition of this property for use for off-street parking.

Mayor Isen replied that off-street parking plans for this area had been abandoned.

Councilman Jahn wanted the record to show that this project had been abandoned, and he moved that the program as set up under the Off-Street Parking Ordinance and handled by the Downtown Merchant's Association now be declared abandoned.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked Building Superintendent Schlens to contact Mr. Dimmette, President of DeVon Motors, stating that off-street parking problems would not be involved in their request.

5. A letter dated September 20, 1959, from DeVon Motors, 1600 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, requested permission to place banners on wires across Cabrillo Avenue for advertising during the new car showing. In their letter, DeVon Motors agreed to hold the City of Torrance harmless from any and all claims which might arise from the placement of such banners.

Councilman Blount moved that this request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute motion, that the request be granted but that DeVon Motors be required to carry the proper insurance to cover any claims which might arise.

Substitute motion seconded by Councilman Jahn. There were no objections, and the substitute motion was ordered carried.

6. A letter dated September 18, 1959, from the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association stated that complaints have been received from residents against fencing El Retiro Park, and that they would present their report to the Council on October 13, 1959.

Mayor Isen said that if there were no objections, this matter would be placed on the Agenda for October 13, 1959. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen reminded Administration and the Department of Public Works that the fencing should not proceed until the matter had been heard.

7. A letter dated September 21, 1959, from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by Mrs. Margaret H. Clark, President, urged the Council to institute proceedings for a bond issue to erect facilities in various areas of the City to provide for public meeting places.

Councilman Benstead moved that Mrs. Clark be notified this will be done in the event such buildings are included in a bond issue.

Councilman Benstead's motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Beasley stated that Mrs. Clark is a new appointee to the Civic Center Development Commission.

Mayor Isen moved that the request be referred to the Civic Center Development Commission.

Mayor Isen's motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen was of the opinion that a bond issue large enough to provide for public meeting places would not pass, and he questioned whether public school facilities and auditoriums were being used to the fullest extent by the people of this community. Mayor Isen asked for a committee of three Councilmen to meet with School Board officials to determine whether facilities are being used to capacity and what restrictions there are on their use. Councilmen Beasley, Benstead and Blount agreed to serve, and Mayor Isen agreed to act as alternate.

Councilman Beasley moved that the committee arrange such a meeting with the School Board.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated September 24, 1959, and headed "Miscellaneous Recommendations", the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

EXPENDITURES:

a. For the League of California Cities Conference. That the Mayor, Councilmen, City Manager, Assistant Manager and Department Heads be authorized to attend the League Conference in San Francisco October 18, 1959, to October 21, 1959, with appropriate expenses paid.

b. First payment to the Southern California Edison Company for the installation of 458 steel street lighting standards under lighting district #1, the sum of \$39,846. Monies are held in the Street Lighting Fund for this purpose.

- c. To the Underwood Corporation for the purchase of an Underwood electric typewriter for the Police Department, the sum of \$397.80, low bidder. (A budget item.)

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations under "Expenditures".

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by those present. (Draie absent.)

APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE:

- a. To Don Wilson for paving portions of Henrietta Street and Torrance Blvd. and Plaza Del Amo, the sum of \$4,998.94. The original estimate on the cost to the City for its share of the project was approximately \$12,000. Quantities have been checked.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present. (Draie absent.)

FOR CONSIDERATION:

- a. Survey and Analysis of City Insurance Program. Letter from Assistant City Manager Chapman L. Bone to City Manager Stevens recommended such a program and that the Charles L. Robinson Insurance Consulting Firm be retained to make our survey.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation for an insurance survey and the retention of the Charles L. Robinson Co. be approved at a rate of \$100 per day or \$12.50 per hour, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

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

- b. Request by Southern California Edison Company for an easement along the north side of Civic Center property.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that a Joint Use Agreement could be made so that the City's right to use any portion of the proposed easement for a future roadway or **crossing** would be protected.

After a lengthy discussion, Director of Public Works Peebles stated that, after going over the matter thoroughly, it was his opinion that granting of the easement would serve the best interests of the City.

Councilman Jahn moved the general location only be approved, contingent upon the Council seeing and approving the final agreement.

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

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

- c. Report on WALTERIA Lake Project, from City Manager Stevens, dated September 25, 1959, summarizing the possibility of the use of a tunnel, costing an additional 2 to 2½ million dollars, as an alternate to the proposed sump and pumping plant project included in the 1958 Bond Issue. It was Mr. Stevens' opinion that, due to the difficulty in raising the additional money from any of the sources set forth and a possible delay of several years, the quickest and surest method of draining the WALTERIA Lake Area is to proceed under the provisions of Project No. 584 of the 1958 Bond Issue with the sump and pumping plant project.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Mr. Stevens' report.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by those present. (Draie absent.)

Councilman Draie joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Drale asked if the Council intended to request from that Department of the State which has control of off-shore oil monies funds for a park in the Walteria Lake area. He thought we should pursue this to determine if such a park could be a State Park.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to write a letter to the State requesting this. There were no objections, and it was so ordered. Mayor Isen requested that, when a reply was received, both the letter and reply be put on the Agenda for information only.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A letter dated September 25, 1959, from Director of Public Works Peebles notified the Council that Mr. Don Wolfe, General Contractor, had complied with and met all requirements for completion of work under agreement of June 17, 1959, which agreement is on file with the City Clerk's office. Mr. Peebles requested approval of the Council so that payment might be made to Mr. Wolfe thirty-five days after such approval, as per the agreement.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve this request.

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

2. A letter dated August 3, 1959, from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens advising that the fenced bicycle area on the east side of the Parochial School located at 2371 W. Carson encroaches on public-way. Mr. Peebles asked if the Department of Public Works should advise the School that they must either (a) Move the fence back to the property line; or (b) Obtain a license to use this portion of the public-way.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be authorized to notify the school. He was not interested in having them move the fence.

Mayor Isen asked if the school was aware of the encroachment.

Mr. Peebles said they had not been contacted as yet.

Councilman Drale's motion was lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Attorney be ordered to write to the people concerned, asking them to take one of the two alternatives presented by Mr. Peebles and notifying them they must assume liability for the encroachment area.

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

3. A letter dated September 18, 1959, from City Engineer Nollac, with attached copy of letter from the City of Redondo Beach, requesting participation by the City of Torrance in the signalization of 190th Street at Inglewood Avenue, Anza Avenue, and Rindge Lane. Mr. Nollac recommended that we withhold a definite answer to Redondo Beach on these particular signals until such time as the overall program had been established.

Councilman Drale moved to refer the letter to the Traffic Commission.

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

4. Letter of Transmittal dated September 23, 1959, for Tentative Approval of Subdivision as shown on Tentative Tract Map No. 25033, Subdivider, Chacksfield Homes, Inc. The Planning Commission recommended approval. City Engineer Nollac's comment on the Letter of Transmittal was that he could not recommend the acceptance of these sub-standard lots.

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

Councilman Beasley pointed out that the only entrance to the tract was from Western Avenue; that there was no access to 186th Street; and that left and right turns from and to Western Avenue would create a traffic hazard. He did not believe the design of the tract was an asset to the City.

Mayor Isen pointed out that there was no lot larger than 6,000 square feet, and he believed it should go back to Planning.

Councilman Drale's motion was lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer Tentative Tract Map No. 25033 back to the Planning Commission for re-working by the Planning Commission and the Subdivider.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, there were no objections, and it was ordered carried.

5. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Public Works Director Peebles, dated September 23, 1959, subject: Reimbursement District No. 6, submitted Resolution authorizing agreement with Mr. Doyle V. Davidson, for sewers constructed in an alley east of Hawthorne Avenue from 238th Street north 225 feet.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk had given a number to and read the title to this Resolution, and 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.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3779

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 DOYLE V. DAVIDSON, INDIVIDUAL.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3779.

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

At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:25 p.m.

IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCES:

1. FIRST READING ORDINANCE regulating the division of lots other than subdivisions. (Called the Single Lot Improvement Ordinance)
2. FIRST READING ORDINANCE establishing a sewer revolving fund.
3. FIRST READING ORDINANCE establishing a drainage improvement fund.
4. FIRST READING ORDINANCE amending subdivision ordinance.

5. RESOLUTION changing the engineers' standards for subdivisions.

There was a lengthy discussion of these improvement ordinances. Councilman Jahn moved that the four ordinances and resolution be sent back to the staff of the Public Works Department for more study.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, failed to carry by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Bradford moved to defer consideration of these ordinances and resolution for one week.

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

Mayor Isen ordered City Attorney Remelmeyer to place the improvement ordinances on the Agenda for October 6, 1959.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A memorandum from City Attorney Remelmeyer to City Manager Stevens dated September 2, 1959, advised of potential liability on the part of the City in connection with the Medical Building constructed at the southwest corner of Newton Street and Loytan Avenue, and a portion of which is on public land.

City Manager Stevens said he could not make a final decision on this matter since it was in direct violation of an ordinance.

Councilman Benstead moved that these people be advised of the violation of the ordinance.

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

Mayor Isen ordered City Attorney Remelmeyer to write such a letter.

TRAFFIC MATTERS:

A letter dated September 22, 1959 from Chief of Police Percy G. Bennett, presented the following recommendations:

REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE

Requests for Stop Signs:

1. East and west bound on Calle Mayor at Carlow Road and north and south bound on Carlow Road at Calle Mayor.
2. Reese Road west bound at Dennis Road and Dennis Road south bound at Reese Road. North and south bound on Park Street and Ward Street at 244th Street.
3. Manuel Avenue north bound at Carson Street; Manuel Avenue south bound at 218th Street; Watson Avenue northeast bound at Carson Street; Watson Avenue east bound at Manuel Avenue; 218th Street west bound at Manuel Avenue.

Requests for Parking Restrictions:

1. Request for one-hour parking zone on Arlington Avenue in front of Alter Real Estate office due to overflow of traffic at employment office.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Items 1, 2 and 3, Request for Ordinance.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that Item 1, Request for Parking Restrictions, be ordered filed.

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

Information and Discussion:

1. Need for a signal at Crenshaw Blvd. and Sonoma Street.
2. Moving of existing overhead signal in front of Bishop Montgomery School on Torrance Blvd. to Henrietta Street and Torrance Blvd.
3. Request for posting of "NO PARKING AT ANYTIME" instead of No Parking 2 A.M. to 5 A.M. on Amapola Street from Torrance Blvd. to Dominguez Street.
4. Request from Vel's Ford to create a loading zone in front of their front entrance, eliminating one meter. Denied by the Commission.

Councilman Jahn moved that these matters be referred to the Traffic Engineer when he assumes his position.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections and it was so ordered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Letter dated September 25, 1959, from Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation for approval of Vegas Airways' request to install underground aviation gasoline storage tanks, and request of Shell Oil Company for approval of "Consent and Agreement".
2. Memorandum from City Attorney Remelmeyer dated September 24, 1959, regarding Vegas Air, Inc. lease.
3. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Airport Lease with Acme.
4. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Petroleum Agreement with Acme.
5. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Farming Agreement with Kay Ishibashi.
6. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Airport Lease with Aero-Care, Inc.
7. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Airport Leases with John H. Nagel and execution of License Agreement, submitted with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer dated September 24, 1959.

The concensus of the Council was that these matters should be considered at a special meeting of the Council and Airport Commission.

Councilman Drale moved that a special adjourned meeting be set for 5:30 p.m., Monday, October 5, 1959, of the City Council and the Airport Commission.

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

City Manager Stevens announced that he was going to request a short personnel meeting and work session for Monday, October 5.

Mayor Isen said that these matters could be considered immediately after the Airport matters.

RESOLUTIONS:

City Clerk Bartlett read titles to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3780

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1959-60.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 3780. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3781

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING OCTOBER 13, 1959 AS "JUNIOR CITIZENS DAY"

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3781. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3782

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 Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3782. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated September 25, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 1126, which had been approved by all Councilmen at the time of its first reading on September 22, 1959.

ORDINANCE NO. 1126

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 10 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1094) SETTING FORTH THE RESTRICTIONS AND PERMISSIBLE USES IN ZONE

C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SUBSTITUTING
A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME
SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1126 at its second and final reading.

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

2. With a letter dated September 25, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 1127, approved at its first reading with all Councilmen **present**, with Councilmen Beasley and Jahn voting "No".

ORDINANCE NO. 1127

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1117 (AS AMENDED
BY ORDINANCE 1125) BY GRANTING A 2½% SALARY
INCREASE TO CUSTODIANS

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1127 at its second and final reading.

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

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

3. With a letter dated September 25, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 1128, approved at its first reading with all Councilmen present, with Councilman Blount voting "No".

ORDINANCE NO. 1128

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. 579.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1128 at its second and final reading.

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

4. With a letter dated September 25, 1959, City Clerk Bartlett presented for its second reading Ordinance No. 1129, approved unanimously at its first reading with all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1129

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. 583.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1129 at its second and final reading.

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

REPORTS:

1. The Office of the City Clerk reported that it has on file the following reports of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for the month of August, 1959:

- a. Board of Directors' report of District Operations.
- b. Report of General Manager and Chief Engineer.
- c. Report of Controller's Office.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Copy of a letter from Jefferson Incorporated dated September 29, 1959, signed by Albert Levitt and James S. Bower was handed to the Council. The letter constituted an offer to lease the 8.4 acre parcel located at the corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Boulevard, at "the identical terms currently under consideration, with the exception of an increase in the minimum rent to \$30,000.00".

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that apparently Eltinge et al were not going to do anything in connection with this lease until their Attorney approved it, and that it looked like it would be at least 6 weeks before they would take up negotiations again.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer whether Eltinge et al or the City was legally bound in this matter, and Mr. Remelmeyer replied that neither party was legally bound.

Councilman Beasley moved that the first group who meets with the City's approval, agrees to sign the lease and puts up the money for it, be awarded the lease.

Councilman Jahn felt that if we were not legally bound, we were morally bound to give Eltinge et al first opportunity to submit a signed lease.

Councilman Beasley's motion was lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Jahn moved that Eltinge et al be contacted and given two weeks to give us something binding as per our verbal agreement, and if they had not done so by the end of that time that the offer of Jefferson, Incorporated, be considered.

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

2. Mr. Stevens said that he was trying to set up an MWD trip and that he had two dates for consideration, December 18, 1959, and February 19, 1960. The Council chose the date of February 19.

3. Mr. Stevens reported that he now had all the names of the appointees to the Civic Center Commission and he asked the Council to set a date for an organizational meeting. He suggested next Wednesday or Thursday night, October 7th or 8th. Mr. Stevens said that would notify the members of this Committee.

4. Councilman Bradford asked if people who were appointed to Commissions were notified of their acceptance by letter. He said he had talked to several appointees who had not been.

Mayor Isen stated that he presumed the City Clerk's office notified them, but, if not, the City Clerk was directed to do so.

5. Director of Public Works Peebles said that in accordance with Councilman Bradford's request at budget time to have a planning study and cost made, that he had compiled some information and would like the Council to appoint a committee to meet with him and Mr. Stevens to discuss it.

Mayor Isen appointed Councilmen Bradford, Drale and Jahn as this committee.

6. Councilman Drale asked how we were progressing on the Narbonne Ranch Water districts.

Director of Public Works Peebles said that a Progress Report on No. 3 would be presented next Tuesday.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that in connection with No. 2, they have done some legal work to find out whether or not we could construct improvements outside the City, and they have concluded that we can, but that we will probably have to have a test suit on it. He said that we also have the problem now of the County District; the petition has been filed, and we are checking to find out if the Board of Supervisors will consent to the City serving that area. Mr. Remelmeyer said that a bonding man would be out next week to see if the district is bondable. He said that they were moving along in various channels at once.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City was aware that a petition was being circulated in that area to join District No. 13 of the County; he said the County Assessor has to check the sufficiency of the signatures as to the valuation of the people signing the petition and then it goes to the Board of Supervisors. He said that the City, as an interested party, should determine that a proper check is made of the signatures.

7. Councilman Drale asked if there was any report on signals, particularly the one on 174th and Arlington.

Director of Public Works Peebles said that a complete report would be presented to the Council next week.

8. Councilman Drale asked about the extension of Arlington across 203rd Street.

Director of Public Works Peebles said that plans and specifications will be out next week or the following week.

Mr. Stevens said that he had contacted the Pacific Electric Railway, that they have not come to a decision. They said that they would study the matter and would give Mr. Stevens an answer one way or the other; Mr. Stevens said that he hoped that this would be by next Tuesday.

9. Councilman Drale said that a gentleman had appeared before the Council in regard to the pickup of trash and rubbish, and that it was the decision of the Council to have a meeting. Councilman Bradford suggested the Department of Public Works and the Council Committee for rubbish and trash pickups meet Friday morning to consider this matter.

Director of Public Works Peebles asked that this be continued, and Councilman Bradford said that he would bring it up again next week.

10. Mayor Isen announced that his appointee to the Traffic Safety Council was Mr. Norman S. Benedict, 1892 Cerise Avenue, Torrance. He asked the Councilmen to get their appointments in by next week.

Mayor Isen asked that the Council be polled on his nomination of last week to the Planning Commission of Mr. David Halstead, 374 Palos Verdes Boulevard, Hollywood Riviera.

The result of the poll was as follows:

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

11. A Mr. Leo presented a letter to be read to the Council from Dr. Chesley R. Houske, D.O., stating that Mrs. Mary Leo is suffering from anxiety tension syndrome, due to the fact that the Leo's are unable to complete their new home at 22812 Cypress, because of not being able to obtain water.

The letter from Dr. Houske was ordered received and filed. Director of Public Works Peebles said that Mr. Leo had been in to see him, and that he had been unable to give him an answer until he gets the Narbonne Ranch No. 2 report next Tuesday.

Building Superintendent Schlens said that Mr. Leo had been to see him on this. He did not believe that the property was too far away from City water, but he understood that Mr. Leo had gone to the Water Department to inquire as to the possibility of running a main in that could be absorbed in the future water system. According to Mr. Leo, he could get no answer from them.

Mr. Leo said that he knew there was city water on Orange Avenue, that it was brought in from Santa Fe down to Orange Avenue.

Mayor Isen asked Building Superintendent Schlens to obtain maps of the water mains from Water Superintendent McVicar and to meet with Mr. Leo.

Councilman Bradford moved that the Water Department be placed under the Director of Public Works so that these matters could be coordinated.

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

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

Councilman Jahn asked that City Manager Stevens present a written report of the feasibility of the move.

Councilman Beasley moved that all departments of the City be placed under the Public Works Director. He said he realized that the motion was facetious but that he felt such major changes in City government should not take place without careful consideration and planning.

Councilman Beasley's motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Isen directed Mr. Peebles to get in touch with Water Superintendent McVicar about Mr. Leo's problem.

12. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to reconvene at 5:30 p.m., Monday, October 5.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance