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Torrance, California
October 13, 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, October 13, 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.

Mayor Isen introduced Dr. J. H. Hull, Superintendent, Torrance Unified School District, to the audience.

Mayor Isen introduced Junior Mayor Jim Hawkins and welcomed the Junior Citizens who were participating in the activities observing "Junior Citizens Day".

Junior Mayor Hawkins introduced the following Junior Councilmen: Jerry Duncan, Carol Johnson, Richard Spurgeon, Janet Tharp, Bill Tilley, and Mike Walker.

At the request of Junior Mayor Hawkins, Dr. Hull, Superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, led the salute to our flag.

The Reverend Gerald Garlid, Pastor of The Church of the Good Shepherd, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the Adjourned meeting of October 5, 1959, and the regular meeting of October 6, 1959.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, there were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

HEARINGS:

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

CASE NO. 593, THIRD AND FINAL HEARING before the City Council on petition of Earl Stewart et al, 3852 West 168th Street, for a Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to R-1, R-2 and R-3 (Residential Zones) on property legally described as a portion of Lot 61 and all of Lot 62, LaFresa Tract, situated at 168th Street and Cranbrook. Transmittal Letter from the Planning Commission, signed by President Lynn and Planning Director Powell, and dated October 8, 1959, recommended approval of this Zone change. Attachments to the Transmittal letter were (1) excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of September 2, 1959; (2) Letter dated September 15, 1959, from D. K. Stewart et al; (3) Two location sketches.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Junior Planning Director Mitzie Yoshioka, 4020 West 230th Street, Torrance, presented the case for the Planning Commission, calling attention to the fact that the property owners accepted responsibility for financing the grading; compaction; sewer planning and installation; water, electric and gas planning and installation; sidewalks, curbs and gutters; and rough grading of the street. In return for dedication of land to the City for roads, the City would be required to finance the paving of the roads.

Councilman Drale moved that the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Jahn said he did not believe the City should pay for paving of the streets. He called attention to the fact that the property to be developed consists of 8 contiguous lots, and that under the Subdivision Ordinance, 8 contiguous lots would constitute a subdivision. Councilman Jahn also said the letter from the four property owners dated September 15, 1959, stated that they are commonly represented by C & N Builders, and this gives further indication that the development might constitute a subdivision and that there might be an attempted evasion of the Subdivision Ordinance.

Planning Director Powell said that each of the four property owners had appeared separately before the Planning Commission and each appeared to have his own particular interests. He said that the Planning Commission had gotten them to agree to allocate the property for the extension of 169th Street and Cranbrook Avenue, and he believed the pattern of development was of benefit to the City and the only feasible one for this particularly difficult area.

Councilman Drale said that he lived in this area, that the people of the area were well satisfied with the planned development, and that it had always been City policy where land is allocated for streets for the City to do the paving.

Councilman Bradford asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if the City would not be setting a precedent by paving the streets that might be taken as a matter of policy by other subdividers.

City Attorney Remelmeyer did not think the City would be legally liable but that it could establish a policy.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Remelmeyer if the fact that there are four property owners did not exclude this from the Subdivision Ordinance.

Mr. Remelmeyer stated he was inclined to think that it would if the owners were acting independently of each other, but if they were acting as a unit, then he thought probably Councilman Jahn was correct.

Mayor Isen asked Director of Public Works Peebles if he could give an estimate of the cost to the City of paving the streets.

Mr. Peebles said that it would probably run between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Councilman Jahn moved that the request for zone change be denied.

The motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Bradford moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for a ruling on whether this might be a subdivision, and that the ruling, together with an estimate of cost, be placed on the Agenda for October 27, 1959 for Council consideration.

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

2. CASE NO. 594, THIRD AND FINAL HEARING before the City Council on petition of Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Blvd., for a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-1 on property legally

described as Lot 22, Tract 3218, situated on the south side of Emerald Street, for the purpose of developing property for single residential use. Transmittal Letter from the Planning Commission dated October 8, 1959, signed by President Lynn and Planning Director Powell, recommended approval of the request. Attachments to the Transmittal Letter were excerpts from the Planning Commission Minutes of September 16, 1959 and a location sketch.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Hearing be closed.

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

Councilman Blount pointed out that, if the request were granted, we would have an R-1 zone surrounded by C-2 and R-3 with no buffer between, and he did not think it was good planning.

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

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. WEED ABATEMENT HEARING #16 - (Group #17). RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3789, declaring parcels listed on pages 1 through 4, inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof, excepting the following parcels:

Parcels 16, 17 and 18 - 106;
Lot 2, Meadow Park Tract; Book 709-4, page 421 (Asmt.Bk.)
Parcels 66, 67, 81.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting, and it was ordered received and filed.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that the Hearing be closed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3793

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. 3789.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3793.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3793.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated October 7, 1959, signed by 12 residents of Dominguez Street, requested from the City the future widening of Dominguez Street from Crenshaw Boulevard to Cota.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford commented that this was a problem that had started more than a year ago; the Pacific Electric Railway Company, at a meeting in January, agreed to submit a report on the distance from the center of the tracks to a berm, but such report has not been received. Mr. Bradford thought that several Councilmen should work with the Director of Public Works and the City Manager on this problem, to take care of Dominguez Street, not only to Cota but all the way to downtown Torrance. Mayor Isen and Councilman Bradford were appointed to sit in on a meeting on this matter.

Councilman Blount stated that the letter referred to traffic and parking and that the Traffic Commission should also be consulted, since this is a widening and possibly there is insufficient traffic to warrant a widening of the street.

Councilman Jahn amended his motion to include the suggestions of Councilman Bradford and Councilman Blount, that the matter be referred to the Director of Public Works, the City Manager and the Traffic Commission, with Mayor Isen and Councilman Bradford to attend any meeting arranged with the Pacific Electric Railway.

Amended motion was accepted by the second, there were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. A letter dated October 6, 1959, from the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, signed by Mr. W. J. Hanson, President, stated that the Homeowners Association had voted unanimously to request that the City refrain from fencing more of El Retiro Park than was fenced before the City tore down the fences; however, they did urge that the former fences be rebuilt. The letter further stated it was their expectation that in the flood control program the City would divert as much rain water as possible away from the park and that the City pump immediately after rains if dangerous quantities of water accumulate in the park.

Junior Director of Public Works Don Cannon, of 1744 Elm Street, Torrance, stated that the Department of Public Works considered the park to be a sump, and they therefore could not comply with the request of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association.

Councilman Jahn called attention to the fact that this is a public park and was deeded to the City by the Huntington Land Company to be used for recreational purposes, and if the City designated this as a sump, fenced it as a sump, and prohibited the

use of it as a park, we might run the risk of incurring legal action to take the land back. He said that we had a working agreement, passed as a matter of policy last year, that at any time there is a rain, the Department of Public Works will immediately go in and start pumping the park dry so that it will not be a hazard as a sump. There is only a small portion of the park that would be under water deep enough to be a hazard. Under our County Bond program, the Paseo de Gracia Sump would be drained to the ocean and more water from the Hollywood Riviera section would be diverted to the Paseo de Gracia Sump, thereby eliminating a great portion of the water that now flows into El Retiro Park. By fencing the park completely and locking the gates, Councilman Jahn said, the use of the park would be prohibited to the people of Hollywood Riviera even in times when no such hazard existed.

Councilman Jahn moved that (1) we follow the policy set forth, in pumping the park immediately after a rain so that it would not be dangerous; (2) we replace the fence in its original position so as to not allow cars into the park; and (3) these things be done in order that the City may avoid any legal entanglement.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Dr. Ragnar Thorensen, 204 Vista del Parque, Torrance, spoke on behalf of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association. He said that an overwhelming majority of the property owners signed the petition requesting that only those fences which had been removed be replaced and no additional fencing be done, and that the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association in its October meeting voted unanimously to present this position to the City Council.

Councilman Jahn said there was one more thing that he did not include in his motion but that he would like to have the record show. He said that the people in that area who are most vitally concerned with any dangerous situations which might occur if the City were a day or two late in pumping, are the people who have asked us not to do the fencing; therefore, if anything happens, he felt that the responsibility should be placed on the people in that area and not on the City.

Director of Public Works Peebles, in reply to a question from Councilman Blount, said that those fences which had been removed were fences put up around certain areas in the park, more or less to keep children out of these areas during storms, but they did not meet sump requirements. He said that he had been told there was sometimes a retention of water for two or three days in the park, and that the Park Superintendent had told him that the area remained quite muddy for anywhere from a period of a week on, and that it sometimes required as much as five to eight days to clean the area. Mr. Peebles said he felt it was his duty to call to the Council's attention that in the opinion of the Public Works Department, it is a sump. Mr. Peebles felt that a ruling should be made by the City Attorney as to whether or not the area was a sump, and if the City Attorney ruled that it was not, they would be more than happy not to place chain link fence around the park, in fact it would save the City a considerable amount of money.

Mr. Frank Bartley, 142 Paseo de Gracia, stated that Mr. Jahn brought out the fact that El Retiro Park was called a sump by some people in the City, and whether it is a sump or not, until such time as Paseo de Gracia is drained El Retiro Park will have to take a considerable amount of water. The people in this area, he said, would like to have the City Engineer or the Director of Public Works make a statement before the Council and the Mayor, to be put in the Minutes as a matter of record, as to what has been done insofar as getting the plans formulated for putting in the Paseo de Gracia sump to take care of the water, and as to what

sequence they will be taken care of insofar as whether they will be Priority No. 1 or No. 2. He said that the sooner the drain could be done, the sooner the problem in El Retiro Park would be taken care of because a considerable amount of the water that goes into El Retiro Park will come down around the park and into the drain that is going into Paseo de Gracia. He said that the City of Redondo Beach is very anxious to have the drain in so that they can put the drain in on Avenue E. Due to pumping of water from Paseo de Gracia onto the highway down into the Redondo section, business establishments on Avenue E are endangered. Mr. Bartley said that at this time he would like to have the Director of Public Works make a statement as to when he feels the plans will be finished and if he had any idea at all as to when the drain would be put in.

Mayor Isen said it would be difficult for Mr. Peebles to make an oral report, but he requested Mr. Peebles to make a written report on the matters brought up by Mr. Bartley not later than October 27, with a copy of such report being sent to Mr. Bartley. Mayor Isen said that if Mr. Peebles cared to give a partial oral report, he might do so.

Mr. Peebles said that the plans are in the hands of the engineer. He said that as to when the drain would be constructed, this would be a difficult question to answer since the County Flood Control District sets up priorities based on when the plans come in to them.

Mr. Keely, 200 Vista del Parque, stated that he was in favor of not fencing the park except as it was fenced before. He said that as the fence was placed before, it provided a barrier to automobiles coming into the park itself on the north side. To his knowledge, he said that there were three easement access areas to the park so that anyone could walk in; the fencing was to prevent small children from having access to Highway 101, which was desirable in his opinion. Since the fence was removed, there have been many automobiles in the park doing damage to the grass and there have been many noisy crowds there. One of the reasons advanced for fencing the park was to prevent access at night, he said, but there have been no disturbances at night that he is aware of.

Mr. Stanley Perry, 146 Paseo de Gracia, spoke on behalf of the Hollywood Riviera Tennis Club whose courts are adjacent to the supposed sump, and he said that they were in favor of no fences at all since in the further development of the recreation area they hoped to have more facilities such as a basketball court, volleyball courts and other things. In response to a question by Mayor Isen, Mr. Perry said that he had not been polled on his preference.

Commander William A. Mason, 204 Via la Circula, said that he had been a resident of Hollywood Riviera for 14 years, living 2 blocks from the park, and that he had been President of the Home-owners Association for two terms. He brought forth the fact that the park was given to the citizens of Hollywood Riviera by the original developer in a grant deed in August, 1944. He said that he conceived the idea of donating the land to the City of Torrance, and that this was done for the sum of \$10.00. It was his opinion that if the park was completely fenced by chain link fencing, it would be detrimental. The Recreation Building, which is in the middle of the park, is often used by local civic groups for night meetings, and fencing would make it impossible for the building to be used for such purposes.

Councilman Jahn restated his motion that (1) we follow the policy set forth in pumping the park immediately after a rain so that it would not be dangerous; (2) we replace the fence in its original position so as to keep cars out of the park; and (3) these things be done in order that the City may avoid any legal entanglement.

The motion, which was seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Blount wanted to explain his reason for abstaining. He said that if there is a dangerous area in the park or sump, or if our Engineering Department thought it was dangerous, he would have to go along with them. He said that if a child should be drowned there, whether or not it is popular to have the fence there, he did not want to be on record as having voted for the measure.

Mayor Isen said that while he had voted "yes", he knew it would be quite a while before the bond issue would take care of the drainage problem in that area. In the meantime, he said there would have to be continued vigilance on the part of parents in the area when there are flooded areas, and the City crews would have to be on the job almost immediately to drain the park so that there would be no danger.

At 9:10 P.M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:25 P.M.

Mayor Isen stated that while it was not on the agenda, he noticed Mr. Bob Omatsu in the audience and he asked if the Staff had made a decision on his request. Mr. Omatsu had appeared before the Council on October 6, 1959, stating that he was building a store at 3501 Torrance Boulevard, and he asked permission of the Council to remove a tree which was on City property but which interfered with his proposed driveway.

Planning Director Powell said it was recommended by the Staff that Mr. Omatsu be asked to place a \$60.00 deposit with the Park Superintendent to insure that the proper tree would be put back in after the curbs, gutters and sidewalks are in.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered. Mr. Omatsu said that he would agree to place the deposit.

3. A letter dated October 5, 1959 from the State of California Department of Public Works signed by J. W. Vickrey, State Highway Engineer, referred to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62.

Councilman Jahn moved this be referred to the Department of Public Works.

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

4. A letter dated October 1, 1959 from Harry A. York, 2602 West 166th Place, Gardena, requested that the City take such action as is necessary to insure that notification that dog license fees are due be communicated to owners prior to the deadline. Attached was a copy of Mr. York's letter to the South Bay Humane Society, with which he enclosed his check for dog license fee, in which he stated that he did not consider he owed an additional \$1.50 as a penalty for delinquency since he had just been notified that day that the fee was due.

Mr. Stevens said that the City did plan to get more publicity in the newspapers on the due date for dog licenses than we had this past year, but he did believe that when the due date is indicated on the dog tag itself, this should be sufficient notice.

It was the general concensus of the Council that Mr. York should pay the delinquency penalty.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. York be required to pay the penalty.

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

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

Mayor Isen requested that Mr. Stevens write an explanatory letter to Mr. York regarding this matter.

5. A letter dated October 2, 1959 from N. B. Owen and Son, objected to compulsory payment for Rubbish Collection.

Mayor Isen said that in view of the fact that Mr. Peebles is still assembling a report on rubbish and trash collection, this matter should be continued until October 27, 1959. Councilman Bradford asked that the letter be referred to the Rubbish and Trash Committee. There was no objection to either suggestion, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. In his letter of October 9, 1959 City Manager Stevens submitted the following:

- (a) A report on extension of Arlington Avenue south of 203rd Street, in which Mr. Stevens said Pacific Electric officials have stated that, in view of the vacation of a portion of old Arlington Avenue, they would grant us an easement for the proposed location for the sum of \$625.00. Their policy is to grant easements free of charge on operating property, and to charge for non-operating property.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Stevens' recommendation that proceedings be started for the vacation of a portion of Arlington Avenue as recommended.

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

(b) APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE:

A request has been made for the appropriation of \$6,000.00 for installation of center suspension traffic signals at the intersections of:

- (1) Sepulveda Boulevard and Arlington Avenue.
- (2) Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue.
- (3) Prairie Avenue and 182nd Street.

Councilman Jahn questioned the rise in price of this type of signal from approximately \$500.00 to \$2,000.00 each.

Director of Public Works Peebles explained that formerly labor was not charged as a part of the cost of installation and that City employees were used. Labor is now charged to the cost of the project. Mr. Peebles gave a breakdown on the cost of each signal as follows:

Signal and control	\$ 700.00
Poles	750.00
Incidentals	50.00
Tax	60.00
Edison service	75.00
Labor for installation	<u>300.00</u>

Total \$1,935.00

Councilman Beasley moved to install four-corner signals, saying that he believed we were wasting money to put in this type of signal. Councilman Jahn objected, stating that the other kind of signal would cost over \$6,000.00 for one installation, probably close to \$10,000.00.

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

Mayor Isen stated he thought two of the lantern signals would be much more effective than one and the price of the second signal would be inconsequential. He said that this type of installation had been used near the school at 187th and Crenshaw and he believed that it had solved the problem.

Police Lt. Nash said that it had not solved the problem too well at 187th and Crenshaw, that people were consistently running the signal claiming they could not see it.

Mayor Isen asked Lt. Nash if the signals could be set lower for better vision.

Lt. Nash thought this would help, and that two signals would be better than one.

City Manager Stevens submitted to the Council for study a report by Chief of Police Bennett dated October 12, 1959, in which Chief Bennett condemned overhead signals as being unsuitable, inadequate, and conducive to creating additional traffic hazards. Mr. Stevens repeated his position taken before last week's Council meeting, stating he thought the difference in time between the overhead installation and full installation should be considered, and that if we have a long wait for steel poles, the full installation could be gotten in just as quickly as overhead signals.

In reply to a query from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Stevens said that steel poles were used also in the overhead signal installation and at the moment there were no steel poles available.

City Engineer Nollac said that in securing quotations from the suppliers of the signal lights they stated that they could deliver any of the components but not the steel poles due to the steel strike. He said, however, that we have two steel poles at 171st and Crenshaw that could be used. In response to a question from Councilman Bradford in regard to whether the poles were straight or tapered, Mr. Nollac said that the poles being used are tapered, not from necessity but simply because the pole does not need to be as strong at the top as the bottom.

Councilman Bradford said that he did not see why the City could not obtain used oil well casing for this use. He said that it could be obtained from National Supply Company at an approximate cost of \$3.00 per foot. Councilman Jahn agreed with this suggestion.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the installation of two overhead signals at each of these intersections and to appropriate an additional amount of \$267.00 to cover the cost of the second signal at each installation.

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

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

City Engineer Nollac asked if it was the recommendation of the Council that Engineering should shop around for steel pipe, and he was informed that it was.

2. A memorandum from Assistant City Manager Bone to City Manager Stevens dated October 8, 1959 submitted a clarification of the City's policy regarding Move-Up Pay.

Councilman Jahn asked that copies of this memorandum be transmitted to the Civil Service Board and that the Council reconsider this on October 27, 1959.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A letter dated October 7, 1959 from Mr. W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Civil Service Board, asked for Council ratification of the Board's approval of a request from Elton Ketner, Bus Operator, for a leave of absence for three weeks, commencing September 27, 1959.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated October 5, 1959 from City Attorney Remelmeyer set forth an Opinion of the County Counsel of Los Angeles County, Mr. Harold W. Kennedy, concerning the interpretation of the Brown Act and meetings between the City Council and the City Attorney. The Opinion was:

"The answer to the question of whether a meeting between a local legislative body and its legal counsel offends the Brown Act depends entirely upon the nature or purpose of the conference, not who is present. This is entirely a factual determination. If the purpose of the meeting is to discuss whether or not a certain decision should be reached or action taken that if it is not open to the public it is clearly prohibited. If, on the other hand, the meeting is called strictly for the purpose of obtaining legal counsel on all matters and questions of law relating to their rights, duties and liabilities, then clearly the meeting is not within the scope of the 'Brown Act'."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the opinion. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

2. A letter dated October 8, 1959 from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a proposed "Qualifications Questionnaire" form to be completed and signed by candidates in municipal elections.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn said it was his opinion that some of the questions required to be completed were irrelevant and constituted an invasion of privacy of the candidate. He referred particularly to the following questions:

"4. Are you married?"

"5. If your spouse does not live with you, where does he or she live?"

"6. Do you maintain any other residence? If so, where?"

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no way of determining where a man's residence is, that it is not necessarily where the man says it is. Mr. Remelmeyer considered these questions were relevant. He suggested as an alternate plan that candidates be given a statement of the qualifications for the office for which they are filing as set forth in the Charter, but it was the concensus of the Council that they should have the candidate's signature on a questionnaire.

Councilman Jahn made a substitute motion, that Questions 4, 5 and 6 be deleted from the questionnaire and that the questionnaire, thus corrected, be approved.

The substitute motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen ordered City Clerk Bartlett to:

- (1) Ask each candidate for a City office to complete the form and sign it under oath at the time he files his nomination papers; and
- (2) Notify the Elections Qualifications Board of such filing.

LICENSE MATTERS:

1. A letter from License Inspector Gale Whitacre recommended approval of a request from Mr. H. J. Raid for release of Oil Well Bond No. 228998 in the amount of \$500.00, covering that certain oil well known as Gish #4, located on Lot 5, Tract 2895, on the West side of Victor, approximately 400 feet south of Emerald. Release of this bond was approved by Planning Director George Powell.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. ENGINEERING SERVICES, PROPOSED - SOUTH TORRANCE WATER DISTRICT.

A letter from Director of Public Works Peebles dated October 9, 1959 to City Manager Stevens attached a copy of proposal to render assessment engineering services in the matter of South Torrance Water District, submitted by Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Peebles what the total bill would be.

Mr. Peebles said it would amount to approximately 2% of the final construction costs, which were estimated to be \$250,000.00, or approximately \$5,000.00. In response to a question by Mayor Isen, both Mr. Peebles and City Engineer Nollac agreed that this was a reasonable amount.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the proposal.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - TRUCK WITH STEEL BODY AND HOIST.

A letter dated October 7, 1959 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens recommended award of bid for furnishing truck with steel body and hoist, as per specifications, to the low bidder, International Harvester Company of Long Beach in the amount of \$3,979.05.

Councilman Jahn moved that the bid be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Vel's Ford of Torrance, in the amount of \$4,066.36 in view of the fact that 1% of the sales tax would revert to the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - TRUCK WITH MOUNTED A-FRAME: A letter dated October 7, 1959 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens recommended that bid be awarded to Vel's Ford, Torrance, California, the low bidder, in the amount of \$5,407.47. Mr. Peebles noted there was a slight deviation from the original specifications, but the unit as submitted would be very satisfactory.
4. ACCEPTANCE OF BID - 20 OVERHEAD DOORS. A letter dated October 7, 1959 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Cambar Manufacturing Company, Inc., for twenty (20) doors @ \$378.00 per door, for a total of \$7,574.00, tax, installation and delivery included.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of Director of Public Works Peebles on Items 3 and 4 under "Communications from Department of Public Works".

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

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

5. TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS: A letter dated October 9, 1959 from City Engineer W. M. Nollac requested an appropriation of funds totaling \$6,000 (\$2,000 each) for Center Suspension Traffic Signals at the following locations:
 - (a) Intersection at Sepulveda and Arlington;
 - (b) Torrance Boulevard and Anza Avenue;
 - (c) Prairie Avenue and 182nd Street.

This item was previously disposed of under "Communications from City Manager", Item 2, "APPROPRIATIONS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE", Pages 8 and 9 of these Minutes

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3794

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
APPROVING AND SUPPORTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF
A BOTANIC GARDEN AND CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHWEST
LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3794.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3794.

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

At 10:15 P.M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:25 P.M.

2. City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3795

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS TO IMMEDIATELY EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF PLANS TO INSTALL ELECTRIC TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CARSON STREET AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE (State Route VII-LA-164-Tor) IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3795.

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

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 3795.

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

3. City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3796

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM CHANSLOR-WESTERN OIL AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3796.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3796.

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

4. City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3797

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE GRANTING OF A LEASE TO RAY A. WATT, GEORGE L. GRAZIADIO, PHILIP YOUSEM, GEORGE M. ELTINGE AND W. E. HOPPE ON AIRPORT PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

Mayor Isen said that he had received a letter today from Messrs. Levitt and Bower, of Jefferson, Inc., in regard to leasing these premises; he felt, however, that from a standpoint of the more rapid development of the area thus increasing City revenues that the offer of the first party, Ray A. Watt et al, should be accepted. It was pointed out also that the Council, in its regular meeting of September 29, 1959, had set a time limit of two weeks for Ray A. Watt et al to make a firm offer and they had done so before the end of the time limit.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said for the record that the Lease which he proposed for the Council to approve was stamped "Office of City Attorney", that it was slightly different in that there were corrections of errors, but that there was no difference in substance.

Mayor Isen complimented City Attorney Remelmeyer on the excellent job he had done in negotiating and preparing the Lease.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3797.

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

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 3797.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated October 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1130, which was approved at its first reading on October 6, 1959, with all Councilmen present and only Councilmen Drale and Jahn casting a dissenting vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1130

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE II TO CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO MAKE UNLAWFUL THE DIVISION OF A LOT OR OTHER PARCEL OF LAND WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE RECORDING OF A FINAL MAP CONTAINING A RECORD OF SURVEY AND TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING SUCH DIVISIONS INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTROL OF THE DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON SUCH LAND AND FOR THE IMPOSITION OF CONDITIONS THEREON.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1130.

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

Councilman Beasley moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 1130 at its second and final reading.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. With a letter dated October 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1131, which was approved at its first reading on October 6, 1959, with all Councilmen present and only Councilmen Drale and Jahn casting a dissenting vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1131

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IV TO CHAPTER 23 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER REVOLVING FUND, FOR PAYMENTS THERETO FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION AND CONNECTIONS AND FOR DISBURSEMENTS THEREFROM FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1131.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1131 at its second and final reading.

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

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

3. With a letter dated October 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1132, which was approved at its first reading on October 6, 1959, with all Councilmen present and only Councilman Drale casting a dissenting vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 1132

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE IX TO CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND, FOR PAYMENTS THERETO AND FOR DISBURSEMENTS THEREFROM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE STRUCTURES.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1132.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1132 at its second and final reading.

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

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

4. With a letter dated October 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 1133, which was approved unanimously at its first reading on October 6, 1959 with all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1133

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 26.14 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO SUBDIVISION STANDARDS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1133.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1133 at its second and final reading.

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

5. City Clerk Bartlett presented for its First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1134

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 18.2, 18.3, AND 18.4 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE SALE TO MINORS OF CRIME COMIC BOOKS, HORROR COMIC BOOKS AND LICENTIOUS BOOKS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1134.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1134 at its First Reading.

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

6. City Clerk Bartlett presented for its First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1135

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

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1135.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1135 at its first reading.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

With concurrence of the Junior and Senior Council, Junior Mayor Hawkins proclaimed Saturday, October 17, 1959, as "GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY" in the City of Torrance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Junior Recreation Commissioner Marilyn Courtney, 5451 Sharynne Lane, asked for a Resolution urging the setting up of a teen-age center at the Civic Center.

Junior Councilman Spurgeon asked that this request be referred to the Civic Center Development Committee.

2. Junior Councilman Walker recommended the enclosure of the Victor Benstead Plunge so that the pool might be used all year.

3. The Junior Councilmen thanked the Mayor and the Council for the privilege of taking part in these Junior Citizens Day activities.

4. City Manager Stevens said that we are negotiating with Narbonne Ranch No. 2 for possible purchase of the water system, the only remaining matter of disagreement being the value. He said that they have a Mr. Landham working on the evaluation; he is presently out of town, but when he returns, they will meet again. Mr. Stevens said also that the County Board of Supervisors has checked the petitions for a vote to join County District No. 13 and there is a sufficiency of signatures for it to come to a vote. He said that a public hearing would be held within 30 days, and 45 to 60 days thereafter the election must be held. He felt sure that we would be able to complete negotiations within that time, and he asked for a meeting on this matter, possibly next Thursday or Friday, October 22 or 23.

Mayor Isen asked that the meeting be held at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 27, before the regular Council meeting. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

5. Councilman Jahn said that he would like to refute some untrue statements made by a newspaper editor to the effect that "that devil giant Torrance" is trying to annex Lomita by buying out the water system. He called attention to the fact that the area in question lies as much within the City of Torrance as it does within the boundaries of Lomita, and further, that even though the petition to join the County District was sufficient, the cost of bringing County water to this area was estimated at around \$600,000.00, where our figures are around \$250,000.00. Mr. Jahn said that if we could serve the people in the area with water service properly for that much less, he felt that Torrance was a "good neighbor" and not "that devil giant".

6. City Attorney Remelmeyer presented a Resolution to the Council, authorizing the execution of a quitclaim deed of the City's interest in a lot, Lot 14, north of the present Masonic Temple property. He said the City's only interest in the property consisted of some sewer easements which cannot be used and for which there was no future need. Mr. Remelmeyer said that City Engineer Nollac had several recommendations to make as a condition to the granting of such a quitclaim deed.

City Engineer Nollac recommended that the Masonic Temple Association be required to pay the regular \$150.00 vacation fee, and he recommended also that the Masonic Temple be required to pay \$288.00 for moving a street light now located in the Church parking area on Lot 15. He explained his position on this latter recommendation, saying that if there should be a similar vacation on Lot 15, the light would be standing on private property, and even if there were no such vacation on Lot 15, the prospective purchaser of Lot 14 might erect a building to the property line, in which case the building would block the light and its function would be greatly diminished. In view of the granting of a quitclaim deed, he felt that the Masonic Temple should assume the cost of moving the light into proper alignment.

Councilman Blount objected to the Masonic Temple Association being required to pay the cost of moving the light as a condition to the granting of a quitclaim deed, saying that the City has given many such quitclaim deeds without requiring that the lights be moved.

Councilman Blount moved that the quitclaim deed be granted, with the only stipulation being that the \$150.00 vacation fee be paid.

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

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

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3798

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A QUITCLAIM DEED TO ITS INTEREST IN ALL OF LOT 14, BLOCK 38, TORRANCE TRACT, PORTIONS OF LOT S-5, TORRANCE TRACT AND LOT C, TRACT 1427 TO TORRANCE MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3798.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to Adopt Resolution No. 3798.

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

7. City Engineer Nollac, referring to his report on traffic signals, which the Council stated they wanted to take under consideration, asked for suggestions or confirmation of the priority order.

Councilman Jahn stated that Items 5, 6 and 7 of the report were disposed of tonight.

City Engineer Nollac said that the center suspension signals voted for these items were only temporary, since the County had allocated \$15,000 from gas tax monies for permanent installations there and the plans were prepared some time ago. He said, however, that the temporary center signals could be salvaged and used in other locations.

Councilman Jahn asked who had authorized the drawing of the plans, since the Council had authorized hanging of the middle signals.

Director of Public Works Peebles said that when he first came to the City of Torrance, he became aware that the City was behind in the preparation of plans for signals and that he had ordered the Engineering Department to proceed with their preparation.

8. Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, of 145 Monte D'Oro, said with regard to the installation of a signal at Palos Verdes Boulevard and Calle Miramar, she wanted to refer the Council to a portion of the Council Minutes of April 14, 1959, as follows:

"Councilman Drale said it had been the consensus of the Traffic Commission at their last meeting that this signal be recommended to the Council for approval; they want to refer this to the new budget which will be effective July 1 of this year, with the intersection to have a 4-way signal and to have #1 priority on the new budget. The communication carrying this information may not have reached the Council as yet."

"Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation as outlined."

"Motion seconded by Mayor Isen....."

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

Mrs. Watts said that in view of the above, she had gotten the shock of her life when she talked to Mr. Nollac only to find that this signal is now No. 10 on the priority list. Mrs. Watts said her group did not want to be unreasonable but would like to know

what they would have to do to get this signal approved. She said that they had gone under the assumption for the last six months that plans for the signal were proceeding, only to find at this time that nothing has been done.

City Manager Stevens explained to Mrs. Watts that in the 1959-60 budget, we ended up of necessity with no capital improvements in the budget, but we did have an Unappropriated Reserve fund on which we have been drawing for the installation of signals, such as the three center suspension signals for which funds were appropriated from this fund tonight. He explained further that this signal being No. 1 on the budget for this year would not put it ahead of other signals on the priority list, since they have been authorized for a period of three or four years.

Councilman Drale said that in his opinion signals inside the territory of the City of Torrance should have first preference rather than those where we are participating in the installation with the City of Redondo Beach, and he so moved.

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

Councilman Beasley stated that we had a small amount left over in the Unappropriated Reserve, and that it was quite a feat even to get a high enough tax rate to get money into this reserve. As far as he could determine, he said, there is insufficient money in the budget or in the Unappropriated Reserve to install even 1/10th of the signals needed in the City.

Mayor Isen asked Director of Finance Scharfman the amount of money remaining in the Unappropriated Reserve; Mr. Scharfman informed him that there was approximately \$150,000.00.

Mayor Isen informed Mrs. Watts that this amount had to last through the fiscal year, until the end of next June, but it was his hope that there would be money left to take care of some of these projects. He asked Mrs. Watts to be patient and he said that he would personally review the matter with her from time to time, adding that around the first of April we should be able to tell more definitely what could be done. Mayor Isen said also that if the engineering could be done this signal perhaps would develop quicker than we have anticipated.

City Engineer Nollac gave the following summary on the status of engineering on Items 1 through 10:

- Item 1 - 174th & Arlington - Advertised for bids.
- Item 2 - { Rindge Lane & 190th St.
Inglewood Ave. & 190th St. } Deferred.
Anza Ave. & 190th St.
- Item 3 - Carson & Hawthorne - Plans to State.
- Item 4 - 174th St. & Crenshaw - Plans being done by State.
- Item 5 - Sepulveda Blvd. & Arlington } Plans ready to check.
- Item 6 - Torrance & Anza Ave. }
- Item 7 - Crenshaw Blvd. & Carson }
- Item 8 - Del Amo & Hawthorne Blvd. - Plans being done by State.
- Item 9 - Crenshaw Blvd. & Lomita } Now next in line
- Item 10 - Calle Miramar & Palos Verdes Bl. } for plans.

9. Mayor Isen said he had been informed recently of the existence of a new law providing that fines collected from traffic enforcement must be used for traffic purposes, and he requested City Attorney Remelmeyer to investigate this.

10. Councilman Jehn inquired as to the status of the signal at General Petroleum & 190th Street (Item 16).

City Engineer Nollac said that he had not talked to General Petroleum.

Councilman Bradford said that he had talked with Mr. Thompson and it was his understanding that General Petroleum wanted a signal that would probably cost about \$20,000.00, but wanted to contribute only \$3,000.00 toward the cost. It was his opinion that we should put in nothing more than a center suspension signal at this location.

Mayor Isen asked City Engineer Nollac to advise General Petroleum of the City's position in the matter and inform them of what we can do in this location.

11. Mr. Gilbert D. Sellan, owner of the Medical Building located at the southwest corner of Newton Street and Loytan Street, a portion of which extends onto City property, appeared before the Council for their decision on his request that he be allowed to carry an insurance policy for \$100,000/\$300,000 with an indemnity clause protecting the City from any liability on this property.

Councilman Jahn said he had looked the property over carefully, and if Loytan Street were extended from Pacific Coast Highway to Newton the corner of the building would come out right to the street. He said this would create a traffic hazard, and he was in favor of having the building moved.

Mr. Sellan said that no wrong had been done intentionally, that his plans were approved by the City Engineering Department, and that he had no idea the building occupied any portion of City property until he read it in the newspapers. Mr. Sellan said when the present tenant had run his lease, he would be agreeable to moving the building back to the property line. In reply to a query from the Council, Mr. Sellan said that the building was of concrete block with steel reinforcement. Mr. Sellan also said that the portion which was City property was about 4'8", tapering to 0 within about 10'.

City Attorney Remelmeyer informed the Council that he considered this a hardship case.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Sellan be allowed to leave his building in its present location with the provisions that (a) Mr. Sellan furnish the City with an insurance policy, the amount and coverage to be determined by the City Attorney, and (b) that there be an instrument recorded to show the City easement on this property.

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

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

12. Councilman Beasley reported on the Inter-City Highway meeting, saying that they had been shown the complete design map of the San Diego Freeway and that the off-ramps provided in the Torrance area are at Crenshaw and 174th Street, at Hawthorne and at Western. He said further that the design was completed for that section of the Harbor Freeway from the freeway intersection to 174th Street and that it was ready to go to bid. Councilman Beasley said also that they had an agreement with the County for use of the triangle immediately west of 174th Street and Hawthorne and Redondo Boulevards for additional traffic ramps.

13. Councilman Beasley requested the Council to approve the sending of a Resolution or a letter to Supervisor Burton Chace asking for the expedition of the extension of Hawthorne south from Highway 101 to the ocean. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

14. Councilman Bradford called attention to the fact that Mr. H. A. McMurdo, who appeared before the Council last week requesting that he be permitted to leave a sign posted on City property in its present location, had been in the audience tonight awaiting our decision but that he had since left. Councilman Bradford asked if the Staff had made a decision on this matter.

Director of Public Works Peebles said the Staff had recommended that Mr. McMurdo be required to move the sign off of the street right of way; they felt that he would be able to work out an agreement to post the sign on adjoining property.

15. Councilman Drale said there was a petition circulated to create a sewer district in Hollywood Riviera, called No. 3, and he asked that a report on this be presented at the next regular Council meeting of October 27, 1959.

16. Councilman Jahn informed the Council that the Turkish Public Information Officer, 347 Stockton Street, San Francisco, would hold a reception for Councilmen and Department Heads attending the League of California Cities Conference.

17. Mayor Isen thanked Junior Mayor Jim Hawkins and the Junior Council for their participation in Junior Citizens Day, adding that we receive added inspiration each year from the interest the juniors show in their City government.

18. Councilman Benstead asked that the blackboard located on the west side of the Council Chambers near the front be moved in order that people would not stumble over it when coming to the microphone.

Mayor Isen requested that it be left at the back of the Chambers.

19. Mayor Isen called the attention of the juniors to the Turkish Flag at the rear of the Chambers. He told them that about two years ago, Torrance had chosen Konya, Turkey as its sister city under the "city to city" program inaugurated by President Eisenhower as a means of fighting communism. He suggested it would be worthwhile to have Mr. Worthem of Redondo Beach, who recently made a trip to Turkey, speak to the students of their schools on Turkish customs and history.

20. Councilman Jahn moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

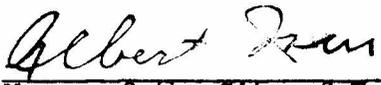
Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

21. Mayor Isen asked that City Clerk Bartlett post an announcement on the Bulletin Board that there will be no Council meeting on October 20, 1959.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance