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ADJOURNMENT - 10:45 P.M.

Torrance, California
October 27, 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 27, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Planning Commissioner Kenny Uyeda led the salute to our Flag.

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

Mayor Isen expressed the appreciation of the Council to Reverend Garlid for giving the invocations for the month of October. Referring to a letter on tonight's agenda under "Written Communications" from Reverend Charles W. Little, Secretary of the Torrance Ministerial Association, Mayor Isen asked Reverend Garlid to inform the Association that the Council will make every attempt to "keep its house in order". Mayor Isen also stated that we would be glad to have any of the clergymen stay throughout the Council meetings when it is possible for them to do so, recognizing of course that we do have lengthy agendas at times which we must of necessity follow.

Mayor Isen introduced the new representative of the South Bay Daily Breeze, Mr. Don Kirkland, to the audience.

Mayor Isen described briefly the Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 12, 1959, and the regular Meeting of October 13, 1959, as written.

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

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following opening of bids:

1. Bids for furnishing motor vehicles as follows will be publicly opened at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, Wednesday, October 28:

- Item 1. Two (2) Police Traffic Sedans.
- Item 2. One (1) Police Patrol Sedan.
- Item 3. Four (4) Police Detective Sedans.
- Item 4. One (1) Fire Department Sedan.
- Item 5. Three (3) General Use Sedans.

2. Bids on construction of Cross Gutter at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Maricopa Street will be publicly opened at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, Wednesday, October 28.

3. Bids on installation of Electric Traffic Signals with Highway Lighting at 174th Street and Arlington Avenue will be publicly opened in the Council Chambers, Wednesday, October 28, 1959.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Publication on Items 2 and 3, and these were ordered received and filed.

City Manager Stevens announced that on Item 1, bids for motor vehicles, the time of opening bids had been changed from Wednesday, October 28, 1959 to 10 A.M., Wednesday, November 4, 1959.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. A letter dated October 22, 1959 from Planning Director Powell, countersigned by Director of Public Works Peebles, requested that the Council fix a time and place for the Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 595, Petition of Planning Commission for Change of Zone from R-2 to R-R-3, portions of Torrance Tract, recommended for denial by the Planning Commission.

There being no objections, the Third and Final Hearing was set for 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 10, 1959.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated October 7, 1959 from the American Municipal Association, signed A. J. Celebrezze, President and Mayor of Cleveland, extended an invitation to City officials to attend the 36th Annual American Municipal Congress to be held November 29 through December 2, 1959, in Denver, Colorado.

Councilman Jahn moved that those Councilmen who wish to attend be allowed to do so, with appropriate expenses paid.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen stated that while from time to time there is criticism regarding these matters, he is heartily in favor of Torrance's representation at such meetings since there is no better way for exchange of ideas between cities than such meetings, and they are, in his opinion, extremely worthwhile.

2. A letter dated October 21, 1959, signed by Mrs. Bessie D. Slonecker, Secretary, Walteria Civic Organization, called attention of the Council to the need for painting the Walteria Fire Station, Station No. 2.

Mayor Isen noted that this item will be presented on tonight's agenda under "City Manager's Recommendations".

Councilman Benstead moved that painting of Fire Station No. 2 be given No. 1 priority, and that a letter be sent to Mrs. Slonecker advising her of this decision.

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

Director of Public Works Peebles was requested to reply to Mrs. Slonecker's letter, giving her this information.

3. (a) A letter dated October 20, 1959, from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, signed by Mr. J. H. Paget, President, requested temporary signals at the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street.

Councilman Benstead moved that the letter be referred to the Traffic Commission with a report to be made back to the Council.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale, with the request that a special meeting of the Traffic Commission be called for tomorrow or the next day.

Councilman Benstead agreed to this request.

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

Councilman Bradford asked City Engineer Nollac if he were sure that we could put temporary signals here; City Engineer Nollac said he had not made such a statement, but that he said it would be highly impractical to put temporary signals at this location.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Nollac if the plans for the permanent signal include green arrows for left turns; Mr. Nollac replied that the plans provide for left turn movement for northbound and

southbound traffic only.

Mayor Isen said that he had talked personally today to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas in regard to the hazard at this intersection, calling attention to the fact that the hazard will be greatly increased because of the Christmas season. Assemblyman Thomas asked that the Council send him a telegram so that he could assist us in expediting the installation of signals at this location. Mayor Isen said that Mr. Carleson had prepared such a telegram in the name of the Council which would be sent if the Council approves it in form.

City Manager Stevens read the telegram in its entirety.

Councilman Beasley moved that the telegram be dispatched immediately.

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

Councilman Jahn noted that twice in the telegram emergency temporary controls are referred to. It was his opinion that since the plans for the permanent installation are complete, the permanent installation could be made just as fast as any temporary signal.

Councilman Blount made a substitute motion that the word "temporary" be eliminated from the telegram and that we simply press for the expedition of emergency signals at this intersection.

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

Mayor Isen said that he would keep in touch with Assemblyman Thomas, even daily if possible, and would report back to the Council.

Mayor Isen reported that he had had the pleasure of serving on the Resolutions Committee at the conference of the League of California Cities in San Francisco, and that he had brought up the problem we have of the time lapse in trying to get signalization or change of speed limits on the State highways. He said the Committee thought more could be accomplished if the Resolutions Committee issued a directive to the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities to work with the State Highway Commission on these problems and they pledged that this would be done. Mayor Isen said that representatives of other cities expressed the fact that they had the same problems.

Councilman Bradford asked again about the request for a 35-mile speed limit on Hawthorne Boulevard. Director of Public Works Peebles repeated his previous report that the State is making a survey of this section and will give us a report on it.

3. (b) A letter dated October 20, 1959, from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, signed by Mr. J. H. Paget, President, requested that the Council consider the change of name of 174th Street to Artesia Boulevard. The letter stated that the cities of Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach are all in agreement that the entire length of the street be called Artesia Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley moved that this be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Blount said that he did not want to refer this to the Planning Commission without comment. He said that this measure had been up before the Council before and had failed before. He said that from the letter he did not know whether Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach were simply in agreement, or were actually going to make the change, and he thought before we caused inconvenience to the people in this section of changing their deeds, driver's licenses, etc., that this should be determined.

The letter was ordered referred to the Planning Commission, with Councilman Blount's comments to be considered also.

4. A joint letter dated October 22, 1959 from the Torrance Junior Woman's Club and the Torrance Woman's Club, signed by Mrs. Gerson Jacobson and Mrs. Howard Altermatt, requested permission to use the parking facilities in front of the City Hall for an Art Exhibit and Sale on November 28 and 29, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M.

Councilman Benstead moved that the request be granted but that we suggest they use the swimming pool area instead, leaving all areas of ingress and egress to the Police Station free at all times.

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

City Clerk Bartlett was asked to notify these organizations of the Council approval and to suggest the use of the swimming pool rather than the parking facilities in front of City Hall.

5. A letter dated October 12, 1959 from the Ruane Corporation, Constructors, 4934 No. Walnut Grove Avenue, San Gabriel, California, signed by R. E. Duba, President, requested permission to use the alley on the east side of the State Department of Employment Branch Office, running north and south off Engracia Avenue, for use as a working and storage area from the present date to February 1, 1960.

Planning Director Powell handed to the Council a map showing the area involved. He stated that both the Police Department and the Fire Department had been contacted in regard to this request and neither department had any objections. This Contractor is constructing a State building on the entire area which used to be the parking lot, and Mr. Powell stated that they are planning to acquire 3 lots immediately west of the Telephone Company office for their parking lot.

Councilman Jahn asked if they did not have to conform to city ordinances as to sufficient parking areas.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said he did not know whether the ordinance would apply to the State or Federal government, but he would check into this.

Planning Director Powell said that he would like to pass on to the Council the recommendation of the Staff, that should permission be granted to use the alley, it be subject to a bond being placed by the Contractor to make sure the alley was restored to the City in its proper condition.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, failed to come to a vote.

Councilman Bradford moved that approval of the request be granted.

Councilman Drale expressed the opinion that this would be the first occasion where we have granted anybody the right to block off an alley. He thought it would set a precedent and did not think it should be done, particularly in view of the time the alley would be blocked off if the request were granted.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked that Councilman Bradford amend his motion to include the provision that approval is given subject to a bond being placed, as recommended by Planning Director Powell.

Councilman Bradford accepted the amended motion.

Amended motion, accepted by the second, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

6. A letter dated October 9, 1959, signed by Mrs. F. R. Farrer, 24224 Los Codona, called attention to the fact that Mrs. Farrer is being billed for waste collection both at this address and at 24220 Los Codona, a Quonset hut now being used as their rumpus and work room. Mrs. Farrer asked that this be corrected since there is no need for waste collection service at 24220 Los Codona.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer the letter to the Director of Public Works for recommendation to be presented to the Council next week.

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

7. An anonymous letter received in the Office of City Manager on September 22, 1959, registered complaint of the lack of public restrooms in downtown Torrance and of bus service.

Councilman Blount moved that the letter be filed since it was anonymous.

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

8. A letter dated October 23, 1959 from the Torrance Ministerial Association, signed by Charles W. Little, Secretary invited the Council to be their guests at breakfast at their next regular meeting on Friday, November 20, at 7:30 A.M. in the First Church of the Nazarene, 1501 West Carson Street to discuss problems involved in the giving of invocations at the Council meetings.

Councilman Blount moved that the letter be received and filed, and that each Councilman reply individually.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

9. A letter dated October 22, 1959, from Superintendent A. E. McVicar, Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, advised the Council that they have been asked by the West and Central Basin Water Association to address and assume postage cost for mailing a brochure informing the recipient of the need for and advantages of forming a Water Replenishment District, the election for which is set for November 17, 1959. The cost for postage will amount to about \$300.00, and the addressing cost will amount to about 16 man-hours, Mr. McVicar stated. The Water Commission recommended that this expenditure be approved.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this recommendation.

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

At 8:45 P.M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 8:55 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. In his letter of October 23, 1959, City Manager Stevens submitted the following:

EXPENDITURES:

1. To National Supply Company for 315' of 2" pipe, 525' of 1" pipe, 4 Bell Reducers and 1 Gate Valve, for the Park Department to be used as additions to sprinkler system, the sum of \$321.63 including tax.
2. To Olson Glass Company for one set of double-acting, aluminum-bound doors for main Library, the sum of \$556.40 including tax.
3. To E. E. Edinbough Equipment Rentals for 40-hour rental of D-6 Dozer, the sum of \$520.00 for use at City Dump.
4. To International Business Machines Corporation for one IBM Electric Typewriter for the City Clerk's Office, the sum of \$444.60 including tax. (A budget item.)
5. To Halprin Supply for one Portable Deluge Set for the Fire Department, the sum of \$468.89 including tax.
6. To Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for installation of a dial system switchboard and equip-

- ment in Police Department, the sum of \$310.00. This equipment has been requested by the Chief of Police and is necessary to increase the capacity of the present switchboard to insure rapid handling of emergency calls and to provide an effective inter-communication system within the Department.
7. To Lewellen Press for 100 Finance Director's Second Annual Reports, the sum of \$520.00 (Lowest of 3 bids obtained.)
 8. To Pacific Stamp and Stationery for 2,500 Vehicle Plates for the License Department, the sum of \$702.00 including tax. (Lowest of 3 bids obtained.)
 9. To Asplundh Chipper Company for one Chipper Trailer Mounted for the Public Works Department, the sum of \$3,667.64 including tax. (A budget item)
 10. To Pacific Toro Company, Inc., for one Sprayer for the Public Works Department, the sum of \$784.91. (A budget item.)

In connection with Item (3), rental of D-6 Dozer, Councilman Bradford asked if we did not have an International Dozer at the yard and what condition it was in.

Director of Public Works Peebles replied that we did have, that the machine was quite old and broke down frequently, and that they could not break it loose long enough for correct maintenance. He said that a request had gone in to the State War Surplus Agency for a dozer and that they hoped to have one within the next month or so.

Councilman Blount moved that Expenditures, Items 1 through 10, be approved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn asked what the 2500 vehicle plates were, as set forth in Item 8.

License Inspector Gale Whitacre explained that these are vehicle plates used on vehicles operated by business establishments in the City of Torrance to show that they have obtained the proper business licenses. The amount of 2500 was determined on the basis of this year's requirements and an anticipated increase in business for next year.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PAINING OF CITY BUILDINGS:

1. City Manager Stevens attached communications regarding the painting of public buildings during the current fiscal year. Due to the urgent need for painting some of our buildings, Mr. Stevens recommended that a portion of the work be let to contract and the remainder be done by force account methods. He said that a close check would be kept on the costs to determine the most economical method for the City to paint its buildings.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Stevens if he proposed to get bids for part of the work and do part with our own personnel.

Mr. Stevens replied that this was the case, except that we would do part of the work with our own personnel plus journeymen painters from the Union Hall.

Councilman Bradford suggested that when bids are requested for part of the work, the bid specify labor only, with the City furnishing the paint. Mr. Stevens said this could be done.

In reply to a query from Councilman Benstead, Mr. Stevens said these would be sealed bids, and that we hoped to get quite a number of them.

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

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

HANDLING OF BAD CHECKS:

1. City Manager Stevens attached two letters proposed to be used by the Director of Finance in connection with bad checks. Mr. Stevens concurred in Mr. Scharfman's recommendation.

Mayor Isen asked that Letter No. 2, third paragraph, be changed to read "we will be compelled to refer this matter to the City Attorney" rather than "we will be compelled to turn this matter over to the Torrance Police Department".

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation, with the above changes to be made.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. A letter dated October 20, 1959, from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Torrance Civil Service Board, requested approval of extension of leave for Mary E. Bell, Water Department, from September 15 to November 15, 1959.

2. A letter dated October 21, 1959 from W. C. Bradford, Secretary of the Torrance Civil Service Board, recommended approval of six months leave of absence for James M. Martinez, Jr., Bus Operator, leave to begin October 1, 1959.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations on Items 1 and 2.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A letter dated October 20, 1959 from Director of Public Works Peebles recommended acceptance of bid from Southwest Tractor Sales Company for an industrial tractor in the amount of \$8,423.00. Bid summary was attached.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

2. A letter dated October 14, 1959, from Director of Public Works Peebles recommended acceptance of bid of Vel's Ford in the amount of \$4,066.36, for truck with steel body and hoist. Attached were bid summary and specifications.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

3. A letter dated October 21, 1959 from Director of Public Works Peebles recommended acceptance of bid of National Supply Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$548.67, for furnishing rubber suction hose and discharge hose with collars. Attached were invitation to Bid, letter of recommendation from Street Superintendent Perkins, and bid summary.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

4. A memorandum dated October 21, 1959 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens recommended approval

of unit price increases as shown on page 2 of attached letter of October 9, 1959 from Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete, Inc. for paving of Sepulveda Boulevard between Arlington Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue. Mr. Peebles stated that the original contract was for \$58,963.00, with the new total based on unit price increase and additional fill being \$63,458.94, for a total increase of \$4,495.28 over the original bid price.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Jahn asked if he was correct in assuming that the plans were re-designed and the quantities were now certain, and that the price of \$63,458.94 was the price we would now end up with. Mr. Peebles said this assumption was substantially correct, however, it was possible the bid price could be less and very possible that it could be slightly more depending upon the inundations of the pavement which could not be picked up in the survey.

Councilman Jahn asked if in the future plans could be sent out and a concrete price given on the plans rather than on unit prices.

Director of Public Works Peebles said that there were both good and bad points in letting the contract under a lump sum price. Many times, he said, the contractor will insert a buffer to take care of any unforeseen events which may occur.

Mayor Isen asked as a matter of information what the final disposition was of a bill presented by this same contractor on Lomita Boulevard in which the City found improper charges of about \$6,000.00 and the Council recommended payment of the bill with this amount excluded. Director of Public Works Peebles said that the Contractor accepted the bill as paid by the City.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

5. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 18657 - Subdivider: Don Wilson-Ray Watt. Location: Southerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, Westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard. Number of Lots, 338.

Attached were:

- a. Letter of transmittal dated October 22, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- b. Letter dated October 22, 1959 from Planning Director Powell.
- c. Letter dated October 21, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac.
- d. Letter dated October 15, 1959 from Southern California Edison Company.
- e. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated October 7, 1959.
- f. Letter dated October 7, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac.
- g. Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Powell if this now included all of the zoning changes the Council had asked for.

Planning Director Powell said that all changes of zone have been processed and are ready for an Ordinance to be presented next Tuesday night, and the lot numbers now all agree with the changes of zone.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Final Tract Map No. 18657 with the specific conditions set forth in letter from City Engineer Nollac dated October 21, 1959.

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

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

Councilman Benstead asked that it be placed in the record that he voted "no" because the lots do not conform to the Ordinance.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles to have shown on the transmittal for Final Tract Maps what the vote was on the Tentative Tract Map.

6. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24773 - Subdivider: R. A. Watt.
Location: Southerly of proposed San Diego Freeway,
Easterly of Tract No. 20348 along the northerly extension
of Fonthill Avenue. Number of lots, 22.

Attached were:

- a. Letter of transmittal dated October 22, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- b. Letter dated October 22, 1959 to City Manager Stevens from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- c. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission meeting dated October 7, 1959.
- d. Letter dated October 5, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac.
- e. Letter dated September 10, 1959 from Southern California Edison re tract poling.
- f. Letter dated February 12, 1959 from Water Superintendent McVicar.
- g. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District.
- h. Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with all of the provisions.

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

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

Councilman Benstead asked again that the record show he voted "No" because the lots do not conform to the Ordinance.

7. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 19644 - Subdivider: Dan Butcher.
Location: Southerly of Emerald Street, approximately 300
feet westerly of Anza Avenue. Number of lots, 25.

Attached were:

- a. Letter of transmittal dated October 22, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- b. Letter dated October 22, 1959 from Water Superintendent McVicar.
- c. Letter dated October 22, 1959 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- d. Letter dated October 21, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- e. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission meeting held October 7, 1959.
- f. Letter dated October 6, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac.
- g. Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District re flood hazard.
- h. Location sketch.

Councilman Jahn noted that letter from Planning Director Powell

dated October 22, 1959, stated temporary turnarounds were recommended for deletion by Planning Commission. He asked if these streets now dead-ending would be carried on through eventually.

Planning Director Powell stated that immediately west of Victor the streets are now in and paved and they align with these dead-end streets.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with Planning Commission recommendations.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen asked again that when an Exhibit "A" is referred to and is attached that it be labeled Exhibit "A" when the matter comes before the Council.

8. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 25033 - Subdivider: Chacksfield Homes, Inc.

Location: Westerly of Western Avenue, 300 ft. northerly of 186th Street. Number of Lots, 26.

Attached were:

- a. Letter of transmittal dated October 22, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- b. Letter dated October 22, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- c. Letter dated October 22, 1959 from Planning Director Powell approved by Director of Public Works Peebles.
- d. Excerpt from Minutes of Planning Commission meeting held October 7, 1959.
- e. Letter dated September 10, 1959 from Water Superintendent McVicar.
- f. Flood Hazard Report from L. A. County Flood Control District.
- g. Location sketch.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and the City Engineer with the exception of Paragraph 7 of City Engineer Nollac's letter of October 22, 1959.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley questioned Item No. 5 on the Letter of Transmittal dated September 23, 1959, re-submitted October 22, 1959 which reads as follows:

"5. Are Streets of Standard width? No. 'A' and 'B' Streets are 54 ft. wide with normal 34 ft. of pavement."

Councilman Beasley said it was his understanding that normal street width was 54 ft. City Engineer Nollac explained that the City Ordinance calls for 60 ft. streets, with 34 ft. of pavement, but the Council had thought it ridiculous to use 60 foot streets with only 34 feet of pavement. He said that it had become the policy to have 54 foot streets, and that it was the concensus of opinion that a 60 foot street should have 40 feet of pavement.

Councilman Jahn asked that the Ordinance be amended as to street widths; it was his opinion that some streets should be of 60-foot width with 40 feet of pavement if there were other streets that feed into it.

9. MISCELLANEOUS STREET EASEMENT DEEDS. A letter dated October 22, 1959 from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works, City Attorney, and City Manager, submitted easement deeds as follows:
- Grantor: Oilfields Trucking Co. for widening 233rd St.
 - Grantor: Hanayo Omatsu for future Maricopa St.
 - Grantors: Leo C. and Carolyn R. Radford for future Maricopa.
 - Grantors: William M. and Mary A. Noble for improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard.
 - Grantor: Helen C. Franklin for improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard.
 - Grantors: Wilma V. and Jack Kehler for improvement of Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Also attached were three location sketches.
Councilman Benstead moved to accept these easement deeds.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter from O'Melveny and Myers requested amendment of the Lease between the City and Longren Aircraft Company, Inc., as assigned to Aeronca Manufacturing Corporation.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said Aeronca had asked that this be removed from the agenda.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

2. A letter dated October 13, 1959, from Duane W. Wheeler & Company submitted contract for election material for the April 12, 1960 election. Attached was a copy of Election Supply Contract and a Resolution prepared by the City Attorney's office authorizing execution of the election supply contract.

City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that this be removed from the agenda to be presented at a later date.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Blount left the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resubmitted with cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer dated September 24, 1959, was a Resolution amending Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Councilman Benstead moved that this be held over for 2 weeks for further study.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3799

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ASSIGN PRIORITY FOR RECONSTRUCTING THE EXISTING GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING FOR AVIATION BOULEVARD AT THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILWAY CROSSING NO. 2H-15.4-B.

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived: reserving and guaran-

teeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3799.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3800

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GILBERT D. SELLAN WITH REFERENCE TO MEDICAL BUILDING LOCATED ON LOT 15 OF TRACT 17180 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3800.

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

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

Councilman Jahn said it was his opinion that in the future, property lines on any piece of property should be established only if the survey stakes, the tags and the license surveyor's number were plainly visible, thereby eliminating liability on the part of the City.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to bill Mr. Sellan for the Licensing Agreement and the recording fee.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3801

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 Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3801.

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

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

At 9:35 P.M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:45 P.M.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated October 19, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its Second Reading Ordinance No. 1134, which had been unanimously approved with all Councilmen present at the time of its first reading on October 13, 1959.

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 adopt Ordinance No. 1134 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

2. With a letter dated October 19, 1959 the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its Second Reading Ordinance No. 1135, which was approved at its first reading with all Councilmen present and only Councilman Beasley casting a dissenting vote.

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 Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1135 at its Second and Final Reading.

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

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

REPORTS:

The office of the City Clerk reports the receipt of a Complaint and Summons on October 16 in the action of Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Company against the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles, being Superior Court Case No. 730347, to recover ad valorem property taxes paid by plaintiff for the fiscal year July 1, 1958 through June 30, 1959. This has been referred to the City Attorney.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Attorney Remelmeyer presented a Resolution to the Council.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to-

RESOLUTION NO. 3802

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRES THE ACQUISITION OF ALL THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND FRANCHISES OF NARBONNE RANCH WATER COMPANY NO. 2 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3802. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Benstead moved that City Attorney Remelmeyer and Water Superintendent McVicar represent the City of Torrance at the

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hearing before the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, November 5, with reference to the petition to join County Water District No. 13. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. Mr. Graziadio, representing the developers of the 8.4-acre Airport lease, presented their requests for four amendments to the lease. These were:

(1) Under paragraph 3 (b) of the Lease, concerning the cost of living index, generally called Consumer's Price Index, lending institutions require that there be a ceiling on the cost of living index during what would normally be the initial loan period, preferably 25 years. Mr. Graziadio stated that leases usually call for a ceiling of 1½ times the basic rental to as high as 2 times the basic rental.

(2) While legally the City cannot extend a lease beyond 50 years, Mr. Graziadio understood that there have been arrangements in the past where portions of the Lease can be renewed so that lending institutions get a net of 50 years, and the Lessee wants the record to show that this can be done in the case of this Lease.

(3) Reversionary Clause. The Lessee requests the City to proceed with due diligence to get the Reversionary Clause removed specifically on this 8.4 acre parcel.

(4) Lessee requested that the effective date of the Lease be changed to January 1, 1960.

Councilman Jahn moved on Item (1), that an amendment to the lease be prepared providing for a ceiling on the cost of living index of 2 times the base rental for the first 25 years.

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

There were no objections, and the Council approved Items (2) and (3) as a matter of established policy.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that the removal of the Reversionary Clause, Item (3), presented a difficult problem. He said that Attorney James M. Hall, who represented various airport lessees, had gone as far as he could on this but the Government had rejected the removal of anything except the Recapture Clause. He stated further that Mr. Hall had said he would carry on with this, although he is not now being paid by anyone to do so.

City Manager Stevens said they have talked with District Airport Engineer Gary and the next step is to actually prepare a case.

Mayor Isen said it was his belief that if the necessary papers were prepared, Representative King and our two State senators would assist us in expediting this matter.

On Item (4), effective date of the Lease, Councilman Jahn moved that the Lease be signed immediately, and that the effective date of the lease and rent begin December 1, 1959.

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

3. City Attorney Remelmeyer informed the Council that the City had been served in a law suit for flood damages in the amount of approximately \$40,000.00 by people living in the Ocean Avenue area. The Claim was filed against the City several years ago but no action was taken until now.

4. City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council that Attorney Boris Woolley represents Mrs. Lewis in a personal injury case against Mr. Adams, who collided with Sergeant Lewis. The City has a claim against Mr. Adams for the value of the motorcycle that Sergeant Lewis was riding, roughly speaking, about \$1800.00, and Mr. Remelmeyer recommended that the City retain Mr. Woolley so that these two cases

could be consolidated since the City will benefit from all of the work done by Mr. Woolley on behalf of Mrs. Lewis. He said he had discussed this with Mr. Woolley and he had agreed to represent the City on a 1/3 basis, which is standard practice.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Remelmeyer's recommendation.

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

5. Councilman Drale requested a report on Water District No. 3.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that Mr. Morgan, who is a partner in the engineering firm doing the work, stated to him today that the plans should be in to Mr. Peebles' office by next Tuesday. This includes the complete set of drawings, the engineer's plans and specifications, necessary for the formation of the District. Mr. Remelmeyer said that no legal work could be done until that part of the work is finished. In reply to a question from Councilman Beasley, Mr. Remelmeyer said his department would do the legal work involved on a crash basis, and he estimated it would probably take four to six months from next Tuesday to the time when higher pressure water would be available in this area.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer and Water Superintendent McVicar to present on next week's agenda a time table showing the approximate time involved until water is available.

6. City Manager Stevens handed to the Councilmen a letter dated October 27, 1959, recommending the extension of Blue Cross coverage from its normal expiration date of November 15, 1959, through December 31, 1959 at increased rates of approximately 23%, as indicated in the attached letter from Blue Cross dated October 14, 1959.

Assistant City Manager Bone told the Council this extension was requested because the City's insurance program now is being analyzed by Mr. Charles Robinson, and this would give us time to complete the survey. Upon completion of the survey, Mr. Bone said, we expect to ask for bids on two or three plans, including Blue Cross.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

7. City Manager Stevens requested a work session of two or three hours on the Airport, for the Bond Issue, and to discuss our policy in the future, etc. He said that Mr. Egan had done a lot of preliminary work on the Bond Issue and he is working with the FAA. At the same time, he said, planning could be discussed.

The Council agreed to hold the work session at 5:30 P.M., Monday, November 2.

8. Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to prepare an ordinance providing for work sessions or executive meetings at a definite time each month so that there would be no violation of the Brown Act and so we could eliminate special delivery notices to the press, etc. Mayor Isen said further that if we found it unnecessary to meet at this particular time occasionally, an announcement to that effect could be made beforehand. Mr. Remelmeyer was advised that the City of Beverly Hills had a similar ordinance.

9. Councilman Beasley asked for a map showing the safety

flight zone of the Airport with the existing runways shown. He said the Master Plan shows the runways as proposed with extensions.

Planning Director Powell said they have such a map with the new criteria and that he would have copies made for the Councilmen.

10. Councilman Bradford asked why Bishop Montgomery High School had not been invited to participate in Junior Citizens Day.

Mayor Isen said this was because Bishop Montgomery did not have a Senior class this year. He assured Councilman Bradford they would be extended such an invitation next year.

11. Councilman Drale said that he had a report on the Refuse meeting, but he thought it could be discussed at the work session on Monday, November 2.

12. Councilman Drale thought the Council should consider some type of housing at the bus stations with some rest rooms. He thought this also could be referred to the work session on Monday, November 2.

13. Councilman Jahn said that a request had been made by some organization, possibly the Chamber of Commerce, for study on the traffic circle in front of the High School. He gave City Engineer Nollac a map prepared some time ago to see if it would be of any value, and he also said there was a previous map showing the street cut straight through. Mr. Jahn thought we should start action toward trying to work out the problem at that traffic circle, and he asked City Engineer Nollac to initiate such a study.

14. Councilman Jahn referred to a letter from Supervisor of Public Works John R. Atkinson to Director of Public Works Peebles concerning industrial waste clogging the sewer at the Barrington Welding Company, Doak Aircraft Company, and Pacific Smelting Company.

Councilman Jahn moved that an ordinance be drawn concerning the disposal of industrial waste, and that the City request these companies to pay for the new sewer lines.

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

15. Councilman Jahn said there had been considerable criticism of the length of the Council meeting on Junior Citizens' Day. It was his suggestion that the Junior Council hold their meeting, with the same agenda as the Senior Council, in the afternoon, and the Senior Council then hold its regular Council meeting in the evening with no active participation by the Juniors. He asked that some action be taken on this before Junior Citizens Day next year.

16. Councilman Jahn said it was his opinion that we would not have any kind of signal at the intersection of Carson and Hawthorne before Christmas. He said he had spoken with City Engineer Nollac about this, and Mr. Nollac suggested (and Mr. Jahn concurred with him) that if we were to make the request from the Edison Company, we could get several more lights there to make it a well-lighted intersection. It was Mr. Jahn's opinion that if we started action now on this and asked the Del Amo Center stores to work in conjunction with us and partially offset the cost, and by having Police direction there, we would at least be able to solve the problem on a temporary basis.

Councilman Bradford did not believe we could do this because of fast traffic on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Jahn said he believed we have the right to go onto a State highway and direct traffic under certain conditions. He asked that this be referred to the City Engineer and the Police

Department, and that they give us a report to see if this is not feasible.

17. Mayor Isen reported the County Regional Planning Commission has fixed our population figure at over 100,000. He said this does not give us the tax on in lieu taxes and gasoline taxes from the State because it is not an official population figure. An official population figure for this purpose can be obtained only by the State method or by a Federal census. A Federal census will be taken beginning in April, 1960 but there will be no certification until April, 1961. This means, Mayor Isen said, that our population figures will stay at 96,993, as shown by our Federal census of last year, until that time unless we have a State census, which will cost around \$1,300.00. The State allows this type of census to be taken until April, 1960, and it is then discontinued until after April, 1961 when the Federal figures become available. Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens to keep a close check on this so that we can apply for and complete a State census before the April, 1960 deadline.

City Manager Stevens said he had talked with Mr. Carl M. Frisen and Mr. Frisen told him we were tentatively set for a State count in March, 1960. Mr. Stevens said we would work closely with him in the meantime.

18. Councilman Drale said Councilman Bradford had asked at the conference of the League of California Cities why there was no panel discussion on rubbish and trash pickup. He said they talked to Mr. Perry Walker, First Vice-President of the League, and Mr. Walker suggested we write a letter to the League suggesting that there be a panel discussion on this subject at the next League of California Cities conference. The Council approved this suggestion, and Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens to write such a letter.

19. Councilman Drale moved that all bills properly audited be paid.

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

20. Councilman Jahn moved that the meeting be adjourned to a meeting to be held at 5:30 P.M., November 2, 1959, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M. to the adjourned meeting to be held at 5:30 P.M., Monday, November 2, 1959.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance