

Torrance, California
December 8, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, a gentleman in the audience led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 1959, as written.

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

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that bids for painting of Fire Stations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, December 4, 1959.

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

HEARINGS:

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

WEED ABATEMENT HEARING NO. 17. (Group No. 18). HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3820, listing parcels 4-60 to 3-59 TO HEAR any and all property owners having objections to the proposed removal of weeds and rubbish covered in Resolution of Intention No. 3820.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Affidavit of Posting be received and filed.

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

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 and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION No. 3822

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. 3820.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3822.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3822.

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

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. CASE NO. 596 - VARIANCE. Petition of Clarence W. Sopp, 2186 West 237th Street. Letter dated December 3, 1959 from Planning Director, approved by W.E. Peebles, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Jahn said after reading the Planning Director's letter of clarification he still had the same question he raised at the last Council meeting on this case. There is not five individual two-bedroom houses - there is a duplex and a triplex and no area between the houses. Also, Mr. McVicar said the pipes were laid to serve the school only, and there is still Narbonne Ranch Water No. 3 at this location.

Councilman Blount told Planning Director Powell that in both letters of transmittal to the Council on this Case it was stated that this variance permits the building of five two-bedroom homes, and he asked if the Planning Commission was aware of the required set-back for homes. He said this is not five two-bedroom homes within the building code.

Mr. Powell replied that the variance is for one duplex and one triplex which makes five units.

Councilman Blount said it was his understanding that because of the water supply in that area a resolution was passed which prohibited building in that area and he thought these matters should not come before the Council until water is available.

Mayor Isen said the Resolution did not say anything about these matters not coming before the Planning Commission.

Councilman Blount said building permits could be issued in this area in hardship cases where it was proved that a lot of money had been put into the property.

Councilman Blount moved to send Case No. 596 back to the Planning Commission with a copy of the minutes of the discussion held.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn said in the last motion made by the Planning Commission on December 2, 1959, their recommendation for approval was changed to say: "One duplex and one triplex". The original motion by the Planning Commission made on October 21 at the hearing for which notices were mailed out said "five two-bedroom houses". He thought it was not fair to come back and change a motion without anybody being

2. CASE NO. 598 - VARIANCE. Petition of Leo Funk, 3860½ W. 242nd Street. Transmittal form from Planning Commission, recommending denial of petition of Leo Funk for a Variance to permit construction of one-bedroom apartment over existing garage in addition to duplex on property situated at 3856-50 West 242nd Street, in Land Use Zone R-2. Accompanying this petition was letter from Leo Funk, submitting letter signed by twenty one property owners approving petition; excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of October 7, 1959; and location sketch.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Petitioner Leo Funk came forward and advised that the letter approving the granting of the variance signed by twenty-one property owners was obtained after the Planning Commission hearing and he requested that the case be referred back to the Planning Commission with the information he has obtained since the first hearing.

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Funk that the letter approving the variance signed by his neighbors still did not eliminate the question of over-building the property.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Funk how many buildings were on the property.

Mr. Funk advised that there was one duplex and a room along side the garage.

Councilman Jahn said this is an R-2 zone and he could not see where there would be over-building.

Councilman Beasley advised that in this area there are a couple of places that have similar units.

Councilman Jahn made a substitute motion to send Case No. 598 back to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion.

Substitute motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. CASE NO. 600 - VARIANCE. Petition of O. R. Brown. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval per Exhibits A and B of request of O.R. Brown for a Variance to construct a real estate office and insurance office in Zone R-2 at 17709 Crenshaw Blvd.: together with location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of November 18, 1959, and Exhibits A and B.

In answer to a question from Mayor Isen, Planning Director Powell advised that his office has received the grant deed to the 20 feet necessary for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, pursuant to the conditions noted.

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

4. CASE NO. 601 - CHANGE OF ZONE. Petition of Planning Commission for Change of Zone from R-1 to R-3 on Wechsler property, situated on the east side of Arlington Avenue, approximately 140 feet south of Redondo Beach Boulevard, for orderly development; together with letter dated December 2, 1959 from Mr. Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, requesting the City Council to fix a time and place for the third and final Hearing on Case No. 601.

notified. It was the opinion of Councilman Jahn that this Case should be handled in the correct manner. Perhaps the people in the area would object to a duplex and a triplex on this property. The notices which were mailed were for five two-bedroom homes.

Mr. Powell said the motion made by the Planning Commission at the meeting of October 21st was made on the Exhibit A, and the exhibit shows a duplex and a triplex and the exhibit has not been changed.

Councilman Jahn said that maybe the people who attended the hearing did not look at the exhibit, and even if they did, would not understand that it was a duplex and a triplex and not five individual two-bedroom homes.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that the Planning Commission has no jurisdiction over the water supply and the burden is placed on the Building Department as to whether or not a building permit is issued in that area.

Mayor Isen said he concurred with the point raised by Councilman Jahn that if notices were sent out based on five separate houses, a lot of people would not come to the hearing because they would have no objections. However, they might object to multiple units and this makes an entirely different situation.

Councilman Jahn said the original motion before the Planning Commission at the hearing for the people said five two-bedroom residences. The petition for the variance is also for five two-bedroom residences. Now the motion is changed to read a duplex and a triplex.

Mr. Powell read the notice which was mailed to the people in the area which said the variance was requested for five two-bedroom residences.

Councilman Draie said that it could be interpreted two ways. Exhibit A shows that the plans are for a duplex and a triplex and the original motion made by the Planning Commission was based on Exhibit A.

It was the opinion of Councilman Beasley that there was a lot of play on words. The question of water should be one of the most important factors in this case. He said if the building department would not issue permits this matter should be tabled until such time as water is available and let the Planning Commission work it over again.

Councilman Bradford said the English language is a difficult one to understand. It was his opinion that the original notices sent out on this variance were correct. The notice said "multiple units". He thought it was a case of the Planning Department just being loose with the English language in calling the multiple units "houses".

Mr. Sopp, the petitioner, came forward and said he had personally circulated the plans showing the duplex and triplex through the neighborhood before this matter came up, and there were no objections from the neighbors.

Councilman Draie said Mr. Sopp was trying to develop plans and through no fault of his own he is being delayed. It was his opinion that technically Mr. Sopp was within his jurisdiction in having a duplex and a triplex and thought a variance should be granted to him.

City Attorney Remelmeyer pointed out that even if the variance is granted, unless adequate water is available no building permit can be issued. He did not think Mr. Sopp should be misled into thinking he could get a building permit at this time.

Water Superintendent McVicar said the water is not in front of this property, that Torrance water is only available at the school adjacent to Mr. Sopp's property.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Draie.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen announced that the third and final Hearing on Case No. 601 would be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, December 22, 1959 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

5. CASE NO. 604 - VARIANCE. R.C. Mahon Company. Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval, with conditions, on petition of R. C. Mahon Company for a Variance to use 50 feet for an office, administrative, engineering, or similar-purpose building on property described as the southerly fifty feet of the north 100 feet of the easterly 1520 feet of lot 2, Tract 10777; together with location sketch and excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of November 18, 1959.

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

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

6. WAIVER - W-133. John C. Zamrzla, 2626 Cabrillo. Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation of approval per Exhibit A on request for a Waiver to place a garage within front third of lot located at above address.

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

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

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Isen declared a recess with the Council reconvening at 8:45 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from James S. Bower of Jefferson, Inc. requesting approval of second amendment to Lease No. 2.

Mr. James S. Bower representing Jefferson, Inc., came forward, and in answer to a question from Mayor Isen said he had nothing to add to the written request which was submitted.

Mayor Isen advised that Jefferson, Inc. has asked for an increase in rent under their lease of \$4,000.00 per annum until 100,000 square feet of stores have been built in return for the City giving Jefferson the right to build a gasoline station on the corner. He asked Mr. Bower how much rental this would mean before the 100,000 square feet was completed.

Mr. Bower said he would estimate it would be nine or ten months before the completion of the buildings and it would mean approximately \$3500. or \$4000. rent.

Councilman Jahn said he was entirely against this proposition as submitted by Jefferson which would provide for the gas station to be located on the corner for the term of the lease free of charge to Jefferson. He said at the time this lease was planned the City Council specifically said they would allow a gas station under certain conditions, and also said the gas station should not be on the corner. It was the opinion of Councilman Jahn that if Jefferson wanted to put a gas station on the corner it was all right, but he thought they should pay for it. He said he was certainly not in favor of giving them a gas station for fifty years for \$4,000.00.

Councilman Drale said he agreed entirely with Councilman Jahn. Mr. Bower said he would leave the matter in the hands of the Council for decision.

Councilman Beasley moved that the City allow a filling station to be built on the corner, provided that Jefferson pay the City the sum of \$1,500.00 per year, commencing January 1, 1960, and each and every year thereafter for the entire term of the lease.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Bower what his position was as to this proposal.

Mr. Bower said there was one point he would like to raise -- when the 100,000 square feet is completed would Jefferson have the right to put in a service station as per the original terms.

Mayor Isen said they could put in a service station only under the terms of Councilman Beasley's motion.

Mr. Bower said Jefferson would then proceed on the basis of paying \$1,500.00 per year for the term of the fifty year lease.

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Bower that in consideration of the Council allowing a gasoline station to be built on the corner, Jefferson will have to pay the sum of \$1,500.00 per year for the entire period of the lease for this right.

Councilman Bradford said he would estimate that a gasoline station at that corner would pump about 40,000 to 50,000 gallons of gasoline per month at a minimum.

Mr. Bower said he thought that would be a correct estimate, however it might not necessarily be a minimum amount but rather an average amount of gallonage.

Councilman Bradford said he would like to make a counter proposal and moved that the City accept the sum of \$4,000.00 from Jefferson, Inc. up to the time they have built a service station and have it functioning at that location, and after that time Jefferson pay the City at the rate of one-half cent per gallon, which at an average of 50,000 gallons a month would amount to about \$250.00 a month rent or roughly \$3,000.00 rent per year. He added that this amount was just double the amount of Councilman Beasley's proposal.

Councilman Blount moved that this matter be tabled for one week so that the Council may have an opportunity to study the matter further and Mr. Bower can make another proposal next week if he cares to.

The motion to table was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen advised Mr. Bower that he had orally made an offer at this meeting, and if he wished to submit an offer in writing for the next meeting to do so.

2. PETITION bearing fourteen signatures of residents in the area near Carson Street circle, requesting realignment of said street.

Councilman Jahn asked Mr. Peebles, Director of Public Works, if he had a copy of the proposal which he gave Mr. Nollac a few weeks ago.

Mr. Peebles replied that he is making a study of the proposal.

Councilman Bradford moved to refer this matter to the Director of Public Works, the Engineering Department and to City Manager Stevens for an evaluation and a study of the plans which were referred to. He requested that they also contact the School District to find out if they are going to require an over-pass or an under-pass and how much money they are talking about. Councilman Bradford said he was thinking about Highway 101, and would hate to go ahead with this and find out the school wants an over-pass because this street is going right through the park in front of the school.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that this was a dedicated park site and it would be preferable to get the permission of Mr. Findley of Remco and approach him for approval of plans. He added that the plans should be approved by the Council before they go to Remco for approval.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen requested that Director of Public Works Peebles report back to the Council on this matter as soon as possible.

3. LETTER from J. H. Hull, Secretary to the Board of Education, Torrance Unified School District, concerning realignment of Carson Street.

Councilman Beasley moved that this communication be filed with the other records on the realignment of Carson Street.

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

4. LETTER from J. H. Paget, President of Torrance Chamber of Commerce re: Traffic hazard on Carson Street in front of high school.

Councilman Beasley moved that this communication be filed with the other records on the realignment of Carson Street, and to concur with the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce.

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

5. LETTER from Mrs. Margaret Clark, Decorations Chairman, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting bus transportation to decorate Rose Bowl Float.

Councilman Benstead moved that this request be granted.

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

6. LETTER from Mrs. Clifford Brink, Corresponding Secretary and Safety Chairman, Hamilton Elementary School P.T.A., regarding safety on 182nd Street.

Mayor Isen moved to refer this to the Traffic Commission for reply.

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

7. RESUBMITTED. Recommendation of City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer re: Joint Powers Agreement.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Joint Powers Agreement be approved and signed by the City.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and lost by the following roll call vote.

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

Councilman Blount was of the opinion that the Council was being rushed into the Joint Powers Agreement and thought they should study it further before taking any action.

City Manager Stevens said he was following the instructions of the Council in placing the Agreement on the agenda at this time; however if they wished more time to study it he would put it on the agenda for a later date.

Councilman Bradford asked if the City did not already have a joint powers agreement for interchange of police and fire equipment.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said only in the case of a disaster would the equipment be interchanged, and the Disaster Act is a State program.

Mayor Isen called attention to Item 9 in the Agreement, the withdrawal clause, and said the City would not be bound by it.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council reconsider the Joint Powers Agreement.

Councilman Drale said he was in accord with the police and fire interchange but thought it should be separated from this Joint Powers Agreement and then the Council could see what the rest of the Agreement was about. He said there has always been a mutual aid between the cities as far as police and fire protection is concerned.

Councilman Jahn said he would not be in favor of dividing this Agreement.

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

8. NEWS RELEASE dated November 30, 1959 from Torrance Chamber of Commerce re: award for Wade Peebles.

Mayor Isen moved that this communication be ordered filed and the Council extend congratulations to Mr. Peebles on the receipt of this award.

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

9. LETTER from J. T. Blalock, President, Greater Los Angeles Chapter National Safety Council, re: Resolution supporting Safety Council program for holiday season.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Resolution presented by the National Safety Council be given a number and read.

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

City Clerk Bartlett gave number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3823

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECOMMENDING THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS ELIMINATE THE SERVING OF INTOXICATING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS PARTIES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3823.

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

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

(a) Mayor Isen said while the Council was on the subject of the Safety Council he wanted to know if they had any nominations to the Torrance Safety Council.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to nominate J.E. Mellinger to the Safety Council, and added he had not contacted him yet to see if he would accept, but would do so this week.

(b) Mayor Isen said that most of the Council had received a copy of an editorial which was in the Daily Breeze entitled: "Blame Where it Belongs". He thought that a letter of appreciation should be sent to Mr. Curry of the Daily Breeze for the common sense of this article. He also thought that a copy of the article should be posted on the bulletin board in the main lobby of the City Hall.

Councilman Drale moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Curry and that a copy of his editorial be posted on the bulletin Board in the main lobby.

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

- 10. LETTER from Donald M. Lietz, Administrator, Torrance Medical Group, regarding parking problem.

Councilman Beasley moved that this letter be referred to the Traffic Commission for an answer.

Mayor Isen said he did not think this was a municipal problem, that the doctors should buy a parking lot.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion.

Councilman Jahn called for a roll call vote on the motion because he said it lends credence to the request of the Medical Group if it is referred to the Traffic Commission.

Mayor Isen agreed, saying he did not know why this should go to the Traffic Commission.

Councilman Beasley said he thought it would be in order to send this to the Traffic Commission to write the Medical Group and point out the fact that for \$4.00 a month they can park their cars on the municipal parking lot and solve their problem and also give the City some revenue.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

- 11. LETTER from Mrs. Eva Bisou, President, Southwest Park Civic Association re: stop sign removal on Anza Avenue at Narrot Street.

Councilman Benstead moved that the stop sign be replaced on Anza Avenue at Narrot Street.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Considerable discussion followed on the reasons why the stop sign was removed and the need for such a sign.

The motion was lost by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Drale moved to refer this letter to the Traffic Commission for their next meeting to reinvestigate this matter and report to the Council.

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

- 12. LETTER from Baxter Ward, News Editor, KCOP Television, Inc. re: development of smog muffler for passenger cars.

Councilman Jahn moved that this letter be received and filed.

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

13. LETTER from Charles T. Rippey re: tax bill and charge for weed abatement.

City Manager Stevens presented a report on this matter to the Council.

Mayor Isen moved that a copy of Mr. Stevens' report be sent to Mr. Rippey.

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

14. LETTER from F. E. Mellinger, Realtor, objecting to center-suspension type signal now being installed at 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue.

Councilman Jahn said at the recent American Municipal Conference held in Denver, he found that they were in favor of this hanging signal, especially the new improved type with the large red and smaller green lights. He understood that the hanging signals worked better than the other type. Councilman Jahn said instead of spending \$4,000.00 to put a signal on a corner, the City should buy the new improved hanging signals.

Councilman Jahn moved that this letter be filed.

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

OPINIONS OF CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Opinion and analysis submitted by Stanley E. Remelmeyer, City Attorney re: firefighters' procedure.

This matter was discussed at a pre-council meeting held immediately preceding this meeting. No action was taken.

SOUTH TORRANCE WATER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 3.

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3824

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ORDERING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT EMPLOYING SPECIAL ATTORNEYS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3824.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3824.

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

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3825

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING AN ENGINEER OF WORK FOR CERTAIN PROPOSED WATER DISTRIBUTION LINE WORK, AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES FOR SAID WORK.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3825.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3825.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Charles P. Morgan of the engineering firm of Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright, presented the plans and specifications to the Council and to the City Clerk.

In answer to a question from Mayor Isen, Director of Public Works Peeples said a copy of these plans and specifications were sent to the Water Department, Fire Department, Building Department, Planning Department and City Manager for their review and comments. The plans were sent back to the engineering firm with corrections noted and have now met with the approval of the City.

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Isen called a recess so that the Council could study the plans and specifications. The Council reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3826

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING FILING OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND DISTRICT MAP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WATER DISTRIBUTION LINE WORK.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3826.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3826.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3827

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WATER DISTRIBUTION LINE WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA; FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT AND WHETHER PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INVESTIGATION, LIMITATION AND MAJORITY PROTEST ACT OF 1931 SHALL APPLY THERETO; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COST AND EXPENSE THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH, AND GIVING NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3827.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3827.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the first hearing on this matter will be held January 5, 1960 at 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

With a letter dated December 3, 1959, City Manager Stevens submitted the following recommendations:

1. Recommend change of Hollywood-Riviera bus route to improve service. (Map and letter from Bus Superintendent Chamberlain attached.)

Councilman Beasley moved that this matter be submitted to the Transportation Committee of the Council for study and recommendation.

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

2. Recommending appropriation of \$4,500.00 from unappropriated reserve fund for improvement of safety installations at Torrance Blvd. and Madrid Avenue. (Santa Fe crossing.)

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens if there was any possibility of getting the money back from the Public Utilities Commission or getting money earmarked to be returned to Torrance.

Mr. Stevens said it was a matter of the general fund being depleted. The only help would be to see they get more money so that our projects would get an allocation.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens if he thought Assemblyman Thomas could help the City out on this.

Mr. Stevens said if anyone could help, Mr. Thomas could, and that he would contact him about this.

Councilman Bradford asked if the wig-wag signal is not now illegal.

Mr. Stevens replied that that type is not installed anymore.

Councilman Bradford said that this is railroad equipment, and in order to keep up with the growth of the City he thought Santa Fe should install the signal device at their own expense.

Mr. Stevens advised that it is an established policy by the Public Utilities Commission that the railroad pay half the cost of installation and the jurisdiction pay half the cost, and if there are funds available, the Public Utilities Commission will pay one-half of the jurisdiction's cost. Actually the P.U.C. and the City would pay one-fourth each of the cost.

Councilman Bradford said that if a business or industry has defective or obsolete electrical equipment the City tells them that it has to be replaced. The railroad has obsolete equipment and they come back and say the City has to pay half of the cost of replacing it.

Considerable discussion followed on the policy of the P.U.C. requiring a jurisdiction to share in the cost of such installations.

In answer to a question from Councilman Jahn, Lt. Nash of the Police Department said that during the past year there have been seven accidents involving personal injury and property damage, and one fatality at this crossing.

Mayor Isen thought the City should tell the P.U.C. that we are in favor of Santa Fe bringing the crossing up to standards, but that the City should not have to pay for this.

Director of Public Works Peebles pointed out that field meetings are held with the P.U.C. and representatives of Santa Fe as well as with city people. The railroad can put in an installation that will meet the requirements of the P.U.C., however, at the time the City personnel saw what the railroad was planning, we felt that it was nothing better than the signal that is there now. Mr. Peebles said the signal the railroad was planning sat back and would not work out at that crossing and the same hazardous condition would still be present for the traveling public.

Councilman Jahn said he thought the liability would rest with the railroad.

Mr. Peebles said no, not as long as the railroad meets the requirements of the P.U.C., which are the bare minimum requirements. In essence the minimum requirements were no better than the signal that is there now.

Assistant City Manager Bone said that the plans submitted by the railroad did not meet the city's requirements - that it would have been a mockery to install such a signal. Mr. Bone said that the best signal for this location was one which protruded about twelve feet from the crossing and could be seen by motorists coming down Torrance Boulevard. He said there are trees at this location and the wig-wag cannot be seen. It was his opinion that if the signal arm protruded out twelve feet it could be seen by the traveling public.

Mayor Isen said he would withdraw his objections to the installation of this signal, and asked City Manager Stevens to contact Assemblyman Thomas in regard to a contribution from the P.U.C.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve this recommendation #2.

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

3. Requesting approval of position classifications. (Letter of explanation and schedule attached.) *Public Works Leadman, Blacksmith-Welder, Asst. Park Wks., Supt.*
 Councilman Beasley moved to approve the recommendation of the City Manager on position classifications.
 Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Recommendation of bus committee for changes in bus operation.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the bus committee for changes in bus operation.

Councilman Drale asked why the time was being extended on bus runs from ten hours to eleven hours.

Councilman Beasley said a lot of the bus runs are split runs and this means if an operator gets eight hours in within eleven hours, the operator will not be paid overtime. He added that some of the bus operators have been getting a lot of overtime.

Councilman Drale asked what the take-home pay is for a bus driver.

Councilman Beasley replied that when a bus operator gets \$1,900.00 a year in overtime, then he was very concerned about the matter. He said that the recommendation of the Bus Committee was in line with procedures used by other bus systems in the area.

Councilman Drale asked how it was possible to spread the overtime over a more equitable basis.

Councilman Blount replied that this could be accomplished by assigning bus runs on a rotation basis.

Mr. Crowder, a bus operator, said he did not see why the time should be spread to eleven hours when the runs could be made in eight or nine hours.

Councilman Drale said that no other department in the City works eleven hours a day to get in eight hours.

Councilman Blount said he approved the recommendations of the Bus Committee because every bus system in the State of California does the same thing.

Councilman Drale asked what plans there were for placing a bus shelter at the depot.

Councilman Blount said he thought something should be done about getting a shelter and he would certainly vote for such a proposal.

Councilman Drale said all the recommendation of the Bus Committee does is to cut a bus operator's pay and increase the number of hours he works.

Mayor Isen said he thought Item 5 of the bus committee recommendation pertaining to a shelter should be eliminated and taken up separately.

City Manager Stevens asked if the Council wanted estimates on the cost of erecting a shelter.

Councilman Beasley said he thought estimates should be obtained as soon as possible.

Mr. Crowder told the Council that he has been with the City for eighteen years and his seniority has never been violated by a City Council - that the Councils have always protected it. He said if the Council gives the right to assign runs and hours (which has always been a seniority matter) then they are taking away all seniority rights of the bus operator. He said when he started with the bus department 18 years ago he took the runs that were left. Now after 18 years with the City he felt as a matter of seniority he should have the right to pick the runs he wants. Mr. Crowder said that it is standard practice with all transportation companies for employees to bid for their runs and that the runs are not assigned.

Considerable discussion followed concerning the recommendation of the bus committee to spread the hours of runs and assigning runs.

Councilman Beasley asked if there had been a second to his motion to concur with the recommendations of the bus committee.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jahn moved that the City Manager, Supervisor of the Bus Department and Director of Public Works make a report to the Council as to the advisability of erecting a shelter and rest rooms at Torrance Blvd. and Sartori Avenue.

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

Mayor Isen requested that Item 5 of the City Manager's recommendations be held over until the rest of the recommendations had been covered.

EXPENDITURES:

1. For the purchase of departmental name strips, the sum of \$355.68 to Angelus Pacific Company, low bidder.
2. For the purchase of decals from Angelus Pacific Company, the sum of \$366.08.
3. For the purchase of SDC 150 Dry Chemical Stationary Unit, (Fire Extinguisher for Airport), from Harbor Testing Laboratory, the sum of \$384.80.
4. For the purchase of Refrigerator, Model #R14E from Sears Roebuck & Company, the sum of \$343.15, for the Fire Department. (A Budget Item.)
5. For the purchase of materials for parking stalls from Triangle Steel & Supply, the sum of \$588.69.
6. For the purchase of paint for interior of Police Station from Walteria Mower Service, the sum of \$460.10.
7. For the rental of D-8 Cat. from 11-16-59 to 11-20-59 incl. from Clyde Sheets Equipment Rental, the sum of \$560.00.
8. For the rental of D-8 Cat, from 11-20-59 to 12-20-59 from Clyde Sheets Equipment Rental, the sum of \$1300.00.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Expenditures, Items 1 through 8.

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

Councilman Jahn said regarding Item 8 under expenditures he thought the City should look into buying this type of equipment.

Director of Public Works said that an order for this equipment is in and that he has met with the Civil Defense people who are trying to get a tractor for the City.

ADDITION TO CITY HALL:

City Manager Stevens advised the Council that the City is in desperate need of additional office space - that in September of next year the Recreation Department will be without offices.

Mayor Isen moved that before the Council consider this matter that the City Manager secure a basic plan of the City Hall from the Engineering Department and rough in a sketch of where the additional space should go, and submit that sketch to the Council for study.

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

Mayor Isen advised that the Council would now take up recommendation No. 5 contained in the City Manager's letter of December 3, 1959.

5. Report on Weed Abatement Program, and asking for decision as to whether or not program should be closed at this time or continue on the debris abatement.

Councilman Drale moved that the weed abatement program be discontinued until such time as it is weed season again.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn said he thought if the City is now in the process of picking up debris that they should keep on picking it up.

Councilman Drale made an amended motion that the weed abatement and the rubbish and trash pick-up by Carbohad be discontinued.

The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council is now going to get rid of the entire weed abatement program.

City Manager Stevens said this program has been the only means the City has had of cleaning up debris and weeds, and that it is an expensive program.

Councilman Jahn said that all the work that has been done in eliminating weeds and debris and all the money spent in the past several years will go to waste because in a couple of years the City will be right back where it started as far as weeds and rubbish is concerned.

Director of Public Works Peebles said if the program is stopped now it would be stopped at a point where the City is finally making headway in the cleaning up of debris, oil sumps and other areas.

Councilman Drale said he would not argue the point that considerable headway has been made in the debris program, but that he thought it was time to discontinue the program for a couple of months until a new contract is called for.

The motion lost by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Drale.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Bradford said that the program should then be called by its right name, which would be a rubbish and debris abatement program.

At 10:25 p.m. Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COURT DISTRICTS:

Mayor Isen advised that there is a plan to consolidate all Municipal Courts within the County into one L.A. County Municipal Court, and that the plan has been submitted to the County Board of Supervisors for study.

Councilman Blount pointed out that this plan would rob the cities of home rule.

Mayor Isen explained that under this proposed plan there would be an assignment of cases so that if our Police Department had a case to try and there was an open courtroom in Van Nuys, they would have to go to Van Nuys to try it. He said this issue will ultimately go to the people for vote, but thought the Council should go on record at this time as being opposed to such a plan.

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3828

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PLAN TO
CONSOLIDATE ALL MUNICIPAL COURTS WITHIN
THE COUNTY INTO ONE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL
COURT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3828.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3828.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Building Division:

- a. Request of Robert N. Krutoff for permission to relocate a sign at the northeast corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Garnett Street, with comments of Superintendent of Building Inspections Schlens.
- b. Request of Mr. Don Wilson for permission to erect a 12' x 15' "V" shaped sign, with recommendation of Superintendent of Building Inspections Schlens.

Building Inspector Schlens advised that Mr. Krutoff had submitted a request for another sign too late to be put on the Council agenda for this evening. The additional sign is the same size as the one mentioned in Item a. and Mr. Schlens said he would recommend the granting of this sign on a six months basis with the usual bond.

Councilman Eradford moved to concur with the recommendations contained in Items a. and b. and the recommendation from Mr. Schlens that an additional sign be allowed Mr. Krutoff.

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

2. Engineering Division:

- a. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 4. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting Agreement with Roland Rogers, et al for reimbursement for costs incurred in the installation of sewers along 235th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue westerly 300 feet.

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3829

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ROLAND ROGERS, O.A. L'AMAOREAUX, GEORGE E. GOODWIN, CUSTER HAWLEY, AND W. L. RICE, INDIVIDUALS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3829.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3829.

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

- b. Sewer Reimbursement District No. 5. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting Agreement with Lester Clouch and Charles Hiromoto for reimbursement of costs incurred by installation of sewers in Bailey Drive from Hickman Drive southerly 264 feet.

City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3830

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LESTER CLOUNCH AND CHARLES HIROMOTO.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3830.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent).

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3830.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote. (Councilman Drale absent).

- c. Transmittal of Easement and Grant Deeds - Sewer and Street Purposes. With a memorandum dated December 3, 1959 from William B. Fagan, for City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of Director of Public Works Peebles, the following easements and grant deeds were submitted for acceptance.
1. Easement Deed from James L. Jordan and Mildred A. Jordan, needed for sanitary sewer purposes, over a portion of Lot 34, Block "B" in Tract No. 10304. Document dated November 25, 1959.
 2. Easement Deed dated October 8, 1959 from Benny R. and Josephine C. Mendez for a portion of Lot 28, Resurvey of R. O. Hickman Tract, required for widening 182nd Street.
 3. Grant Deed dated November 12, 1959 given by Cambridge Investments, Inc. for a portion of Lot 1, La Fresa Tract for the widening of Prairie Avenue.

4. Easement Deed dated November 27, 1959 given by Charles J. Manson, et al, over a portion of Lot 87, La Fresa Tract required for the improvement of Redondo Beach Blvd.
5. Easement Deed dated July 23, 1959 from Estella E. Wheaton over a portion of Lot 89, La Fresa Tract, for the improvement of Redondo Beach Blvd.
6. Grant Deed dated September 18, 1959 from D.L. Jackson and R. J. Harkins for a portion of Lot 16, McDonald Tract for the widening of 180th Street.
7. Easement Deed from Edward S. Gimenez dated August 25, 1959 for a portion of Lot 16, McDonald Tract, for widening 180th street.
8. Grant Deed dated November 24, 1959 from Joseph Rudin for a portion of Lot 28, McDonald Tract for widening Prairie Ave. and 182nd Street.
9. Easement Deed dated November 19, 1959 from Sepulveda Investment Corp. over portions of Lot 24, Meadow Park Tract, for sanitary sewer purposes.
10. Grant Deed dated October 1, 1959 from Agnes M. Lewis over portion of Lot 61, Tract No. 437 for widening 238th St.
11. Easement Deed from General Petroleum Corp. dated October 28, 1959 over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 639 for widening Sepulveda Blvd. and Arlington Ave.
12. Easement Deed from Steven and Metta E. Spaan dated Sept. 8, 1959 over a portion of Lot 6, Tract No. 1046 for widening 238th Street.
13. Grant Deed from C. N. Cake for a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 3458 for widening Emerald Street.
14. Grant Deed from Philip Ross dated November 11, 1959 for a portion of Lot 16, Tract No. 3458 for widening Emerald St.
15. Grant Deed dated November 4, 1959 from Dale D. and Evelyn G. Henderson for a portion of Lot 29, Tract No. 2895 for widening Earl Street.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the Grant Deed and Easements. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3831

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST
THAT CERTAIN AIRPORT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY AND JOHN S. HUFFT.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3831.
Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously
by roll call vote. (Councilman Draie absent).

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3832

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE EXTENDING THE TIME OF OPTION OF
ERWIN EARL WILSON AND DARLENE JOAN WILSON TO
LEASE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ON THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3832.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

1. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3833

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 Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3833.

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

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3833.

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

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

2. City Clerk Bartlett Read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3834

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROTESTING THE SPENDING OF MUNICIPAL AND/OR COUNTY FUNDS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONDUCT A RUBBISH DISPOSAL SURVEY OF THE ENTIRE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3834.

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

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3835

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO RICHARD P. GAWNE FOR PREPARING THE MASTER PLAN FOR PLANTING LOS ARBOLES PARK.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3835.

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

Mayor Isen requested that a perma-plaque copy be made of this Resolution and that the City Manager invite Mr. Gawne to the next meeting of the Council so that the Resolution can be presented to him.

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3836

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE APPLICATION OF CROSS TOWN SUBURBAN BUS LINES, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO RE-ROUTE AND EXTEND ITS ROUTES IN THE INGLEWOOD DIVISION.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3836.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With letter dated December 3, 1959, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted for study an Ordinance adding Section 6X to Appendix I of the Code, providing for the creation of a Restricted Multiple-Family Residential District (R-R-3).

2. With letter dated December 1, 1959, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted for study an Ordinance adding Section 10-Z to Appendix I, providing for the creation of a C-R Restricted Commercial District.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the Planning Commission has held the necessary hearings on these two proposed ordinances and requested that the Council set a hearing date.

Councilman Jahn moved that hearings on the R-R-3 and C-R ordinances be set for January 12, 1960, at 8 o'clock p.m.

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

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

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to first reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 1143

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 25.250 - DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 25.256 - REFUNDS, OF ARTICLE IX, CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1143.

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

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

4. City Clerk Bartlett read title and gave number to first reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 1144

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 Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1144. Motion Seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by the following roll call vote.

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

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of December 9-15, 1959, AS "BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens advised that there is 440 lineal feet of curb and gutter on the north side of 180th Place that needs replacing and the City will have to replace it. He said there is a contractor working in the vicinity and will soon leave the job. While the contractor is still there he will do this work for \$2.25 a lineal foot for 440 feet - that would include removing and replacing the present curb and gutter. Mr. Stevens said he thought that was a very good price and recommended that the work be done by the contractor and award bid at a later date.

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

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

2. Mr. Stevens advised that he had an aerial topographical map of the airport in his office for view to the Council or anyone who wished to see it. He said it was a very beautiful map.

3. Councilmen Benstead submitted the name of Mr. John S. McMullen of 1734 Watson Avenue, for the Traffic Safety Council.

Mayor Isen asked that Councilmen Blount and Bradford submit a nomination to the Traffic Safety Council.

4. Councilman Bradford asked if the Department of Public Works could make a survey of Torrance Boulevard as to the installation of mercury lamps. He said Redondo Beach has such lights on Torrance Blvd. and it is very well lighted. He said he would like a survey made as to the cost of such installation.

City Manager Stevens said that such a survey would be made.

Councilman Bradford said that regarding the property owned by the City on Del Amo and leased to Little League and Babe Ruth, that there is a need for additional recreation facilities in that area.

He said this property has been planted and maintained by the Babe Ruth and Little Leagues. Those Leagues use the area from approximately April to sometime in August.

Councilman Bradford moved that the City use this property in conjunction with the Recreation Department for holding ball games and other activities, and that the City maintain the property, such as watering and mowing the lawns. This area may be used by the City when it is not being used by the Babe Ruth and Little Leagues.

Mayor Isen asked if the Leagues are willing to do this.

Councilman Bradford replied that representatives of the Leagues were in the audience.

A gentleman stepped forward saying he represented the Babe Ruth League. He said the maintenance of the fields has always been a problem because the Leagues have to depend on volunteer Dads to take care of the fields.

Councilman Blount said that three leagues would be involved and that the approval of each league should be obtained before any action is taken.

Councilman Bradford made a substitute motion requesting that this matter be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission for study and recommendation.

Mr. Pat Hogue, Commissioner of the Torrance Youth Baseball Council advised that the Baseball Council is in the process of being incorporated, and when that is completed the matter could be sent through the Baseball Council to obtain the approval of the various leagues and work out the details.

Councilman Bradford said the parking meters were beginning to irk him - that there were no police officers on the beat in downtown Torrance at all.

Lt. Nash said that commencing last week officers have been assigned to patrol the downtown area.

Councilman Bradford was of the opinion that if officers were patrolling the downtown area, then there was no need for the Meterettes and that the officers could take care of enforcing the law. He asked that the police department look into this matter. Councilman Bradford said the revenue from the meters is less than the City has ever had.

Lt. Nash replied that 1200 citations were written in a month.

5. Councilman Jahn said he had three items he wished to bring up.

a. At the American Municipal convention held in Denver he found that Nashville, Tenn. has a City Council of 21 members to represent a population of some 170,000 people. The Councilmen are paid \$300.00 a month, and out of 21 Councilmen, 17 were present at the convention in Denver.

b. Several weeks ago Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager to make a study regarding police and fire integration and especially note the American Municipal Report. He said since bringing this matter up he has had several papers sent to him by the fire department which he has read with much interest. Councilman Jahn read a magazine article to the Council stating how the city of Winston Salem, N.C. has been using this system of police and fire integration. He gave a copy of the article to City Manager Stevens. He asked that the City Manager investigate this matter as soon as possible before it is budget time again and see if the police and fire budgets, which run over a million dollars combined, can be reduced by a program of integration.

c. Councilman Jahn said that real estate brokers and salesmen, in order to make sales on houses, lots and business property, must put up some sort of advertising. He said throughout the City he has never noticed any carelessness on the part of real estate men about removing signs for open houses, etc. He said they always remove the

signs because they are expensive to replace. He said it was his opinion that City crews should have more important things to do than taking down open house signs, flags or directional arrows which have been put up by real estate brokers. He asked that this practice be stopped.

6. Mayor Isen advised that the signal at Hawthorne and Carson is now functioning and congratulated Mr. Peebles in anticipating every step of the construction in advance.

(a) Mayor Isen told City Manager Stevens that he has been missing financial reports on costs of the city and how much is left in unallocated funds.

City Manager Stevens said that Director of Finance Scharfman prepares a quarterly financial report and also a month cost report and these are distributed to the Council and to City departments. He said he would get copies of the reports for Mayor Isen.

(b) Mayor Isen asked that the City Attorney prepare an opinion on whether or not the City Council could meet in a private session to discuss nominations and appointments to various commissions. He said he would like this opinion as soon as possible.

7. Councilman Blount said some time ago he requested that an investigation be made of the unfinished hangars at the airport - one has been unfinished for five years. Mr. Schlens said he will look into this as soon as possible. Councilman Blount said he would meet with Mr. Schlens before any investigation is started.

8. City Manager Stevens said there was a need for a workshop meeting this month and thought a date for such meeting should be set at this time. He said a study should be made on civil service rules and a salary survey made.

Mayor Isen said that with the holidays coming up he would suggest that a meeting be held the first of the year, perhaps two Council meetings in one week, to discuss civil service rules and make a salary survey.

9. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance