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Secretary

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Torrance, California
December 29, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 29, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Herman Brandt, City Clerk of the City of Manhattan Beach, led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 22, 1959 was deferred to the next meeting.

For the benefit of the audience, Mayor Isen gave a brief description of Council procedure.

Mayor Isen introduced to the Council and the audience the new representative of the Torrance Press, Mr. George Burkhart.

BIDS:

1. Mayor Isen announced that bids will be opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 30, 1959 for the furnishing of one (1) Wheel Tractor complete with hydraulic backhoe and front-end loader.

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

2. Mayor Isen announced that bids for furnishing labor and equipment to install approximately 5,000 lineal feet of 16" concrete cylinder pipe in Sepulveda Boulevard between Crenshaw Boulevard and Madrona Avenue were opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 29, 1959.

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

Councilmen Blount and Jahn joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

SPENCER STREET-TOLUCA AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT:

1. A letter dated December 22, 1959 to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted a copy of letter from the Los Angeles County Health Department, a location sketch, and a Resolution finding and determining that a Sanitary Sewer is a necessity as a public health measure and directing the City Engineer to proceed.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read in full the letter from the Los Angeles County Health Department so that the text could be spread in the Council Minutes.

"COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
241 North Figueroa Street
Los Angeles 12, California

October 23, 1959

Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, California

Attention: Mr. W. M. Nollac, City Engineer

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Proposed Sewer Assessment District, Tract No. 16884,
City of Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully recommended that sanitary sewers
be installed in this district.

ANALYSIS: This Department has made an investigation of the
proposed Sanitary Sewer Assessment District,
Tract No. 16884, City of Torrance, as shown on the attached map. During
the course of this investigation, 30 house-to-house calls were made.
Of this number, 7 occupants were not at home or did not answer the door.
Of the 23 property owners or tenants actually contacted 14 or 60.8%
reported having experienced trouble with their individual subsurface
sewage disposal systems. They complained that the seepage pits filled
up causing raw sewage to back up into the house plumbing fixtures or to
overflow onto the surface of the ground. Also that frequent pumping
and cleaning out of the seepage pits was necessary. The majority of
the homes within this area are only 2 years old.

The soil within the area of this proposed sanitary sewer district con-
sists mostly of a fine beach sand. This type of soil is not conducive
to the proper functioning of any type of individual subsurface sewage
disposal system as it has poor leaching qualities. Also the fine sand
sifts through the spaces between the brick lining of the seepage pits
and causes them to either silt up with sand or cave in and become
inoperative.

In view of the facts revealed by our survey, I, the undersigned Health
Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated
by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health
services for the City of Torrance, do hereby recommend that proceedings
be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in this
district as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health.
This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808
of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.,
Health Officer

ROB:LCH:mt
cc: (3) City Engineer
Dr. Gilbert
Dr. Kogan-Torrance H.C."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the
City Engineer and of Dr. Gilbert of the Health Department.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3844

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SPENCER STREET-TOLUCA AVENUE SEWER DISTRICT (ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. A'11-59-1) IS NECESSARY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURE, AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PROCEED PER SECTION 2808 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3844.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3844.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated December 16, 1959 from Frank G. Bonelli, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, advised that the hearing date for consideration of the suggested reorganization of the Municipal Court system has been set for January 20, 1960 at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Council has already gone on record by Resolution as being generally opposed to such reorganization, but he stated there were a number of suggestions made by the Council in this regard. He hoped to attend the hearing, but in the event he was unable to do so, he asked that City Attorney Remelmeyer or Assistant City Attorney Dower make a definite appointment to attend to represent the City.

Councilman Drale suggested also that any of the Councilmen who could do so should attend.

2. Resubmitted was a petition bearing thirty-three signatures of residents of the Hollywood Riviera area near Via La Selva, requesting the formation of a 1911 Act Assessment district for the construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks to serve 1,300 lots. The petition was submitted by Mrs. R. W. Rector, 437 Via La Selva, Redondo Beach, and requested merely that a petition be drawn up for circulation.

At the Council meeting of December 22, 1959, City Engineer Nollac was requested to prepare such a petition for Mrs. Rector, and Mayor Isen asked Mr. Nollac if this had been done.

Mr. Nollac replied that Mrs. Rector was coming in tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. to go over the matter.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Nollac to emphasize the fact that the Council is cooperating to the extent of giving the petition requested but that this does not constitute any recommendation for or against the action.

City Engineer Nollac said he would explain briefly the procedures involved in the formation of a 1911 Act Assessment District.

3. A letter dated December 18, 1959 from the Walteria Business Men's Club, signed by Glenn A. Maxwell, Secretary, commented on a report given by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover on the very low crime rate in the City of Torrance, and asked the Council to commend Police Chief Bennett on his very excellent job.

Councilman Jahn moved that the communication be filed and that a commendation be sent to the Police Chief.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead suggested that Council send a Resolution to the Police Chief commending him for his fine work, and Councilman Jahn accepted this as an amendment to his motion.

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

Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Remelmeyer to prepare the appropriate Resolution, to be perma-plaqued so that it could be on display at the Police Department.

In connection with the crime rate, Mayor Isen commented that he is still very much perturbed over the reporting of the Bolsa Street dope incident. He referred specifically to the Daily Breeze, in which a Gardena Councilman, when discussing Gardena's crime rate, was quoted as saying that Torrance had crime, and he referred specifically to the dope ring discovered in Torrance. Mayor Isen stated that Torrance does have one of the lowest crime rates in the country, and he thought there should be something done to report these incidents properly, since crimes occurring outside the municipal area of Torrance do not constitute crime in Torrance.

4. A letter dated December 21, 1959 from Michael Thomas, 4400 Del Amo Boulevard, Torrance, California, requested permission of the Council to park a trailer at that address. Mr. Thomas explained that he and his partner, Robert Schultz, operate a bird park at that address and because they have recently encountered serious losses due to theft of rare and valuable birds, they now employ a caretaker who feeds the birds and guards the grounds, and the trailer is to be used as housing for the caretaker.

There was a lengthy discussion on the request. Mr. Thomas, upon questioning by the Council, stated there is no sewer connection and no provision for sanitary facilities for the trailer.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the request without prejudice.

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 pointed out to Mr. Thomas that the reason for the denial was the lack of sanitary facilities; he stated if Mr. Thomas would make provision for sanitary facilities and have it approved by the staff, he could then renew his application and the Council will reconsider his request.

5. An invoice dated December 11, 1959 was received by the City Attorney's office from Newlin, Tackabury & Johnston, Attorneys at Law, in the amount of \$450.00 for fees for services rendered in the Dominguez Water Corporation Petition for Rehearing before the Public Utilities Commission. City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended payment of the invoice.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. In his letter of December 24, 1959, City Manager Stevens submitted the following recommendations:

PERSONNEL:

1. Arthur Moore, Senior Plumbing Inspector, be authorized to attend the Western Plumbing Officials Conference with appropriate expenses paid.

EXPENDITURES:

1. For the purchase of 30 double-tier lockers and 2 single-tier lockers for the Police Department from Torrance Desk and Office Equipment, the sum of \$356.15. Low bidder.
2. For the operation of the dump, one Cat. D-8 for the period of one month, the sum of \$1100.00, to Clyde Sheets Contractors, low bidders on the item.
3. For the purchase of surveying instruments for the Engineering Department, the sum of \$2110.15 from Los Angeles Scientific Instrument Company. (Explanation attached.)
4. To Mutual Liquid Gas Distributors, an encumbrance in the amount of \$500 for the month of December and \$500 for the month of January for rental of 1500-gallon butane tank for gas. This is required in connection with emergency flood pumping of WALTERIA Lake area under flood conditions. Only authorized amounts of gas used during this period will be paid for.

Under Personnel, Item 1, Mayor Isen asked Mr. Moore's destination; City Manager Stevens said the Conference would be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with all items of the City Manager's recommendations.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

There was considerable discussion on the repeated rental of a D-8 Cat, with several of the Councilmen voicing the opinion that we have paid enough in rental to have made a down payment on a new one.

City Manager Stevens informed the Council that we have received approval of our application to purchase a D-8 or equivalent from the War Surplus Agency, that we are now attempting to locate one in the field, and that our chances of purchasing a surplus one are excellent.

Director of Public Works Peebles stated that a new D-8 would cost approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000, whereas one obtained through War Surplus would cost approximately \$1500 to \$2000. He said if the Council wanted to approve the purchase of a new one, he would be glad to do so and he would obtain for the Council the exact cost of a new D-8 on a lease-purchase plan. In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Peebles said the rental of the D-8 has been averaging about \$1200 per month.

Councilman Jahn said that unless it would hinder the operation of the dump, he would like to move that we cease to rent a D-8 until we either buy a War Surplus one or until we make a down payment on a new one.

Director of Public Works Peebles and City Manager Stevens both objected, saying that it would impair the operation of the dump.

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

Councilman Drale asked that it be made a matter of record, since we will be in the rental field soon, that we are paying \$1100 for a D-8, without an engineer or operator.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Several of the Councilmen voiced the opinion that all bids, rather than just the low bid, should be shown for their information. There was a brief discussion on this, and Mayor Isen, with the concurrence of the Council, requested that in the future all bids be shown.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

1. A letter dated December 22, 1959 from Assistant City Manager Bone to City Manager Stevens advised that the following insurance expires on 12/31/59 and is subject to renewal:

- (1) Auto Fleet (Fire, theft and comprehensive - collision risk is not included and is assumed by the City.)

Agent - Torrance General Insurance
 Maximum coverage - \$848,700
 Policy period - 1 year
 Estimated premium - \$1400 per annum

- (2) Fire (Buildings and property)

Agents: (a) Lund Co. (Hartford)
 (b) W. E. Bowen (Travelers)
 (c) Torrance General (Continental)
 (d) Post Company (U.S. Fire)

Maximum coverage - \$1,711,300
 Amount expiring - \$342,260 (approx. 1/5th total)
 Policy period - Five year policies with approximately
 1/5th coverage expiring annually.
 Estimated premium - \$3,738 per annum.

Mr. Charles Robinson, Insurance Consultant, recommends that coverage be temporarily continued with present conditions and carriers under a 60-day binder pending his complete report and recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Bone concurred with his recommendations.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Robinson.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Jahn moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order.

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

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

1. A letter dated December 24, 1959 to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted Resolution granting consent to the City of Los Angeles for a 1911 Act Improvement (storm drain and sewer) in the vicinity of Western Avenue and 206th Street. Also attached was a letter dated December 22, 1959, to City Engineer Nollac from the City of Los Angeles.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3845

RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE ASSUMPTION OF JURISDICTION BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TWO HUNDRED SIXTH STREET AND HARVARD BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE "IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911", BEING DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3845.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked if we would be covered by insurance from the City of Los Angeles while they are within the City territory.

City Engineer Nollac replied that they will be constructing a portion of the street improvements in Western Avenue within the boundary of the City of Torrance, and this appears on the improvement plan. The Contractor will be required to take out a permit from the City of Torrance, and in doing so, he will have to furnish a certificate of insurance to obtain the permit.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. A letter dated December 24, 1959 to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended release of Subdivision Bond No. C-7013492 in the amount of \$50,000, covering improvements in Tract No. 22214. Also attached was a letter from Park Superintendent Clemmer.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Nollac.

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

3. A letter dated December 24, 1959 to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted for acceptance an easement over a portion of Lot "B" in Rancho Palos Verdes, granted by Donald and Miriam Schandeling. This easement is required for storm drain purposes in connection with Von's Market at Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor.

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the easement.

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

4. A letter dated December 24, 1959 to City Manager Stevens from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, referring to the installation of traffic signals and highway lighting at the intersection of Palos Verdes Boulevard and Calle Miramar, transmitted a Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to make allocation of "Aid to Cities" Gas Tax Funds.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3846

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND HIGHWAY LIGHTING.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3846.

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

PLANNING DIVISION:

5. CASE NO. 608 - VARIANCE - Lewis & Sons. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request of Lewis & Sons for a Variance to construct a two-story building at 24226-28 Hawthorne Avenue. A letter dated December 28, 1959 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, and excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of December 23, 1959 were attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, including all exhibits and conditions.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated December 23, 1959 from City Attorney Remelmeyer transmitted an opinion as to whether the appointment of commissioners, under the Brown Act, may be made in executive session from which the public is excluded. It is Mr. Remelmeyer's opinion that consideration of the appointment and dismissal of commissioners may be made in executive session, although their appointment and dismissal as a final act must be made in open Council meeting.

The communication was ordered filed.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. A letter dated December 14, 1959 from President Abrams of the Airport Commission quoted from the minutes of the Airport Commission meeting of December 10, 1959 with reference to a water system for airport sites.

A number of the Councilmen believed that our Water Department could advance to the Airport the \$30,000 estimated as necessary to put in the water system so that all airport sites could be improved.

Councilman Blount moved that the communication be referred to the Airport Committee of the Council for their study and recommendations, to come back to the Council within a reasonable time.

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

2. A letter dated December 14, 1959 from President Abrams of the Airport Commission quoted from the Airport Commission Minutes of December 10, 1959 with reference to the request of Babcock et al for approval to continue their sublease to Air Credit Sales for the period commencing January 1, 1960 through December 31, 1961, with an option to extend the term for an additional three years under the same conditions. It was noted that the request was referred to the Lease Committee of the Airport Commission.

Councilman Jahn stated that we have established the rule that these matters should be acted upon within 30 days by the Commission, and that he would hate to lose Air Credit Sales as a tenant because we as a City did not approve the subtenant clause in the Master Lease. He did not want the request held by the Lease Committee of the Airport Commission past the 30-day limit.

Mayor Isen said the Commission would have until January 10, 1960 to act upon the request, and he asked Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to advise them that if no action has been taken by that time, the request should come before the Council for consideration.

3. A letter dated December 14, 1959 from President Abrams of the Airport Commission referred to the request of William Ringdahl of Air Credit Sales for permission to use a gas truck and dispense aviation fuel on his premises for his own exclusive use. It was noted from an excerpt of the Airport Commission Minutes of December 10, 1959 that the matter was ordered tabled until an agreement was reached on their sublease.

The communication was ordered filed.

4. A letter dated December 14, 1959 from President Abrams of the Airport Commission referred to the request of H. R. Halverson to erect multiple "T" hangars in the Executive Aircraft "T" Hangar area. The request was referred to the Lease Committee of the Airport Commission.

Councilman Jahn made the same comment as in Item 2 above with regard to the 30-day time limit.

Mayor Isen requested Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to advise the Commission that if no action is taken by January 10, the request should come to the Council for consideration.

5. A letter dated December 14, 1959 from President Abrams of the Airport Commission noted the Commission had moved to deny the request of Mr. Christofferson, of the Civitan Club of Torrance, for a quarter midget race track at the Airport.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur on the denial of the request. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Blount stated that while he agreed with the denial of the request, he thought the Commission should know that they do not move to deny, that they move to recommend denial or approval, and he asked that they be informed they are still a recommending body only.

Mayor Isen asked Deputy City Clerk Whitacre to advise the Commission of this fact.

6. A letter dated December 14, 1959 from President Abrams of the Airport Commission transmitted a copy of a postcard from Mrs. Wilma Creseling of Bowling Green, Florida, complimenting the Airport Commission on their action in ruling out bar concessions during Airport Day, September 12, 1959.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur.

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

7. With cover letter dated December 23, 1959, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a Resolution approving Amendment to Aeronca (Longren) Lease on the Airport, and a Resolution consenting to the sublease of certain land on the Airport from Aeronca to John D. Howard. Mr. Remelmeyer recommended that the City Clerk be instructed by motion (after the passage of the resolution) to present the amendment to the Mayor for signature only after (1) The approval of the FAA has been received; and (2) The City has been paid \$250 for the services of the City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney that the amendment be signed only after Conditions (1) and (2) are complied with.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3847

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AERONCA
(LONGREN) LEASE ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 3847.

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

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3848

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE CONSENTING TO THE SUBLEASE OF
CERTAIN LAND ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT FROM AERONCA MANUFACTURING CORPORATION
TO JOHN D. HOWARD.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 3848.

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

8. With his letter of December 23, 1959, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a Resolution approving supplement to Second Amendment to Lease No. 2 with Jefferson, Inc., providing for extension of time for

separating said lease. Supplement was also attached.

Councilman Jahn stated he was not in favor of the execution of the supplement since it would release Jefferson, Inc. from responsibility and would hold each subtenant responsible.

Mr. Bower of Jefferson, Inc. informed the Council they did not want relief from responsibility, that they wanted the leases to be drawn in their name.

In reply to a question from one of the Councilmen, City Attorney Remelmeyer said that the Resolution was prepared by Tackabury, and he confirmed the fact that passage of the Resolution and execution of the Supplement would relieve Jefferson, Inc. from responsibility. He said that the sublessees wanted to hold directly under the City rather than under Jefferson, and that Mr. Levitt and Mr. Tackabury considered the segregation of the leasehold necessary for financing.

Mayor Isen, with concurrence of the Council, ordered the documents referred back to City Attorney Remelmeyer, stating that the instruments should all be drawn so that Jefferson, Inc. remains primarily responsible at all times.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk reported that a Complaint and Summons was accepted by the City Clerk on December 21, 1959 in the action of Lilia, Alice and Nancy Cordero, Minors, by their guardian ad litem, Steve Cordero, against the City, Norwalk Paving Co., et al, Superior Court Case No. 732401. The document was submitted by Morrison and Morrison, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 14416 Victory Boulevard, Van Nuys, California. The matter was referred to the City Attorney. The City Council denied this claim on June 30, 1959.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3849

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ASSIST IN EXPEDITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUMP IN THE "WALTERIA AREA".

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3849.

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

Mr. Frank Bartley, 142 Paseo de Gracia, Hollywood Riviera, stated that from newspaper articles he had read, he understood that the Walteria Sump was being given Priority No. 1 in the City of Torrance, and he objected to its taking precedence over the Paseo de Gracia Sump.

Director of Public Works Peebles explained to Mr. Bartley that the Resolution passed tonight is to ask the County to purchase the right of way for the Walteria Sump as rapidly as possible, that the Walteria Sump in no way could come ahead of the Paseo de Gracia Sump for the simple reason that the right of way must be purchased first. The Paseo de Gracia Sump falls within already purchased right of way, the plans have been designed, approved, and accepted by the City, and they are at the Flood Control Office awaiting checking. Before the Walteria Sump could ever go to the Flood Control District, the right of way must be purchased.

Mr. Bartley thanked the Council and Mr. Peebles for their explanation of the matter.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3850

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING POSITION DESCRIPTIONS FOR ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT, BLACKSMITH-WELDER, BUILDING INSPECTOR AND PUBLIC WORKS LEADMAN.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3850.

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

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated December 24, 1959, the City Clerk submitted to the Council for its Second Reading Ordinance No. 1146, which was approved at its first reading on December 22, 1959 by unanimous vote with all Councilmen present.

ORDINANCE NO. 1146

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 17.76 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR UNLIMITED PARKING ON CITY-OWNED OR CITY-CONTROLLED PARKING LOTS ON PAYMENT OF A FEE.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1146 at its Second and Final Reading.

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.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented for its First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1147

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1117 BY ADDING AND DELETING CERTAIN POSITIONS WITH THEIR SALARY RANGE TO AND FROM THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Mayor Isen moved to dispense with the further reading of Ordinance No. 1147.

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

In reply to a question from Councilman Beasley, Director of Public Works Peebles explained that the three titles being deleted, Rubbish Inspector, Sewer Maintenance Leadman, and Street Maintenance Leadman, would all be replaced with the one title of Public Works Leadman, and the men in these positions would automatically be re-classified at the same salary range.

Councilman Drale asked if promotional examinations are still being held so that men within the departments could qualify for positions; Mr. Peebles replied that they were.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1147 at its first reading.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens reminded the Council of the public meeting to be held tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Wood School to discuss the facts on Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 2.

2. Mr. Stevens advised the Council there was an urgent need for a work session on Bus Department matters. One particular matter to discuss is an advertising and publicity campaign which has been worked up and which Mr. Stevens thinks is exceptionally good.

After a discussion among the Councilmen, the meeting was set for 5:45 P.M., Monday, January 4, 1960, and Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens to notify the newspapers.

3. City Manager Stevens said that Council had authorized the improvement of Felbar Avenue and 186th Street, which is the street entering North High. At the time the contract was awarded, the City was under the impression that the School District would donate the easement and put in the curbs, gutters, sidewalks and pavement, but Mr. Stevens stated we have been informed that they do not intend to put in the paving. The extra cost of the paving, based on the contract prices, would be about \$625.00, and Mr. Stevens recommended that we do this work under the same contract.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the recommendation of Mr. Stevens.

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

4. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked to re-open discussion on the Jefferson, Inc. Amendment. Mayor Isen asked him to place it on the agenda for next week with a clarifying letter and his recommendation. Mr. Remelmeyer agreed to do so.

5. Councilman Drale called the attention of the Council to the fact that Mr. John Russel is leaving City employ on January 1. He said that Mr. Russell came to the City when the Building Department was in bad shape and because of the fine leadership of Mr. Russell and Mr. Schlens, the Building Department was operating efficiently now.

Councilman Drale moved that an appropriate Resolution of appreciation be prepared and perma-plaqued so that it could be presented to Mr. Russell.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered. City Attorney Remelmeyer was asked to prepare the Resolution.

6. Mayor Isen said he had intended to write a New Year's message but over the weekend an article had appeared in the Torrance Herald entitled "1959, A Great Year" which expressed his thoughts better than he could. He congratulated Reid Bundy on his fine writing and suggested that everyone should read the article.

7. Mr. Frank Bartley, on behalf of the people of the Hollywood Riviera area, thanked the Council for the City's construction of berms, etc., in that area to help take care of the water. He assured the Council that it has helped a great deal.

8. Mr. Stub Wilson asked for another meeting of his group with the Airport Committee of the Council. Councilmen Jahn, Beasley and Drale were agreeable, and Mr. Wilson said he would contact them and the meeting would be arranged at their convenience.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance