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Torrance, California
February 2, 1960

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, February 2, 1960 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

Mayor Isen said he had invited Roy Yanase here tonight to meet the Council. Roy and his family came to Torrance about two years ago from Hawaii, where his father, Dr. Yanase, had a very successful dental practice. Dr. Yanase had read about Torrance in Look Magazine and had checked into a number of other cities and decided when he came to the mainland he wanted to make Torrance his home. Mayor Isen thought it was remarkable how this family, in the short time they have been here, has entered into our community life. He said he was particularly proud of Roy, who was elected President of the Torrance High School student body last week, and he extended the congratulations of the Council to him. At Mayor Isen's request, Roy led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Approval of the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of January 25, 1960 as corrected, and of the regular meeting of January 26, 1960 was deferred to next week.

On behalf of the Council, Councilman Jahn presented to Mr. Dick Fitzgerald a perma-plaqued resolution honoring him for having been selected one of California's five outstanding young men of the year. Councilman Jahn told Mr. Fitzgerald that he had brought a great deal of recognition to Torrance and had done a fine job in managing the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. R-3856
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Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Council for this presentation. He felt he was fortunate enough to win this award only because he came from this City. He said he had talked to the Vice-president of the Irving Trust Company in New York City last Friday, and this gentleman told him he had recommended Torrance to several firms just recently and explained that they sent industrial clients to the City of Torrance because of the tremendous business climate here and because of the good City government. Mr. Fitzgerald said it was one of the proudest moments of his life to hear the Vice-president of a major financial concern praise our community, and he congratulated the Councilmen for the kind of leadership and dedication they have given to our City.

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

SOUTH TORRANCE WATER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (A. D. No. 59149)--
1911 ACT PROCEEDINGS: 1005

1. Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by Resolution No. 3854, the resolution describing certain proposed changes in the work and proceedings

under Resolution of Intention No. 3827, to hear any and all protests or objections to the proposed changes in the work and proceedings.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Affidavit of Publication be received and filed.

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

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

Councilman Beasley moved that the hearing be closed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3868

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS, OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS AND ORDERING CHANGES IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION, RESOLUTION NO. 3827.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3868.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3868.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 5:30 o'clock p.m. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed for opening sealed bids or proposals for the work described in Resolution of Intention, Resolution No. 3827, and ordered by Resolution No. 3852, said work generally consisting of certain water distribution line work in Assessment District No. 59149.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavits of Posting and Publication of Notice Inviting Bids.

Councilman Benstead moved that these be received and filed.

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

City Clerk Bartlett advised the Council that up to the time fixed for opening, five sealed bids or proposals had been delivered to him and filed in his office.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the bids or proposals, and these were opened in public session, examined and declared as follows:

1. Hood Construction Company, accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 10% of the total amount bid.
Bid Price - \$357,926.36.
2. Bejac Construction Company, Buena Park, accompanied by a bidder's bond for 10% of the total amount bid.
Bid Price - \$306,973.00.
3. William A. Drennan, Oildale, California, accompanied by a bidders bond for 10% of the total amount bid.
Bid Price - \$251,543.79.

4. Graven and Company, Bellflower, accompanied by a bidder's bond for 10% of the total amount bid.
Bid Price - \$286,675.32.
5. Alex Robertson Company, Paramount, California, accompanied by a bidder's bond for 10% of the total amount bid.
Bid Price - \$281,155.48.

City Attorney Remelmeyer examined each of the bid bonds, and determined that they were sufficient as to amount and execution.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Council order these bids and the security furnished therewith referred to the City Engineer for examination and report to this City Council on February 9, 1960, on the bidding and the lowest responsible bidder. 1005

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. CASE NO. 603, CHANGE OF ZONE. Eleanor Z. Drale, Petitioner. 1033
A letter dated January 28, 1960 from Planning Director George C. Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted a revised Exhibit "A" to indicate the southerly 116 feet of Lot 54 was recommended to be changed from Zone A-1 to R-2, and the balance of Lot 54 to be rezoned from A-1 to R-3.

Councilman Drale left his seat on the Council for consideration of Case No. 603.

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

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

Councilman Drale returned to his seat on the Council.

2. STREET NAME CHANGE - 169th Street to Thornburgh Place. 1092
A letter dated January 28, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for street name change from 169th Street to Thornburgh Place to conform to the Master Plan of Streets and Highways within the County of Los Angeles.

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

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

3. A letter dated January 28, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended the following waivers for approval:

W-136 - Walnut Enterprises (Maine Bros). Request for a Waiver of rear yard requirements on two lots situated at 2165 and 2171 230th Street. This waiver will permit one corner of the garage on Lot 40 to come within five feet of the rear property line and one corner of the house on Lot 39 within seven feet of the rear property line. In each instance the Planning Commission determined there would be adequate open rear yard area as required in an R-1 zone. 1036

W-137 - Edgcomb & Mitchell. Request for a Waiver to place an ornamental wall within the required front yard setback. The 1036

Planning Commission recommended approval of the placing of an ornamental concrete block wall at the front of an apartment house situated at 116 Paseo De La Concha. This wall is not attached to the main building and will extend to within nine feet of the front property line. The wall will be eight feet in height and will serve as a windbreak in the patio area. Paseo De La Concha being curvilinear in this vicinity, the wall will not cause an obstruction to the adjoining property owners.

Councilman Drale moved that these waivers be granted.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. Resubmitted was a letter dated January 21, 1960 from City Clerk Bartlett requesting Council approval of the release of Bond No. 993508, obligating Torrance Vista (Lens Construction Company) as principal, and the St. Paul Mercury Indemnity Company, as surety, in the amount of \$3,500, guaranteeing payment of use tax on Tract No. 15570. The letter was approved by City Attorney Remelmeyer. Appended was a memorandum dated January 28, 1960 from Finance Director Scharfman noting that payment in the amount of \$1,500 was received November 14, 1958. (Receipt No. 12194.)

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the release of Bond No. 993508. Motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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2. A letter dated February 1, 1960, signed by 57 employees of the City of Torrance objected to the method which has been used in determining the employees' choice of a plan for Health and Medical Insurance. Particularly stressed was the fact many employees did not receive notice of the employees' meeting ordered by the Council, did not know where it was held or what method was used to cast votes. It was noted also that a "ballot" passed out to the City Hall employees asked them to vote for their choice of either Blue Cross Major Medical or Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, whereas Council had asked them to decide between Blue Cross and Pacific Mutual.

Councilman Jahn said he was a little sick about the whole situation, as he was at the last meeting. He understood that a slip of paper was passed around the City Hall and in other departments last Thursday or Friday announcing a meeting to be held for the employees on Friday night at the Union Hall. The notice read "at the Union Hall" and was misunderstood. Councilman Jahn said he had called several people at the City Hall and in other departments and asked if they were informed of this meeting. Most of them said (1) they were not informed and did not know about the meeting, or (2) that they had only glanced at the notice and had assumed it was a union meeting. He did not know how many employees had attended the meeting. Today, Councilman Jahn said, a slip was passed out for employees to vote on health insurance. The Council had ordered a choice between Blue Cross and Pacific Mutual. The ballot which was passed around read: "In order that the Council of United Employees may represent you regarding insurance coverage, please vote for one of those listed below. The Police and Fire Department have already voted for Blue Cross Major Medical. This is a representation of 188 employees." No record was kept of the number of ballots put out nor of the number returned. The list indicated the employee could choose between Blue Cross and Kaiser

Foundation Health Plan. Pacific Mutual was not even mentioned. Councilman Jahn said he did not know where the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan came from; he did not know if they had even bid on the program.

Councilman Jahn said he was very disturbed about this matter, and he moved that it be turned back to the City Manager to conduct an election by the City employees and have a real vote, by secret ballot, so that it could be handled correctly.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mr. Richard L. DeArmitt, of 5102 Pacific Coast Highway, President of Torrance Firefighters Local No. 1138, said he represented 75 out of 82 people on the Fire Department. In this particular case, Mr. DeArmitt said, he had been given permission to represent all of the employees of the Fire Department. He said he had talked to Mr. Salcido, Chairman of the Council of United Employees, and that the Council of United Employees does not represent all the employees of the City; they represent 360 employees. As to the notice of the meeting, Mr. DeArmitt said it was posted on the bulletin board in the City Hall. He said Mr. Salcido himself came to the City Hall, and employees in the City Hall did receive notice of the meeting. He read the bulletin to the Council, noting particularly that it stated "All personnel interested in discussing this subject please attend." Mr. DeArmitt said the piece of paper sent around was not a ballot but was intended as a means of polling the employees to find out how many people were interested in Permanente. Of the 75 people who were at the meeting, he said 40 of them were interested in Permanente and thought it was a very good plan. Mr. DeArmitt said he called representatives from the three plans, Pacific Mutual, Blue Cross and, at the request of many of the employees, the Permanente or Kaiser Foundation Plan. The meeting was set up so that each man would have one hour to discuss his plan and to answer questions about it. Mr. Brown of Pacific Mutual said that was not enough time and he would not be able to attend. Mr. DeArmitt stated further that when they first came before the Council, the Council of United Employees recommended Blue Cross Major Medical, they did not recommend Pacific Mutual. They concurred, he said, with the City Manager's recommendation that Blue Cross was the best plan for the employees.

In regard to the petition circulated at City Hall, Mr. DeArmitt said he had discussed this with the people who prepared it and he thought they had some very good points. His organization, he said, would have been in favor from the beginning of having an election handled by the City and also of having the two representatives from Blue Cross and Pacific Mutual come here and open a meeting to all the employees, let them ask questions, and let the Council, which represents 360 employees, ask them questions so that the audience could understand. Mr. DeArmitt said at Border they had 75 people there on insurance. In the City Hall, he said notices were sent out to all employees and there were between 25 and 30 people who were interested enough to attend the meeting. He insisted the City had made sure everybody was notified. He repeated that they would be in favor of an election to be held by the City and would appreciate a secret ballot, since they know that 360 people already want Blue Cross Major Medical. Pointing to two gentlemen in the audience, Mr. DeArmitt indicated that these men represented the Police Department and 172 Miscellaneous employees and they were in accord with the Council of United Employees. Mr. DeArmitt expressed the wish that the people in City Hall would appoint some representatives to attend the Council of United Employees meetings; he said they would make sure that they know when and where their meetings are held, so that the next time, the employees could be united and could understand the problems involved.

Mayor Isen told Mr. DeArmitt he believed the ball had been fumbled somewhere along the line. The Pacific Mutual representative had called him to say he had exactly one day's notice of the meeting

and he could not get ready in that time and they were withdrawing the whole business. Mayor Isen said he believed that was due to a misunderstanding that the matter had to be resolved quickly. He agreed with Councilman Jahn that the notice should have been written differently. There was inadequate time allowed for the insurance company representatives to prepare the necessary information. Mayor Isen stated further that he did not know where the employees were going when they brought in an insurance company which, as far as he knew, did not even participate in the bidding. He thought Mr. DeArmitt would agree that there had been more fumbling on this than on any matter to come before the Council in a long time.

Mr. DeArmitt said Kaiser did participate in the bidding but their bid was rejected by Mr. Robinson.

Mayor Isen suggested that we have the informative meeting he had suggested previously with Blue Cross and Pacific Mutual representatives, that the meeting be completely temperate so that employees who want to listen can listen to the statements made by these representatives. Thereafter, an election should be held, with some sort of period in between in which there can be reflection. Mayor Isen said there was an implication, when the meeting was held at the Union Hall, that it was strictly a union project. He said City Administration does not mind holding the election, but there should be a time table drawn to see if the various plans can be explained to the employees. He felt it was the thinking of the Council that the employees had a right to know the Council had voted for a lower cost plan and that Mr. Salcido and others had agreed, if they wanted Blue Cross, the employees would pay the excess amount over the lower bid. This, he said, should be indicated on the ballot. Mayor Isen felt the Council should be left out of the matter.

Mr. DeArmitt said the Union Hall was not used in order to sway anybody; they simply felt the attendance might be greater if it were held there.

Councilman Jahn said a great number of people had contacted him, and after reading newspaper articles on this, they were wondering if the Council was running the City for the benefit of the taxpayers and voters or for the benefit of the City employees. He said he did not blame them for being disturbed; he thought the Council had also dropped the ball.

Councilman Beasley agreed, saying that the amount paid by the City for the employees' insurance comes from the general funds and is taxpayers' money, and he felt the Council has a definite responsibility as to how the money is spent. On the other hand, he said, if an employee wishes to insure his dependents, he must do this at his own expense, but he thought it was funny that we suddenly have several thousand insurance experts in the City of Torrance.

Police Officer Charles Oates, Chairman of the Wage Committee of the Torrance Police Department, said he represented 103 employees of the Police Department in this matter, and that he concurs with the recommendations of Mr. DeArmitt for the Blue Cross Plan. He said, however, that he is in favor of an election and felt it was regrettable that the Pacific Mutual Plan was not presented to them in a manner which they could understand.

There were no objections to Councilman Jahn's motion, and it was ordered carried.

Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens to allow sufficient time so that the employees can have a mass meeting to hear the representatives of these plans, with sufficient notice also to be given to the insurance company representatives so they may have enough time to prepare for such a meeting.

City Manager Stevens agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. In his letter of January 29, 1960, City Manager submitted the following miscellaneous recommendations:

EXPENDITURES:

1. To Clyde Sheets Contractors for rental of D-8 Cat. for the period of January 20 to February 20, 1960, the sum of \$1,100.00. (To be used at City Dump. City Cat. broken and unable to repair.)

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1041PERSONNEL:

1. The survey of current salaries submitted to the Council last Monday did not include the classification of Electrical Foreman, as a special study was being made of the job. Attached is a job study of the classification which indicates that a salary increase is warranted at this time.
I recommend that the salary range for the position be established at \$560-\$618, effective January 1, 1960.
2. I recommend that Chapman L. Bone, Assistant City Manager, be authorized to attend the City Managers' Conference in San Diego February 17-19, 1960, with appropriate expenses paid.

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On Item 1, Expenditures, Councilman Blount asked if this would be the last time we would have to rent a D-8.

Mr. Peebles replied that it would.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unan-
imously by roll call vote.

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On Item 1, Personnel, Councilman Benstead asked how much of a raise this involved.

City Manager Stevens replied that the current schedule is \$552-\$570 and the proposed schedule is \$561-\$618.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, Mr. Stevens explained that this was a very special job, and that it was not included in the survey of current salaries presented to the Council last Monday as a special study was then being made.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

On Item 2, Personnel, Mayor Isen was of the opinion that Mr. Stevens should attend the City Managers' Conference.

Mr. Stevens stated he planned to be on the MWD trip on that date. He further noted that this is a State-wide Conference and it is customary for most cities to be represented.

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

The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A letter dated January 28, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer advised the Council that Jefferson, Inc., has submitted two proposed leases which will divide their Lease No. 2 into Lease No. 2A, consisting of a one-acre parcel on the corner of Crenshaw and 101, and Lease No. 3, covering the remaining 29 acres. A problem of interpretation has now arisen since the original amended lease provided that Jefferson could place only one gasoline filling station on the entire leasehold premises. The station could be located on the corner of 101 and Crenshaw only with the consent of the Council. A few weeks ago the Council authorized an amendment to the lease consenting to the placement of a gasoline filling station on the corner. Accordingly, proposed Lease No. 2A contains a provision that a gasoline filling station may be constructed on that corner. However, Jefferson has written Lease No. 3 so that it also provides that a gasoline filling station may be constructed on the remaining 29-acre parcel, with Jefferson contending that by paying the extra compensation for the right to place a gasoline filling station on the corner, it became entitled to the corner station in addition to the one station originally allowed.

Mr. Remelmeyer advised the Council that Mr. Bower of Jefferson, Inc. had requested the withdrawal of this item from the agenda, the result being that Jefferson, Inc. will have only one filling station.

The item was withdrawn with the concurrence of the Council.

Councilman Drale stated, with the concurrence of the Council, that it is the position of this Council there will be only one filling station on the 32 acres.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. In his letter dated January 20, 1960 to City Manager Stevens, Director of Public Works Peebles requested permission to proceed with the posting, preparations of resolutions for the hearings, etc., so that the spring weed abatement program could begin the latter part of March by the City Contractor, Carbohad Corporation.

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant that permission was requested only to go ahead with the posting, etc., or if it was contemplated that they would actually start the weed abatement.

Director of Public Works Peebles said that the actual weed abatement would commence 10 days after the posting.

Councilman Jahn was of the opinion that this was a little early to start, that there would not be any abundant growth at that time.

Mr. Peebles said weeds have already started to grow in certain areas and this is the best time to catch them.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Stevens when the contract with Carbohad expired.

Mr. Stevens stated the present contract includes the spring abatement program and that would end the contract. It was his opinion that this would run through March and April.

Councilman Blount asked for the specific date of the expiration of the contract. Mr. Stevens did not know without consulting the contract.

Councilman Benstead moved to table this request for one week so that Mr. Stevens could bring the contract before the Council.

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

At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Isen said that before returning to the regular agenda, Councilman Blount had a message to give to the Council.

Councilman Blount said that he had been requested by Mr. Hugh Crawford of Acme Aircraft, in his capacity as President and a representative of the Torrance Airport and Businessmen's Association, to read the following message:

"Mr. Mayor and Members of the Torrance City Council:

"I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as President and Representative of the Torrance Airport and Businessmen's Association. Our group is here tonight as a token of appreciation to the Torrance City Council and the Airport Commission for their assistance and cooperation in our joint efforts to bring the Torrance Municipal Airport into the position of a first-class executive and businessman's airport facility.

"Thank you very much."

Councilman Blount explained the reason that Mr. Crawford could not make this presentation tonight was that just as the Council convened this evening, we have received word, which has since been confirmed, that Mr. and Mrs. Hampden Wentworth were killed in an airplane accident at Reserve, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth were aviation enthusiasts and the former owners and very active managers of the Longren Aircraft Company. They were personal friends of Mr. Crawford's, and of Councilmen Jahn and Blount.

2. With his letter dated January 25, 1960, Director of Public Works Peebles submitted a breakdown of the estimated cost of material and labor for the installation of sprinkler systems and landscaping of the following locations:

<u>Torrance Blvd. Parkway, Western Ave. to Depot:</u>		
Pipe and fittings		\$2,249.13
Landscaping material		1,605.00
Labor, City forces.		2,400.00
Total		\$ 6,254.13
<u>Palos Verdes Blvd. Parkway:</u>		
Pipe and fittings		\$ 2,860.83
Landscaping material		1,715.00
Labor, City forces		2,900.00
Total		\$ 7,475.83
<u>* Edison right of way, rear of Civic Center:</u>		
Trees and labor, labor City forces.		\$ 2,550.00
Pipe and fittings		2,392.60
Total		\$ 4,942.60
<u>Extension of 4" water line to tie into Torrance Municipal Water, El Nido Park:</u>		
Pipes and fittings		\$ 853.25
Labor, City forces		350.00
Total		\$ 1,203.25
GRAND TOTAL		\$18,563.08

* This amount would be offset by the payment of the \$5,000 from the Edison Company.

Mr. Peebles indicated that the cost for materials only for these four projects was \$8,356.11.

Mr. Peebles stated there was a further problem involved on the Palos Verdes Blvd. Parkway and that it should be withdrawn from this report.

Mayor Isen moved that, excluding the Palos Verdes Parkway, the money be appropriated for the materials and that those items be taken care of.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Drale wanted to know what the problem was on the Palos Verdes Blvd. Parkway.

Mr. Peebles said the original plan had been rejected by the Council because of the tremendous cost of planting and maintenance along this installation. They were approached by a nursery man who wanted to use this area. It was understood he would do the planting, and the contract was to be drawn up and presented to the Council for approval. They were trying to work out the details of the contract, when the nursery man decided yesterday he did not want to pay for the water. Mr. Peebles said he had written a letter to him saying the water would have to be included.

It was noted that with the exclusion of the Palos Verdes Parkway and deducting the \$5,000 from the Edison Company, the total amount involved is \$6,087.25. Mayor Isen asked Mr. Stevens if the money was available.

Mr. Stevens replied the money for materials would have to come from the Unappropriated Reserve, and the money for labor from the budget, and that we do have the money.

Councilman Benstead requested the each item be approved separately.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the request on Torrance Blvd. Parkway from Western Avenue to the Depot.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the request on the Edison right of way at the rear of the Civic Center.

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

Mayor Isen moved to approve the request for the Extension of 4" water line to tie in to Torrance Municipal Water at El Nido Park.

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

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

3. Minutes of the Traffic Commission Meeting held January 21, 1960.

Councilman Jahn moved that these be filed as a matter of record.

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

Mayor Isen asked that the record show the Council should be advised merely of the actions taken in such meetings, but they do not want copies of the minutes placed on the agenda.

4. In his letter of January 28, 1960, Traffic Engineer Whitmer, with the approval of City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted the following recommendations of the Traffic Commission:

1. The installation of "STOP" signs on Anza Avenue at Halison Street. Cost, approximately \$34.00. 1048
2. The expenditure of \$31.00 for the installation of "DIPS" signs on 242nd Street at both approaches to Neece Avenue. 1046
3. That the City Council determine the City's policy for installation of pavement markings indicating speed limits. 1037

On Item 1, Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

On Item 2, Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

On Item 3, Councilman Drale said the Traffic Commission felt that a policy should be established, since the request was made by the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association that figures such as "25" be painted on Hollywood Riviera Streets at strategic intervals. The cost of each marking would be approximately \$2.00, and they would have to be repainted once a year. Traffic Engineer Whitmer stated a tentative study shows 300 possible locations for these signs in Hollywood Riviera, and this would cost the City approximately \$600.00 per year for installation and maintenance.

Councilman Blount moved as a matter of policy that we do not concur with the request at this time.

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

Councilman Bradford was of the opinion that this matter would come before the Council again, and he asked that it be referred to the City Manager, for the Traffic Engineer to get an estimate of the cost of maintaining this type of sign throughout the City of Torrance, so that if the request is made again, we will have this information.

With the concensus of the Council, Mayor Isen referred the matter to Mr. Stevens for this purpose.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

1. In his letter of January 8, 1960, George Morehart, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, submitted the request of the Civil Service Board that the members be paid a nominal fee for their services. The figure of \$10.00 per meeting was suggested. 1023

Councilman Blount moved that the City Council inform the Civil Service Board their communication has been received and at this time has been filed.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. In his letter of January 28, 1960, Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, submitted the recommendation of the Commission for denial of the request of the Little League to play baseball in Paradise Park. 1105
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Mayor Isen informed the large audience he did not think the Council would reach a decision on this matter tonight without first having reports from the Recreation Director as to the intended use of Paradise Park. He pointed out also there are a number of alternatives which could be discussed, among them the Entradero Sump and a proposed 4.5 acre tract in the Victor Precinct at Emerald and Anza. Because of this, he said the Council was not disposed at this meeting to listen to hours of argument on the merits of Little League, of which they are well aware, nor the merits of Paradise Park as the

location. He called on Pat Hogue as a spokesman for the group.

Mr. Hogue said he could not speak for the Board of Directors of this particular league, that he could only say they requested this particular park. He said the Tordondo League at the present time is building a baseball field at Entradero Sump. The estimated cost of grading alone is \$1,500.00, and this is the most level site in the sump.

Mr. George Vico, of 219 Paseo De Las Delicias, said the President of that league had called him to ask if he could help them to obtain \$1,500.00 to level off this site. He said that a friend of his had looked the site over, had donated his services and equipment and was leveling this site. He did not know whether the friend would do this again, because it does cost a great amount of money and his equipment is very expensive.

Councilmen Drale and Blount were both of the opinion that the League should be given a definite answer as to whether they could use Paradise Park, and they should be given this answer now.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission that the request be denied. In making this motion, he said he felt alternative sites could be provided and that the City should do everything it could to help.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen moved that the matter be tabled until next week, with a committee from the Council to be appointed in the meantime to work with a committee of the Directors of this League to see if there is any acceptable alternative.

The motion was lost for lack of a second.

Considerable discussion followed as to possible alternate locations and the intended use of Paradise Park.

Mayor Isen renewed his motion to table, as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Isen requested that Recreation Director Van Bellehem immediately prepare a report to the Council so that they may have it with the supporting material on next week's agenda, the report to show what plans he has for the development of Paradise Park for the next year, in three years, and in five years, by way of improvements and organized play. He then asked to speak directly to the President of this particular Little League.

Mr. Walter Virgil, 21309 Grant Avenue, FRontier 6-6048, President of the Southwood Little League, came forward.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Virgil if he and two other persons in the League would meet with a Committee from the Council on Thursday, February 4th, at 2:00 p.m. to go into this matter privately and to inspect possible alternate sites.

Mr. Virgil agreed.

Mayor Isen, with the consent of each Councilman, appointed Councilmen Bradford, Drale and Jahn to serve on the committee from the Council, and he agreed to act as an alternate.

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess with the Council reconvening at 7:30 p.m.

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2. A letter dated January 28, 1960 from Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, submitted the recommendation to move the backstop at El Nido Park to LaRomeria Park and that funds be appropriated to accomplish this. The cost was estimated at \$258.00.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

3. In his letter of January 28, 1960, Bernard M. Dougan, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, submitted a resume of the various actions taken by the Commission at its regular meeting of January 27, 1960.

The communication was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER COMMISSION:

1. With his letter of February 1, 1960, R. "Pat" Hogue, Chairman of the Water Commission, submitted a resolution opposing the passage of a proposed Los Angeles County Waterworks Standards Ordinance.

Councilman Benstead 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.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3869

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ENACTMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN ITS PRESENT FORM REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, EXTENSION, ALTERATION AND USE OF WATER SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3869.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3870

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL AND DESIGNATING ITS ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES.

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Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3870.

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

Mayor Isen commented that the Traffic Safety Council could be a tremendous service group, and he asked those Councilmen who had not done so to make their nominations for this Commission.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3871

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A GRANT DEED CONVEYING TO ROLAND HOMOLKA PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 6 OF TRACT 7955 AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 100 PAGES 80 TO 81 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECORDER.

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Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 3871.
Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3872

A RESOLUTION 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".

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3872.
Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

1. Submitted was an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1067 insofar as it prohibited issuance of building permits in the area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 3, but leaving said Ordinance in effect insofar as it prohibits the issuance of building permits in the area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 2.

City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that this ordinance was on the agenda merely so the Council could see what was being proposed. As to the issuance of building permits, the Department of Public Works, Mr. McVicar and Mr. Remelmeyer had concluded that permits could be issued before the entire system is completed, providing Mr. McVicar will certify to the Building Superintendent that water service is available for those particular houses.

Mr. Remelmeyer said the Ordinance will be placed on the agenda next week for passage after bids are awarded.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 7th as "National Beauty Salon Week" in the City of Torrance.

2. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 7 through 13, 1960 as "Dental Health Week" in the City of Torrance.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

1. Mayor Isen called attention to a letter from Fred K. Tourtelot, Mayor of Rolling Hills, commending Sergeant Ingram and his fellow police officers for the prompt apprehension of a thief who had stolen a purse from Mayor Tourtelot's car.

Mayor Isen requested that the letter be posted on the bulletin board.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens handed a letter dated February 2, 1960, to the Council. There was attached a summary of bids on Comprehensive General Liability Insurance and a recommendation from Charles L. Robinson, Insurance Consultant.

Mr. Stevens stated the lowest bidder who met all requirements of the specifications was the Pacific Indemnity Company, our present carrier, and he recommended that Pacific Indemnity's bid in the amount of \$32,981.00 for the second alternate limits be accepted.

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

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

2. Mr. Stevens reported that he had arranged a luncheon meeting with Supervisor Burton Chace and his field representatives, to be held at the Palms on Thursday, February 4th, at 12:30 p.m.

The Councilmen agreed to let Mr. Stevens know if they plan to attend.

3. Mr. Stevens asked for a poll of the Council to determine who would be going on the MWD trip, February 19-21, 1960.

With the exception of Councilmen Benstead and Blount, all of the Council planned to go.

4. Mr. Stevens reminded the Council that the purpose of the luncheon meeting with Mr. Chace was to discuss the location of the sump in the Walteria Lake area, and he suggested it would be wise to choose a third location.

Councilman Jahn objected, saying that the Council had voted for Site "A" or Site "B", east of Ocean Avenue.

Mr. Don Wilson, 2545 Trotter's Terrace, Rolling Hills, said that subsequent to last week's meeting he had read the letter to Mr. Peebles from the Flood Control District and was now able to see the reasoning behind their opinion that the sump should be located on the west side of Ocean Avenue. Mr. Wilson said he had been thinking always in terms of the Airport with its 1000' runway extension, but that apparently there has been some feeling on the part of the Council and City officials that the master plan of the Airport may never be used. In this case, Mr. Wilson said, he understood FAA would then bring back the flight zone and the property lying between Hawthorne Boulevard and Ocean Avenue could better serve the City of Torrance as an industrial or commercial development. 1005

There was a lengthy discussion as to whether the Airport master plan had been changed. Mr. Stevens said the Council had officially voted for one runway, no extension, and no second runway. Subsequent to that, a map was brought before them showing the original master plan, with two runways extended, shown as shaded areas. The Council then decided to try for that if they could get it. 1009

Councilman Blount believed that the Council should not give up trying to get the runway extension and the second runway; several Councilmen agreed that this might be a necessity to a first-rate airport.

Mayor Isen requested a meeting at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 4th, in the Council Chambers, to precede the luncheon with Supervisor Chace, in order to clarify the policy of the Council. He requested Mr. Wilson and Mr. Graham, of Koebig and Koebig, to attend, and they agreed. Since there was a question of the Airport master plan involved, it was suggested that Airport Manager Egan attend also.

Mr. Stevens was asked to bring the FAA standards, and Councilman Bradford asked him to obtain a clarification of FAA policy and restrictions prior to this meeting. He was concerned with any height limitations in the event of commercial development on the westerly side of Hawthorne Boulevard.

5. License Inspector Gale Whitacre told the Council if the City is to continue the parking permit program, he must have approval to place an order for more decals since it takes four to six weeks to get them. He told the Council five permits were sold in the month of January, and three permits have been sold so far in February. 1124

Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Whitacre not to order any more decals until the Council requests him to do so.

6. Councilman Beasley inquired about the grading plan of the Airport, saying he thought they were going to be told how much dirt would have to be moved before the group of hangars to be constructed by Mr. Anderson could be put in.

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Director of Public Works Peebles said that the grading plan had been completed and that approximately 60,000 cubic yards of dirt had to be moved. He said he had talked to the State Division of Highways to see if some agreement could be worked out with them for the use of this material on the freeway, but there was a possibility of having to wait eight to twelve months for the freeway project to go into effect. He said that at even \$1.00 per cubic yard, the cost of removing the dirt would be \$60,000.00. There was a possibility, however, that an arrangement could be made whereby the freeway contractor would rough-grade the airport for us.

The Councilmen questioned the yardage involved. Mr. Peebles said this was the amount of material to be removed from the "T" hangar area only, based on the master plan they are working from and considering only the area indicated by Mr. Egan.

Councilman Blount pointed out that the "T" hangar area would consist of about 250 to 260 square feet, since the 20 hangars would be nested, and he believed it was impossible for this amount of dirt to be removed from that size area.

City Engineer Nollac asked that the matter be deferred until next week so they could bring in the plan that Mr. Egan has accepted and so that Mr. Egan could be here.

Councilman Jahn agreed with Councilman Blount, saying that he wanted some further investigation by Mr. Stevens, Mr. Peebles and Mr. Nollac.

Mr. Stevens said he had hoped to have the plan here tonight. He said two alternate plans were sent to the Airport Commission, and they had approved one of them. This will come automatically on to next week's agenda, together with maps from which Mr. Stevens said he believed the Council could see the whole problem.

7. Councilman Bradford said he had received complaints from property owners in the Narbonne No. 3 area that they were told they would have to buy water meters from the City even though they own their own meters and they are new meters.

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Mr. Stevens said it was his understanding that the meters would be used if they are in good condition.

Councilman Bradford said he understood this too, but he requested clarification in view of the complaints he has received.

8. Councilman Drale suggested a proclamation be issued for "Ride A Bus Week" for the week of February 15th in order to promote the bus system.

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Mayor Isen suggested that City Attorney Remelmeyer prepare a resolution rather than a proclamation.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

9. Mayor Isen referred to tonight's agenda, Item S, Council Discussion on Commission nominations and appointments, and asked Mr. Stevens to set the discussion for a pre-council meeting next week at 7:15 p.m. sharp.

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10. Mayor Isen announced that there would be a meeting of the League of California Cities Directors of Los Angeles County at the Rodger Young Auditorium Thursday evening, February 4th, and he requested that as many Councilmen who could do so attend the meeting with him.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance