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Torrance, California
February 23, 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 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 23, 1960 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Clifford Tierney, Pastor of the South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 16, 1960, as written.

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

Mayor Isen announced that Mayor Sitki Bilgin of Konya, Turkey, and Madame Bilgin, had arrived at the airport and were now guests of the City of Torrance. He said they would make their appearance in the Council Chamber at approximately 8:30 p.m., and that there would be an on-the-scene broadcast over Radio Station KNX between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. A radio was available in the Council Chamber so that the audience could hear the broadcast.

HEARINGS:

1. "LOMITA-CRENSHAW ANNEXATION." HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3859 TO ANNEX PORTIONS OF LOTS 70 AND 71 OF TRACT NO. 15. 1119

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the following Affidavits:

1. Affidavit of Publication from Torrance Herald.
2. Affidavit of Publication from Long Beach Press-Telegram.
3. Affidavit of Posting.
4. Affidavit of Service by Mail.

Councilman Jahn moved that these Affidavits be received and filed.

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

Mayor Isen announced that the hearing was open to determine validity of all written protests filed with the City Clerk for the Council prior to 8:00 p.m., tonight, the hour set for the hearing, and that no further written or oral protests would be entertained other than those on file with the City Clerk prior to 8:00 p.m.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the protests received and on file prior to 8:00 p.m. City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the record show each Councilman has a copy of each protest other than the protest of Nanitta G. Pachmayr.

- (1) Protest of Nanitta G. Pachmayr
1220 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles 15, California

Owner of Lot 70 (Tract No. 15, N. 264' of S. 528' of W. 127.5' of), and Lot 71 (Tract No. 15, N. 264' of S. 528' of E. 46.5' of).
- (2) Protest of John Davidian
1102-04 No. Vermont Avenue
Hollywood 29, California
Owner of part of Lot 71, Tract 15.
- (3) Protest of D. Victor Steed
1731 W. 80th Street
Los Angeles 47, California
Owner of Part of Lot 70, Tract 15.
- (4) Protest of Walter Oliver Nelson
No address given.
Owner of a portion of Lot 71, Tract 15.
- (5) Protest of Robert J. Streeter and William N. Streeter
No address given.
Owners of a portion of Lot 71, Tract 15.
- (6) Protest of August F. Drews and Ruth F. Drews
No address given.
Owners of a portion of Lot 70, Tract 15.
- (7) Protest of Eugene C. Capel and Katherine Capel.
No address given.
Owners of a portion of Lot 70, Tract 15.
- (8) Protest of Mrs. Margaret T. Knocke and Richard A. Knocke.
No address given.
Owners of a portion of Tract 15, no Lot Number given.

Councilmen Blount and Bradford joined the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Assistant City Attorney Dower handed to the Council a map showing the land owners of the territory by parcels and valuation of land and improvements thereon as taken from the last Equalized County Assessment Roll (1959).

Assistant City Attorney Dower made an appraisal of each protest as to legal sufficiency:

- (1) Pachmayr: No objection as to legal sufficiency and validity.
- (2) Davidian: No objection as to legal sufficiency and validity.
- (3) Steed: No objection as to legal sufficiency and validity.
- (4) Nelson: No objection as to legal sufficiency and validity.
- (5) Streeter: No objection as to legal sufficiency and validity.
- (6) Drews: No objection as to legal sufficiency and validity.
- (7) Capel: Legal objection was made to the sufficiency of this particular protest in that it does not represent a valid owner within the meaning of Government Code 35312 as amended in 1955 of the Annexation Act of Uninhabited Territory of 1939. The parcel is depicted on the map as being owned by the Jensens.

In brief, the legal insufficiency is that the Capels were not the owners as of the last Equalized County Assessment date, which was March 1, 1959. The County Assessor as of today shows another party as the owner.

- (8) Knocke: There is legal objection to the validity and sufficiency of the written protest filed by Mr. and Mrs. Knocke in that the particular parcel owned by them is not included within the boundaries of the proposed annexation as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Assistant City Attorney Dower stated that the total valuation of the aggregate property included in the annexation is \$99,940. Those protests ruled as valid and sufficient represent a total valuation of \$44,280, and this valuation is insufficient to meet the statutory requirements that 50% of the assessed valuation of the land owners must be in protest to the proposed annexation.

City Attorney Remelmeyer asked the Council to pass by roll call vote on each of the protests objected to by Mr. Dower.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the protest of Eugene C. Capel and Katherine Capel.

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

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

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the protest of Mrs. Margaret T. Knocke and Richard A. Knocke.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that the Council accept and concur with the report of the City Attorney in regard to the Lomita-Crenshaw Annexation.

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

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council find the total valuation of the protests which were allowed does not constitute one-half of the value of the territory as shown on the last Equalized County Assessment Roll.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that an ordinance for annexation of the uninhabited territory known as "Lomita-Crenshaw" territory be approved.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1159

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY DESIGNATED AS "LOMITA-CRENSHAW ANNEXATION" IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939".

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with the further reading of Ordinance No. 1159.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1159 at its first reading.

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

Mayor Isen directed City Attorney Remelmeyer to place Ordinance No. 1159 on the agenda for its second reading, and thereafter, if it is adopted, transmit a certified copy of the ordinance approving the annexation to the Secretary of State for filing.

Councilman Jahn moved that the hearing on the Lomita-Crenshaw Annexation be closed.

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

PLANNING MATTERS:

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1. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 21811: Letter of transmittal dated February 18, 1960, from Superintendent of Building Schlens, City Engineer Nollac, and Planning Director Powell, bearing signature of concurrence of Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended approval of Tentative Tract No. 21811, submitted by Dan Butcher, located on the east side of Victor, 200 feet north of Spencer, and containing 11 lots. Attached were:
 - a. Location sketch.
 - b. Plot plan.
 - c. Excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes of February 3, 1960.
 - d. Letter dated January 26, 1960 from A. E. McVicar, Water Superintendent.
 - e. Letter dated November 30, 1959, from Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation for approval.

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

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2. WAIVER - Wendell D. Mock, 4621 Highgrove Avenue. W-139. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of the request of Wendell D. Mock for a Waiver of rear property line requirements.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

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3. CASE NO. 597 - CHANGE OF ZONE - R. A. Watt. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, requested a date be set for the Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on the petition of R. A. Watt for a Change of Zone from R-3 and A-1 to R-1 on Lot 43 and a portion of Lot 42 in Tract 2895.

Mayor Isen set the date for the hearing at 8:00 p.m., March 8, 1960. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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4. CASE NO. 621 - VARIANCE - C. N. Cake. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, requested a date be set for

a Hearing before the City Council on the petition of C. N. Cake for a Variance to construct a car wash on Torrance Boulevard between Hawthorne and Amie, described as Lot 1, Tract 3458, in Zone C-3, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

There were no objections, and the hearing was set for 8:00 p.m., March 8, 1960.

5. CASE NO. 593 - CHANGE OF ZONE - Earl Stewart.

A letter dated February 11, 1960 from Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted an Ordinance reclassifying property described in Case No. 593, a portion of Lot 61 and all of Lot 62, La Fresa Tract, situated on 168th Street and Cranbrook, from A-1 to R-1, R-2 and R-3. Location sketch was attached. 1033

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1160

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 593, DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF LOT 61 AND ALL OF LOT 62, LA FRESA TRACT SITUATED ON 168TH STREET AND CRANBROOK, FROM A-1 TO R-1, R-2 AND R-3. 1033

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with the further reading of Ordinance No. 1160.

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

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1160 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn asked if we were approving only the change of zone and not the lots as shown on the map. City Attorney Remelmeyer replied in the affirmative.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, Planning Director Powell stated the City has received street dedication.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated February 18, 1960, signed by 63 female City employees called attention to the inequity existing between the amount female and male employees of the City are required to pay on the new group health insurance plan. They proposed the following plan: 1017

<u>Total Cost</u>		<u>Paid by City</u>	
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
\$6.49	\$8.65	\$5.75	\$7.91

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the plan presented by the female employees.

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

1143
2. A letter dated February 16, 1960 from Jo Bennitt, City Clerk of the City of Lakewood, enclosed a copy of letter from Mayor Angelo M. Iacoboni to Governor Brown requesting a special session of the legislature to consider control and elimination of narcotics traffic. The letter requested that the City of Torrance join in their plea.

Mayor Isen noted that the City has already acted upon a request for a special session to consider a stronger narcotics bill.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LIBRARY COMMISSION:

1052
1. A letter dated February 17, 1960 from W. J. Hanson, Chairman of the Library Commission, requested that Council rescind the re-appointment of Mrs. John Crain. Mr. Hanson noted that in compliance with Ordinance 1035 of October 14, 1958, the Commission agreed in their minutes of October 15, 1958 to the following terms:

Mr. William Hoag	Term expires	1-15-59
Mrs. P. Humphreys	" "	1-15-60
Mrs. John Crain	" "	1-15-61
Mr. H. L. Mitchell	" "	1-15-62
Mr. W. J. Hanson	" "	1-15-62

Councilman Jahn moved to rescind the reappointment of Mrs. Crain.

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

Mayor Isen noted the expiration of term of Mr. William Hoag.

Councilman Bradford moved that a nomination for the vacancy created by the expiration of Mr. Hoag's term be held over for one week.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

1052
City Manager Stevens asked that the Council consider at this time the evaluation of bids on Airport and Hangarkeepers Liability Insurance submitted by Mr. Charles L. Robinson in his letter of February 19, 1960. Mr. Robinson listed the submitting companies and their bids on Alternate Limit B of the City's Specifications, which is recommended, as follows:

*Insurance Company of North America	\$2,758.00
International Aviation Underwriters, Inc.	3,000.00
Lloyd's of London	4,850.75

*The Insurance Company of North America's bid was specifically contingent upon the City hiring additional guards at this time, moving the existing Gate House and manning it with an attendant continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. It was estimated jointly by Messrs. Stevens, Egan and Robinson that the additional annual payroll expense required would exceed \$6,000 to comply with this carrier's minimum specifications for 24-hour guard service and weekend and holiday Gate House attendant.

Based on this information, Mr. Robinson recommended that the City award the Airport Liability Insurance to International Aviation Underwriters, Inc., the low bidder after all related factors are considered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation and to award the bid to International Aviation Underwriters, Inc.

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

Councilman Jahn moved that the Russell Lund Agency be designated as local agent.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. ARLINGTON AVENUE EXTENSION. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted Resolution of Intention to condemn a portion of proposed Arlington Avenue, and a Resolution declaring intention to vacate a portion of Arlington Avenue. Attached were location sketches. 1154

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3878

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EXTENSION OF A PUBLIC STREET OVER AND ACROSS THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE: AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF. 1154

Councilman Beasley 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 Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3878.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3879

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF ARLINGTON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE: FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. 1154

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3879.

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

Councilman Drale asked if we would have to wait until the vacation is approved on old Arlington before we start work on new Arlington. City Attorney Remelmeyer replied we would not be able to start the work until we get a court order giving us immediate possession. He stated that, based on previous experience, this would take approximately three days.

AIRPORT MATTERS:1. AIRPORT PLAZA, INC. - SUBLEASE TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

1012
A letter dated February 11, 1960 from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted a "Consent to Sublease", which constitutes a consent by the City to the execution of a sublease by Airport Plaza, Inc. (Graziadio, et al) to Standard Oil Company of California. Standard plans to construct a service station at the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway. Mr. Remelmeyer called attention to Paragraph 2 of the Consent, which provides, in effect, that if Airport Plaza defaults in its rental payments, Standard can pay the rent for the subleased portion directly to the City and thereby keep the sublease in force even if the lease on the rest of the premises is cancelled.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the "Consent to Sublease". Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

1069
City Attorney Remelmeyer asked that the Council consider a similar matter, a request of Jefferson, Inc. that the same right as just granted to Airport Plaza, to have the sublessee of the premises notified by the City in case of default and giving the sublessee the right to cure the default, be included in their new leases.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Remelmeyer if there was any difference in the two requests. Mr. Remelmeyer replied that the language of Jefferson's request is somewhat different, but it is in effect the same idea and is requested for the same reason.

Several of the Councilmen asked that the request come to the Council in writing, and Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer to place this request on the agenda for next week.

Councilman Jahn reported on the items referred to the Council Airport Committee by the Council at its meeting of February 9, 1960:

1. The request and proposal of "Slim" Kidwell to build 30 nested executive type "T" hangars.

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1156
Councilman Jahn noted that Mr. Kidwell has offered the City \$10.00 per month, with the usual lease form. The Committee chose a site just north of where the City has graded and will put their "T" hangars so that services could be used in conjunction with each other. The Committee recommends the proposal be approved as per the attachment, and Councilman Jahn so moved.

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

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1135
2. Marks Aviation request to lease additional property adjacent to his leasehold. Site is as shown on the attachment. The price offered is \$50.00 per month, the term to run concurrently with the present lease, with standard terms, and grading and improving by owner. Present lease is to run approximately 24 years. Mr. Marks wishes to add new and used sales to the entire lease.

The Council Committee recommends the request be granted as per the attachment.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the request.

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

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3. Negotiation of a lease with Mercury Helicopter Service. The site is, as per attachment, Lot 17 and a portion of Lot 18, the reason for the partial lot being that the Committee wishes to keep the taxiway clear. In figuring the price, the Committee used a base of \$65.00 per month for a 100' x 100" site, and arrived at a figure of \$85.00 per month, which figure Mr. Seville of Mercury

has agreed to. The Committee recommended the standard lease form. Councilman Jahn noted also that Mercury agreed to pay \$2,000 in advance rental at no interest to the City to help offset the cost of running water.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the request as per the attachment.

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

4. Financing of the Tower. Councilman Jahn said the Committee is working on several ideas, and a report will be made at a later date.

5. Air Credit Sales - Babcock. Councilman Jahn said they had met with both Mr. Babcock and Mr. Ringgold, and they are preparing more information to be submitted to the Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Notice of invitation for informal bids on miscellaneous shop power equipment.

This was submitted for information only, and was ordered filed.

2. A memorandum dated February 17, 1960 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens attached personnel requisitions for two additional Equipment Mechanics and one Mechanic's Helper. 1157

Mayor Isen asked that this matter be held until the personnel meeting of February 29, to be placed on the agenda for the Council meeting of March 1.

3. A memorandum dated February 16, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens submitted information and plans for proposed sites for the location of the bus depot. Sketches were attached. 1158

Councilman Benstead asked that this matter be held for one week. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

At 8:40 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess, at which time he and Mayor Sitki Bilgin of Konya, Turkey spoke directly to Radio Station KNX by telephone on their program "This is Los Angeles".

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m., with Mayor Isen introducing Mayor Bilgin to the Councilmen, the administrative staff and the heads of departments. Mayor Bilgin and his interpreter, Miss Graham, were escorted to seats of honor at the right of Mayor Isen.

Mayor Isen welcomed Mayor Bilgin to Torrance on behalf of the Council and the sister-to-sister committee, and he expressed his pleasure in the fact that the Mayor's presence here afforded a link of reality to the fine relationship between our two cities and countries. He asked Councilman Drale to make a presentation to Mayor Bilgin. 1056

Councilman Drale read in full an award making Mayor Bilgin an honorary citizen of the City of Torrance pursuant to the international people-to-people program and conferring upon him all the rights, honors and privileges pertaining thereto.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the award.

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

Mayor Bilgin, through his interpreter, expressed his pleasure at being here with the people of Torrance and with Mayor Isen. He said it was a tremendous thrill for him and for his wife to come to America and to visit Torrance. He expressed thanks to the members of the city-to-city committee, and he felt sure that the

bonds between our two cities would grow even stronger. He thanked Mayor Isen and the Council for making him an honorary citizen and said he would remember it always. He brought with him many good wishes from the people of Konya to the people of Torrance and expressed their hopes that they would have a chance to see more of us.

4. A memorandum dated February 19, 1960 from Director of Public Works Peebles to City Manager Stevens requested that Council consider the complete closure of Arlington Avenue for the construction of the new bridge at Dominguez Channel. It was stated the complete closure so that the whole construction up stream could be removed would hurry the completion of the down stream half of the bridge, and that traffic might not be held off of Arlington for possibly more than the eight weeks required to complete the construction.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

In reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, Mr. Peebles said it was not impossible for the work to be completed without the complete closure but that it would help to expedite the construction, thereby precluding flooding such as was experienced previously in the event of a storm.

Councilman Drale stated that the contractor had started this bridge then pulled his crews off to work on Crenshaw and then on Redondo Beach Boulevard. He felt if they had completed the down side of the bridge, we would not have had to worry about ensuing storms.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his second.

Councilman Jahn moved that the communication be filed.

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

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Peebles to urge the County to expedite the completion of this work that already should have been done.

ENGINEERING DIVISION:

5. AWARD OF CONTRACT - TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PALOS VERDES BLVD. AND CALLE MIRAMAR. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from Traffic Engineer Whitmer, approved by City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended contract for this project be awarded to Electric & Machinery Service, Inc., in the amount of their low bid of \$5,398.00. Bid summary was attached.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

6. INSTALLATION OF SIGNAL SYSTEMS AT: Sepulveda Blvd. & Arlington Avenue; Torrance Blvd. & Anza Avenue; and Carson St. & Crenshaw Blvd. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from Traffic Engineer Whitmer, approved by City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, advised that a check for \$15,000 has been received from County Aid to Cities Gas Tax Fund for these projects. Mr. Whitmer said the cost estimate for these signals is \$17,500, and he recommended an appropriation of \$2,500 from General Funds be approved by the Council for this work.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation.

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

7. TRACT NO. 25033 - PROPOSED REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 13. A letter dated February 18, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac,

approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, recommended City participation in the construction of offsite sewers in the amount of one-half of the reimbursable portion thereof (\$6,320).

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

Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

There was considerable discussion as to the source of money. It was pointed out that there was not enough money in the offsite sewer fund to cover the cost.

Councilman Jahn asked why this could not be done as has been done in the past, with the subdivider running the sewers and being reimbursed as people connect to them.

City Engineer Nollac said this could be done if the Council so desired, but he felt this was a little bit above what is normally considered economically feasible for an offsite sewer development and that the subdivider would be asked to extend himself rather far since there are only 26 homes in the tract.

Councilman Jahn noted that Council had approved several tentative tracts in this general area last week. City Engineer Nollac said they were not in this district. Councilman Jahn stated they would still be close to where this offsite sewer is to be run.

It was Councilman Jahn's opinion that it would be several years before the City could realize any money back, and for the City to reimburse the subdivider now would be extending the City also.

City Manager Stevens said that the money could only come from the Unappropriated Reserve since there is an insufficient amount in the sewer revolving fund. He did not think we should finance this sewer from General Funds.

Councilman Bradford moved that this be tabled for one week.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked that other information be ascertained and presented next week, such as the depth of the sewer on the next street where an easement has been prepared for the City, so that if it is possible to connect to that sewer this could be a secondary recommendation.

The motion to table was ordered carried.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Nollac to place the matter on the agenda next week with the requested information.

Mayor Isen announced that Mayor Bilgin and Madame Bilgin were extremely tired from their long trip and they asked to be excused at this time. Mayor Bilgin again expressed his thanks to the Council and the audience.

At 9:35 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:35 p.m.

REPORTS:

- 1. Received and on file in the office of the City Clerk are the January reports of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, as submitted by the General Manager and Chief Engineer, and by the Controller.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3880

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING APPRECIATION TO THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IT HAS RENDERED TO THE TORRANCE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN ITS LEISURE-TIME RECREATION PROGRAM.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3880.

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

2. Presented was a Resolution Repealing Resolution No. 1520.

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Mayor Isen asked what Rules and Regulations this Resolution referred to.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said that Fire Chief Benner had placed this on the agenda.

City Manager Stevens said he had a copy of the Rules and Regulations referred to, that he, Fire Chief Benner and the Fire Fighters had gone through and approved them, and that they merely bring the rules and regulations up to date.

Mayor Isen asked that they be referred to City Attorney Remelmeyer in order that he might confirm this statement from a legal angle. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mr. Stevens said the Rules and Regulations would be available in his office in the interim for study by the Councilmen.

ORDINANCES:

1. With his letter of February 18, 1960, the City Clerk presented for second reading Ordinance No. 1156, which was approved at its first reading on February 16, 1960, with all Councilmen present and with Councilman Drale abstaining.

ORDINANCE NO. 1156

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 603, DESCRIBED AS LOT 54, LA FRESA TRACT, SITUATED AT THE NORTH SIDE OF 171ST STREET, APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET EAST OF YUKON AVENUE, FROM A-1 TO R-2 AND R-3.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1156 at its second and final reading.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale. (Because of family interests.)

2. With his letter of February 16, 1960, the City Clerk presented for second reading Ordinance No. 1157, which was approved unanimously by roll call vote with all Councilmen present at its first reading on February 16, 1960.

ORDINANCE NO. 1157

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.85 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO MEETINGS OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION.

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Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1157 at its second and final reading.

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

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

3. With his letter of February 17, 1960, City Attorney Remelmeyer presented an ordinance submitted at the request of Traffic Engineer Whitmer changing the speed limit at school crossings from its present 15 MPH, as set in the City Code (Section 17.34), to 25 MPH to conform with the amended State Vehicle Code.

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Councilman Blount asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if it is illegal for the City to set such a limit if it conflicts with the State Motor Vehicle Code.

Mr. Remelmeyer said it was not, that we could go through proceedings to keep it at 15MPH.

It was the consensus of the Council that the speed limit should not be changed, and Councilman Blount moved that the Ordinance drawn by the City Attorney be filed.

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

Presented to the Council was a Resolution drawn at the request of Councilman Blount.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3881

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE TORRANCE COMMITTEE FOR DECENT LITERATURE AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR DECENT LITERATURE FOR THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SALE AND EXHIBIT OF OBSCENE LITERATURE TO THE PUBLIC.

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Councilman Blount moved to adopt Resolution No. 3881.

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

Councilman Blount advised that Dr. Cortum was leaving tonight for Cincinnati, and he asked that the Mayor sign the resolution tonight and that the City Manager mail a copy of the resolution to him there. His address is available from the City Attorney.

Mayor Isen ordered that each member of the Torrance Committee for Decent Literature be sent a signed copy of the resolution.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mr. Stevens submitted to the Council for information only Progress Report No. 7 dated February 15, 1960 from Koebig & Koebig.

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2. Mr. Stevens handed to the Council a communication dated February 23, 1960 in regard to the Walteria Lake Sump. He stated

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he had talked to Mr. Paul Moore of Supervisor Chace's office, who told him that at a meeting with the top officials of the L. A. County Flood Control District, it was their conclusion that the City and the District should each appoint an appraiser, and that probably the area appraised at the lowest value would be the one they would have to purchase. He was informed also the the owner of Sites "A" and "B" has informed the District he would fight the condemnation in court should his property be chosen. It was Mr. Stevens' opinion that if the Council would appoint an appraiser, then the District would put an appraiser on the job at once.

Councilman Drale asked if the appointment of an appraiser would expedite the project. Mr. Stevens said it was Mr. Moore's belief that it would.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn as to the cost of hiring an appraiser, Mr. Stevens said he did not know; he believed this would have to be a case to be prepared to fight through the courts.

Councilman Jahn felt it would be worthwhile to the City, and he moved that City Manager Stevens negotiate with several appraisers to ascertain the best price for the project and report back as soon as possible to the Council so that an appraiser could be hired.

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

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

Mr. Stevens said it was his hope that he could come back next Tuesday with a bid or recommendation.

3. Submitted for the information of the Council was a memorandum from Finance Director Scharfman to City Manager Stevens dated January 28, 1960, in regard to a request for Longevity Pay by the Torrance Council of United Employees.

4. Mr. Stevens reminded the Council the Council meeting next Monday would be the first regular Monday meeting, and he requested that a portion of it be devoted to personnel matters.

Mayor Isen suggested, since this is the first regular Monday meeting, that reminders be sent out. Mr. Stevens agreed to do so.

5. Water Superintendent McVicar referred to Council's instructions of February 16, 1960 that he provide service to the Steinkamp Tract, Tract No. 19910, just east of Arlington on 182nd Street. Mr. McVicar stated it would involve some 700' of pipe just to get over there and that he had been instructed by Council to provide a larger than 6" pipe line so that it could adequately serve other areas for future development. Upon investigation, Mr. McVicar said, there was no land to the east for subdivisions other than a few small tracts, and it seemed foolish to him to put in a large 10" pipe line to Western Avenue when we would gain only one subdivision. Mr. McVicar said the estimated cost to run pipe just to the tract would be about \$3,500, and if we covered the tract, it would be about \$5200.

In response to a question from Mayor Isen, Mr. McVicar said if we went just to the tract and somebody else came in, the line would have to be extended.

It was Mayor Isen's opinion that the line could be laid to the tract and extended when it became necessary.

Mr. McVicar felt we would not be in any worse position if Moneta Water Company installed the line.

The Council disagreed. It was the consensus of opinion that we should serve the tract.

Mr. McVicar presented a map for the Council to view, and there was considerable discussion regarding where the line would have to come in, whether it would serve other tracts, and the costs.

It was the Council's opinion they should not change their decision of last week, with the exception of Councilman Bradford, who asked that the record show he would like to change his vote of last week to "No".

6. Councilman Blount inquired as to the status of the signal at Lomita and Crenshaw Boulevard.

City Manager Stevens said he had just received a two-page report this evening, and at Councilman Blount's request he gave a brief synopsis of the report.

Director of Public Works Peebles stated the plans are in the hands of the County Road Department. He said they were originally submitted to the County on November 5, 1959, and on December 30, 1959, the County returned the plans to the City requesting certain changes. These changes involved changes in the right of way acquisitions and the parkway width. The requested changes were made and the plans were again submitted to the County. Mr. Peebles said he was informed by telephone on February 17th that we should receive approval of the plans this week or next week. He stressed the fact the County would not allow a Chinese-type lantern to be hung at this intersection in the interim.

Referring to the report read by Mr. Stevens, Mayor Isen requested the report be placed on the agenda next week. Councilman Jahn asked that they also be furnished with copies of the communications referred to in this report dated August 18, 1959 and October 13, 1959. Mr. Stevens agreed to do so.

7. Councilman Bradford asked for a report on Del Amo Blvd. Mr. Peebles said the preliminary alignment has been completed and they are in the process of preparing a report to Council. Because of the tremendous load on the Engineering Department, they were considering negotiating with a private engineer, with the approval of the Council and the County, or having the County Road Department take over the design of the project. He said there must be something on the board by July 1, 1960, in order to hold the money allotted for the project.

In reply to a question from Mayor Isen, Mr. Peebles believed the amount allocated was around \$160,000 and that this is to cover the engineering, design, acquisition of necessary right of way, and for preliminary engineering studies. He estimated it would require about \$1,000,000 for the actual construction from city limits to city limits.

Councilman Bradford believed there was a letter to the Council from the County about one year ago which indicated sufficient money would be allocated for some paving.

8. Councilman Drale said in the 600 block of Paseo de la Playa in Hollywood Riviera, the sand has been blowing from the Don-Ja-Ran property onto people's homes, and it has created a problem. There is a chain link fence in the area but the wind has blown so that in places it is possible to go under the fence and in places you can step over it because of erosion.

Director of Public Works Peebles said they have investigated but the problem is one of the sand blowing from private property along public way and back on to private property.

Councilman Drale stated the people in the area would like for the company to grade that back and put the fence into condition, and to provide a ground cover of grass or ice plant, and they would like

1152 the City to notify Don-Ja-Ran. He moved that City Attorney Remelmeyer be authorized to write a letter to the company after discussing the problem with Mr. Peebles, to see if some corrective measures can be taken.

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

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Remelmeyer to point out also that this creates a traffic hazard.

1153 9. Councilman Jahn asked for the cooperation of the newspapers in our area, one paper in particular, in connection with the trash program and picking up of papers. He said there are places where there have been as many as 7 or 8 newspapers thrown in front of one residence. He called attention to an ordinance passed by the Council requiring that newspapers be thrown onto the porches so they will not blow. Most of the newspapers have cooperated, Councilman Jahn said, but he thought probably the Circulation Departments needed a little reminder.

0 10. Councilman Jahn said it was his understanding that the Radar Unit had been purchased not only to write tickets but to be of construction value in determining speed limits for the smooth flow of traffic.

Director of Public Works Peebles stated such information was turned over to the Traffic Engineer within the last week, and that it would have to be assembled and a report made.

1024 11. Mayor Isen reminded the Council of the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Mr. Hoag on the Library Commission. He asked them to submit any recommendations they may have this week. In the event no recommendations are made, Mr. Hoag will be considered for re-appointment next week.

1121 12. Mr. George Steinkamp, 28486 Headland Drive, Palos Verdes Estates, told the Council he thought it was extremely unfair that his tract map had not been approved. (Tract No. 19910.)

City Engineer Nollac said this was held after the suggestion by Mr. McVicar in regard to water service, and he believed they could now go ahead with it.

Several of the Councilmen pointed out the tract map should have been approved in accordance with Council's instructions of last week.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

A. H. Bartlett

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

APPROVED:

Robert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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Ruth T. Perotti
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