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ADJOURNED  
MINUTES OF A/REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an adjourned meeting at 5:30 P.M., May 24, 1960, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Clerk of the Council Carleson were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico and Isen. ABSENT: Councilman Bradford. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen Mr. Henry Litzinger lead the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Drale opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

At the request of City Engineer Nollac, the following corrections were made to the minutes of the Council meeting held May 17, 1960:

1. Assessment District No. A-11-59-1 (Spencer-Toluca Sewer District): Page 3, paragraph 1, last sentence: change "Henrietta Street" to "Spencer Street".
2. Victor Precinct Improvement: Page 7, item 3, add the following:

"Mr. Nollac requested that consideration be given to establishing the Victor Precinct Improvement as the No. 1 priority since it involved the West High School, Victor School, and a subdivision - all ready to begin construction."

Councilman Vico asked that at the end of paragraph 5, page 5, the following sentence be added:

"In answer to Councilman Vico's question regarding this condition, Councilman Beasley stated that in the past certain areas of West Torrance have been exempted because of Dominguez Water Company and California Water Company."

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 1960, with the corrections and additions set forth above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

BIDS:

Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, May 25, 1960, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, for the following:

- a. Playground equipment
- b. Scoring of existing concrete deck at the V. E. Benstead Plunge.

Clerk of the Council Carleson presented Affidavits of Publication on each of the items and there being no objection, they were ordered filed.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1121  
1. Tentative Tract Map No. 25854. Subdivider: Dan Butcher. Transmittal from Supt. of Building Sch lens, City Engineer Nollac and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting for approval Tentative Tract Map No. 25854, presented by Dan Butcher, consisting of 21 lots located on the east side of Walnut, between 235th and Huber Streets, together with location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of May 4, 1960, letter dated April 6, 1956 from L. A. County Flood Control District, with note from City Engineer Nollac dated May 19, 1960, appended thereto and letter dated April 22, 1960, from Water Supt. McVicar.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Division, but with the addition of the condition that the subdivider install curbs and gutters. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1062  
1. Lawndale Monday Eves of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, requesting contribution for fireworks display at Alondra Park.

Mayor Isen commented we are not even buying fireworks for Torrance and moved to file the communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objection, so ordered.

1216  
2. Torrance Chamber of Commerce, by Mr. Joe Doss, Chairman of Aviation Committee, requesting bus service for Powder Puff Derby.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant this request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

1231  
3. Torrance Chamber of Commerce, by Abe Robinson, President of Downtown Retail Merchants Division, requesting permission to drop ping-pong balls from an airplane, as a sales promotion event.

Councilman Drale said he thought proper insurance should be required. Councilman Blount was not in favor of the sales promotion event and moved that the communication be filed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Councilman Drale moved a substitute that the request be denied, which motion was seconded by Councilman Blount.

Roll call vote on the substitute motion was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Vico, ~~Isen~~, Drale.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, ~~Joan~~

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

*See minutes of 5-31-60*

Motion that the request be denied, carried, ~~failed~~.

Roll call vote on the original motion, to file the communication, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, ~~Bradford~~, Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

4. Mr. Don E. Moore, President of Pacific Coast Little League, requesting information on trash abatement.

The purpose of this letter was not clear but Councilman Beasley said he thought the purpose was to show they would be glad to help to keep the area around Kissel Field in a clean condition.

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Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked Director of Public Works Peebles to write an appropriate reply to Mr. Moore's letter.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

EXPENDITURES:

1. To California Land Directory Company for nine sets of map books, the sum of \$540.
2. To Audograph for one Recorder and Telephone Control Station, the sum of \$385.84.

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Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager to approve these two expenditures. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent). Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 5:50 P.M.

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2. Communication from Geo. W. Stevens,, City Manager, dated May 24, 1960, on the subject of Garbage and Non-combustible Refuse Contract, in which a decision is requested from the Council on whether the City should negotiate with Mr. George M. Green for collection and disposal of garbage only, or go to open bid for such service.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager to combine the pickup of noncombustible refuse and paper together, with present City equipment, commencing July 1, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford.

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Councilman Drale said the consensus of the Committee was there would be no increase in cost to the homeowners: \$1.00 for 40 gallons; that the City would have to, in the budget, order two or three new trucks and authorize personnel to go with them.

Councilman Bradford asked why more trucks would be needed. Last year, he said, this was brought up and it was then the feeling that no more equipment would be required. If it is true that more equipment will be needed, Councilman Bradford said he is not in favor of the plan.

Councilman Drale stated that the Director of Public Works said commencing July 1st the City could pick up, with its present personnel and equipment, the combined trash, rubbish, bottles and cans, in a packer. The cost to the City of the collection of garbage, bottles and cans has been approximately \$10,000 a month. While the City would not actually save \$60,000, they could take advantage of the \$60,000 that it costs to pick up the cans and bottles and use it for additional trucks and the personnel to man them. In other words, Mr. Green's contract is costing \$120,000 a year and if the City should renew the garbage contract only, it has been stated he would do that for about one-half the cost.

Councilman Bradford withdrew his second to Councilman Beasley's motion. He stated he had not been at the meeting of the Committee held on Friday (May 20th) because he had not been notified, and would like to have time to think the motion over before voting.

Councilman Drale stated Mr. Green's contract expires June 30th so if the City is going to advertise for bids, time is running short.

Mayor Isen stated his vote in favor of the motion is based on the premise that no new equipment will be purchased; that he understood the Street Department could handle the further workload.

Director of Public Works Peebles stated it is necessary to purchase the new trucks and add personnel to take care of them due to the increase of tracts added in the past year but that with the added equipment and men the City could take care of the additional load of picking up tin cans under the combined plan.

Councilman Bradford renewed his second of Mr. Beasley's motion, after this explanation that no new equipment was being purchased for the sole purpose of picking up tin cans, but was due to the generally increased workload.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Vico.

Councilman Beasley moved the City go to bid on the pickup and disposal of garbage. Councilman Benstead said the proposed contract should be for at least five years in order to be attractive enough to get good bids. Councilman Blount suggested that while going to bid, it would be a good idea to find out if it would be advantageous to the City to get a bid on picking up everything.

Councilman Blount then moved a substitute that bids be taken severally and together, for (1) pickup of garbage only, (2) pickup of combustible refuse only, (3) pickup of noncombustible refuse only, and (4) the three combined, for five year terms on the various contingencies, and that the bids be closed and sealed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Mayor Isen asked if this could be held for another week and Assistant City Manager Bone stated this is a service and as such does not require advertising; that the contact would be direct with potential bidders and that both one and five-year contracts should be considered.

City Manager Stevens stated there is an advantage in a long term contract, but only if there is something that makes it adjustable or variable; otherwise the bidder would have to bid on the ultimate and thus would have to figure what his costs might be five years from now. Mayor Isen stated the rate could be standard but he is not in favor of any situation where the cheap bid is for one year and in the meantime the City might lose its equipment and find the expense skyrocketing.

Councilman Drale feels the City should maintain the operation and that his vote will be "No."

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Blount, Bradford, Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale.

"Mayor Isen said his "Yes" vote is based largely on curiosity as to what bids will come in. He thinks the contractors are entitled to know that all bids may possibly be rejected in favor of municipal collection."

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Maps and information for servicing tracts in North Torrance with water.

City Manager Stevens presented the maps to the Councilmen and explained briefly the method of marking with colored lines. Starting on Western, above 190th, Tract 25033, he said the 6" line could be extended to the south to run into 186th and serve there, but he believed the pressure might be too light and in the summer pressure would not be retained high enough for adequate fire fighting protection. To give proper service and provide for the future, he said, a 10" line should be brought in from 190th to the north edge of the tract, 1757 feet of 10" pipe at an estimated cost of \$12,820. The question is: Does the City put in the offsite line, or does the subdivider?. From there, go north of 182nd and in Tract 22066 in which the subdivider plans to put in 6" line, increase that to an 8" line at an estimated cost of \$1,390. Then going east of there to Tract 25311 is again an offsite line, 8", at a cost of \$6,300. To reinforce the line in 180th and north on St. Andrews Place, changing from 6 to 8" line would be a differential of \$875. The total of the offsite mains in North Torrance, including the two relatively small costs of increasing from 6 to 8" lines is \$21,365 based on Mr. McVicar's figures.

Councilman Drale asked how many houses that will serve and City Manager Stevens said the first tract will be served anyway and there will be about 60 homes in the two others. It would also provide for future expansion along Western Avenue, he said.

Councilman Drale moved that the City install the offsite lines to serve the three tracts, immediately, at a total cost of approximately \$21,365. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount,  
Drale, Isen  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford  
ABSTAIN: Councilmen: Vico.

2. A resolution will be on the agenda next week for the appointment of Director and Alternate to Board of Directors of Los Angeles Division of the League of California Cities. The Councilmen will be notified of the times of meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1242  
1. Policy for Relocation of Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks and makeup pavement. Recommendation of Director of Public Works re establishment of policy, with attached memo dated May 12, 1960 from City Engineer Nollac to Director of Public Works Peebles.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works that the City pay for the relocation of curb, gutter and sidewalk, as well as makeup pavement in cases where the City has changed the width of streets to meet present and future needs. Councilman Benstead moved to add to Councilman Drale's motion, the words "excepting subdivisions", to show the policy does not apply to subdivisions. Councilman Drale accepted the amendment to his motion and the motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

2. Acceptance of Bids:

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a. Galvanized T & C Pipe: Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles that bid of National Pipe and Steel, Inc., in the amount of \$2,451.97 be accepted (bid summary attached to agenda).

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b. Palmyra Broom Fiber. Recommendation of R. S. Perkins, Street Superintendent, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles that bid of Brown & Bevis Industrial Equipment Company in the amount of \$922.52 for four tons of Palmyra broom fiber be accepted (bid summary attached to agenda).

Councilman Benstead asked if any of this material is foreign made and Director of Public Works stated it is not.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of Director of Public Works as to the bid on T & C pipe. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of R. S. Perkins, Street Superintendent, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles that the bid of \$922.52

by Brown & Bevis Industrial Equipment Company be accepted for the Palmyra broom fiber. Motion, seconded by Councilman by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Weed Abatement. Cover letter from Director of Public Works, submitting resolution declaring Intention to provide for the abatement of certain parcels of land regarding weed abatement program, with memo from John Atkinson, Public Works Supervisor, dated May 18, 1960, explaining certain items, attached, and resolution of intention.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Clerk of the Council Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3973

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF. 1115

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3973. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 3973, excepting the four items listed in memo of Mr. Atkinson, dated May 18. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley. City Attorney Remelmeyer said at least two weeks' notice was required and recommended that the time and place of hearing be set for June 8, 1960, at 5:30 P.M. at the adjourned Council meeting, Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California. Mayor Isen and Councilman Beasley accepted this amendment to the motion to adopt, and the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: 1115

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford.

4. Street Lighting District No. 1 - resubmitted. Report dated May 12, 1960, of J. O. Whitmer, Traffic & Lighting Engineer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, in connection with levying of the Third Installment in Lighting District No. 1, with resolution approving and confirming report. 1260

Councilman Bradford asked for an explanation of this resolution and Mr. J. O. Whitmer, Traffic & Lighting Engineer, explained that these two lighting districts (this one and the one immediately following) are the first two approved by the Council two and three years ago. This is the third installment of No. 1 and the second installment of No. 2. The parcels are included in the districts by

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petition and are scattered all over the City. The lights are in and this is merely a continuation of what has already been started and approved. Lighting District No. 2 was energized in March; the installation started in November 1959.

Clerk of the Council assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3974

1260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER DATED MAY 12, 1960, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3484, DATED JUNE 17, 1958, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-1-58, (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 1), FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE THREE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3974. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale; carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved the adoption of Resolution No. 3974. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale; carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1261

5. Street Lighting District No. 2 - resubmitted. Report dated May 12, 1960, submitted by Traffic & Lighting Engineer Whitmer, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitted in connection with the levying of the Second Installment in Lighting District No. 2, with resolution approving and confirming report.

Clerk of the Council Carleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3975

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC & LIGHTING ENGINEER DATED MAY 12, 1960, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER ESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3714, DATED JUNE 16, 1959, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN

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STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-1-59, (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 2), FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE TWO YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS.

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Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3975. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3975. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation for approval that Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., be allowed to use Torrance Airport to base Goodyear non-rigid airship, Mayflower II, for short periods of time, with stipulations. Attached is copy of letter dated April 22, 1960, from Clyde E. Schetter, Manager, Western Public Relations, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

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Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley; no objection, so ordered.

2. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation for approval of assignment of leasehold of Troy P. Rufi, deceased, to F. E. Dalton; with letter dated May 3, 1960 from Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager and letter dated April 27, 1960 from Marguerite R. Webb, executrix of the Estate of Troy P. Rufi.

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Assistant City Attorney Dower explained that the Airport Manager would like to have the lease conveyed back to the City and that would merge the lease with the fee and the City would be in complete control. Such a proposal was offered to the Executrix and she rejected that offer and now wants the City to proceed under the terms of the original request that the City consent to the assignment of the unexpired portion of the lease term of F. E. Dalton. Mr. Dower explained that the City is trying to get all those early leases cleaned up and all the hangars moved over into the area as set out in the Master Plan.

Councilman Blount moved that the matter be referred to the Airport Committee for report back to the Council in the whole. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objection, so ordered.

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3. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation that Harold Foat's hangar be relocated to allow clearance for the service road adjacent to Airport Plaza property, with letter dated May 3, 1960, from Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager,

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memo dated April 30, 1960 from Wm. F. Fagan, for City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles and copy of suggested draft of letter from Airport Manager to Mr. Harold Foat, dated May 3, 1960.

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General  
4. Thomas B. Abrams, President, Airport Commission, submitting recommendation that leases authorized by Resolution 2042 be permitted to leave their hangars at their present location on a month-to-month basis until such time as removal is deemed necessary, together with correspondence pertaining thereto.

Councilman Blount moved that these two items (3 and 4) be included in his motion to refer to the Airport Committee for report back to the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen moved to approve the suggested drafts of letters to lessees, as a matter of principle, with the Ruff Estate held in abeyance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked, due to the volume of Airport matters to be considered, if in the future the Airport Committee could consolidate its recommendations so as to expedite their handling at Council meetings

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens said that normally next Monday the Council workshop meeting would be held. Because Monday is Memorial Day, the meeting is set for Wednesday, June 1st, at 5:30 P.M.

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2. Assistant City Attorney Dower reported that the City lost its case on the Lomita-Crenshaw annexation. He said the cost to the City of an appeal would be very low and he feels it is advisable to appeal. Councilman Beasley moved to authorize appeal of the case, to be conducted by the City Attorney's office. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Bradford.

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3. Councilman Drale reported that at Hemet on the Metropolitan Water District trip, he had seen a steel and stucco building, about 125 x 350 feet, which is used for various meetings and recreational pursuits and which he thought would be suitable for Torrance. It would not take the place of an auditorium but would be an auxiliary building and he would like to have the City Manager inquire into the cost of the one at Hemet County Park. There was some discussion of whether or not the \$125,000 received from the sale of the auditorium should be used for this purpose. The building, which has movable partitions and is air-conditioned, could be used as a gymnasium or youth center, for basketball or as a convention room.

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Councilman Bradford said there is too much tendency to change the basic idea of the Civic Center which was originally planned as a governmental center to a sort of playground or sports center. He thinks the parks, located as they are throughout the City, should answer this need and the Civic Center should be retained for governmental and cultural buildings. Councilman Benstead disagreed, saying there should be plenty of space to accommodate both types of City buildings, in the 15 acres.

Councilman Drale said it would be a long time before the auditorium would be an accomplished fact and in the meantime he is in favor of some sort of multi-purpose building which will not necessarily take the place of the auditorium but will be auxiliary thereto.

Mayor Isen moved this be referred to the Park & Recreation Committee for investigation of the cost of both the Long Beach Youth Center building which Mr. Bradford mentioned several weeks ago and the Hemet County Park building which Councilman Drale is now recommending.

4. Councilman Drale said in talking with Supervisor Hahn recently he had been told if the City gets plans and rights-of-way for the south side of Redondo Beach Boulevard from Hawthorne to Arlington Avenue, he would get the money for the improvement. Mayor Isen said this is the County Aid to Cities Gas Tax money which has already been committed elsewhere. For instance, there is \$190,000 earmarked for Del Amo. Councilman Drale said he was simply submitting this information for follow-up by the Public Works Department.

5. Councilman Drale asked to be excused from Council duty for the month of June for the purpose of a vacation. Mayor Isen moved this request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. Councilman Vico asked if the Council would be in favor of meeting with the School Board relative to playgrounds that belong to the School System to see if they can be utilized all year round. Councilman Beasley suggested that a subcommittee from each group meet. City Manager Stevens said there is a letter which will be on the agenda next week which will serve as a start toward such a program.

7. Referring back to the split Council vote on the trash and garbage combined pickup, Mayor Isen said he would like to comment on his "yes" vote further; that he does not want it to be construed that as a result of his vote, even though there is a low bidder that he is necessarily in favor of pickup by a private collector at this time. He said he has gone along with the motion in order to satisfy his curiosity as to what can be done privately and in conjunction with the City effort.

8. The tour of the City parks which is set for June 4th, Mayor Isen said he cannot join. He will be out of the City and wondered if it would be convenient to change the time of the tour to June 11th at 10 A.M. There was no objection and Mayor Isen asked City Manager Stevens to postpone the tour to June 11th.

9. Mayor Isen brought attention to a letter received from Mr. H. Soderstrom of 4632 Pacific Coast Highway, urging the need of a boulevard stop sign at the bottom of the South High School underpass. Two children have recently been injured there. Councilman Beasley said there should be a program to keep the hedge there trimmed closely because it is a blind corner. Mr. Soderstrom's communication was referred to the Traffic Commission.

10. Lastly, Mayor Isen stated Supervisor Mahn, for whom the testimonial dinner is being given this evening, last week dedicated a County Regional building at Alondra Park. Mayor Isen suggested that in information which is sent out about Torrance parks that full information be given regarding Alondra Park and the facilities there, particularly for children, and the fact that there is a community building there which is available to the people of Torrance. The expenses of this park are borne by the County of Los Angeles.

11. Mr. John M. Simmons, President of Local No. 1117, spoke from the audience and announced that the week of June 1st is PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' WEEK and he would like to have it appear on the agenda of the Council as a proclamation. Mayor Isen asked him to confer with City Attorney Remelmeyer for the purpose of preparing a proclamation.

12. Mrs. Rose Craig of the Park & Recreation Commission stated there has been excellent cooperation from the School Board and the only reason the playgrounds have been not available for more programs is that there is no money for supervision.

13. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. to May 31, 1960 at 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

*A. H. Bartlett*

City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 24, 1960, Deputy City Clerk Moss was present and called the meeting to order. All Councilmen were absent.

Deputy City Clerk Moss declared the meeting adjourned to 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 31, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance,  
California

APPROVED:



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