

I N D E XCouncil Meeting held September 20, 1960 5:30 P.M.

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Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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Adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Torrance, California
September 20, 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, September 20, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Robert B. Jahn led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Blount opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 13, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objections, amendments or corrections.

Mayor Isen reported that he had visited with Councilman Beasley this afternoon and that he is doing nicely. Mayor Isen then explained the procedure used in Council meetings for the benefit of the audience and announced the following information regarding

BIDS:

1. Formal bids for additions to the New City Hall will be publicly opened at 10 A.M., in the City Council Chamber, Wednesday, September 21, 1960. 0
2. PW 60-61-4. Formal bids on the Weed and Rubbish Abatement program for 1960-61 will be publicly opened at 10 A.M., in the City Council Chamber on Wednesday, September 21, 1960. 0

Affidavits of Publication on the above items were presented by Deputy City Clerk Carleson, and there being no objection, ordered filed. 0

3. Informal bids for a concrete cutting machine will be publicly opened in the City Council Chamber at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 21, 1960. 0

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Final Tract No. 25854 - Subdivider Dan Butcher.
Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by D. Horlander, Assistant to Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation of approval with location sketch and excerpt from September 7th minutes of Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Tract No. 25854. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1121

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter dated August 30, 1960, from Tridents Car Club requesting permission to place banners or posters to advertise their show, which is to be held in Pasadena November 16th through 20th. 1062

License Inspector Gale Whitacre asked in case the permission is granted that it be subject to license and insurance requirements. However, the Council agreed that it is not practical to grant this permission and instead of answering by written communication, Councilman Blount suggested that our Police Officer Jackson who works with similar clubs, call the Tridents Car Club and explain the reason for denial of their request.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the request; motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

1081 2. Torrance Chamber of Commerce dated September 8, 1960, requesting study of traffic hazard at intersection of Sepulveda and Palos Verdes Boulevards.

Councilman Bradford moved this item be referred to the Traffic Engineer and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

1134 3. Letter dated September 12 from residents of Mansel Avenue asking that their street be closed on Halloween evening.

Councilman Drale moved the request be denied. Councilman Bradford moved a substitute that the matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for a report next week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objection, so ordered.

1294 4. R. D. Spencer, Koebig & Koebig, dated September 9, 1960, re design on Projects Nos. 585 and 586.

1049 C-84 Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this communication, being informational only, would be filed. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

5. B. S. Burgess, District Traffic Engineer, State Division of Highways, dated September 8, 1960, regarding additional signing to the City of Torrance on Harbor Freeway.

1049 Councilman Blount said he would volunteer with whomsoever wished to get pictures and information that would make this communication ridiculous. Mayor Isen asked for further comment as he said this viewpoint of the District Engineer's Office outrages the City of Torrance. Councilman Blount gave various instances in which signs are placed, for even unincorporated cities, which are many miles away. Mayor Isen said the letter refers to "additional" signing whereas there are none now, and called attention to the length of the freeway bordering Torrance, the population of Torrance, the amount of gas tax the citizens pay. Mayor Isen said he had talked with Assemblyman Vincent Thomas who assured him of cooperation in obtaining proper signs. Assemblyman Thomas asked for a letter, with carbon copy to Mr. Telford. In that letter we could state that photographs will be submitted in support of our contention. City Manager Stevens is to write the letter to bring this up to date, for the signature of all the Councilmembers. Mayor Isen particularly mentioned the poor planning of the exit and access way to the freeway at 190th Street and suggested asking the Board of Supervisors to clean out the brush and fix up the entrance and exit to the freeway at that point. He said even a city of 1,000 people would not be treated this way and it should not be permitted.

Councilman Bradford took up the complaint at this point and spoke of the low point between Vermont and Broadway which is foggy in winter and has no lighting. What signs are present are covered by the trees which grow out of the slough. There are no "slow" signs on the freeway and it is at great risk that any motorist enters or leaves the freeway at this point. Granted, this is a temporary condition, but it will probably continue as is for at least two years. Councilman Drale said undoubtedly the principal entrance to Torrance is Artesia Boulevard and there should be a sign there to indicate to the motorist that he is approaching Torrance area.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. Submitting new class specification for electrician.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation which was approved by the Civil Service Board at a regular meeting held September 7, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection. 1004

2. Report regarding streets in industrial tract.

Mayor Isen said the contents of the memorandum had been noted and if there was no objection, it would be filed, awaiting the further report mentioned in the last paragraph. There was no objection, and it was so ordered. 1127

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BUS DEPARTMENT:

1. Recommendation of Bus Superintendent Chamberlain re renewal of tire mileage contract with B. F. Goodrich.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the Bus Superintendent. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1041

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. Report of Finance Director Scharfman re balance due on two parking lots; also re use of money received from the City of Redding for sale of used parking meters. 1007

Mayor Isen noted that this is a closed issue now and said there there was no objection, the report would be filed. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Bid on four trucks. Recommendation of Director of Public Works Peebles with reference to acceptance of bids for the purchase of three special service-type trucks and one general purpose-type truck. Schedule No. 60-61-16. 1041
Auto
C-74

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, failed to carry by the following vote: ← See Minutes 9/27/60 P 91

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley.

2. Extension of Amie Avenue.

Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation re waiver of sewer fees to the State Division of Highways in connection with the conveyance by the State of 14 feet for the proposed extension of Amie Avenue, with letter dated September 8, 1960 from Robert C. Davidson, Senior Right-of-way Agent, State Division of Highways. 1253

Councilman Drale said he considers this to be in order. Councilman Benstead asked how the City can waive the fees when the easement is not yet obtained and Mayor Isen answered that one would be contingent on the other. Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendation to waive all sewer fees to the State Division of Highways, subject to the State Division of Highways, or the properly applicable board, giving the City 14 feet of property, more or less, for a length of 320 feet, plus or minus, as a street easement. Councilman Benstead said, based on the condition that the one is contingent on the other, he seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley being absent).

3. Director of Public Works Peebles memorandum submitting two letters one dated August 2nd to Roy Donley, AIA & Associates, and one dated

September 7, 1960 from Mr. Donley, relating to appropriation of funds for preparation of plans for a school district project.

1165 This involves a disputed claim for fees in the amount of \$2,100. Councilman Vico moved that based on the correspondence listed, the request for payment be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

4 and 4x.

1208 The first item is a report which was requested by Councilman Bradford on progress of the construction of the two restrooms at La Romeria Park and McMaster Park, respectively. The second item involves proposed changes in the plans and the cost thereof, a total of \$488, recommended for approval.

Councilman Blount moved the Council approve the \$488, with special attention to the fact that "it is not anticipated any other 'extras' will be forthcoming. Councilman Bradford seconded the motion with the condition that there be no other extras. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

5. Cleaning of right of way between Carson and Crenshaw, Santa Fe Railway property. Report requested by Councilman Drale.

1114 It was noted that the bids on rubbish and weed abatement would be opened tomorrow and the award of contract made the following Tuesday. Councilman Drale moved that for this reason the item be tabled for one week and when and if this is awarded the Santa Fe right of way will be the first location to be cleaned up. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

6. Status of Storm Drain Projects as worked on by Koebig and Koebig, Inc. Report requested by Councilman Drale, with report on status of Projects 584, 585, 586 and 587.

1005 Councilman Drale said the plan had been to wait and award several of the contracts at one time in order to get a better deal, but time is short and it looks as if they won't get done before the rains start; some of the plans are completed; Walteria Lake is started, but others are not.

Director of Public Works Peebles answered that they are complete as far as his department is concerned. They are now awaiting Flood Control action after which they will go on a priority sheet. He said calls will be made to put these through. Councilman Drale said the City hired Koebig & Koebig to expedite the project and get our plans in so that they might be first on the list.

Mr. Barclay asked from the audience if at the present time we are building the Walteria Sump with storm drain funds for the money put up by Don Wilson in anticipation of receiving money from State funds. City Manager Stevens said that the excavation is being done at no expense to the City or to the District. The 28-acre site will eventually be acquired by bond issue funds, supplemented by the \$50,000 put up by Don Wilson. Mr. Barclay asked if it is the wish of the Council that the Walteria Lake project be put on the priority list as No. 1. Councilman Drale said he believed so. Mr. Barclay asked what is the No. 2 project and City Manager Stevens mentioned No. 585, El Retiro and Mr. Barclay asked permission to examine the plans therefor. The permission was granted for any time.

Mayor Isen suggested resolutions be prepared from the Council to the Flood Control and Board of Supervisors urging speed for the reasons stated. Councilman Bradford thought it would be a good idea and Mayor Isen then instructed City Attorney Remelmeyer to prepare and have on the agenda next Tuesday appropriate resolutions explaining the reason for the Council's request for haste in this matter. Councilman Vico asked for a report on progress on the plans at the County and Mr. Peebles is to check all the projects and give a report.

Mr. Doug Robbins who lives right across the street from the sump appeared and told of the condition which exists regarding water puddles and mosquitoes. As long as it appears there is not going to be a storm drain for another year, he asked if it would be possible to have some men come down and fill the puddle. Mayor Isen asked him to talk with Director of Public Works Peebles at recess. 1132

7. Report regarding signal at Del Amo and Hawthorne. This seems to be in process but Councilman Bradford asked for a follow-up. Director of Public Works Peebles will follow up on this.

8. Signal at 101 and Tulita, report requested by Councilman Vico. Councilman Vico remarked that it is being worked on at the present time. Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Peebles write a proper thank-you letter to whomever is in charge at the State Highway division and also to the Redondo Beach City Council for their help. 1235

8x. Memo dated September 16, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting estimate of the cost of construction of sidewalks for Torrance Unified School District.

Items 1, 2 and 3 are for sidewalks contiguous to schools. Item 4 is adjacent to apartment houses which have not put in curbs, gutter or sidewalks and have lawn throughout the area. The school has asked for a certain type of sidewalks to consist of plant mix. Items 1, 2 and 3 will cost approximately \$500 total. Mayor Isen asked why the apartment house has not put in the improvements mentioned. The ordinance is in process of being revised to cause apartment houses to fall under the Commercial Improvement Ordinance. Councilman Bradford, Councilman Drale and City Attorney Remelmeyer engaged in quite a discussion of the provisions that do, and do not, exist in the present ordinance, resulting in Mayor Isen's suggestion that the ordinance be prepared forthwith. Mayor Isen also asked regarding the group of stores on Crenshaw, the Roaring 60's Bar, etc., where there is no sidewalk. Building Inspections Superintendent Schlens said this was a variance and they were built before the ordinance went into effect and there was an exception as to sidewalks.

Councilman Drale moved that the building ordinance be amended to include all apartments, multiple units, commercial apartment houses MUST have curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1300

Councilman Bradford asked about in the Victor Precinct, where the partments are going in, whether or not there are grades established regarding elevations of the streets. Mr Nollac said the grades are established as apartments are built. Councilman Bradford asked if there will be sidewalks, curbs and gutters where the new apartments are going up now and Mr. Nollac said wherever the owners can be persuaded to do so, yes.

Director of Public Works Peebles said it is a public relations problem; in three cases the owners have flatly refused and there is no way to force them. Councilman Bradford said he knows of two people who have been asked to make deposits where there are no established grades. Councilman Drale mentioned a similar case wherein a man had to post a bond that when and if the grades are established he would have to put the curbs, gutter and sidewalks in. He believes there is some discrimination in favor of the apartment house owners. There are now eight or nine apartment house building permit applications in and Councilman Drale asked that they be held up until the ordinance comes through.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works to approve Items 1, 2 and 3 and delete Item 4.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent). 1242

A recess was declared at 6:25 and the Council reconvened at 6:35.

8-y. Memo dated September 16, 1960, from Director of Public Works Peebles regarding deviation of Council policy in connection with improvement of Early Avenue north of Lomita Boulevard.

1304 Mayor Isen asked if a decision is necessary tonight and Councilman Blount moved that unless there is a genuine emergency all the matters appearing on the addendum to the agenda be placed on the regular agenda for next week as the Councilmen have not had time to consider them properly. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection. The item will appear on next week's agenda.

0 City Attorney Remelmeyer said the item concerning the Sewer District should have consideration tonight. Mayor Isen announced the order of business would be that on the regular agenda and the next item of business is:

9. Request of Building Superintendent Schlens, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, for permission to permit Arthur S. Moore to attend Western Plumbing Officials Association annual business conference at Reno, October 4-7, 1960.

1039 Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation that he be granted the permission as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

10. Engineering Division. Walteria Lake Sump Excavation - Personnel. Memo from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting request for authorization to employ personnel in connection with the work relating to excavation of Walteria Lake Sump.

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1004 Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation as contained in Mr. Nollac's memorandum dated September 15, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4042

1175
C-153
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ADOPTING BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS
ALLOCATED UNDER SECTION 2107.5 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4042. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4042. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4043

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D-285
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4043. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4043. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

13. Easement and Grant Deeds for Street Purposes.

Submitted by the City Engineer Nollac and Director of Public Works Peebles, approved by City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Stevens were 5 easements and 1 grant deed, as follows:

Date	Grantors	Portions of Lot - Block - Tract		Purpose
7/13/60	Getty Oil Co.	1 & 2	2200	Street
8/ 8/60	John C. Micanovich	40	437	Street
9/ 3/60	et al			
9/3/ 60	Ihori & Shigekuni	24	3458	Street
9/6/60	Haggott & Rental Incomes			
		B of Rancho Los Palos Verdes (per case 2373 of Superior Court of Los Angeles County)		Street
9/13/60	R. A. Watt, et al	1 & 2	2895	Street
Grant deed				
9/13/60	R. A. Watt, et al	1	2895	Easterly terminus Lorna Street

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the deeds listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried, there being no objection.

14. Improvements of Amie Avenue northerly of Torrance Boulevard. Letter from City Engineer Nollac, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, transmitting petition bearing signatures of property owners requesting the improvement of Amie Avenue, northerly of Torrance Boulevard, with location sketch attached.

Mayor Isen said this is the matter he wanted to bring up before, with respect to the minutes of the Planning Commission and the application for the 52-unit apartment house which was refused because the street was not ready. He was of the opinion that something is wrong in public relations. Director of Public Works Peebles said this is still another part of Amie Avenue at 182nd to which the Mayor refers. Councilman Drale said it is the same place about which the Mayor spoke and Mayor Isen said it is a very poor way to try to get easements for streets. Councilman Bradford criticized the Planning Commission for not bringing all matters before the Council, both those which are approved and that are rejected. Director of Planning Powell was not present. Councilman Blount did not see the applicability of that problem to the present matter, but Mayor Isen explained that this, being a proposal with request to widen the street, some consideration should be given to whether or not the Planning Commission had made it impossible to get that particular easement from the man whose 52-unit apartment house proposal was turned down. Mayor Isen asked again whether this matter would come up before the Council and stated that all matters of denial are expected to come before the Council.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation that the requested work be done. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale mentioned a money problem and City Manager Stevens said the required \$18,000 is in unappropriated reserve. Councilman Bradford moved that \$18,000 be appropriated from the Unappropriated Reserve for the purpose. Councilman Drale asked if this would include curbs, gutter and sidewalks. City Engineer Nollac explained the \$18,000 would cover the entire center part of the street. Mayor

1041 Isen reminded him the motion contemplates one being contingent on the other and Mr. Nollac further explained this would be under one contract and the owners would then pay their share of the curbs, gutters and sidewalks to the City. Councilman Benstead clarified the question by asking if, then, we are only paying for the 24 feet which we own at the present time and Mr. Nollac answered affirmatively. Councilman Bradford's motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

15. Street Division. R. S. Perkins, Street Superintendent, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation re acceptance of bid for rock dust and plaster and concrete sand.

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PIPE Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation for the award of the contract to Owl Rock Products Company in the amounts set forth on the Bid Summary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. Recommendation of Water Superintendent McVicar re acceptance of bid for purchase of Cast Iron Pipe, with recommendation for award to Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company at a price of \$1.915 per foot.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

There was some discussion of the alternate bid from Cal-Metal Corporation in which they bid on steel pipe while the specification definitely called for cast iron pipe. Water Superintendent McVicar explained why the cast iron pipe is required and Councilman Benstead suggested a letter of explanation be sent to Cal-Metal Corporation. Mr. McVicar said it had been explained orally, but Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to see that a proper letter is sent.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1010 1. Sublease to John S. Trier. The recommendation of the Airport Commission is to approve the sublease so far as it conforms to the original lease as to usage.

Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation on Item 1. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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C-51 2. Harry Eyres offer to sell his leasehold interest for the sum of \$500. The recommendation is that the City decline Mr. Eyres' offer and that he be declared to be in default; that his lease be cancelled because he has failed to live up to the provisions of paragraph 14 of the lease which is dated November 14, 1955.

City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that while he did not start building within the required time, the City did nothing about that failure for four or five years and now he feels they are estopped to cancel, for that reason. Now that he has started to build a hangar the City Attorney does not feel the City has the right to declare him to be in default for his former failure to do so because the City has waived its right to do so.

Councilman Bradford asked if a complete follow-up folder is kept on Airport leases in the City Attorney's office and spelled out in detail how he thought it should be accomplished.

1053 City Attorney Remelmeyer said they do have a file on leases but that the administration of the follow-up is done by the Airport Manager, Jack Egan; that the follow-up is not a function of the City Attorney's office; that the system was set up by them and then turned over to Mr. Egan. Mayor Isen asked why we are now trying to buy up this leasehold and was told by Mr. Egan it came up in connection with another matter; that wherever practicable and economical to do so, the City should purchase leasehold interests, he feels. The building of Mr.

Eyre's hangar has been stopped by the Building Department for non-compliance in another respect. Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney's office follow the regular legal procedure to declare a forfeiture and report to the Council what transpires. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale. Mayor Isen said if Eyres is not complying with the Building Code, he is in default, regardless of the City's laches, and he asked the City Attorney to establish the follow-up folder as set forth by Councilman Bradford. Councilman Bradford questioned the default procedure as being a duty of the City Attorney rather than an administrative one, but Mayor Isen said this particular procedure is a legal one to be carried out by the City Attorney at the request of the Council.

Superintendent of Building Inspection Schlens clarified the manner in which Mr. Eyres is in default under the Building Code. Mayor Isen said he thought in case of court action, the City would certainly win this case.

Councilman Drale called attention to the fact that about a year and a half ago he and Councilman Blount asked for a review of all airport leases and that he has not seen such a report.

Councilman Vico asked Mr. Egan if he knew how many leases there are at the Airport, who has a plane out there, and who is paid up. Mr. Egan answered that it is a matter of record in the office.

(No vote was taken on the motion, nor was it "so ordered").

3. Item 3 deals with the City charging certain Airport lessees for drawing up papers and not charging others. The recommendation is that the City cease and desist from charging a fee to write up a lease agreement unless this fee is charged on all lease agreements and that any persons who have been charged be reimbursed for the amount paid.

Councilman Blount said this is a matter which was acted on by less than a full Commission and that he believes it needs more deliberation. He moved that Item 3 be returned to the Airport Commission at such time as there is full attendance for review and return to the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford. Mayor Isen stated sometime ago it was decided when work was done in the Legal Department for the benefit of individuals, that the person should be billed therefor the same as if he went to an attorney on the outside. Mayor Isen said, for the record, that anyone who has had work done in the Legal Department should be charged and billed therefor.

Councilman Drale said he is in favor of taking City Attorney Remelmeyer's word that everyone has been charged the same. Councilman Blount feels the matter needs investigation. Mayor Isen said he believes Councilman Drale is quoting Mr. Egan rather than Mr. Remelmeyer but in answer to a direct question on the subject, City Attorney Remelmeyer said he believes everyone has been charged the same and no favoritism shown.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wanted roll call on the motion of Councilman Blount and there was no reply. The motion thus carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM WATER COMMISSION:

1. M. M. Schwab, Chairman of Water Commission, regarding water storage capacity, requesting the Council consider the discontinuance of the annual franchise payments to the general fund so that development of adequate water storage for future needs may be made.

Mayor Isen stated that the budtet is so set up that the annual franchise payment is included in the current income. City Manager Stevens agreed but thought it might be considered next year. The cost of additional storage facilities was discussed and Councilman Bradford thought the money could be raised by increasing the water rates to bring them in line with other water companies' rates. He said a more realistic view would reveal that industrial firms should be charged more. Superintendent said while that is true, it would not raise nearly enough money for the construction necessary. Councilman Bradford

expressed concern about the need of the City for the franchise money. Councilman Drale suggested the City Manager, Director of Public Works and Water Superintendent work together to try to determine a means by which the money can be raised. It was noted that the reserve capacity is now less than one day's requirement.

The matter was referred to the City Manager for determination.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

1. Recommendation re acceptance of bid for hand-propelled striping machine.

1047 Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation to accept the bid of Wald Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$654.86 including sales tax. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. Recommendation re request of Lee Carson for removal of "No Parking Anytime" sign on Loytan Street.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in Mr. Whitmer's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

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1. Submitted was resolution authorizing the City Attorney and City Engineer to execute a letter agreement with Cosgrove, Cramer, Diether & Rindge, attorneys for Dominguez Water Corporation, with copy of the letter agreement attached.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney. Mayor Isen seconded the motion. Councilman Blount asked the cost of the relocation of the lines and Director of Public Works Peebles answered that the two now being discussed are the Carson Street cut-through and Del Amo; that the first is pretty close to \$6,000 and the second between \$15,000 and \$20,000. If the City street was in prior to the installation of the lines, then the City has prior rights. For example, Del Amo water lines went in many years after Del Amo Street was constructed and Mr. Peebles does not agree with Dominguez Water Corporation's view that they have prior rights automatically. Mayor Isen asked if by the provisions of the letter agreement, the matter would be left in status quo and City Attorney Remelmeyer answered that is correct.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4044

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY ENGINEER TO
EXECUTE A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH COSGROVE, CRAMER, DIETHER
& RINDGE, ATTORNEYS FOR DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION DATED
AUGUST 8, 1960.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4044. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4044. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Submitted was a resolution instructing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for construction of Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 3. 1099

Councilman Drale moved that the following letter, dated June 14, 1957, from the County of Los Angeles Health Department, be accepted and spread in full in the minutes of this meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Deputy City Clerk Carleson read in its entirety the letter, as follows:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
241 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

June 14, 1957

Honorable City Council
City of Torrance, City Hall
Torrance, California

Attention Ronald W. Bishop
City Engineer.

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 3.

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

ANALYSIS: This Department has made an investigation of the Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 3, as shown on the attached map. During the course of this investigation 58 house-to-house calls were made. Of this number 31 occupants were not at home or did not answer the door. Of the 27 property owners or tenants actually contacted, 11 or 40.7% reported that they had experienced trouble with their individual subsurface sewage disposal systems. They complained of the seepage pits filling up or caving in, also that frequent pumping and cleaning out of the seepage pits or the construction of new pits was necessary.

The soil within the area of this proposed sanitary sewer district consists mostly of a fine beach sand. This type of soil does not provide good leaching action, also the sand sifts into the pits through the spaces between the brick lining and either causes the pits to cave in or fill with sand.

In view of our survey, I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, do hereby recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in the Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 3, located within the City of Torrance. This recommendation is made as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways code.

Very truly yours,

CC: City Engineer (2)
Dr. Kogan, D.M.O.

s/ Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.
Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.
Health OFFICER

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September 20, 1960

Councilman Benstead moved that the following letter, dated September 16, 1960, from the County of Los Angeles Health Department be accepted and spread in full in the minutes of this meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Deputy City Clerk Carleson read in its entirety, the letter, as follows:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
241 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

September 16, 1960

Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, Calif.

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

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 3

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

ANALYSIS: On June 14, 1957, this Department recommended to your Honorable Council that sanitary sewers be installed in the Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 3, City of Torrance.

Since the date of our original survey and letter of recommendation, the individual subsurface sewage disposal problems in this district have no doubt increased due to the elapsed period of time.

In view of that original survey which revealed that out of 27 property owners or tenants contacted, 11 or 40.7% had experienced trouble with their individual subsurface sewage disposal systems, I, the undersigned Health Officer of the County of Los Angeles, having been officially designated by the City Council of the City of Torrance to perform public health services for the City of Torrance, do hereby again recommend that proceedings be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in the Hollywood Riviera Sanitary Sewer District No. 3. This recommendation is made as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health and pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,

ROG:LCH:mt

cc (2) City Engineer

Dr. Gilbert

Dr. Kogan - Torrance H.C.

s/ Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.

Roy L. GILBERT, M.D.

Health Officer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3238; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4045. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 4045. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 4046

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3239; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 3, PURSUANT TO THE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1911, DIVISION 7 OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Bradford moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4046. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4046. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

ORDINANCES:

Submitted for reconsideration was Ordinance dealing with Idle Oil Wells and at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1203

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING OWNER AND OPERATOR AND ADDING ARTICLE VII TO CHAPTER 19 (THE OIL CODE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL AND ABANDONMENT OF IDLE OIL WELLS, THE CLEANING OF DRILL SITES OF IDLE OR ABANDONED WELLS AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1203. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1203 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4047

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE TIME AND MEETINGS OF SAID CITY COUNCIL AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3866.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4047. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4047. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

2. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk C rleson assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 4048

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. PAUL SALZBURG FOR HIS GIFT OF CLIMBING STATUARY TO THE SEA-AIRE PARK FOR THE BENEFIT AND PLEASURE OF THE CHILDREN OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4048. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4048. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

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PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen announced it was a pleasure to proclaim the week of October 3-8 as TORRANCE COUNCIL PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WEEK.

HELD OVER:

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The offer of trees by the Del Amo Estates Company was now considered, as being held over from the previous meeting.

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Councilman Blount reported he had been in touch with the Del Amo people and that the only man who knows what the situation really is, is out of town and will be back on Monday. Councilman Blount has arranged to have the committee meet with him at his convenience on Monday. Mr. Peebles is aware of the situation and the Del Amo people have no intention of withdrawing their offer, Mr. Blount said. This item of business, it was agreed will be held for one week pending this meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. City Manager Stevens stated the water tank on Fire Engine No. 2 has rusted through. This is the tank that supplies water for high pressure pumping. Bids have been received from three companies and he recommended in order to save time the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Steelmaster Company of Washburn Avenue, Downey, California. The other bidders were Burlington Welding Co. and National Supply. The low bid is \$385, plus tax.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote. Councilman Benstead questioned the lightness of the gauge of the tank but City Manager Stevens said it is 11 gauge and will probably outlast the machine in which it is to be installed. The tank, he said, is given three coats of liquid neoprene.

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2. Councilman Benstead mentioned the litterbug problem, particularly on Sepulveda east of Hawthorne. He said all sorts of unauthorized signs are posted and moved that City employees as they travel around the City watch and report back to the City so that action may be taken

to clean up the littered areas. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

3. Councilman Bradford told of the poorly lighted portion of Hawthorne at the exits from the Broadway and Sears stores, between Carson and Sepulveda. He asked if the State has jurisdiction along Hawthorne. City Manager Stevens said it does, but we could have a lighting district there. He called attention again to the nice job of lighting on Torrance Boulevard within Redondo Beach. Mr. Stevens said he felt the State would not provide more lighting than at intersections on Hawthorne; it would have to be done by a municipal lighting district. 1229

4. Councilman Bradford asked how Del Amo is proceeding now that we have the plans finished from Maple to Crenshaw. Mr. Stevens said he had talked with the appraiser and he is working on trying to get an estimate from Socony Oil on the cost of moving their pipe and, secondly, taking another look at the severance damage at Dow Chemical. He hopes to have something to report next week. 1165

5. Councilman Bradford recalled Mr. Blount's comments on matters from the Planning Commission. Whether they are approved or denied, they must be brought to the City Council, not only in the Planning Commission minutes, but once they have taken action, on the Council agenda. Mayor Isen agreed, saying the Planning Commission is primarily an advisory board. Councilman Bradford mentioned the 52-unit apartment house about which he claims the Council would have known nothing if it were not for perusing the Planning Commission minutes. He stated the Planning Commission "has no business being in the real estate business"; that he would like to see them develop what is now in Torrance, rather than trying to woo industries from all over the United States. If the equipment we have for Planning is not adequate, he said, let's make a change. In this connection, Mayor Isen asked that emphasis be stressed on his remarks to Mr. Powell and the members of his staff that these matters all must come before the Council. If he has slipped on any - they had better come before the Council right away. 1026

6. Councilman Blount said in order to clarify some possible confusion dealing with a matter which came up last week, there is no intent to embarrass the City or anyone in it. He said he thought a good way to solve a rather delicate problem would be, and he so moved, to refer it to the Chamber of Commerce, as our contractual division for public relations and good will, the whole matter of Drew Pearson Day. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objection, the motion carried. Mayor Isen thanked the Councilmen for their action. 1217

7. Councilman Drale mentioned two possible candidates for the vacancy on the Planning Commission:

- Roland Appel, 205 Wood Street, Frontier 6-8584, vice-president of the Victor Home Owners Association, and a sanitary sewer maintenance foreman for Los Angeles
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John Mulvihill

E. F. Schoonover was mentioned by Councilman Benstead.

8. Mayor Isen announced the Council reciprocal breakfast for the ministerial group is to be held October 12, Wednesday, 7:45 A.M. at the Jump'n Jack Restaurant. The Councilmen will be reminded further. There will be no program formally, just fellowship, and all branches of the clergy are invited; also Mr. Stevens, Mr. Bone, Mr. Peebles, Chief Benner and Chief Bennett. The breakfast meeting will adjourn at 9:00 A.M. and a written invitation will be forthcoming. 1217

9. Dr. Smith representing the Methodist Church spoke regarding the removal of trees on El Prado. He has the approval of the Park Commission and Mr. Peebles displayed the letter which had arrived at 5:00 P.M. today. The recommendation of the Park Commission was that the 1091

removal of the trees be approved, to be accomplished at the Church's expense and that they be required to put up \$60 per tree replacement in accordance with the applicable ordinance. The Church is going to build a new building which would conflict with the present location of trees. Councilman Drale thought a good look should be taken at the plans to determine whether or not the trees will be in the way of construction. So far the Church has not brought any plans to the Building Division. Mayor Isen thought the request is a little premature and said if there was no objection, he would move that the matter be held in abeyance until the proper time and then the plans be brought to the Building Department for checking. If the matter is taken through proper channels probably Dr. Smith's presence will not be necessary for determination of the problem before the Council.

10. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Beasley absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance