

Lomita to Get New Firehouse Near Highway

Purchase of a site in Lomita for construction of a new Los Angeles County fire station was authorized recently by Supervisors, after an intensive study pointed up the need for increased fire protection facilities in the area.

The parcel of land, now owned by the Halversen-Levell Mortuary, is located west of Narbonne Ave., and south of 255th St. County authorities said they have offered \$8500 for the 97 by 100-foot lot.

Sited to house Engine Co. 6, which now is located at 2240 Lomita Blvd., the new station was taken under study by Supervisors on recommendation of the Board of Fire Underwriters.

A public hearing will be held Dec. 27 by Supervisors, before final purchase can be made.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace said that construction bids will be requested as soon as possible after the purchase is completed.

Dump Site Gets OK

Establishment of the controversial south Torrance Rolling Hills dump, was recommended to the County Regional Planning Commission, Wednesday, by the County Zoning Board. Conditional approval of the dump on a 150-acre site on both sides of Crenshaw Blvd., about 1500 feet north of Palos Verdes Dr. North, was recommended by the board. The County Sanitation Districts propose to use huge depressions left by the Great Lakes Carbon Corp., diatomaceous earth mining operations for the dump.

Census Ups Tax Fund

Torrance stands to gain about \$37,000 as the result of the special census conducted here in September, City Manager George Stevens reported Saturday. A letter from G. T. McCoy, State Highway Engineer, informed Stevens last week that the estimated gas tax revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 would be \$163,750 based on the new population 67,459.

Phone Building OK'd

The Torrance Planning Commission again recommended the much-discussed General Telephone Co. addition at 650 Palos Verdes Blvd., for approval Wednesday night, with a number of stipulations attached.

The stipulations were reached after a meeting of two planners, two phone firm representatives, and two nearby residents. Twice turned down by the City Council, planners agreed to the meeting in an effort to iron out some of the objections of nearby residents. As originally proposed, the addition would have been two stories high.

Zone Change Asked

A petition by the Longren Aircraft Co. for a change of zone on property at 2578 W. Carson St., will be the subject of a public hearing before the Torrance Planning Commission on Dec. 7.

The firm now occupies the R-2 property under terms of a variance granted several years ago. It is moving some of its heavy equipment and operations to a site on the Torrance Airport, officials said, with a shift of about 140 employees to that site.

Longren is seeking a change to an M-1 zone on the property. The variance was granted previously over the strenuous protests of many of the neighbors. A second hearing on the matter will be held Dec. 21.

Panther Seen Again

George Tait, of 2733 Portobello Dr., called police Friday evening and reported he had seen a large black panther in the vicinity of the city reservoir, south of Pacific Coast Hwy., just off Crenshaw Blvd. and Rolling Hills Rd.

Local officers drove out to Tait's home and scoured the area, but were unable to come up with any trace of the animal.

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