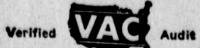


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PROBE REPORTS MADE PUBLIC

5-0 Council Vote Makes Them Public

Copies of two confidential reports made to city councilmen on investigations into city affairs went on sale yesterday at the office of City Clerk Vernon Coll. Reproduction of the reports was authorized by the City Council Tuesday night when the five members present voted to make each of the two reports a matter of public record. Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman Victor E. Benstead Jr. were absent.

Cost of the reports to the public has been set at \$1.75 each or \$3.50 for both, City Clerk Coll said after conferring with City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

"That's a bargain," Coll said. "We figured out by the city's standard rate scale for reproducing public documents that it should cost \$26.50 to get both reports."

ACTION OF THE City Council Tuesday followed an opinion by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier that "there is no legal grounds which compels the withholding of either of the two reports from the public."

Councilman Ken Miller, who had voted in other sessions to withhold the report set the stage for releasing the documents when he said "in view of the city attorney's opinion, I'll be most happy to vote for release of the reports."

THE FIRST report, delivered to councilmen on Jan. 27, dealt principally with allegations that ex-Councilman Robert Jahn was set up for arrest by Torrance police officers.

Jahn subsequently filed a claim with the city asking for damages of \$500,000 for malicious prosecution, false arrest, libel, and slander, based on actions of public officials as reported in the Jan. 27 report.

A second report, delivered to councilmen on March 3, confined its scope to activities of the city's police department, criticizing the lack of leadership and citing specific allegations in the case of two officers, Lts. D. C. Cook and D. S. Hamilton, who were suspended and then discharged.

HEARINGS FOR the two officers before the Civil Service Commission have been continued at their request until later in April.

Charges that the reports have been suppressed by a City Council majority have been taken up as a campaign cry by some candidates for the City Council at this month's election. One candidate, it was reported yesterday, even obtained copies of the two reports and had them reproduced on his own for distribution to the public.

Plans and specifications for an addition to the Carson Fire Station were ordered this week by the Board of Supervisors. The station is located at 404 E. Carson St.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn said the board ordered architect Clyde Grimes to prepare the plans and furnish supervision for the construction work.

Timetable For Recall Hits Snag

Publicly announced plans to launch a recall movement against Mayor Albert Isen at the Tuesday night meeting of the City Council were set off schedule earlier in the afternoon when a fever—attributed to a flu bug—sent the mayor to his bed instead of the Council meeting.

L. M. Forsythe of Walteria, a candidate in the city elections, had announced Monday night at a candidate's meeting that he would present the charges to Mayor Isen at the Tuesday night meeting as the first step in a recall movement. Forsythe earlier had asked for Isen's resignation and gave him a week to answer.

"I'M SORRY TO see the mayor is not here," he said as a preface to reading a five-page, typewritten indictment of Torrance councilmen. He said he had papers for Isen's recall prepared by a Beverly Hills attorney, and would serve them by registered mail Wednesday.

A challenge to debate delivered by another council candidate, John Mulvihill, was accepted by Councilman Ross Sciarrotta—with conditions.

Claiming to speak for himself and John Barton, Mulvihill wanted Sciarrotta and Ken Miller, neither of them candidates, to debate the "corruption" issue in Torrance next Monday night.

"Mr. Mulvihill wants some cheap publicity," Sciarrotta answered. "I'll debate you or both of you together on April 15th," he said. That's one day after the scheduled city election.

Candidates To Address Area Groups

Candidates for city council seats are scheduled to make four campaign appearances next week as the campaign nears the back stretch. Ballots will be cast by the city's voters Tuesday, April 14.

Each of the 18 candidates has been invited to speak to the Victor Women's Club tonight at 7:30. The group will meet at Victor Elementary School.

On Monday night, the candidates are scheduled to appear before the Riviera Homeowners Assn. The Riviera group will meet at Parkway Elementary School at 8 p.m., according to president John Haidinger. Next Wednesday evening, (Continued on Page 4)

All-America Cities Asked To Send Help

A two-phased study of ways in which Torrance residents can help victims of the Good Friday earthquake in Anchorage, Alaska, is under way here following a request to the city from the All-American City committee this week. Torrance and Anchorage were All-America cities the same year.

Ceremonies Slated for New Library

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$82,000 North Torrance Library will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. on the new site at Yukon Avenue and Artesia Boulevard.

The new library, designed by Weldon J. Fulton Associates to replace the small library at McMaster Park, will provide needed space for a growing collection. More than 4,000 square feet of space are included in the low modern facility.

The library has been designed around several special areas and small patios. Special shelving areas for adults, junior high school students, and children have been included. Each patio is visible from the inside of the structure.

A small lounge area, workroom space, and central control desks are other features of the new building. Adequate parking and restroom facilities are included.

Chamber Asks City for Old Water Office

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce has asked the city to begin negotiations for possible use of the old water department building on Cravens Avenue by the chamber.

The structure was to have been sold, but when bids were opened this week the city found it had no offers. Chamber president George Post said the facility "would make an ideal location for the Chamber of Commerce."

Post's request was referred to the city manager and the finance department by the council.

The request for assistance came to Mayor Albert Isen Tuesday and was put before the City Council Tuesday night. City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and the Chamber of Commerce have been asked to search out a way in which Torrance can contribute to the great rebuilding job in their Alaskan sister city.

IN SUBMITTING the request to the City Council, Ferraro asked for permission to conduct a fund drive, and for permission to go to the Board of Education to get their approval of the mercy drive through the schools.

Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle suggested a city-school liaison committee, but asked that a definite procedure be established.

"Let's don't say we'll do it, and then not assign the task to somebody."

Councilman Ken Miller suggested a citizens' committee. Other councilmen indicated that members of the city's several service clubs probably would help if a program were set up to aid Anchorage.

SUCH A program may have special interest to one Torrance family, that of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koshak, 2334 W. 236th St., Torrance residents for 30 years.

Mrs. Koshak told The HERALD yesterday that she had just learned that her daughter, Mary, new Mrs. Leroy Dyson, and her family had escaped injury in the Alaskan quake last Friday.

Dyson, a cement mason, and Mrs. Dyson, employed in an Anchorage restaurant as manager, have been in the Alaskan city for three years. A son, Jerry, is attending college in that city.

Mrs. Dyson was graduated from Narbonne High School and lived in Torrance before going to Alaska. Mrs. Koshak said.



ABOUT WORLD'S FAIR . . . Loren McCannon, executive vice president and assistant general manager of the Long Beach World's Fair, discussed plans for the fair with members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week. Shown here looking over a map of the site are McCannon, Mrs. Jean Clawson, chamber breakfast chairman, and Robert Norton, sales manager for New Horizons. Norton hosted the chamber members at the New Horizons clubhouse. (Herald Photo)

Long Beach World's Fair Will Spur Area Economy

Members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were told Tuesday the Long Beach World's Fair is "the most significant single project ever planned for greater metropolitan Los Angeles."

Loren McCannon, administrative vice president and assistant general manager for the 1967-68 fair, addressed the chamber members at a breakfast meeting to the New Horizons clubhouse.

McCannon said the fair will have a "tremendous economic impact for the entire state." The economic impact is "the basic reason for a fair," McCannon declared.

HE TOLD chamber members the project was not just for Long Beach. Projections based on the experience of Seattle and New York indicate an attendance of some 43 million persons during the two-year run of the fair, and will bring nearly \$500 million to the greater Los Angeles area.

A total investment of \$400 million is expected and some \$1 billion will be spent in California during the fair if projections are anywhere near correct, McCannon said.

The fair first took shape after a 10-man committee appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council selected Long Beach as the site in 1961. The pier development now being built will be completed in 1965, said McCannon. Pier J, as the site is known, is a development of the harbor area.

THE FAIR has all the necessary credentials for a United States exposition, said McCannon. He explained the fair organization is now seeking a special endorsement from the Bureau of International Expositions in Paris. General endorsements are issued only once every 10 years to member nations of the treaty organization.

The United States, said McCannon, is not a member, but the bureau is allowed to give special endorsements each year for specialized fairs. The Long Beach endorsement, if granted, will be for a transportation and communications exposition in 1968.

During the four or five year period of construction and operation of the fair, jobs for about 8,000 persons will be provided. The facilities will be permanent, and additional private improvements will be made in the area.

McCANNON SAID the fair would encourage tourism, provide markets for industrial and commercial firms, and generally give the entire area an economic boost.

"The host city has all the problems," he declared, "and gets some benefits."

Greatest benefits are expected to be centered in the harbor area of the county.

"The fair will do tremendous economic good," he added. "That's the only reason for having it."

Work Completed On Major Street

Official opening ceremonies marking the completion of extensive work on Redondo Beach Boulevard will be held Monday at 11 a.m. The ribbon cutting will take place at the intersection of Redondo Beach and Crenshaw boulevards.

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A Penny for your Thoughts

The Pennies photographer asked several mothers this week, "How do you feel about sex education in the public schools?"

Mrs. Bonnie Walton, 21413 Evalyn Ave.: "I believe in sex education in the schools provided the groups are not mixed. I think it should be restricted to high school and not given in the elementary schools. I have one student in high school now and another starting next year."

Mrs. Marian Marino, 5217 Sepulveda Blvd.: "It is a very complex question, but I think sex education should be given in the schools to some extent. As long as it is kept pretty basic and classes are not mixed, it is all right, I think."

Mrs. Juanita Boldt, 809 Kornblum Ave.: "I would say that in un-mixed groups, I would approve of sex education in the schools. It should be restricted to high school classes and taught only in the science and physical education classes."

Mrs. Mickey Myzel, 2321 W. 182nd St.: "I think that from the junior high school level up, sex education should be given. They will want the information, and teaching it in the schools would prevent them from getting it from unnatural sources."

Mrs. Eleanor Oshiro, 23202 Broadwell Ave.: "I think there definitely should be sex education in the junior high schools. It is better if it is taught in un-mixed classes in physical education. Younger children should be given sex education in the home."

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YMCA PROPOSAL . . . Artist's rendering of proposed new program headquarters for the Torrance Family YMCA has been unveiled as a prelude to the organization's huge capital funds campaign. The first unit includes 11,000 square feet of roofed space plus another 11,800-foot enclosed patio and campfire circle. The building will provide space for 16 meetings at one time, and is designed to serve youth of the area for the next 50 years, YMCA officials say.