

ANNEXATION

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the fact that John Chadwick, operator of the Chadwick school, submitted a petition to the Palos Verdes City Council at a special meeting Wednesday, February 23, at 11:50 a.m. The petition calls for annexing the buffer zone stretching along Palos Verdes Drive North near Crenshaw boulevard.

Significant Factors
Two factors appeared significant in the final outcome of this issue.

1) While the original Chadwick petition was filed at 11:50

a.m., a "corrected" petition was submitted at 7:58 p.m.

According to action taken by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night, the third and final hearing on the annexation issue will be held Tuesday, April 2, at 8 p.m., in the City Council chamber, to comply with all the legal requirements. Originally the meeting was set for next week Monday March 7. That meeting will still be held but will not be official.

However, the Torrance City Council also received a formal petition requesting annexation

of the 6513 acres from the Great Lakes Carbon corporation. That petition was submitted at 7:15 p.m., the same day and would probably take precedence over the Chadwick petition if a legal judgment were necessary, it is thought.

2) The petition from Great Lakes Carbon contains a legal description of the area proposed for annexation. Neither the original nor the "corrected" Chadwick petition is accompanied by a legal description. Ivar Hanson of the Great Lakes Carbon corporation told a Torrance Press reporter.

Feeling among Torrance officials and Great Lakes' officials

seemed to be that nothing serious can happen to the annexation if the Torrance City Council decides to approve it.

Should approval come, Great Lakes will go ahead with its plans as if annexation were a fact, one official allegedly told a Torrance councilman.

The most that Palos Verdes could do is to stall the issue, it was felt.

Favorable Factors
Favoring Torrance was the fact that it has already had two public annexation hearings and has set the date for a third and final hearing.

Palos Verdes would have to do likewise. Since definite time intervals are demanded for such hearings, the Palos Verdes City Council could not "catch up" with Torrance.

Following the detection of the Palos Verdes move, Palos Verdes officials kept a four-day silence on what had transpired. They refused to answer questions from reporters, despite the fact that the actions were a matter of public record.

Palos Verdes' City Clerk William Platt was curt in his answers even after the silence was broken. The only informa-

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a civic center in Lomita, inasmuch as the county has indicated that it wants to build such a center in the Harbor area.

The center would consist of a health clinic, sheriff's station, library, district court, and building department, McCormick stated.

Members also discussed Lomita's future should Torrance annex the 6513 acres in the Rolling Hills area now under consideration.

Consider Annexation

It was pointed out that Lomita would then be surrounded on three sides by Torrance and on the fourth side by Harbor City. Lomita might have to take one of three possible steps in the future, it was pointed out: annex to 1) Rolling

tion he released was the fact that the annexation petition had been filed at 11:50 a.m.

When asked about the "corrected" petition, Platt snapped, "You can't believe everything you read in the newspapers."

Chadwick himself allegedly admitted that such a petition was filed. Hanson also seemed to know of it.

One of the primary reasons why some Palos Verdes residents are protesting the annexation to Torrance is because they want developers to guarantee a minimum lot size of 22,000 square feet. Torrance would set the minimum at 7000 though many lots exceed that size considerably.

Hills, 2) Harbor City (Los Angeles) or 3) Torrance.

A study of Lomita's business expansion if Torrance's present annexation issue goes through was also called for. A committee will be appointed.

A plea by Ernie Mosher for supporting the April 5 school bond issue was favorably received. Mosher pointed out that

the completion of the new Narbonne high school in Lomita will depend on the outcome of that election.

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