



INVITES BEAUTIES—An invitation to local lovelies to participate in the Miss Torrance contest is extended by Ted Hill, executive director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The contest will be held in Civic Auditorium May 6. —Press Photo



KEYS TO CAR—Bob Keefer, right, owner of Keefer Plymouth, hands keys to new police car to Harry P. Severns, Hawthorne police chief, who purchased new police cars from the auto agency in Hawthorne.

Airport Lease Bids in

Award of a lease for nine acres on Torrance Municipal Airport is expected to be made by the City Council April 7.

The city fathers referred three bids for developing the parcel at Crenshaw Blvd. and Pacific Coast Hwy. for recommendation after hearing oral presentations at an adjourned meeting Wednesday.

City Manager George Stevens and City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier were instructed to investigate the comparative merits of the three shopping center developments and present them to the council on April 6.

All three of the bidders said the city will realize more than \$120,000 per year in revenue from their leases, including rental, sales tax and property tax.

Bidders who made presentation Wednesday were Tio Vivo, Mercury International, George Etinge and Associates.

Although all three offered plans for a shopping center development, their design and types varied.

Seek Park Acquisition Program

Request that the City Council institute proceedings to provide additional parks will be submitted to the City Council Tuesday.

The bid for more recreational facilities was made by the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, which also urged that better liaison be established between the city and the Torrance Unified School District for cooperative planning of recreational facilities.

In another communication, the association asked that Prairie Ave. be widened to four lanes between Redondo Beach Blvd. and 71st St. and that better illumination be installed on 174th St.

The association did not specify if they are seeking another bond issue to finance the park acquisition program. Bond issues were twice defeated during the past two years.

WATER SIGNATURES

Torrance has obtained the signatures of 1428 persons of its goal of 6750 for formation of a water replenishment district, according to Pat Hogue, chairman of the Water Commission.

The signatures will have to be earned in April 3.

Seek Fire Station Site Study

City Manager George Stevens and Fire Chief J.J. Benner were instructed to study locations for new fire stations in various parts of the city.

The action was taken after Stevens recommended that an additional fire station be located at the southeast corner of Torrance Municipal Airport to provide protection for the field and southwest Torrance.

The subject arose after the Waleria Civic Organization requested a face-lifting of the present Waleria station, but urged that a station remain in that area and not be moved to the airport.

"If they did any more than buy a couple of buckets of paint for that station, I think they're wasting the city's money," Councilman Robert Jahn asserted.

Stevens was also instructed to look for possible fire station locations in the western part of the city.

Top Turkish Officials to Visit Here

Dr. Namik Gedik, Turkish minister for internal affairs and other top Turkish government officials will be in Torrance Monday night for a press conference and informal dinner in the Konya Room of the Palms Restaurant.

The party is currently inspecting Southern California defense installations.

Other prominent officials in the group include Cemal Goktan, director general of internal security and former governor of Konya, Ferid Kubta, director of the Department of Internal Security, and Major Resit Mater, Dr. Gedik's aide de camp.

The party will include some of the top foreign officials ever to come to Torrance, which has adopted Konya, Turkey as its sister city.

City Announces Job Examinations

Civil service examinations for jobs as communications operator and bus operators will be conducted shortly by Torrance.

Last date for filing for the dispatching job, which has a salary range of \$339 to \$368, is April 14. Bus driver applicants, who will be paid from \$2.27 to \$2.46 per hour, must file their applications by the same deadline at the city hall.

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