

Torrance, California
October 26, 1948

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, October 26, 1948, at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 13, 1948 be approved as written. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from Charles E. Wallace, Vice-Principal, Torrance Unified School District, was read requesting use of the collapsible bleachers owned by the city for their football game on November 11, 1948.

Mr. Dale Riley, Director of Recreation recommended that this request be granted.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of Recreation Director Riley that the request for use of the bleachers be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A copy of a communication sent to City Attorney Smith from G. J. McMillin, Captain, U. S. Navy, Acting Commander, U. S. Naval Base Los Angeles, was read explaining the practicable precautions which have been taken by the Navy for safeguarding human life and the property of both the adjacent land owners and the Navy against possible loss due to storage of aviation gasoline at the Torrance Annex to Naval Supply Depot, Torrance, California.

A communication from City Engineer Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Donald E. Nash and Robert C. Andrew, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination for Police Officers; be appointed to serve their probationary period, effective October 25, 1948, at a compensation of \$242.00 per month.
2. That Robert G. Rider be temporarily employed as a Draftsman in the Engineering Department, effective October 21, 1948, at a compensation of \$225.00 per month.
3. That a Position Classification for Legal Stenographer be established.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For painting City Electrician's truck, the sum of \$65.00.

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2. For the purchase of street repairing materials, the sum of \$300.00.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That a City Tree-Planting Program be prepared by a committee formed by a member of the Planning Commission and an employee of the Park Department and Engineering Department.

Councilman Drale moved that the recommendations of City Engineer Stevens be approved. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication addressed to George W. Stevens, City Engineer, from A. W. Hoy, District Traffic Engineer, Division of Highways, Los Angeles, was read stating that the development adjacent to coast Highway between Madison Avenue and a point 1000 feet west of Ocean Avenue does not qualify for 25 mile per hour zone; and on the basis of existing speeds, accident history and roadside development, a reduced speed zone is not recommended at this time. However, their department will resurvey the area whenever the city believes the conditions have changed sufficiently to warrant it.

A communication from John R. Patrick, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, was read, advising that at a meeting of the Commission held October 19, 1948, the following matters were considered and acted upon:

CASE NO. 140: Petition of George and Mary Tomajic for a Zoning Variance to permit the construction and operation of a Refreshment Stand to sell Hot Dogs, Candy, Soft Drinks, etc. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone, on the west half of Lot No. 8 in Meadow Park Tract, between Ocean Avenue and the west line of Meadow Park Tract, at 4125 Pacific Coast Highway.

After viewing the site in question, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to grant the Variance as requested.

CASE NO. 144: Petition of Sunhaven Properties, Inc. for a Zoning Variance to permit the construction of a building on property located north of the Palos Verdes City Limits on the east side of Puerta del Norte, for the supply of telephone service by the Associated Telephone Company to Hollywood Riviera.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to grant the Variance as requested.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

A communication was read from the W. I. Hollingsworth Company, dated October 18, 1948, requesting that on lots in Block "F", Tract No. 10303, the front set-back requirement be changed from 20' to 15' to conform with set-back of lots in Redondo Beach in the same area, also that the side set-in for garages be made 3' from the property line.

On the recommendation of John R. Patrick Assistant City Engineer, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to grant the request.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in granting Petitions for Zoning Variance, Cases Nos. 140 and 144, as well as special request for change in set-back requirement. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 435

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE RULES & REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING PERSONNEL ORDINANCE NO. 326.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 435 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 435 be approved for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 436

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A BUS STOP ZONE ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AND NEECE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 436 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 436 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 437

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SUBDIVIDING AND RE-SUBDIVIDING OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE PREPARATION AND RECORDING OF MAPS OF SUBDIVISIONS; THE WIDTH OF STREETS AND ALLEYS, THE LENGTH OF BLOCKS AND FRONTAGE OF LOTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS WITHIN SUBDIVISIONS AND RE-SUBDIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR BONDS THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF, WHICH SAID ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, TO ARTICLE 10, BOTH INCLUSIVE, OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS AMENDED, AND THE GENERAL POLICE POWERS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 437 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 437 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1935

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR SUBDIVISION, IMPROVEMENTS, LAND SUBJECT TO INUNDATION, DEED RESTRICTIONS, REZONING, AREA CALCULATIONS, FEES, PLAN CHECKING AND INSPECTION DEPOSITS AS REQUIRED FROM THE CITY ENGINEER BY ORDINANCE NO. 437 AND SUPPLEMENTING SAID ORDINANCE.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1935 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1936

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AS HEREINAFTER SET FORTH.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1936 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1937

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF AND CONVEY A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS THE NORTHERLY TWELVE FEET OF LOT 15, TRACT 454, RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 13, RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Haggard moved that Resolution No. 1937 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1938

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE, AND THE SALE THEREIN AND THE CONVEYANCE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY AND THROUGH ITS LEGISLATIVE BODY, OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT 10.16 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND DEEDED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY JAMES W. POST, ET AL. RECORDED IN BOOK 12555, PAGE 202, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1938 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1939

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCY IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAKING ITS EMPLOYEES MEMBERS OF SAID SYSTEM.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1939 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1940

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING STATE PROPOSITION NO. 18 ON THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO SPONSOR THE ADOPTION OF SAID PROPOSITION NO. 18 FOR THE REASONS CONTAINED IN THE WITHIN RESOLUTION.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1940 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Smith advised that the Title Insurance and Turst Company had assured him that within ten days he will receive their report on ownership of streets over which the Santa Fe Railroad operates in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Sherfey moved that City Attorney Smith be authorized to immediately notify Mr. Batchelor of Arrow Airways that nightly non-scheduled operations at Torrance Municipal Airport will not be further tolerated. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Patronski, 740 Calle Arboles, Hollywood Riviera, asked concerning the possibility of extending the Torrance Municipal Bus Line into the City of Redondo Beach by way of Hollywood Riviera.

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Engineer Stevens explained that the Manager of the Bus Lines has made a survey of the suggested route, and has advised that to initiate this service would require additional equipment and personnel, which would not be feasible at this time. It was suggested, said Engineer Stevens, that a meeting be arranged with the Transportation Committee of the City Council and business men of Redondo Beach to discuss this service further, and he stated that Mayor Wortham of Redondo Beach will be notified of the date of the meeting.

Mr. James L. Lynch, 1604 Juniper Avenue, objected to the order issued by the Manager of the Bus Lines, whereby each time commutation books are issued to high school students a letter is required from the school authorities. This practice, said Mr. Lynch, works a hardship, particularly in his case, and he asked that the order be rescinded.

Councilman Powell moved that the request for repeal of this order be referred to the Transportation Committee for their consideration and decision. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:25 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Haggard, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.



CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:



MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE