

Torrance, California  
December 14, 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, December 14, 1948, at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilman: Drale.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held November 23, 1948 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from the Board of Supervisors was read enclosing copy of resolution adopted by said Board authorizing an appropriation of \$1,890.00 for the improvement of Hawthorne Boulevard within the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

A statement from the General Petroleum Corporation was read showing gross receipts earned under Franchise Ordinances Nos. 179 and 781, during the period November 1, 1947 to October 31, 1948, in an amount of \$564.84, and enclosing their check for said amount. Matter of record.

A communication from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company was read advising that for the twelve months preceding December 2, 1948 no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company under franchise lying within the city limits of Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication from Attorney Charles T. Rippey was read advising that the oil operators in the Torrance field had met December 8, 1948 for the purpose of discussing drafts of ordinances which the oil operators wish to submit to the City Attorney for consideration. The writer approved the sixty days delayed action on the oil ordinance. He advised that the oil operators are willing to cooperate with the city on every reasonable basis and have no intention of delaying the ordinance.

At 7:58 p.m. Councilman Drale took his seat at the Council Table.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Sherfey announced that the time had arrived for opening the following bids:

1. Management of the Torrance Municipal Airport.
2. Painting of Public Buildings and Bus Terminal.
3. Street Improvements - Border Avenue and Monte D'Oro.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the bids received on Management of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

1. Arrow Airways, Inc., Torrance Municipal Airport, Lomita, Cal.
2. Acme Aircraft Company.
3. Westcast Aircraft, Ltd., Los Angeles Metropolitan Airport, P.O. Box 423, Van Nuys, California.

The bids are on file in the City Clerk's office. A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$1000.00 accompanied each bid.

Councilman Jackson moved that the bids on Management of the Torrance Municipal Airport be referred to the Council as a whole for study. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the bids received for the Improvement of Border Avenue, Torrance Boulevard to Arlington Avenue, and Via Monte D'Oro, Camino del Campo to Via Pasqual.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Griffith Company 1060 South Broadway Los Angeles 15, Calif.	\$8,700.00

A Bid Bond in the amount of \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

Sully-Miller Contracting Co., Inc. 1500 West 7th Street Long Beach, Calif.	\$9,480.00
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A Certified Check for \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

Warren Southwest, Inc. 2145 E. 25th Street Los Angeles, Calif. P.O. Box 419, Torrance	\$8,880.00
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A Cashier's Check for \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

AnSCO Construction Co. 2725 Atlantic Ave. Long Beach, Calif.	\$9,040.00
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A Bid Bond for \$1100.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Drale moved that Griffith Company, having submitted the lowest bid, be awarded contract for the improvement of Border Avenue - Torrance Boulevard to Arlington Avenue - and Via Monte D'Oro - Camino del Campo to Via Pasqual, and that all other bids be rejected; the accompanying checks to be returned to the bidders. 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 proceeded to open and read the bids received for the Exterior Painting of Civic Auditorium, Library, Chamber of Commerce Building and Bus Terminal, and Interior Painting of Bus Terminal.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Risk Sutton 10101 California Ave. South Gate, California	\$2,277.00

A Bid Bond accompanied the bid.

Gaytan Engineering Company 2724 E. Florence Avenue Huntington Park, Calif.	\$4,250.00
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A Bid Bond accompanied the bid.

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<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Ace Painting & Sandblasting Co. 4666 Firestone Blvd. South Gate, Calif.	\$1,388.64
A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$140.00 accompanied the bid.	
Paul Manuel 4140 Eagle Rock Blvd. Los Angeles 41, Calif.	\$1,909.30
A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$200.00 accompanied the bid.	
Klaas Brothers 2012 Hyperion Ave. Los Angeles 27, Calif.	\$1,845.00
A Cashier's Check in the amount of \$185.00 accompanied the bid.	
A. W. Strand & Son 1639 - 220th Street Torrance, Calif.	\$1,975.00
A Bid Bond in the amount of \$200.00 accompanied the bid.	
Abbott Painting Company 411 Lanzit Avenue Los Angeles 3, Calif.	\$2,496.00
A Bid Bond in the amount of \$250.00 accompanied the bid.	
Roy H. Cox Company 825 Miraflores Ave. San Pedro, Calif.	\$2,757.00
A Bid Bond accompanied the bid.	

Councilman Jackson moved that the bids for painting of Public Buildings and Bus Terminal be referred to the City Engineer for his analysis and recommendation, the bid to be awarded at the next meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that this is the time for a hearing on Case No. 142, Petition of Southwest Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zone affecting all of Tract No. 15157, situated on the northwest corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and 174th Street; the property to be reclassified from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial) for Lots 12-17, inclusive, Block 6; R-2 (Two-family Residential) for Lots 18-24, inclusive, Block 6 and Lots 8-15, inclusive, Block 5; R-1 (Single-family Residential) for the balance of the Tract.

City Engineer Stevens read the Notice of the final hearing on Case No. 142, and advised that he had received two written communications approving the Change of Zone.

Mayor Sherfey called for oral protests.

There being no protests, either written or oral, Councilman Drale moved that the Council approve the Petition of Southwest Properties, Inc. for a Change of Zone, Case No. 142, in concurrence with the Planning Commission's recommendation. 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.

A communication was read from Kettler Knolls, Inc. requesting the Council to waive the signatures of Standard Oil Company and General Petroleum Corporation, holders of pipe line right-of-ways within the boundaries of proposed Tract No. 15230; and advising that this procedure, which has been approved by the Council in their previous three tract recordings, will in no way jeopardize the rights of the City and will serve to expedite the recording of their map.

There was considerable discussion on whether it is legal for the City to waive this requirement, City Attorney Smith stating that he cannot give an opinion on the legality of the procedure until he knows if the recently prepared Subdivision Ordinance has become effective and he has had an opportunity to investigate the matter.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Kettler Knolls, Inc. for waiver of signatures be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Pacific Electric Railway Company enclosing Petition for repeal of Franchise Ordinance No. 376, covering spur track across Ferrocarril Avenue, the request being made because it has since been discovered that the location of the franchise is not a public street. A proposed form of ordinance, repealing the franchise ordinance was also enclosed. The Pacific Electric Railway Company agreed to pay the expense of advertising the repealing ordinance.

City Engineer Stevens explained that Ferrocarril Avenue is not a public street but is private property, over which the City has no right to grant a franchise.

Councilman Jackson moved that the request of the Pacific Electric Railway Company for repeal of Franchise Ordinance No. 376, covering a spur track across Ferrocarril Avenue, be granted and that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Leonard E. Wolff was read advising that he had been associated with several top flight dance bands on the east coast, and asked concerning the feasibility of forming a dance band or municipal band composed of Torrance residents.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk inform Mr. Wolff to get in touch with Mr. Van Dyke, Director, Torrance Area Youth Band concerning this matter. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A letter from Mrs. Ila M. Gilbert, Clerk, Board of Directors Lecture Committee, First Church of Christ, Scientist, was read expressing their appreciation for use of the Civic Auditorium for their lecture held October 14, 1948.

A communication from B. H. Sprague, M.D., 6634 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, was read in re. Case No. 149, protesting the establishment of a Memorial Park Cemetery next to his property.

A communication from Miss Hattie J. Cavanaugh, 3617 W. 174th Street, Torrance, was read requesting a fog light at 174th Street.

Councilman Drale explained that the City Engineer is working on a proposed lighting system which will take care of similar traffic hazards, and moved that the request for a fog light at 174th Street be referred to the City Engineer for attention. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Robert H. Coburn, Assistant Pastor, First Baptist Church, was read requesting permission to operate a public address system on the corner of Sartori Avenue and El Prado Street, during the hour of 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a period of ninety days at a time, one night a week, namely Saturday.

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Councilman Powell stated that without any thought of discrimination, he does not believe that this Council should be in favor of permitting the operation of a public address system on the streets of the City of Torrance by any group for any cause; therefore he moved that the request of Robert H. Coburn be denied and that he be so notified. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried.

A communication was read from Bennett Black, 934 First Street, Manhattan Beach, California, submitting a bid for the maintenance of the City's radio equipment for the sum of \$75.00 per month. It was Chief Stroh's recommendation that the radio service contract with Mr. Black be renewed.

A bid was submitted by the Mobile Radio Maintenance Company as follows: Maintenance \$20.00 per month for the land station and \$5.00 per month for each mobile unit. Installation charges \$25.00 for each mobile unit. The installation price includes removal of equipment from the old car when transfers are made from one car to another.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of Chief Stroh that a contract be entered into with Bennett Black for the maintenance of the City's radio equipment for the sum of \$75.00 per month. 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.

A communication was read from C. Fred Kerr, Sales and Service, 16514 So. Vermont Avenue, Gardena, California, enclosing an estimate in the sum of \$29.04 for repairs to a Dodge Sedan owned by Mr. Kelly, 990 So. La Brea, Inglewood, which was damaged by Torrance Municipal Bus No. 101, on or about December 4, 1948, on Hawthorne Blvd., one block south of Rosecrans Avenue in Hawthorne.

Councilman Drale moved that the claim of Mr. Kelly for damage to his Dodge Sedan be referred to the City Attorney for attention. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A claim was filed against the city by Helene Quigley, 510 E. Bayport Street, Wilmington, California, in the sum of \$15.00 for damage to her automobile at Sepulveda Blvd., near Panama Street, Wilmington.

Councilman Drale moved that the claim of Helene Quigley be referred to the City Attorney for attention. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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

**PERSONNEL:**

1. That Mr. William Stanger be granted a thirty-day sick leave, effective within one month.
2. That Virgil E. Newman and Mitchell Barosh, having successfully passed the Civil Service Examination and Medical Examination, be appointed as Firemen to serve their probationary period, effective December 17, 1948, and that their compensation be at the rate of \$242.00 per month.
3. That Pinkney S. Cruze and Jack Tucker, having successfully passed the examination for Power Equipment Operator I, be appointed to serve their probationary term, effective December 1, 1948, and that the compensation of Mr. Cruze be at the rate of \$242.00 per month and for Mr. Tucker at the rate of \$253.00 per month.

4. That Joe Webb be paid compensation of \$45.00 per month for his services as Plumbing Inspector, in addition to his other duties, effective December 1, 1948.
5. That John Moffitt be employed as Watchman on a temporary and part-time basis, not to exceed twenty hours per week, effective December 15, 1948, at a compensation of \$1.00 per hour.
6. That a classification for Light Power Equipment Operator be established and that the job specifications prepared for said classification be adopted and an examination held to establish an eligible list.

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

1. For the purchase of two White motor coaches and five spare rims, the sum of \$5,140.38, including sales tax. (From non-appropriated Funds)
2. For fire insurance to cover buildings at the Municipal Airport for the period 8-1-47 to 8-1-50, the sum of \$786.16. (From Airport Funds)
3. For the purchase of right-of-way for Crenshaw Boulevard near 190th Street, the sum of \$5,000.00, plus handling charges. (State Gas Tax Funds)
4. For the purchase of extra broom, complete, for street sweeper, the sum of \$66.63, including tax.
5. For the City's contribution to Children's Christmas Parties to be held in North, South and Central Torrance, the sum of \$500.00.

**BIDS:**

1. That bids be invited for the resurfacing of Border Avenue from Torrance Boulevard to Plaza del Amo. (State Gasoline Tax Funds)
2. That bids be invited for all types of insurance required by the City, so that expiration dates will fall on December 31st of each year.

Councilman Haggard stated that Item 2, under "Appropriations" will be considered at a forthcoming meeting, and moved that the Council approve the recommendations submitted by City Engineer Stevens, with the exception of Item 2. 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 from John Patrick, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, was read advising that at a meeting of the Commission held December 7, 1948, the following matters were considered and acted upon:

At a meeting of the Torrance City Planning Commission held on December 7, 1948, the second public hearing was held on the petition of Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company for a Change of Zone affecting a portion of Lot 8, Tract 7873, and a part of the Santa Fe Railway Company's right-of-way immediately adjacent thereto, all to the northwest of the intersection of Dominguez Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, and to the west of the Pacific Electric Shops. This land is now zoned A-1 (Light Agricultural) and the petitioner requests that

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it be changed to M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), as it is being sold to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Paint Division, and is to be used by the purchaser in its paint manufacturing operations.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council that they grant this petition for a Change of Zone.

It will be necessary that a third and final hearing before the City Council be held. This hearing cannot legally be held before December 28, 1948, and it is suggested that this date be set for the final hearing on this petition.

Mayor Sherfey set December 28, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. as the time for holding a Public Hearing before the Council on the Petition of Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company for a Change of Zone.

It was unanimously voted by the Planning Commission to recommend the approval of the following Final Tract Maps, subject to minor engineering changes and the posting of the necessary bonds:

1. Final Tract Maps Nos. 15716 and 15717, located east of Arlington Avenue between 166th Street and 164th Street.
2. Final Tract Map No. 13514, located east of Seaside Ranchos along prolongation of Sharynne Lane.
3. Final Tract Map No. 15071, located on the corner of Prairie Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Maps Nos. 15716 and 15717, Final Tract Map No. 13514 and Final Tract Map No. 15071. 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.

A communication from John R. Patrick, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, was read advising that at a meeting of the Commission held on December 7, 1948 the following petitions for Zoning Variance were unanimously approved:

CASE NO. 148: Petition of Harvel Guttenfelder for a Zoning Variance affecting Lot 17, Block 7, Torrance Tract, situated at 1530 Cravens Avenue. Petitioner requested permission to operate an automobile sales and service garage, excluding only painting and body and fender repairing. This property is now zoned C-1 (Retail Commercial).

CASE NO. 150: Petition of George and Ruth P. Davis for a Zoning Variance affecting Lot 17, Block 3, Tract No. 2761, situated at 2518-20 Carson Street between Date Street and Crenshaw Boulevard. The petitioners requested permission to construct a duplex on this property, which is now zoned A-1 (Light Agricultural) and plan to construct two more duplexes later.

CASE NO. 151: Petition of Howard E. Young, et al, for a Zoning Variance affecting a portion of Lot 14, McDonald Tract, having a frontage of 188 feet on Redondo Beach Boulevard, east from Roslin Street between Roslin Street and Prairie Avenue. Petitioners requested permission to establish a retail lumber and building material business to be operated under lease. This property is now zoned A-1 (Light Agricultural).

Councilman Haggard moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving Petitions for Zoning Variance Cases Nos. 148, 150 and 151. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 9:15 p.m. the Mayor declared a short recess.

The meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 443

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MASTER AND OFFICIAL PLANS FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PRESCRIBING THE MANNER OF ADOPTION OF PLANS AND PORTIONS THEREOF AND AMENDMENTS THERETO AND THE COMPOSITION AND EFFECTS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF A PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE; DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH COMMISSION AND MAKING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES LEGAL CHARGES AGAINST THE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 309 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 443 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. 443 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 for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 444

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND CONTROL OF STEAM, ELECTRIC, DIESEL, GASOLINE, COMPRESSED AIR OR INTERURBAN RAILROAD CARS OR TRAINS OR OTHER ROLLING EQUIPMENT AND THE PROPPELLING THEREOF UPON, ALONG, UNDER, OVER, OR ON A LEVEL WITH OR ACROSS ANY STREET OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OVER, ON OR ACROSS CERTAIN STREETS WITHOUT A FLAGMAN; REGULATING THE SPEED OF STEAM, ELECTRIC, DIESEL, GASOLINE, COMPRESSED AIR, OR INTERURBAN PROPPELLED RAILROAD CARS, TRAINS OR OTHER ROLLING EQUIPMENT (EXCEPT AUTOMOBILES); FIXING A TIME THAT ANY TRAIN OR TRAIN OF CARS MAY REMAIN STANDING ON ANY STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PROVIDING FOR A FLAGMAN, THE CARRYING OF LIGHT, PRECEDING SUCH TRAIN OR TRAINS; AND THE PAVING AND KEEPING IN REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRACKS OR ROADBED OF SUCH TRACKS; THE MANNER AND METHOD AND MATERIALS USED IN THE PAVING OR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD TRACKS AND THE TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS THERETO; PROHIBITING THE OPERATION AT ANY TIME OF CERTAIN RAILROAD ENGINES OR RAILROAD CARS OR EQUIPMENT USING A MOTOR FUEL FOR SUCH PROPULSION; FOR PLANS AND CROSS SECTIONS FOR STREET RAILROAD TRACK CONSTRUCTION; FOR THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENCES BEING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MADRID AVENUE; AND FIXING A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF PROVISIONS THEREOF.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 444 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 Drale moved that Ordinance No. 444 be adopted for first reading.

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Mayor Sherfey suggested that, before the motion is seconded, Section 3 of the ordinance be deleted, it being his opinion that said section is not necessary as the provisions set forth are obsolete in the management of a railroad.

Councilman Haggard requested that Section 3 of Ordinance No. 444 be read for the benefit of the audience.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to read Section 3.

In reply to Councilman Powell's question if a like ordinance is in effect in other cities and if it is enforced, City Attorney Smith informed him that the City of Los Angeles has a similar ordinance but could not state whether it is enforced.

It was Mayor Sherfey's opinion that it is not enforced, which is the reason for his objection to the adoption of Ordinance No. 444 with Section 3 included.

Councilman Powell seconded Councilman Drale's motion which was defeated by reason of the lack of a four-\*AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard and Powell; Mayor Sherfey not voting. NOES: CCOUNCILMEN: Jackson. ASENT: COUNCILMEN: None.\*fifths vote of the Council, the roll call vote being as follows:

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 445

AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; CREATING THE OFFICE OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR, PRESCRIBING HIS DUTIES AND AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE INSTALLATION OR ALTERATION OF PLUMBING, GAS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; ESTABLISHING MINIMUM REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION, ALTERATION OR REPAIR OF PLUMBING, GAS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND THE INSPECTION THEREOF; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THAT CERTAIN PRINTED PLUMBING CODE PRINTED IN BOOK FORM ENTITLED "UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE", PUBLISHED BY THE WESTERN PLUMBING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, THREE COPIES OF WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR USE AND EXAMINATION BY THE PUBLIC.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 445 be dispensed with. 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.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 445 be adopted for first reading. 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 title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1942

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL BUS DEPOT IN LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1942 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 title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1943

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ABANDONING THAT CERTAIN TWELVE INCH CONCRETE SEWAGE DISPOSAL LINE LOCATED THIRTEEN FEET EAST OF THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF LOT R-2, TORRANCE TRACT, EXTENDING FROM THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT R-2 SOUTH TO A POINT OF PROLONGATION OF THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF LOT 102 IN SAID TORRANCE TRACT, AS RECORDED IN BOOK 22, PAGES 94 AND 95 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1943 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. 1944

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT CONTAINED IN THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, EXECUTED BY REMCO REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1944 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. 1945

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE POSITION OF "BUS GARAGE FOREMAN".

Councilman Haggard moved that Resolution No. 1945 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1946

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING THE PROPOSED "RAIL RAPID TRANSIT ACT" AS INIMICAL TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1946 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.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1947

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTIONS  
NO. 1887, No. 1883 AND NO. 1889.

Councilman Haggard moved that Resolution No. 1947 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.

Councilman Drale asked concerning the progress of the proposed Vista Highlands Improvement District.

At Mayor Sherfey's request, City Engineer Stevens explained that the original plan for this project was to run the storm waters from this area into a natural sump known as the Fern Avenue Playground, but as the ownership status of this property has changed since the original plan was proposed, the major problem now is how to dispose of the storm waters. He said the City cannot run the water onto someone else's property, therefore the only means of disposal would be an underground drainage system into Nigger Slough, which might be too costly at this time.

Councilman Drale commented on the fact that garbage and trash is being dumped on City streets, particularly in the outlying districts, and moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance prohibiting the dumping of garbage and rubbish on City streets and roads, and to include in the ordinance a clause offering \$25.00 reward for the apprehension and conviction of any violation of this ordinance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Wm. H. Stanger, Superintendent, Water Department and George W. Stevens, City Engineer proceed with the formation of a plan for the consolidation of the three water districts, with the authorization to secure any necessary help for the accomplishment of this plan, and to submit same for the City Council's consideration within ninety days. 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.

At Councilman Haggard's request, the City Clerk read title to Ordinance No. 440 for its second and final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 440

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE DRILLING OF WELLS FOR, AND THE PRODUCING OF, OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS WITHIN SAID CITY, AND THE ERECTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, ABANDONMENT AND REMOVAL OF DERRICKS, PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES APPURTENANT TO SUCH WELLS, AND REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN PERMITS BE OBTAINED THEREFOR; GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE STORING, HANDLING AND DISCHARGE OF OIL AND OTHER FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, AND THE INSTALLATION, USE, MAINTENANCE, ABANDONMENT AND REMOVAL OF SUMPS, RESERVOIRS, PIPING, TANKS AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN PERMITS BE OBTAINED THEREFOR; DECLARING CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO BE NUISANCES AND PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREFOR AND FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF

THE COSTS OF SUCH ABATEMENT AS CHARGES AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONS AND AS LIENS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY; IMPOSING CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Drale stated that at the last meeting the City Council had delayed action on this ordinance for a period of sixty days.

Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 440 be dispensed with.

The motion died for want of a second.

Mayor Sherfey referred to Resolution No. 1945, just adopted, and declared it was his understanding, from a previous discussion among the Council members, that Resolution No. 1945 is intended to eliminate the Bus Garage.

Attorney Smith informed the Council that under the Civil Service Ordinance the Bus Garage does not constitute an item - an item being an individual, and said Resolution No. 1945 is for the purpose of eliminating an item, which in this case means the Garage Foreman.

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City Engineer Stevens explained that Final Tract Map No. 14338, which is located at Arlington Avenue, between 162nd and 164th Streets, has been approved by the Planning Commission subject to the 6000 square foot per lot minimum specified in Land Use Ordinance No. 316, and upon checking he found that the requirement has been complied with.

Councilman Jackson moved that Final Tract Map No. 14338 be accepted subject to the above requirement. 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.

Mr. Patronski of Hollywood Riviera, reported that a dance was held by a Woman's Organization in that district to raise funds for a Children's Christmas party to be held December 18, 1948, at the Hollywood Riviera Club. He explained that the attendance at this party is going to be greater than they originally anticipated, and asked the Council to make an appropriation to assist in this event.

Councilman Drale moved that the matter be referred to the Recreation Committee. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A resident from Beech Street asked if it would be possible to install lights on the portable School Crossing Signals for the purpose of making said signals more conspicuous and easier for motorists to see on dark, foggy mornings.

Chief Stroh said that the signals now in use are legal and he is not aware of any such signals being lighted. He also said it is the intention of the Police Department not to place the signals in the center of the street until daylight, and to remove them before dark.

Councilman Drale 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 10:00 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Powell, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to December 21, 1948 at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

*A. H. Bartlett*  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

*John H. Sherfey Jr.*  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE