

Torrance, California
March 7, 1950

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 1950, Mayor Sherfey presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith.

This being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, Mayor Sherfey announced the regular order of business would be dispensed with and invited the City Clerk to open bids for the lighting of Walteria Ball Park. The following bids were opened and read:

Graybar Electric Company, 210 Anderson St., Los Angeles	\$ 1,227.57
Hollywood Wholesale Electric Co., 6820 Romaine St., Hollywood	1,247.58
Ladco Wholesale Electric Co., 2891 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles	1,135.70

Councilman Jackson moved bids be received and referred to the City Manager for checking and recommendation at the next regular meeting for award to the lowest bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition signed by 25 citizens, all of Tract No. 9901, requesting vacation of 50' between 203rd Street and their property, or for the improvement of the street to permit ingress and egress. Councilman Drale moved petition be referred to the Street Department and City Engineer for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Clerk Bartlett then read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2047

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELEC-
TION TO BE HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL 1950.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2047. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 502

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 483.

Councilman Jackson moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Drale interrupted to protest the taking up of any business other than the receiving of the Recreation Report from Mr. Bahr, which, according to Councilman Drale, was the purpose of the meeting. City Attorney Smith advised Councilman Drale that any business could properly come before an adjourned regular meeting but the only matter which could be heard at a special meeting is that for which the meeting is called. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haggard and carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 502 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 503

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 368.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 503 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At the invitation of the Mayor, City Manager Stevens introduced Mr. Ferdinand Bahr, of the State Recreation Commission, who presented his survey report of our recreation facilities and made certain suggestions as to (1) administration, (2) facilities, (3) program, (4) personnel, (5) finances and (6) community relations. Following his report, the audience was invited to ask questions of Mr. Bahr. The Mayor expressed the City's appreciation for the report and suggestions and thanked Mr. Bahr for taking the time to answer questions put to him by the audience.

Councilman Haggard advised those present that, although no one person was at fault, a misunderstanding had occurred in the preparation of Propositions 1 and 2 for the April ballot and that even though the propositions carried, as written, the City could neither issue bonds for the swimming pool or sell the bus system without a special election and moved the two propositions be stricken from the ballot. Lengthy discussion followed. City Attorney Smith advised that in his opinion Proposition No. 2, if carried at the April election, would permit the Council to dispose of the bus system without any further vote of the people, but Proposition No. 1, involving a bond issue, would require a special bond election for that purpose before such bonds could be issued. Heated protest to the striking of the propositions was expressed by Councilmen Powell and Drale. On advice of the City Attorney that a resolution would be necessary to remove the proposition from the ballot since it was adopted by Resolution No. 2044, Councilman Haggard withdrew his previous motion and moved that Resolution No. 2048, to read that Propositions 1 and 2, as presented to and passed by the Council to be placed on the April ballot, be withdrawn from the ballot. Following further discussion by the Council, Councilman Haggard amended his motion to read that Proposition 1 be stricken from the ballot. Motion was seconded by Mayor Sherfey and carried. Councilman Haggard moved that further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. The unanimous vote of the Council being necessary to dispense with the further reading of an instrument, motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Powell. Councilman Drale declined to vote.

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor Sherfey declared a 10-minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:48 p.m. and Clerk Bartlett read Resolution No. 2048, entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITHDRAWING PROPOSITION NO. 1 FROM THE APRIL GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION" in its entirety. Councilman Haggard moved to adopt Resolution No. 2048. Motion, seconded by Mayor Sherfey, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilmen Drale and Powell both declined to vote.

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Throughout the evening, Councilman Drale expressed his protest to the action taken on any matter other than the receiving of the recreation survey report and declared that in his opinion such action was invalid, despite the City Attorney's ruling that the meeting was not a Special Meeting but an Adjourned Regular Meeting and that any business could properly come before the group.

At 9:55 p.m., on motion of Councilman Haggard, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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