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Torrance, California
March 21, 1950

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

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, March 21, 1950, at 8:14 p.m., Mayor Sherfey presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN:
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This being a Special Meeting, Mayor Sherfey announced the regular order of business would be dispensed with and advised the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the bus situation and any other matters that might come before the Council.

Clerk Bartlett read a letter from the Optimist Club requesting that the Auditorium rental fee and daily license fee be waived for the wrestling bout to be held March 23rd as all proceeds were for the polio fund. Councilman Powell moved that, in consideration of the donation to the March of Dimes - 100% of the net proceeds - the request be granted for the one event on March 23rd. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Clerk Bartlett read letters and reports from City Manager Stevens and Bus Superintendent Chamberlain with recommendations as to certain lines, following which oral comment was called for. Councilman Powell introduced a petition signed by 103 residents of Seaside Ranchos urging service in their area.

Those persons entering into the discussion were: Mr. Thomas of West Torrance, Mr. Howard Percy, Mrs. Millard of West Torrance, Mr. H. M. West of West Torrance, Mrs. R. C. Brown, Mr. C. Ed Jones, Mr. Elder, Mr. Patronskey, Mr. Mease of Seaside Ranchos, Mr. Delbert Vaughn,

Commander Mason, Mr. George Downing, Mr. Dick Miller, Mr. Robert Plomert and Mr. W. P. B. Hughes. The consensus of opinion was that the bus line should service as much of Torrance as possible, regardless of profit or loss; that the system should not be considered a profit making venture any more than the Fire Department; that the runs now in operation travel in areas where they do not do the most good. Commander Mason said his group was very indifferent as to whether or not the City continued serving them. Mrs. Brown expressed the thought that people were afraid to ride our busses because of their faulty condition.

Following the discussion, Councilman Powell moved "that Mr. Chamberlain submit a report to the Council before the next Regular Meeting as to the saving or cost, whatever the case might be, of running a bus on the Seaside Ranchos-Hollywood Riviera line past the entrance of Seaside Ranchos, where it could connect with the Sunset Stages serving the Ranchos, to the Standard Oil station, where it would connect with the El Camino bus service and Hollywood Riviera, then return, and that the line to Hawthorne be discontinued at Hawthorne and Redondo Beach Boulevards, and that every other trip on the WALTERIA-Seaside Ranchos-Hollywood Riviera line be continued along Hawthorne Boulevard to serve the areas in question, as well as, with those Mr. Chamberlain has requested, service to 182nd and Hawthorne to join the other lines, and to arrange in that way to serve all the areas in question." Upon questioning by the Mayor, Councilman Powell explained he did not mean by his motion to actually make any discontinuances or changes in the runs now -- but to figure the savings or cost if such curtailment and changes were made. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:20 p.m., on motion of Councilman Powell and seconded by Councilman Jackson, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE