

Torrance, California
March 28, 1950

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 on Tuesday, March 28, 1950, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 8:10 p.m. In the absence of Mayor Sherfey, Councilman Powell moved that Councilman Jackson act as Mayor pro tem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Powell and Jackson. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN:
Sherfey.

All persons present in the Council Chamber participated in the salute to the Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Powell moved that minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14th, Special Meeting of March 17th, and Special Meeting of March 21st, be approved as read. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following correspondence:

Letter from So. Calif. Gas Co. reporting on franchise earnings for the calendar year 1949 and enclosing check for \$10,782.24. Matter of record.

Letter from The Texas Company reporting on franchise earnings for the calendar year 1949 and enclosing check for \$11.09. Matter of record.

Letter from The Texas Company requesting approval of assignment of franchise to General Petroleum Corp. Councilman Drale moved the communication be turned over to the City Manager and City Attorney for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from the Clyde Beatty Circus requesting permit for April 21st. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Torrance Chamber of Commerce requesting the Council appoint a Parking Authority. Councilman Drale moved the communication be turned over to the Traffic Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell. Councilman Haggard urged that something be done about this matter as parking was becoming a vital problem. Mayor pro tem Jackson advised the Traffic Commission could make a report and recommendation at the next regular meeting. Councilman Drale amended his motion by adding the words "and that the Traffic Commission make its report and recommendation at the next regular meeting." Seconded by Councilman Powell and carried.

Offer of John E. Miller of \$2000 for Lot 1, Block 298, Tract 1952. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation at the next meeting after thorough study of the site. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Lomita Operating Company requesting refund of \$18.75 on non-operating well. City Attorney Smith advised that unless the well had been abandoned the Council has no authority to make the refund. Councilman Powell moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for study as to whether or not there has been an abandonment, and his recommendation as to granting the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Request for refund of business license for unexpired portion of 1950 from E. B. Badger & Sons Co., general contractors. Councilman Powell moved usual refund on pro-rate basis be made. Councilman Haggard stated the City Attorney had ruled the Council had no authority to make such refund. There being no second, motion was declared lost. Councilman Haggard moved the request be denied. Councilman Drale asked if the matter could be held over for discussion at the next agenda meeting. Councilman Haggard withdrew his motion. Councilman Drale moved the matter be tabled for the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from John A. Paap requesting permit to operate a dump on Standard Oil property in Tract 2200. Lengthy discussion followed with Mr. Paap explaining the proposed project and answering questions of the Council and City Attorney. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the Council as a whole for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from Torrance Unified School District relative to the problems and financial burdens faced by the School Board due to the housing boom in the City and urging cooperation between all groups concerned. Councilman Powell moved a joint meeting be held within the next 3 weeks for all agencies concerned in the communication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Report from Mr. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, on run changes as proposed by Councilman Powell at the last meeting of the Council. After some discussion, Councilman Haggard moved the report be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

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Application from the Yellow Cab Co. for a stand at 1664 Cravens. Councilman Drale moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Petition signed by 45 residents, urging street and alley repair, curbs, street lights, etc., in a certain district in Walteria. Councilman Powell moved that the petition be referred to the City Manager for recommendation and report at the next regular meeting. Following a short discussion, Mayor pro tem Jackson seconded the motion, which carried over the protest of Councilman Drale. Councilman Drale then moved the matters concerning the Street Department be taken care of immediately. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read the following recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel, having successfully passed their Civil Service examinations, be appointed to serve their probationary periods, effective April 1, 1950, in the classification and pay bracket indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>PAY BRACKET</u>
Robert Gene Rider ...	Sr. Engineering Aid	1st
Mary H. Andrus	Stenographer Clerk	1st
Freda Schule	Police Matron & File Clerk .	1st
William S. Camp	Truck Driver	1st
John G. Cox	Truck Driver	5th

Councilman Haggard moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For rock and oil for Andreo Avenue, from Santa Fe to Sepulveda Boulevard, the sum of \$700.00.
2. For rock and oil for Eldorado Street, from Crenshaw Blvd. to Elm Ave. and Date Ave. from Torrance Blvd. to Eldorado St., the sum of \$1,500.00.
3. For rock and oil for Amie St., from Torrance Blvd. to Spencer, the sum of \$980.00.
4. For final payment on North Torrance Fire Station, the sum of \$588.88, payable after minor corrections are made.
5. For Diesel tractor repair to Shaw Sales & Service Co., the sum of \$397.56.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

BIDS:

1. That the bid of Mayo Construction Co. for construction of two recreation buildings, in the amount of \$16,560.00, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

2. That all bids on Airport equipment be rejected for the reason that the amounts are considered too low.

3. That bids be invited for the following street work, financed by State Gas Tax Funds:

- a. Project 22: Crenshaw Blvd. from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 170th St. Widening and re-surfacing.
- b. Project 23: Portions of Hawthorne Ave., Carson St., Cabrillo Ave. and Arlington Ave. Re-surfacing.

- 4. That bids be invited for a police car.

Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further business to permit Mayor pro tem Jackson to reminisce with the audience as it was his last meeting. Mayor pro tem Jackson advised Councilman Drale it was not his last meeting and that he thought they should continue with the business at hand. Motion was seconded by Councilman Powell and defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard and Jackson.

Clerk Bartlett read a letter from City Manager Stevens, presenting certain matters for the consideration of the Council, as follows:

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1. Sewer Service for Airport. Mr. Sande Senness is about to construct a sewer line to service his property along 101 Highway opposite a portion of the Municipal Airport. It will be possible to work out an agreement with him whereby the City could service a portion of the business frontage of the Airport by paying a proportionate share of the cost of the sewer to be installed by Mr. Senness. I believe our proportionate share to bring a sewer line to the Airport would be between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

2. Crane for City Dump. The Street Dept. is currently using a used crane on a rental-purchase basis at the City Dump, to determine if the equipment is suitable for our needs. If the trial period proves successful, I would recommend that the City purchase the equipment for approximately \$5,500.00.

3. Purchase of Land for Dump. Approximately 10 acres of land, adjacent to the City Dump, has been offered to the City for \$20,000. I recommend that the City purchase the one-half of the area that contains the abandoned clay pit.

4. Building for Recreation Department. Attached is a plan of a proposed building to be erected between the Civic Auditorium and the Chamber of Commerce building, for the Recreation Dept. The location is ideal for the Recreation Dept. and should adequately serve as a headquarters for a number of years. Estimated cost is \$3,500.

5. Group Hospitalization Insurance for City Employees. The Aetna Life Insurance Co. representatives have successfully solicited a majority of employees in several departments to subscribe to a Group Hospitalization Insurance Plan, in which the employees pay the entire premium. They ask that the City, as the employer, apply for the Group Hospitalization Plan, so that the Plan may be put into effect April 1, 1950.

Councilman Drale moved the matters be referred to the Council as a whole for discussion at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter was read from the Planning Commission, making certain recommendations as to special requests, as follows:

1. Request of J. A. Garsh for a business license to operate an auto salvage yard at 1810 Torrance Blvd. The City Council had referred this matter to the Planning Commission for recommendation. It is the decision of the Planning Commission to recommend denial of this request because of the location, being at the very entrance to the City and because there is not a similar use close to the property.

2. Request of Chris L. Middlekoff for a garage set-back of 12' on Lot 31, Block "O", Tract No. 10300, in Hollywood Riviera. The Commission recommends approval of this request, providing the garage is located on the side of the lot which is next to the existing garage on the adjoining lot.

Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendations and deny Mr. Garsh's request and grant that of Mr. Middlekoff. Councilman Drale asked if the Council could legally deny the first request as wrecking yards are not prohibited. Councilman Powell retracted his motion and moved that request number 1 be referred to the City Attorney and City Council for study and that request number 2 be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2051

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The Council not having had time to study the Resolution, it was moved by Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried, that the Resolution be held over for the next regular meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 505

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING A JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Drale, stating that this Ordinance was not requested by any specific member of the Council, moved that the matter "be disposed of until the matter is brought before the body in a proper manner." Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Jackson, carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 506

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ART. IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 506 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens referred to Item 5 in his letter of matters for consideration of the Council and urged that immediate attention be given the matter as the employees were anxious to commence their insurance on April 1st. Councilman Haggard moved that the City Attorney prepare the necessary resolution to take care of the City employees' group insurance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

City Manager Stevens advised that the National Guard had revived interest in acquiring the Armory site and, in order to get the best title possible, wished a Grant Deed rather than a Quitclaim Deed.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to call a special meeting in order to guarantee satisfaction of the request as soon as the necessary information was ready for the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Discussion followed wherein it was urged the matter be taken care of immediately to insure action by this session of the State Legislature and Councilman Powell amended his motion from a "special meeting" to "an adjourned regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30." Councilman Drale seconded the motion as amended, which carried unanimously.

City Attorney Smith reported to the Council that the mandatory injunction had been issued by the Court against Haddock Engineers for

the removal of the building on Hollywood Palos Verdes Parkway. He reported to the audience that he alone was responsible for the proposed charter amendments and that they had been taken verbatim from the Charter of Redondo Beach, with the exception of the amendment relative to our court jurisdiction. He also advised the Council that the City could settle the Del George suit for \$800; that the Nuccio matter was rather up in the air; and that in his opinion the Council's request for an ordinance restricting subdividers to build houses over 750 square feet was discriminatory, and asked to be relieved of that order.

Councilman Powell, responding to the City Attorney's report, advised the Haddock people had moved the building that very day. He moved that the Del George and Nuccio matters be held over for the next meeting of the Council and that the matter of the 750 square foot restriction be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried.

Councilman Drale asked when the title search re Garnet Street would be submitted to the Council and was advised by City Manager Stevens that he had just received a deed to the property and that as soon as it had been accepted and recorded, the street would become a public street.

Councilman Drale then offered the names of John Raymond and Nick Perovich for consideration to fill the vacancies on the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney draft an ordinance prohibiting punch boards, pin ball machines, coin operated amusement machines, etc., for the consideration of the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Councilman Powell moved that "the City Attorney draft the necessary ordinance to make the oath which we took over a year ago -- that that oath be made the official oath of the City of Torrance." Discussion followed, resulting in Councilman Drale seconding the motion. Carried.

Mr. Howard Percy inquired of the City Manager information relative to the proposed acquisition to the City Dump.

Mr. Paap again took the floor to explain a little more about his proposed dump operations on the Standard Oil property.

Mr. Plomert, of General Petroleum, urged that the Council take action on the request for approval of franchise transfer from The Texas Company to General Petroleum. City Attorney Smith stated there was no legal objection to the transfer and City Manager Stevens recommended that the Council consent to the transfer. Councilman Haggard so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mr. Paul Slonecker, of Walteria, urged that the Council deny the permit requested by Mr. Paap.

Councilman Haggard moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 10:00 p.m., Councilman Powell moved the meeting be adjourned to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 30. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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