

Torrance, California
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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 of the City Hall on Wednesday, April 12, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., 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.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Powell moved that minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 28th and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of March 30th be approved as read. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Mayor Sherfey announced the time had come for the third and final hearing on Planning Commission cases Nos. 184, 185 and 187. City Manager Stevens reviewed Case No. 184, change of zone, and advised no communications had been received, and that the Planning Commission recommended approval. There being no oral comment from the audience, Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Case No. 185, petition of John Kettler for change of zone, was reviewed by City Manager Stevens, who advised no communications had been received, and that the Planning Commission recommended approval. There being no oral comment from the audience, Councilman Jackson moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Case No. 187, change of zone, was reviewed by City Manager Stevens and Planning Consultant Lloyd, who explained the map of proposed changes as submitted by the Planning Commission. Questions were raised from the audience by Mr. Ray Madson, 4427 Redondo Beach Blvd., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andre, 4308 W. 174th St., and Mr. Shaw, 4230 W. 174th St. Questions being answered satisfactorily and there being no objections, Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of the map as submitted by the Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following correspondence:

Letter from Richfield Oil Corp. showing gross receipts under franchise agreements from County and City ordinances for period ending December 31, 1949, and enclosing check for \$144.29. Matter of record.

Letter from Hollywood Riviera Homeowners' Assn. recommending discontinuance of bus service in that area. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Transportation Commission and filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Letter from Harold L. Sharkey urging regulation of pin-ball machines rather than prohibition. Mayor Sherfey moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Letter from M. L. Farr, San Pedro, phonograph operator, requesting extention on his delinquent license to May 15, 1950. Councilman Haggard moved the request be granted. Discussion followed, with Mayor Sherfey stating that operating our License Department on a credit basis was poor policy. Discussion followed resulting in Councilman Haggard withdrawing his motion. Councilman Jackson moved the matter be turned over to the License Collector and City Attorney for proper and legal handling. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Mrs. Eugene Wilmoth requesting street repair at 17676 Yukon Ave. Mayor Sherfey moved the matter be referred to the City Manager for attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Petition requesting removal of a dog kennel at 3655 Torrance Blvd. as a public nuisance. Discussion followed with City Attorney Smith and Chief of Police Stroh advising of action taken to date. Mayor Sherfey moved matter again be referred to the City Attorney and that the City Clerk be instructed not to re-issue the license on its expiration June 30th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Letter from Civil Aeronautics Administration, Dept. of Commerce, giving approval to dispose of certain pieces of equipment at the airport. City Manager Stevens requested permission to proceed with negotiations for such disposal. Councilman Haggard moved permission be given for the sale of such equipment. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Letter from West Torrance Improvement Assn. advising of the need for a recreation park and suggesting two sites. Councilman Powell moved matter be referred to the Recreation Commission and Mr. Carpenter for consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Letter from West Torrance Improvement Assn. requesting street improvement on Ocean Ave. Councilman Haggard moved communication be referred to City Manager for attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from West Torrance Improvement Ass'n urging improvements for Earl Street. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to City Manager and City Attorney for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously. City Manager Stevens advised investigation was being made but as yet no determination had been made as to whether the City had an easement.

Letter from West Torrance Improvement Assn. inviting the City Council and their wives to attend a social meeting at Atteberry's Recreation Hall on April 24th. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read the following recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of surplus Airport equipment for use in City Departments, the following equipment at the prices indicated (from Unappropriated Reserve):
 - a. G.M.C. Fire Truck, powered pump type. Price -- \$550.00.
 - b. Model 1942 International, 2½ ton Dump Truck. Price -- \$350.00.
 - c. Model S-1, 1943, J. I. Case Wheel Tractor, with McCormick-Deering mowing attachment. Price -- \$350.00.

Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BIDS:

1. That the bid of John E. Miller, for Lot 1, Block 298, Tract No. 1952, in the amount of \$2,000.00, be rejected and the deposit check returned.

Councilman Jackson moved the recommendation be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. That bids be called for the construction of a Recreation Department office and for a storeroom adjacent to the Civic Auditorium. Estimated cost -- \$6,000.00.

Councilman Powell moved the Council concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter was read from Mr. Stevens re matters referred to him for investigation, as follows:

- "1. Sewer Service for Airport: I have contacted the C.A.A. regarding Federal participation in the cost of constructing a sewer line to service the Torrance Municipal Airport. Their policy is to participate only when the sewers are for non-income installations, such as municipally-owned administration building or shops and then only if actual construction of said facilities have been authorized. They indicated that they would not participate in any sewer line installations at this time. Further study on this project will be made.
- "2. A Crane for City Dump: A Koering, 30-ton, crawler type crane, with 40' boom, ¾ cubic yard clam shell bucket and one cubic yard drag-line bucket, has been located which can be purchased for approximately \$4,700.00. The City must act on this purchase soon if we are to obtain it. Mr. Perkins, Mr. Skaggs and myself have inspected it and believe that it is a good buy.
- "3. Petition from Walteria Area on Improvements: I recommend that the following improvements be made at times which fit into the schedule of the Street Department:
 - a. Re-grade and surface 238th and 240th Streets.
 - b. Construct shoulders on Ward and Park Streets to conform to the type of improvement used in other sections of the City.
 - c. Grade alleys with consideration being given to abandoning alleys, except for utility easements. All garages face on streets in this area.
 - d. Drain area as completely as possible under topographic conditions existing.

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- e. Extend Madison Street to 101 Highway, if right-of-way is available."

Councilman Powell moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager as to Item 3. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried. Councilman Jackson advised that, as to Item 2, he was going with Mr. Stevens on Friday to look at the equipment, and Mr. Stevens invited the other members of the Council to join them.

The following letter from the Planning Commission was read:

- "1. Request of South Bay Community Christian School to permit the proposed elementary school building to be constructed up to the rear of lot line, which backs public park -- Tract No. 10300, Block "P", Lots 35, 36 and 37, in Hollywood Riviera. The Planning Commission recommends approval of a ten-foot set-back on the proposed school building."

Councilman Jackson moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2055

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A POLICY OF GROUP HOSPITALIZATION AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2055. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2056

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MAYO CONSTRUCTION CO.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2056. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2057

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT GRANT DEED FOR SANITARY SEWER AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES EXECUTED BY KETTLER KNOLLS, INC.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2057. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2058

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.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2058. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2059

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 FRANK H. CARPENTER.

Councilman Jackson moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2059. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2060

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM AMBROSE M. BERNARD AND VETA B. BERNARD.

ABR 1940 Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2060. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At the suggestion of Mayor Sherfey, Councilman Jackson moved the proposed ordinances on pin ball and coin-operated machines be tabled for the new Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Smith expressed his appreciation and gratitude to retiring Mayor Sherfey and Councilman Jackson for their many acts of kindness to him during the past two years.

Mrs. R. C. Brown expressed her appreciation for the efforts of Mayor Sherfey and Councilman Jackson.

Councilman Drale asked if a deed could be obtained from Higgins Brick Yard for easement rights and City Manager Stevens advised they were already working on it.

Councilman Drale expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the retiring members of the Council for all he had learned from them during the past two years.

Councilman Jackson read the report of the Traffic Commission on the parking situation, urging that a Parking Authority be appointed, and suggesting possible solutions to the problem. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record, to be considered by the new Council as one of the first matters on their agenda. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Powell, on behalf of the Mayor and Councilman Jackson, announced installation of the new Councilmen, the City Clerk and City Treasurer on April 18th at 8:00 p.m. and invited the public to attend.

Councilman Drale advised that a resolution proclaiming Jimmy Roosevelt Day, April 26, 1950, would be submitted. No action taken.

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

At 9:08 p.m., on motion of Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned until April 18, 1950, at 8:00 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California