

Torrance, California
October 31, 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 on Tuesday, October 31st, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding. Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Also present was City Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Powell moved the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of October 17th and the Special Meeting of October 19th be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from County Sanitation District advising construction of the 182nd Street trunk sewer would be commenced within 3 or 4 months. Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending denial of the request of Truman Browne for re-consideration of his Case No. 190 on the grounds that no new evidence had been furnished. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Randolph Karr, attorney for John F. Cavanaugh, re the old Pacific Electric right-of-way in North Torrance. No action taken. Councilman Drale suggested a copy of the letter be sent to the City Attorney.

Letter from California Federation of Women's Clubs expressing appreciation for the use of the Auditorium on October 23rd. Matter of record.

Request from Robert E. Moncrieff for permission to live in a trailer at 2108 Santa Fe Ave. for 90 days. Councilman Drale moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Copy of Senate Resolution No. 24 urging "NO" vote on Proposition No. 1 on the ballot Nov. 7th. Matter of record.

Request from the Lions Club for permission to locate wooden barrels on about 12 locations in the business district on November 17th for the benefit of "Brooms For The Blind Day". Councilman Blount moved request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Ass'n requesting lights for the playground at McMaster Park. Councilman Powell moved the communication be forwarded to the Recreation Commission for immediate recommendation and referral back to the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Ass'n expressing appreciation for the large flag in McMaster Recreation Hall. Matter of record.

Letters from (1) WALTERIA P.T.A., (2) Torrance High School P.T.A., (3) Seaside P.T.A., (4) Torrance Elementary P.T.A., (5) Torrance Council P.T.A., (6) Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, (7) First Christian Church, and (8) First Baptist Church urging immediate adoption of a new ordinance prohibiting pinball or marble machines. Mayor Haggard announced the Council was studying a new

ordinance and that no action would be taken at this meeting. Communications were ordered held for the next meeting of the Council.

Letter from Public Utilities Commission acknowledging receipt of the City's objection to application of Associated Telephone Company for increase in rates. Matter of record.

Request from City Treasurer for permission to reimburse General Fund from In Lieu Tax Fund for advances made in the amount of \$10,000.00. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the District Attorney of Santa Barbara County urging that the City oppose the application of Associated Telephone Company for rate increase. Matter of record.

Letter from Los Angeles County advising of termination of our agreement for the maintenance of prisoners in the County Jail on November 17th and that the old rate of \$.95 was inadequate. New agreement to be entered into provides \$1.57 per male prisoner and \$2.32 per female prisoner. Councilman Powell moved the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the new agreement, with the concurrence of the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Coordinating Council, Torrance Service Clubs, suggesting projects for the beautification of the City. Councilman Drale moved the proposal be turned over to the City Manager for his recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Torrance Branch Y.M.C.A. requesting use of the Auditorium on November 4th for "Good Neighbor Breakfast", on a non-fee basis. Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Claims for damages: (1) from Marguerite and Fred Hawley in the amount of \$1300.00 -- bus collision; (2) from Lucille Galloway in the amount of \$500 plus special damages -- falling on damaged sidewalk. Councilman Drale moved the claims be referred to the City Attorney and Insurance Carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS:

- 1. For the purchase of road materials for the improvement of Arlington Avenue near 164th Street, the sum of \$383.28.

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

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

- 1. STOP Signs:
 - (a) 4-way STOP at Arlington Ave. and 164th St.
 - (b) 2-way STOP on Madrona Ave. at Torrance Blvd.
- 2. Speed Limit Zones:
 - (a) 25-mile per hour on 164th St. between Arlington Ave. and East City limits line.
 - (b) 35-mile per hour on 164th St. between Arlington Ave. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Letter from City Manager Stevens re ambulance service and recommending that the City use the service of South Bay Ambulance Service at 704 Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach, and Jacobs Ambulance Service of 1859 West 149th St., Gardena for a fair trial period. Such service is being employed at the present time and is fairly satisfactory. Matter of record.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2110

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO OCEAN HILLS, INC.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2110. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2111

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 GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM LATHROP McD. ELLINWOOD, ET AL.

Councilman Blount moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2111. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens presented plans and specifications for the improvement of South Torrance Sewer District No. 2, Narbonne Ave. from 233rd St. to Sepulveda Blvd. Councilman Powell moved to receive and file the plans. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, duly carried by unanimous roll call vote. Upon examination, the Council found them satisfactory and in good order, and had no suggestions for modifications.

The City Manager then presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 2112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THEREIN.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2112. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: None. The City Manager then presented Resolution of Intention No. 2113 entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN ARLINGTON AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, KNOWN AS THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITED BY SAID WORK AND TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT SAID COSTS

AND EXPENSES; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE SET
FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT,
OR TO THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED,
OR BOTH.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2113. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Councilman Powell then moved that the Mayor schedule the date of hearing as November 28, 1950, at 8:00 p.m. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

The City Manager presented an estimate of cost of the proposed improvement in the amount of \$60,123.77. Councilman Powell moved that this estimate be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens reported that the County Health Department had made a survey of the Seaside Heights district and presented its letter, dated October 17, 1950, to the City Clerk for reading with instructions that the letter should appear in the minutes in full. The letter reads as follows:

"Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, California

Attention: Mr. John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer

Gentlemen:

Subject: Immediate Installation of Sanitary Sewers, Protection of Public Health, Area of Zaken Road, Doris Way, Macafee Road and Bindewald Road, City of Torrance.

A recent request was made to this department by Mr. Stevens, your City Manager, and Mr. Patrick of your Engineering Department, for our assistance and recommendation to alleviate a serious sewage disposal problem that has developed in a residential section of your city. This residential area comprises Zaken Road, Doris Way, Macafee Road and Bindewald Road.

During the week of October 9, 1950, Mr. Arthur L. Beatty of this department made a house to house survey of the above mentioned area regarding their sewage disposal problems.

During the course of this investigation, 68 property owners or tenants were contacted and of this group 45 or 66% reported that they had experienced trouble with their cesspool sewage disposal systems. The nature of this trouble is inherent with the use of cesspools in areas such as this where the soil conditions do not provide good leaching action for cesspools or any other type of individual sub-soil sewage disposal system.

The soil in most of this area consists of fine beach sand. This sand sifts in between the brick lining of the cesspool and either causes the cesspool to silt up or cave in. When this condition occurs it causes raw sewage to back up into house plumbing fixtures or overflow on the surface of the ground. To correct this insanitary condition, it necessitates frequent pumping or the construction of new cesspools. This is a great financial burden to the property owner as well as a public health hazard. The homes in this tract are all less than two years old. Many of the people reported they have installed two and as high as three new cesspools besides the original installation. Mr. Beatty also noted that at the time of his inspection, several of the cesspools were overflowing and raw sewage was being discharged on the surface of the ground.

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The above conditions create a very serious public health hazard and this department recommends that your Honorable Body take immediate action to have sanitary sewers installed in this tract as a measure necessary to the protection of public health. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,

Roy O. Gilbert, M.D.
Health Officer"

Councilman Powell moved the communication be accepted as a part of the minutes of the meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2114. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Title was read to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2115

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS OUTLINED ON DRAWING NO. 6407, PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN & SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2115. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens recommended that the firm of Barnett, Hopen & Smith be employed to do the assessment work in connection with the sewer districts. Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. City Manager Stevens advised the Council that the Engineering Department was working on the plans for the Seaside Heights Sewer District and would proceed as rapidly as possible.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Powell urged the Council, and all citizens, to attend the "Good Neighbor Breakfast" on Saturday, November 4th.

Councilman Spelman presented a letter from Seaside-Riviera Civic Council, which was read by the City Clerk, deriding the Council's recent action with regard to Ocean Hills, Inc. and Tract No. 16850. Councilman Spelman remarked that he thought the criticism was aimed at him, as much as other members of the Council, because he had not been more aggressive in opposing the action, and asked that the matter be placed on Mr. Steven's agenda for discussion next week.

Mr. Plomert, General Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. "Good Neighbor Day", urged everyone to attend the breakfast on Saturday.

Mr. J. E. White, of 4308 W. 178th Place, reported that as yet Mr. Truman Browne had done nothing about the sewage problem in his tract, even though he had promised assistance. Also, that the drainage ditch had not been fenced. City Manager Stevens reported that the fence was a condition agreed upon in the approval of another tract last week. On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Blount and unanimously carried, the City Manager was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Browne reminding him of his promises regarding the cesspools.

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

At 8:50 p.m., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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