

Torrance, California  
January 23, 1951

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 Tuesday, January 23, 1951, 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  
were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Blount moved the minutes  
of the Regular Meeting of January 9th be approved. Motion, seconded  
by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had come for the opening of  
bids on the South Torrance Sewer District. Clerk Bartlett opened  
and read the following:

Chas. Burch, 2419 N. Chico St., El Monte .....	\$ 35,646.70
Craig & Joy Constructors, 2241 Curry St., Long Beach 5 .....	38,625.04
George Dakovich, 262½ So. Coronado St., Los Angeles 4 .....	45,547.80
Nick M. Guho, 8335 Atlantic Blvd., Bell .....	47,547.90
Ivan M. Metkovich, 143 E. 81st St., Los Angeles 3 .....	45,056.00
B. Pecel & Sons, No. Hollywood .....	43,360.80
J. E. Popovich, Box 261, Torrance .....	47,580.50
Mike Ramljak Co., 3001 Worthen Ave., Los Angeles .....	48,660.00
Wucetich Constr. ....	40,191.52
S. S. Zarubica .....	34,742.32
Chris Evanovich, 537 Oakford Dr., Los Angeles 22 .....	49,971.00

Councilman Powell moved all bids be received and referred to the  
City Manager for his recommendation at the next meeting. Motion, sec-  
onded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had come for hearing on the  
vacation of easements on Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway. Clerk  
Bartlett and City Manager Stevens both reported they had received  
no protests. Councilman Spelman moved the City Attorney be in-  
structed to draw the necessary ordinance vacating the easements.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll  
call vote.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Torrance-Lomita Realty Board suggesting a member of  
the Board be named to fill one of the vacancies on the Planning Com-  
mission. Matter of record.

Request from Torrance Area Youth Bands for \$1000 to apply on the  
expense of the proposed Fifth Annual Band Benefit Parade to be staged  
in May. Councilman Blount moved the matter be referred to the agenda  
meeting next week for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman  
Drale, carried.  
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Request from Earl N. Gilliam, disabled veteran operating a lunch  
truck, for permission for his daughter-in-law to make one customer  
stop for him, namely General Petroleum. Clerk Bartlett explained  
the circumstances and recommended approval. Councilman Blount moved  
permission be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, car-  
ried.

Request from Water Superintendent Stanger for 30 days' leave  
without pay beginning January 15th, substantiated by a doctor's state-  
ment. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, sec-  
onded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Proposed schedule of fees for the rental of the Auditorium was  
read. Councilman Drale moved the Council adopt the proposed rates.  
Motion, seconded by both Councilmen Powell and Spelman, carried un-  
animously by roll call vote.

Request from Chas. Curtiss, City Accountant, for appropriation  
of \$500 for payroll supplies, Councilman Spelman moved request be

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granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. Salary Adjustments to be effective January 16, 1951:
  - (a) That the Five-Step salary bracket for the following named Department Heads be established at \$384 - 400 - 419 - 439 - 460: Police Chief, Fire Chief, Street Superintendent and Bus Superintendent.
  - (b) That a \$10 per month cost-of-living bonus be granted to all full-time employees in the classified service, for the period January 16, 1951 to July 1, 1951, excepting the four Department Heads mentioned in paragraph (a) above, the Water Superintendent and any employees under contract.

No other salary adjustments will be considered during the remaining portion of the fiscal year 1950-51.

2. That the City Council authorize the study of the Five-Step Salary Schedule and the Classification Plan, for the purpose of eliminating any inequities between classifications and to establish the schedule on an equitable basis with those of other comparable communities. The Schedule ~~and~~ and Classification Plan to be used in the preparation of the 1951-52 budget.
3. That an Assistant Director of Civil Defense be employed as soon as a suitable candidate can be obtained. The compensation to be at the rate of \$350 per month.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That consideration be given to establishing a Civil Defense budget.

Councilman Spelman moved the recommendation be approved. Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Blount asked that the motion be amended to include an order for the Council to meet in session as soon as possible to establish such a budget. Councilman Spelman so amended his motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2140

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS AT 182ND STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2140. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2141

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2141. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2142

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING DEED FROM NELLIE M. TRAYLOR.

Councilman Powell moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2142. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 205.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 547 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 548

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 523 BY MAKING A CHANGE IN THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 548 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 549

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTERS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 549. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 549 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTERS.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2143. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett was presented with, and read, letter of resignation from the City Council by George C. Powell. Councilman Drale, with deep personal regrets, moved the resignation be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Manager Stevens advised the Council that under the Ordinance just adopted, No. 549, they created the position of Assistant Director of Civil Defense, and stated he wished to appoint George C. Powell to that position as of February 1, 1951, at \$350 per month. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens presented the following Resolution to Clerk Bartlett:

RESOLUTION NO. 2144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND GEORGE C. POWELL AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2144. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens submitted a proposal regarding emergency personnel to be considered by the Council, waiving age limits, etc., during the emergency. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be discussed at next week's agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale stated he thought the subject should be referred to the Civil Service Board for its recommendation. At the suggestion of Councilman Blount, Councilman Spelman amended his motion to include an invitation to the Civil Service Board to attend the next agenda meeting to discuss the problem. Motion carried.

Councilman Blount submitted the names of Luther Mumford and H. R. Black for the Mayor's consideration in making appointments to the Planning Commission. Councilman Blount, further, reserved the right to be heard later in the evening regarding the appointment of successor to Mr. Powell.

Councilman Drale submitted the name of Al Gianni for reappointment to the Planning Commission..

Councilman Drale, stating that in the past pay increases have been granted to department heads whose work had been increased, and that Mr. Stanger had received no increase but his work had increased by reason of additional water districts, moved a salary increase of \$25.00 for each additional district be granted Mr. Stanger. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Councilman Drale then submitted the name of Victor Benstead for consideration in appointing Mr. Powell's successor.

Mr. Powell expressed his appreciation of having had the opportunity to serve as a Councilman and stated that regardless of their differences of opinion at times, he could assure the citizens that the present Council was really working for the City. Councilman Blount expressed the Council's appreciation of Mr. Powell's services and regret at losing him as a member of their body, but that they all knew he would do a wonderful job in his new position.

Councilman Spelman submitted the name of R. J. Deininger for reappointment to the Planning Commission and Everett Rowan for appointment to the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Haggard also expressed appreciation of Mr. Powell's services as a member of the Council and wished him luck and success in his new position as Assistant Director of Civil Defense.

Mayor Haggard moved for the appointment of Luther Mumford, H. R. Black and R. J. Deininger to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard moved for the appointment of Everett Rowan to the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote, with Councilman Drale stating "In all due respect to Mr. Desmond and the wish that he be reappointed again, I will go along with the recommendation"

Mr. Powell introduced two people who had "sacrificed an awful lot" during his term of office -- his wife and mother.

Mr. George Chacksfield, of Property Management Corp., and Mr. Elsterman, of South Bay Engineering Co., urged that the Council approve Tract 14707 which had been referred by the Council to the Planning Commission. Lengthy discussion followed, with Mayor Haggard stating that since the Council had referred the matter back to the Commission, it could not act now without a recommendation from the Commission. He advised the gentlemen that the Commission was meeting on Wednesday, January 24th, and that, if agreeable with the Council, and if the Commission recommended approval, a Special Meeting would be called to approve the Tract.

Councilman Drale suggested that a "thank you" letter be sent to the retiring Commissioners and Board members. Mayor Haggard so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Councilman Blount, after reviewing the action taken at the last Council meeting as to Fire Chief, stated the Council was now in possession of the City Attorney's opinion, whereupon he moved that the Civil Service Board be asked to furnish the Personnel Officer with an eligible list for City Fire Chief. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Drale stated the motion was not in order as there was no list that could be given without an examination being called, and the Board wouldn't call an examination unless asked to do so by the Council. Councilman Blount then, to clarify his previous motion, reworded it as follows: "I move that the Civil Service Commission be requested to hold an examination for the position of Fire Chief of the City of Torrance." Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

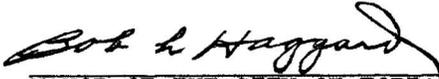
Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Drale, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

Councilman Blount offered the name, and moved for the appointment, of Ed Karlow, of 1971 Middlebrook Road, Kettler Knolls, to succeed Mr. Powell on the City Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:20 p.m., Councilman Blount moved meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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Letter from Dr. Rodney Stetson submitting his name as an additional doctor to do physical examinations for City employees. Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from Seaside Heights Homeowners Ass'n for white lines on the streets in their tract. After a brief discussion, Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

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