

Torrance, California  
April 10, 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, April 10, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: Councilman Drale. 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 minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 1951, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for hearing protests to the Seaside Heights Sewer District. Clerk Bartlett advised he had Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Mailing Notices of Adoption of Resolution of Intention No. 2165. City Manager Stevens presented Affidavit of Posting of Notice of Improvement. Councilman Karlow moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Councilman Drale arrived at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Haggard asked for written protests and Clerk Bartlett read letter of protest from Andrew F. Burke, attorney for Dr. Lathrop Ellinwood, on the grounds of insufficient knowledge as to properties included in the district. The Mayor then called for oral protests. There being none, Councilman Blount moved to overrule and deny the written protest. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard declared that, due to some difficulty in securing all the necessary easements, passing of the necessary resolutions should be held over to the next regular meeting. Councilman Blount moved the remainder of the hearing on the Seaside Heights Sewer District be postponed to the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor declared the time had arrived to hear protests to North Torrance Sewer District No. 1. Clerk Bartlett advised he had Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Mailing Notices of Adoption of Resolution of Intention No. 2163. City Manager Stevens presented Affidavit of Posting of Notice of Improvement. Councilman Karlow moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

It was announced the time had arrived to hear written protests to North Torrance Sewer District No. 1 and Clerk Bartlett advised he had received no protests. The Mayor then called for oral protests. There being none, Councilman Blount, for the record, moved the Council overrule and deny all protests. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens presented a resolution ordering the work to be done and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2167

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS.

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Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2167. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager presented a resolution ascertaining the prevailing wage rate and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2168

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2168. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager presented a resolution directing that the assessment be made by the City Engineer and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2169. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard declared the time had arrived for the opening of bids for street improvement. Clerk Bartlett, with the assistance of City Manager Stevens, opened and read the following bids:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Cravens and Other Streets</u>	<u>Crenshaw</u>	<u>Sepulveda</u>	<u>Torrance</u>
L. A. Paving	\$12,746.47	\$18,083.00	\$11,105.60	\$6,172.40
Oswald Bros.	10,831.30	17,907.60	11,971.00	7,128.00
Warren-Southwest	11,207.10	19,789.00	12,531.20	7,231.40
Griffith Co.	11,313.70	20,306.20	12,401.20	7,033.00
Ken H. Jones	11,183.13	16,538.20	9,934.24	5,568.24

Councilman Spelman moved all bids be received and referred to the City Manager for his recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved that contracts be awarded the lowest responsible bidders on the four jobs. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the third and final hearing on Planning Commission Case No. 210, petition of Paul J. Howard Company for a change of zone from A-1 to R-1 on the south one-half of Lots 15 and 22, McDonald Tract, bounded on the west by Hawthorne Ave., on the east by Prairie Ave., on the south by the Southern California Edison Company right-of-way and on the north by a line drawn parallel to 174th St., approximately 660.5 feet south

of the center line of said street. City Manager Stevens reviewed the case for the Council and advised no protests had been received, and that the Planning Commission recommended approval. There being no oral protests, Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Drale asked the reason given for the petition and City Manager Stevens advised the property would become another residential subdivision. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter of appreciation from Greenwood Planning Committee for street improvement. Matter of record.

Request from Southern California Edison Company for Grant of Easement within Lot 1, Tract 7873. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Legal Department for recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from Torrance Unified School District advising action on the proposed recreation program had been deferred to its meeting of April 17th. Councilman Spelman moved the communication be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Statement from James M. Montgomery for engineering services in connection with water rate survey in the amount of \$3,000.00. Councilman Blount moved Mr. Montgomery be paid the \$3,000.00 from water funds, in accordance with the terms of the contract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Mrs. L. W. Congo, 3111 Winlock Road, for permission to occupy trailer for sleeping quarters. Councilman Blount moved the request be referred to the Chief of Police for investigation and recommendation at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from Torrance Veterans Service Council for permission to sell fireworks was again read. Councilman Spelman moved the communication be referred to Chief Stroh and that he grant the necessary permit. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

#### PERSONNEL:

- a. That Harry Dudley, Bus Operator, be re-employed, effective March 23, 1951, to fill vacancy created by a resignation and that his compensation be that set forth as the second bracket for the position.
- b. That Jean C. Lovelady be temporarily employed as a Typist Clerk for the Fire Department, effective April 5, 1951, at a compensation set forth in the first bracket for the position.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

- a. For payment to Barclay Survey Company for engineering services during the month of March, 1951, the sum of \$565.00.

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

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- b. For refund to Boddum & Peterson, Contractors, the sum of \$47.32, which is the unexpended balance of inspection fees deposited for Tract No. 10304.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- c. For payment to Warren Southwest, Inc., for rental of grading equipment used at Airport, the sum of \$363.00 (Airport Funds).

At Councilman Drale's inquiry, City Manager Stevens advised it had been necessary to hire some heavy equipment to grade an area at the airport and prepare the ground for some new leases. Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- d. For payment to Fraizer & Wright for overhaul of White bus motor, the sum of \$797.96.

Councilman Blount moved the recommendation be denied and that the "whole picture be referred to the next agenda meeting". Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Drale, Karlow and Spelman. NAYS: Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. That the City accept the Bill of Sale for sewer line installed by the CCMO Company in Crenshaw, Maricopa and Maple Streets, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary Ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission:

- a. STOP Signs:
1. That 2-way STOP signs be established at the following locations:
    - (a) On Amapola Ave. at Sonoma St.
    - (b) At railroad across 228th St.
  2. That a 1-way STOP be established on Martha St. to stop south-bound traffic at 228th St.
- b. That the weight of vehicles using 235th St. between Eshelman Ave. and Western Ave. be limited to 8,000 gross weight.
- c. That a 2-Hour Parking Limit be established on the east side of Torrance Boulevard between Sartori Avenue and the first alley west therefrom.

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

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE MAKING OF FALSE REPORTS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT A MISDEMEANOR AND PROVIDING A PENALTY THEREFORE

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 554 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND E. G. KIDWELL

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2170. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ALFRED N. AND JOAN R. TREFETHEN AND GERTRUDE SMITH CHESTER

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2171. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked if there were to be contracts drawn in connection with these two Resolutions and City Manager Stevens advised they were in preparation at the present time.

Recess was declared at 8:55. Meeting reconvened at 9:03.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney Hall advised the Council that the City's "Kathy Fiscus" ordinance contained no provision for penalty and suggested it be amended in this respect. Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale, after a brief statement, moved an ordinance be drawn to prohibit people from dumping trash and rubbish on the streets and alleys, and open fields, and that the ordinance include a reward for persons reporting violators. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Councilman Spelman, in answer to newspaper articles published last week relative to the discontinuance of bus service to Hollywood Riviera, read a brief report covering a survey of the cost and revenue, and asked that the papers please copy the report.

Mr. M. L. Hoffenberg, Mr. Frank Brannon, Mrs. Henry Collins, Dr. Kurt Sherry, Mr. Don McCloud, Mr. M. W. Clair, Mrs. John Dowsing, Mr. Sutton, Mrs. McCloud, Mrs. Sutton, all of Hollywood Riviera, voiced their protest to the discontinuance of the line giving the following reasons: (1) that they are tax payers and entitled to service, regardless of the loss, (2) if the bus is removed, they have no way in or out of the area except by private cars and most of the families have but one car, (3) loss of personal income because of inability to reach place of employment, (4) inability to come to Torrance or Long Beach for medical aid, (5) City is not looking to the future as Hollywood Riviera is a fast growing community and what is a loss now might not be a few years from now, (6) while the line is not now used by many, it would be a definite hardship on the few who do have to depend on it, (7) used by teenagers who, because of after school activities, cannot take the school bus.

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Mr. Paget, speaking for the merchants of Torrance, stated that anything which would bring people into Torrance should not be discontinued. Mr. R. H. Blakeley, of Hollywood Riviera, stated he concurred in the Council's action as when the matter had come up before, the residents in the area had been granted a 90-day extension in an effort to build up the line and, even though the time had long since elapsed, no improvement could be shown. The residents of the area in question expressed themselves as being discriminated against if the run to Hollywood Riviera were discontinued because of operating loss and other non-paying runs continued.

Mrs. Brace, of Border Avenue, again urged the closing of the City dump.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Councilman Drale interrupted to ask what was being done about the dump and City Manager Stevens replied he was negotiating with Standard Oil for their dump. Following brief discussion, Councilman Drale again moved that the dump be closed. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Councilman Spelman's motion was seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:35 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Protests were again voiced by the audience on the discontinuance of the Hollywood-Riviera bus line and Mayor Haggard stated there was nothing the Council could do at this meeting but that if the residents could assure the City that they would use the service, the problem would receive further consideration. Protests continued.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE