

Torrance, California
May 8, 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 on Tuesday, May 8, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of April 24, 1951, be approved and accepted. Councilman Drale stated that as bids for the five cars referred to in item 2, under Appropriations, had not been opened publicly, he wished his "Yes" vote changed to "No" as respecting that particular item. Councilman Spelman restated his motion to include "as amended". Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard then announced the time had arrived for the hearing of protests on the modification of work to be done in the Seaside Heights Sewer District. There being no protests, oral or written, Councilman Spelman moved the Council overrule any and all protests and approve the work as modified. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. City Manager Stevens advised the proper resolutions would be presented along with other resolutions to be acted upon later in the evening.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Markel Service re claim against the City by Marjorie Curley for \$10,000.00 for injuries received January 30, 1951, while a passenger on a City bus. Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of request for leave of absence by Commissioner A. K. Hill for three months. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Tide Water Associated Oil Company reporting no franchise earnings for the period ending April 30, 1951. Matter of record.

Letter from the Recreation Commission requesting the Council to attend a joint dinner of the Planning and Recreation Commissions on May 31st, at the Persian Room, to consider the City's policy in carrying out a proposed Master Plan in planning recreation and playground areas. The date being acceptable to all Councilmen present, the invitation was accepted.

Letter from Standard Oil Company denying the City the use of its dump. Matter of record. Discussion followed on the avail-

ability of other sites and City Manager Stevens advised he was trying to locate a suitable site in an M-2 Zone with a view in mind of someday erecting an incinerator on the site. Councilman Drale moved that the City Manager and City Attorney take immediate steps to close the present dump. Discussion followed, with Mayor Haggard objecting to the motion as long as no site was immediately available. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Oral Hunter be temporarily appointed as Bus Operator during the vacation period, effective April 24, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

Councilman Drale moved the items be voted on separately. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

1. For the purchase of electrical switchboard panel for McMaster Park Ball Field, the sum of \$358 plus tax.

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

2. For the installation of traffic signals:

- (a) On Torrance Blvd. at Arlington Ave. and Cota St., the sum of \$2,000.
- (b) Five-Point intersection -- Cabrillo Ave., Carson St. and Cravens Ave. -- the sum of \$5,000.

Councilman Drale asked if this expenditure shouldn't be let out for bid as the Charter stipulates bids must be obtained on expenditures in excess of \$1,000. City Manager Stevens explained this request was merely authorization and that on all individual items in excess of \$1,000 bids would be called for. Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney if such procedure would be legal and Mr. Hall stated it would not be a violation of Charter restrictions as long as bids were called for on all items in excess of \$1000. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

3. For refund to Torrance Gardens for Building Permits taken out on lots which were later required as part of drainage sump, the sum of \$84.

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

4. For purchase of two 4-door sedans, the sum of \$3,002.48.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Councilman Karlow, in seconding the motion, asked if these were the machines for the Police and Fire Departments. City Manager Stevens replied affirmatively and stated they were being purchased from the lowest bidder. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Councilman Drale stated his "No" vote was based on the fact that bids had not been publicly opened.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the Bill of Sale from CCMO to the City of Torrance, submitted at no cost to the City, for sewer lines installed in Maple Avenue and Eldorado Street, consisting of approximately 762' of 15" and 1600' of 10" lines, be accepted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same.

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

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2176

A 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 Spelman 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. 2176. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF SCHILLING COURT TO SCHILLING DRIVE.

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. 2177. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF NARBONNE AVENUE TO ARLINGTON AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2178. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens presented the resolution ordering the work on Seaside Heights Sewer District and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT 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.

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. 2179. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager presented a resolution fixing the prevailing rate of pay and the minimum wage scale applicable to such construction and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2180

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 SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENT OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2180. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager presented a resolution directing the Engineer to make and sign the assessment and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND APPURTENANT WORK IN THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2181. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 556

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. 210.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 556 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick was read advising the Planning Commission recommended approval of Tract Map No. 15574, which is a reversion to acreage of Lots 152-155, of Tract No. 15757. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised the Council he was preparing a report on the operation of the City Dump and would have it completed by the next regular meeting.

Councilman Drale moved bids be let for the collection of garbage and tin cans for the coming year. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote following a brief discussion.

Councilman Karlow moved the Traffic Commission make a study of the heavy truck travel on our streets and establish a truck route throughout the City. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Mayor Haggard called on Wm. J. Hobba, of the Division of Industrial Safety of the State of California, to make his report on his inspection of our oil fields. Copies of the report were furnished

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the City and the representatives of the press. Following his report, Mr. Hobba thanked the Council, the City Manager, Mr. Dresser, members of the oil industry, and the press, for the fine cooperation he had received during his inspections.

Mr. Frank Brennan asked if there was anything new on the bus situation for Hollywood-Riviera, stating suggestions and recommendations, as requested, had been sent to Mr. Blount last Friday. Councilman Spelman advised that Councilman Blount was on his vacation and therefore the members of the Council had not seen the recommendations.

Councilman Drale stated he thought some kind of badge of service should be awarded City employees who had served faithfully for a long period of time and asked the audience to give a "big hand" to Chief Stroh, City Clerk Bartlett and Bob Russell, of the Street Department, all of whom have put in 25 years and more.

Mr. Bert Johnson, of 17219 Atkinson Ave., stated the North Torrance Civic Ass'n was interested in the annexation of Alondra Park and raised certain questions of special interest. Mayor Haggard advised some of the questions could be answered by the City Attorney and that some were a little ahead of the procedure so far. Councilman Karlow stated the Chamber of Commerce had made a study of this matter and could probably furnish all the information desired.

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

At 8:50 p.m., on motion of Councilman Spelman, seconded by Councilman Drale, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE