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Torrance, California  
July 24, 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, July 24, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding. Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow, 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 Karlow moved the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10th be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Standard Gas Company enclosing check in an amount of \$433.96 for franchise earnings for the year ending July 10, 1951. Matter of record.

Letter from the Recreation Commission re "waste pick up" for the purpose of creating a Recreation Fund. Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Division of Highways advising a study was being made of the hazard at the intersection of Newton Street and Pacific Coast Highway. Matter of record.

Report of survey by Mr. Cravens, Automotive Maintenance Consultant, on City garage operations. Councilman Drale asked if the itemized statement of purchases was available and City Clerk Bartlett replied that it had not yet been completed. Councilman Spelman moved the survey report be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried over the dissenting vote of Councilman Drale.

Letter from Mr. Tom Babbitt requesting that he be replaced on the Recreation Commission. On inquiry by the Mayor, Mr. Babbitt explained that he intended his letter to be a resignation as he felt, for the good of the program, that he should be replaced by someone who is in closer contact with the older teen-agers. Brief discussion followed, with Councilman Blount moving the letter be referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Recreation Director Carpenter re the Golden State Jr. Baseball League and participation by teenagers. Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Recommendation from Bus Superintendent Chamberlain re modification of fares on 10-ride commutation books. Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That John R. Atkinson be appointed to serve his probationary period as Construction Inspector, effective July 15, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the third step for the position.
2. That Jean Lovelady be appointed to serve her probationary period as Typist Clerk in the Fire Department, effective July 15, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
3. That Winfred E. Lawson be appointed to serve his probationary period as Asst. Plumbing Inspector, effective July 15, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
4. That the following named personnel be temporarily employed as Laborers in the Street Department, effective on the dates indicated and at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position:
  - (a) George K. Clemens, effective June 27, 1951.
  - (b) James R. Brown, effective June 28, 1951.
5. That Earl H. Brookes and Lloyd W. Hughes be appointed to serve their probationary period as Bus Attendants, effective July 15, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of June, the sum of \$954.00.
2. To Lund Company for Comprehensive Liability Insurance for the period July 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951, the sum of \$2558.44 in accordance with the contract.

Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, 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:

1. Two-way STOP on Sonoma Street at Crenshaw Boulevard.
2. Four-way STOP at Hickory Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of F.C. Koozer to construct a dwelling of 576 square feet at 1734 Flower Avenue. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Planning Commission recommending approval of Cases No. 215 and No. 216. (Construction of a storage building at 23310 Arlington.; petition re vacation of alley, Bl. 120 of Tract #2381 and Bl. 121, Tract #2807.) Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Planning Commission re S.O. Whitman's offer to purchase City-owned lot at Andreo and Santa Fe for construction of a church (referred to Commission at last meeting). Commission advised the Council that the property is in an R-3 Zone which permits church structures. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2195

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CORRECTED GRANT DEED TO ROME CABLE CORPORATION AND **RESCINDING** RESOLUTION NO. 2103.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2195. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2196

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 GEORGE M. GREEN.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of

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the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2196. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2197

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1955 BY INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, was defeated by the request of Councilman Drale to have the Resolution read in full. Following the reading, Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2197. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Drale. Councilman Drale explained his "NO" vote by stating he thought it was too much money and a violation of the City Charter, and he quoted portions of Resolution No. 1892 regarding removal of the City Manager. He then asked the City Attorney if he would care to give an opinion on the matter and Mr. Hall replied that he (Mr. Drale) was correct and that any contract entered into would be worthless.

RESOLUTION NO. 2198

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 SEASIDE RANCHOS, A CORPORATION.

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. 2198. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2199

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 HAVEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2199. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 562

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. 213.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 562 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 564

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 281.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 564 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 565

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE USE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES UPON SUCH PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISION, REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF PARKING METERS; DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METER ZONES UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS; PROVIDING THAT REVENUE RECEIVED FROM PARKING METERS SHALL BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE SAME, FOR THE POLICING OF SAID ZONE AND FOR THE USE OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance; seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale, discussing the matter briefly, stated he thought the matter should be placed before the people on the ballot and read a newspaper clipping regarding bonds floated by Huntington Park for the purchase of off-street parking areas. ~~City Attorney Hall explained that this ordinance providing areas.~~ City Attorney Hall explained that this ordinance providing for the use of meters was separate from the purchase of off-street parking areas -- that such purchases would be voted on by the people if bonds were necessary. The motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Drale. The ordinance being rather lengthy, Councilman Blount offered to read it for the City Clerk, following which Councilman Spelman moved the ordinance be adopted at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 566

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 434 BY PROVIDING A COST-OF-LIVING BONUS TO BE PAID THE DELINQUENT SALES TAX AND LICENSE COLLECTOR.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 566 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reminded the Council of the meeting Wednesday at 5:30 to discuss the water bond issue.

City Attorney Hall asked permission to amend Resolution No. 2197 by deleting reference to the contract. Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

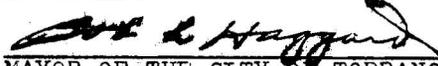
Councilman Blount stated that the record shows no remedy of the traffic hazard has been made at the split of Crenshaw and 190th Street, which the Council was informed on July 10th would be done.

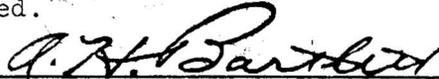
Councilman Drale asked that the Council, at its meeting on Wednesday with the committee of employees to discuss wage adjustments, consider the elimination of the 5-step plan, which would eliminate the existing overlapping in our promotion set-up and not cause an employee receiving a promotion to take a decrease in pay, and to consider an adjustment for the lower paid brackets. The City Manager advised that in no case did an employee advance in grade or classification and step back in pay -- they always advance to the next higher wage.

There being no other oral communications, Councilman Blount 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 Karlow, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE