

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California
August 14, 1951

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, August 14, 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 the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 1951, be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had come for the opening of bus bids. Clerk Bartlett, with assistance of City Manager Stevens, opened and read the following:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Price</u>
Pacific Marmon-Herrington Coach Sales	19 passenger	\$ 5,800.00
Schultz & Peckham	17 "	4,407.14
" " "	21 "	4,814.63
" " "	16 "	4,328.14
United Bus Sales (body only)	17 "	2,320.00
" " " " "	21 "	2,595.00
" " " " "	16 "	2,241.00
Crown Body & Coach Corporation	47 "	14,630.18
" " " " "	47 "	15,900.18
GMC Truck & Coach Division	45 "	17,127.75

Councilman Drale arrived at 8:08 P.M., just at the opening of the Crown bid. Councilman Karlow moved all bids be referred to the City Manager and Bus Superintendent for review as to specifications and that the contract be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor announced the time had come for the opening of bids on the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from 190th Street to 174th Street. Clerk Bartlett, with the assistance of City Manager Stevens, opened and read the following:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
George Savala Paving	11806 Laurel Hills Road Studio City	\$35,266.00
Griffith Company	1060 So. Broadway Los Angeles 15	32,394.25
Ken H. Jones & Co.	18101 Hawthorne Blvd. Redondo Beach	28,661.00
Warren Southwest, Inc.	P.O. Box 419 Torrance	34,459.37
Clyde L. Sheets Co.	201 E. Victoria St. Gardena	30,804.50
Oswald Bros. Co.	366 E. 58th St. Los Angeles 11	33,338.74

Councilman Drale moved all bids be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer for review and recommendation and that the record indicates Ken H. Jones is the low bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Request from K.R. Shepard for cancellation of his recently issued plumbing permit and refund of fee. Councilman Karlow moved the refund be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Rev. W.F. Martin, Assembly of God, to erect a tent at Hawthorne and 242nd Street for evangelistic meetings, beginning August 28th, for one month. Following brief discussion and assurance that proper fire inspection would be made and all precautions taken, Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried.

Request from City Clerk Bartlett for permission to transfer funds from In Lieu Tax (Motor Vehicle) Fund to General Fund, to reimburse the General Fund for advances. Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Notice from Public Utilities Commission that hearing on Pacific Telephone Company's request for rate increase will be held on September 6, 1951, at San Francisco. Councilman Blount moved the Council go on record as opposing such an increase and Commissioner Mitchell be so advised. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously. Mayor Haggard instructed City Clerk Bartlett to write the Public Utilities Commission and suggested the letter emphasize the present service of Pacific Telephone leaves much to be desired.

Letter of appreciation from National Supply Employees' Club for the cooperation extended in making their picnic a success. Matter of record.

Letter from Recreation Director Carpenter, on behalf of the Recreation Commission, recommending the acquisition of 20 acres in West Torrance - bounded by El Dorado Street, Maple Street and Carson Street. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Claim for personal injury damages on behalf of William Lawrence Rogers, a minor, in the amount of \$15,718.05. Councilman Karlow moved the Claim be denied and referred to the insurance carrier for handling. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Petition from residents of Border Ave. and Columbia Court, between Arlington Ave. and Dominguez St. requesting present "One-Hour Parking" be changed to "Residential Parking". Councilman Drale moved the petition be referred to the Traffic Commission for study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

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Letter from Postmistress Clara Conner urging that, if and when meters are installed, six charge-free 15 minute parking areas be established in front of the Post Office. Councilman Blount moved the letter be referred to the Parking Authority, if and when appointed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Mrs. Lois A. Babcock opposing proposed parking meter program and submitting a plan successfully being carried out in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Parking Authority, and that an acknowledgment be sent to Mrs. Babcock advising her of the Council's action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from George Binder, on behalf of a syndicate which he represents, opposing proposed parking meter program, and urging the establishment of "assessment districts". Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the Parking Authority. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Jacob Joseph, City Engineer, and John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, submitting for approval:

(a) Agreement between the City, H.B. Hobbs and the Huntington Redondo Company covering the replacement of a storm drain at 275 Via Linda Vista, and advising checks had been received totaling \$120 to cover cost of material.

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

(b) Tentative Tract Map No. 16655, containing 9 lots south of 166th St. and east of Crenshaw Blvd., subject to certain conditions.

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation, subject to further conditions, to wit: installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks and sewers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

(c) Requesting necessary ordinance be drawn to vacate streets and alleys in a portion of Tract 15757 in order that Tract 15574 may be recorded.

Councilman Blount moved that the matter be held over to the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of Donald V. McPherson to move in a 5-room dwelling having 600 square feet of floor area, to be erected on the rear of lot at 231st and Eshelman Ave. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending denial of the request of Paul Maynez to construct a dwelling at 23626 Pennsylvania Ave. having 500 square feet of floor area. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Councilman Drale stated none of the homes in the area contained 800 square feet and that he did not think the man should be denied the right to build. Discussion followed and Councilman Karlow moved the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for more information. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For payment to Harvel's for 2000' of 2½" fire hose, in accordance with the terms of the bid, the sum of \$3605.00 (a budget item).

2. To Owl Rock Products Company for furnishing aggregate for Street Maintenance Program, the sum of \$3564.55 (State Gas Tax Funds).
3. To General Petroleum Corporation for furnishing road oils for Street Maintenance Program, the sum of \$3387.70 (State Gas Tax Funds)
4. To Provo Paint Company for furnishing traffic paints, the sum of \$1,854.43 (a budget item).
5. To Ken Jones for furnishing asphaltic concrete materials for street maintenance program, the sum of \$3435.81. (\$2097.96 from State Gas Tax Funds and \$1337.85 from Airport Funds).
6. To Barclay surveying Company for engineering services during the month of July, the sum of \$930.00 for Highway and Sewer District Programs.
7. To Sam LaFon for topping trees on east side of Narbonne Avenue between Sepulveda Blvd. and 233rd Street, the sum of \$648.00. Of this sum, \$500.00 will be repaid by the utility companies.
8. To REMington Rand Company for printing calculator for City Clerk's office, the sum of \$486.68 (a budget item).
9. For refund to Mac-Low-Men Corporation, the sum of \$26.00 for Building permits Nos. 13507 and 13511 for two homes that will not be constructed. A handling charge of \$2.00 per permit will be retained.

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

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A CERTAIN ALLEY IN TRACTS 2381 AND 2807; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Karlow 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. 2200. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2201

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO F. C. KOOZER.

At the request of several members of the Council, the Resolution was read in its entirety, following which Councilman Drale moved for its adoption. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Drale, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2202RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO OIL-
FIELDS TRUCKING COMPANY

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. 2202. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Drale, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Blount. Councilman Blount stated his "NO" vote on both Resolutions was because procedure had not been followed and both parties had failed to abide by the regulations laid down by the City by constructing without proper permits.

RESOLUTION NO. 2203A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2197

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. Councilman Drale stated that in considering wage and salary increases, the Council had always considered the wage paid similar jobs in other cities in the area and that his personal survey showed the City was going beyond the salary paid other Managers in nearby communities. Discussion followed briefly. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2204A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A
CLERICAL ASSISTANT.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2204. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2205A 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 FROM GARDENA VALLEY HOMES, INC.

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. 2205. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2206A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND
CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR LIBRARY SERVICES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1951-52.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2206. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY

At the request of the Council, Clerk Bartlett read the Resolution in its entirety, following which Councilman Blount moved for its adoption. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Drale stated that, though the members named in the Resolution were all honorable citizens of the City, he felt one appointment should be from industry, one from business, one from the clergy, etc., and that each Councilman should have the privilege of one appointment to the Authority. Motion was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 564

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

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 564 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, Carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Drale.

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 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 ZONES AND FOR THE USE OF THE PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 565 at its second and final reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale stated there were some pertinent questions which he would like answered: (1) how many meters were going to be put in; (2) how they were to be written off; (3) what the initial cost would be; (4) what the approximate revenue would be. City Attorney Hall replied that as far as the Ordinance itself was concerned it was an "enabling act" only and that he could not answer the questions as to where the meters would go, if purchased, or how many, or what the terms and conditions would be. Councilman Drale stated he understood off-street parking would be purchased within 60 days. The Mayor replied any such purchases would be "up to the Parking Authority". Councilman Spelman's motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman, Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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ORDINANCE NO. 567

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 567 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Further discussion was had, briefly, on the "Parking Meter" Ordinance, with Councilman Drale stating he thought the Ordinance should be tabled until such time as the Parking Authority recommended meters.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens stated he would like to invite Mr. James Montgomery to the next agenda meeting to discuss the proposed water bond issue. Council concurred.

Councilman Drale opened a discussion on the General Electric Turbo Plant being installed near Waltheria, stating in his opinion the plant was a definite nuisance because of the noise and fire hazard; and that the plant had been "run out" of Redondo; and that the plant, although being installed and operating at the present time, had received no permit from the Planning Commission or the City Council. Jack Baldwin, of the Torrance Herald, reported that he had talked to the Public Relations Manager for General Electric and that the plant was used to rest jet engines and give them time, and that there is no missile firing; that the concrete walls erected were to deflect the hot prop-wash into the air. Mr. Joseph, the City Engineer, substantiated the report given by Mr. Baldwin. Capt. Northington, of the Fire Department, reported that he had made a fire investigation of the premises and that there was no hazard; that every precaution was being taken. No action was taken, although Councilman Drale stated he thought their permit, if they have one, should be revoked until a thorough investigation could be made of its operations, etc.

Mr. O.D. Swayne, 1521 Elm Street, representing property owners in the block, asked what was being done about their petition, submitted five months ago, for street paving, curbs and sidewalks. Mr. Joseph replied that the City had been attempting to secure easements in an effort to cut the cost, and asked that the matter be held over for the next meeting at which time he would submit an itemized report on two plans of procedure.

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

At 9:35 P.M., Councilman Blount moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

APPROVED:

Bob L. Haggard
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

A. H. Bartlett
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE