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Torrance, California
August 28, 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, at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 1951, 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 August 14th be accepted and approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved the minutes of the special meeting of August 27th be accepted and approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the public hearing on the proposed 1951-52 Budget and asked City Manager Stevens to present it. He briefly summarized the Budget and stated the tax rate remained the same as for the past two years - \$1.12. There were no questions from the audience. Councilman Drale then presented a letter to the City Clerk, from himself, urging a tax reduction of at least 10¢, based on the general fund surplus as of June 30th. His letter concluded with a motion to that effect. Discussion, at some length, followed, with City Manager Stevens stating that \$100,000.00 of this carry-over surplus was the amount set up last year as an Operative Reserve to carry the City in the event of some unforeseen emergency so that the City would not have to borrow. There being no second, Councilman Drale's motion was declared lost.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Marshall and Stevens submitting their appraisal of unimproved land site of 13.05 acres located on Crenshaw Blvd. south of Pacific Coast Highway in the amount of \$16,500.00. Mrs. Gladys Wheeler (nee Weston), as one of the owners of the Weston property, stated none of the owners have negotiated with any of the City officials regarding the valuation of the property, and had entered into no agreements with the City for the acquisition of the property. She stated, further, that in her opinion, the appraisal was definitely inadequate.

Councilman Karlow moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried. City Manager Stevens suggested that the Weston Estate also have an appraisal made, stating it was his understanding that the City and the Estate would each have an independent appraisal made of the property as a basis on which to begin negotiations. Mrs. Wheeler stated the owners had not authorized her to employ another appraiser; that they had had an appraisal made last fall and could see no need of another. The City Manager stated he would like a current appraisal made and that such cost could be included in the negotiations as the City would be willing to stand the cost. Mrs. Wheeler asked that a transcript of this portion of the minutes be mailed to her.

Letter from Paul Loranger, of Paul's Chevrolet, stating that, since the City had changed its mind on the purchase of a new bus from the "Transit Type" advertised for, to a "School Type", he believed all bids previously received should be rejected and new bids advertised for. Lengthy discussion followed, Councilmen Blount, Karlow and Spelman all felt that rejecting the bids and advertising for new bids would place the previous bidders at a disadvantage as their bids had been published. Mayor Haggard and Councilman Drale stated the City would be purchasing something for which they had

not advertised for bids, which would be contrary to our Charter. City Manager Stevens stated he would like to change his recommendation from that submitted to the Council. Councilman Spelman, stating he thought rejecting all previous bids put those bidders at a disadvantage, stated further that he would compromise and asked that Mr. Stevens change his recommendation when his letter of recommendations is read.

Letter from Union Oil Co. reporting franchise earnings in the amount of \$232.80 for year ending June 30, 1951. Matter of record.

Letter from Wm. J. Lizut, 3205 Dalemead, requesting permission to fence his property, including City Property, to the sidewalk. Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. City Manager Stevens advised the letter had already been referred to the City Attorney for an opinion and recommendation, and that he had recommended it be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Letter from City Engineer Joseph recommending the vacation of Streets and Alleys in Tract 15574 (held over at the request of Councilman Blount from last meeting). Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Metropolitan Water District transmitting Resolution No. 3993, levying the 1951-52 tax - 31¢ as against last year's tax of 32¢. Matter of record.

Letter from L.E. McPherson, operator of a fruit and vegetable stand at the corner of Prairie and Redondo Beach Blvd., stating the premises had been sold; that the new owner was agreeable to the continued use of the corner for his stand; and that a regular stand was to be erected; and requesting the Council's permission to continue business. After a brief discussion, Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recess was declared at 8:45 and meeting reconvened at 8:50.

Letter from Recreation Director Carpenter urging acquisition of 20 acre site in West Torrance. Councilman Spelman stated the letter should be filed as a matter of record as the matter was under advisement.

Letter from Shoreline Planning Ass'n of California requesting membership fee of \$75. City Manager Stevens stated we had never paid dues to the association, and explained a little of their workings. Brief discussion followed with Councilman Blount moving the City Manager make a further investigation and report back to the Council with his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

The City Engineer filed the Assessment Diagram for South Torrance Sewer District No. 2, and City Clerk Bartlett reported he had the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Award of Contract. Councilman Blount moved to receive and file the Affidavit of Publication. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved to receive and file the Assessment Diagram. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Engineer then presented the resolution for the approval of the diagram and Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2208

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE DIAGRAM OF THE PROPERTY BENEFITED BY THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 IN 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. 2208. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the State Department of Public Health granting the City Permission to use existing water works, construct new works, and extend existing works. Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from V.F.W. Post No. 3251 requesting a 5-year lease of a building on the parcel of land adjoining the Airport, under certain terms and stipulations. Brief discussion followed, with the City Manager advising that any proposed lease would have to be approved by the C.A.A. Councilman Blount moved the City Manager contact the C.A.A. and that action on this letter be withheld pending their answer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked if the City could sell them the building. Discussion followed and Councilman Blount moved the building be offered them at a price of \$1.00, provided they move it off its present location. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Report of City Engineer Joseph on the storm drainage problem on Elm Street and submitting two proposals. Discussion followed. Residents of the area, Mr. Swayne, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Stillwell and others, protested both proposals as they were not in favor of giving easements across their property nor did they think they should stand the expense, stating it was not just a local problem. Commander Mason asked if it was the City's obligation to dispose of storm waters and the City Attorney replied that would depend on a lot of various facts and that the question could not be answered without a thorough study of each case as to dedications of streets, etc. On inquiry by the residents, Mr. Hall stated he would be glad to check street dedications and other pertinent facts in this particular case. Councilman Blount moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked that two Councilmen be named to the committee of investigation. Those appointed to assist were Councilmen Drale and Blount.

Recommendation from City Engineer Joseph that contract for the improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. from 190th St. to 174th St. be awarded Ken. H. Jones. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried.

Request from the Salvation Army to operate a Salvage Depot, tax free, at 1610 Cabrillo, Councilman Blount moved the letter be held for the next agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Marjory V. Cunningham, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve her probationary term as Police Woman, effective August 16, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
2. That Jack Stephens, Equipment Operator III in the Street Department, be paid \$25 per month in addition to his regular salary, as compensation for acting as Road Foreman, effective August 15, 1951, pending a promotional examination for the classification.
3. That an acting Assistant Garage Foreman be appointed in the City Garage to be in charge of the Garage Saturdays and Sundays, effective September 1, 1951, at a compensation of \$25 per month above the salary of Automotive Mechanic, pending a promotional examination for the classification.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS:

1. That the bid of G.M.C., Motor Coach Division, for furnishing two 45-passenger diesel motor buses be accepted as the lowest responsible bid complying with the specifications advertised, and that all other bids be rejected. The price to be \$17,340.75 each, including extras, plus California sales tax.

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

2. That the bid of Schultz and Peckham for furnishing a 20-passenger bus with Carpenter body #CPC1611, in the amount of \$4,814.63, plus California sales tax, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

City Manager Stevens asked that he be allowed to withdraw this recommendation and substitute a recommendation that all bids for an 18-to-20 passenger bus be rejected and that the City re-advertise for a bus of such capacity. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Karlow. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. That the bid of Ken H. Jones & Co., who submitted the lowest responsible bid for the improvement of Crenshaw Blvd. from 190th St. to 174th St., in the amount of \$28,661.00, be accepted and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For payment to Walter Wiitanen, as a partial payment for the construction of North Torrance Library, the sum of \$2,000.00.

Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, 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. Limiting traffic on 228th St. between Western Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd. to 8,000 pounds gross weight.
2. Establishing One-Way traffic on Crenshaw Blvd. (old section) between 190th St. and the junction with the Crenshaw cut-off.
3. Establishing cross-walk on Torrance Blvd. at Fern Ave.
4. Establishing Four-Way STOP at Cabrillo Ave. and Plaza del Amo.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission supplying the additional information previously requested on the application of Paul Maynez to erect a 500 square foot residence on the front of the lot at 23626 Pennsylvania Ave. Councilman Drale stated that, regardless of where the man wished to build, he should not be denied the right to erect the size home he wished, and moved that the application be approved. There being no second, motion was declared lost and Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of denial submitted by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

Letter from Planning Commission recommending approval of the application of Harold D. Walsh to operate a goat dairy at 3709 190th Street, on certain conditions. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Commissioner Hill stated the premises was now operated as a cow dairy. Discussion followed, with Mr. Walsh stating that though he only had 4 cows at the present time on his dairy, he had room for 400; further, that his license to do business says "dairy" without specifying that type of dairy and that he believed, under his present license, he could operate a goat dairy. The Council was assured that the business would be principally wholesale, with only an occasional retail sale. Commissioner Hill stated the Planning Commission had received no protests. Further discussion was had between Council members, resulting in a second to Councilman Drale's motion by Mayor Haggard. Motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow and Spelman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: none.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2209

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 CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY OIL COMPANY.

AGARSO
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. 2209. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2210

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2210. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2211

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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. 2211. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL PERMIT TO DONALD V. McPHERSON

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. 2212. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2213

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 HORACE B. AND RITA M. HOBBS

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. 2213. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 568

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 560.

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. 568 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 569

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 1951

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 urgency Ordinance No. 569 at its first and final reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Karlow. Councilman Drale asked that the record show he was opposed to the tax rate of \$1.12 and wished to enter a "NO" vote as to that portion of the Ordinance, and that he was in favor of the reduced water rates for MWD #1 and #2. He was advised he could not "split" his vote. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None.* Councilman Drale did not vote, for the reason previously given. *

ORDINANCE NO. 570

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 564

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance, Councilman DRale asked that it be read in full, following which Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 570. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 571

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 565

At the request of Mayor Haggard, Clerk Bartlett read the Ordinance in its entirety, following which Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 571 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised that he had submitted to the members of the Council, and the press, a letter summarizing the water distribution problem of the City and the steps taken to date as a start in the water bond issue campaign. He stated, briefly, the steps to be taken and the importance of the bond issue.

The City Attorney and members of the Council had no matters to bring up for discussion.

Commander Mason asked several questions relative to the proposed water bond issue; the areas to be excluded, etc., which questions were answered by the City Manager. Commander Mason also inquired as to whether or not the City had any plans for the improvement of Torrance Beach as he understood it was to be purchased by the State. The City Manager replied that the City had no definite plans as control by the State and County was proposed.

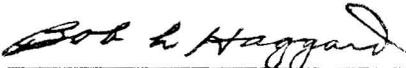
There being no further business, Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:20 P.M., Councilman Karlow moved meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE