

Torrance, California
February 13, 1952

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 Wednesday, February 13, 1952, 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 Blount moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 1952, the Special Meetings of January 24, 1952, and February 6, 1952, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the opening of bids on an Addressograph machine for the Water Department. Only one bid had been received from the Addressograph-Multigraph Corp., which City Clerk Bartlett opened and read as follows:

Price F.O.B. Factory, Cleveland, Ohio ----	\$2,553.00
Plus 3% California Sales Tax -----	76.59
TOTAL	<u>\$2,629.59</u>

Councilman Karlow moved the bid be referred to City Manager Stevens for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale said he would like it noted that the City had saved approximately \$2,000 by calling for bids, instead of accepting the first offer. Councilman Blount stated that this was not the case, as the Addressograph machine can only be obtained from one source and that the \$4,000 figure was given in connection with an altogether different type of machine.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett announced that a number of communications had been received since the Agenda had been completed, which he would read first:

Recommendation from Civil Service Board that Ordinance No. 249 be amended, increasing the Police and Fire Board from three to five members, in order that all members of the present five-man board could function for both Ordinance No. 326 and No. 249, thus eliminating the present confusion of having two separate Civil Service Boards. It was also recommended that the repeal of Ordinance No. 249 be placed on the ballot at the earliest possible date, with the object of having all City employees under one Civil Service Ordinance.

Councilman Spelman moved the communication be referred to the next Agenda meeting for study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Communication from Recreation Director Carpenter, stating that:

(a) The Recreation Commission had voted to postpone the presenting of the 15-year Recreation Facility Development Plan to the voters, until after the general election in April, due to the lack of time for working out details and also for the reason that it might detract from the plan to place it on a general election ballot.

(b) The Commission voted to send Mr. Beasley to the State Recreation Conference in Fresno from February 20th to February 22nd, the suggested expense approval being \$60.00.

Councilman Drale moved the money be expended for Mr. Beasley's expenses incurred in attending the Conference. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 that something be done about the Veteran's Honor Roll in front of the Civic Auditorium and also the list of names in the City Hall, stating that the lists should be kept up to date, including the Korean War and other war areas, and signifying the Post's willingness to work with the Council in accomplishing this request.

Mayor Haggard stated that he thought the suggestions were very good and agreed that something should be done to accomplish this request. Councilman Spelman asked if the Legion had set these lists up originally and received a reply from Mayor Haggard that they had been the sponsors. Councilman Spelman said he thought this a reasonable request and moved that the matter be referred to the City Manager for the necessary action to bring the lists up to date. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Appeal from City Council of Albany, California to join with them in protesting to the Governor and State Representatives of the State of California, the ever-increasing price of milk, and asking that they be advised of any action taken.

Councilman Drale stated that he thought the matter deserved some consideration and moved the subject be discussed at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Complaint from Edgar S. Frenger, 3657 Emerald Street, Torrance, re illegal parking of house trailers on residential lots in the city and asking that a statement be made as to whether the law concerning this matter is to be enforced.

Councilman Drale asked Attorney Hall if we had an ordinance which gave us the right to do away with back-yard trailers. Attorney Hall replied that he didn't think we had anything specific on back-yard trailers, but that what was probably referred to in the letter was the Zoning Ordinance, which does not allow trailers in certain portions of the City. Councilman Karlow said that permits had been granted on various occasions for trailers on residential property, but for a 90-day limit and with the provision that a Building Permit is taken out, and moved that the communication be referred to the License Inspector and Police Department for a survey. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Thomas C. Bowles, President of the Builders Mortgage Company, for 100% refund on the Water Main Installation cost of original Tentative Tract No. 17330 (100 acres) per the approval given in a letter dated September 26, 1951.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to City Manager for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Councilman Karlow stating that during the construction of the Torrance Gardens Tract, the City Water Department had demanded from the sub-dividers a right-of-way in the center of Sierra Street, in order to accommodate an existing water main leading from the City-owned water tower at the end of the street. The main was originally laid close to the surface, which made it impossible to pave over the surface or allow construction over the line. As a result, there is a dust menace during the summer and a muddy sump in the winter.

Councilman Karlow moved that the City Council instruct the Park Department Superintendent to plant the right-of-way with grass and assume the responsibility for maintaining the strip in a neat and practical manner. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation on two items by Mayor Haggard as follows:

(a) "That the City employees be given a cost-of-living raise in pay of 5%, with a minimum of \$15.00, effective March 1, 1952." (The communication stated that Mayor Haggard made this recommendation after checking the finances of the City with Mr. Stevens, City Manager.)

(b) "That the City Council instruct the Bus Superintendent to make a survey of the West and Southwest parts of town for transportation for the people in those districts."

Councilman Karlow so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Drale said in his opinion it would be better to give all employees a flat raise, so that the fellow making the least amount of money would get the same raise. Mayor Haggard said, in his opinion, the man who is making the lower salary needs just as much of a raise, but that we don't adjust wages that way. Councilman Drale said that this was a cost-of-living raise, which did not apply in the same way, and he would like to have a blanket \$20 or \$25 per month increase for every employee of the City of Torrance. Councilman Karlow said our higher salaried employees are in a supervisory capacity and their salaries at present are not enough above the staff beneath them, in a general comparison.

Communication addressed to City Manager Stevens from Government and Civic Employees Organizing Committee-CIO, stating that by urgent request of members of Local #1135, all of whom are employed by the City of Torrance, they were presenting the following program to the City Council for consideration:

- (a) A salary increase of \$50 per month.
- (b) That the City Council cooperate with the State authorities in working out an agreement with the Federal Government whereby the employees can be covered by Social Security.
- (c) Request that the City fulfill their program, which provides for seven paid legal holidays.
- (d) All accumulated sick leave in excess of 30 days not used, be added to the employee's annual vacation.

The communication requested an opportunity for the following committee to meet with Mr. Stevens and members of the City Council at the earliest possible date: Robert Faren, Gus Weber, Sherman Miller, Everett Wallace, F.L. Fritz and Director S.H. Dalrymple.

Councilman Drale asked City Manager Stevens when he thought such a meeting could be held and Mr. Stevens replied that there was one item on which he did not have too much information, that being the matter of covering employees by Social Security along with the State Retirement Plan, and in order to talk intelligently on that item, he would have to get additional information. The other matters could be discussed at any time. Councilman Drale moved the Council meet with the Committee next Wednesday, February 20th, at any time designated by City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Report from Tide Water Associated Oil Company on Franchise Ordinance No. 127, stating that for the twelve months preceding February 1, 1952, under the provisions of said franchise, no receipts or earnings were derived by said Company from the use and ownership of said pipe line, for the construction and operation of which said franchise is granted.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney for discussion with the Council at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of Rehabilitation Officer for the Blind, State Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Dept. of Education, for a no-cost business license to be issued a blind client of the Bureau, Mr. Robert R. Thomson, 2224 Torrance Boulevard, who expects to open a canteen stand concession in the Pittsburgh Glass Company plant on February 8, 1952.

Councilman Karlow moved the no-cost license be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Invitation to members of the City Council from Torrance Veterans Service Council to attend a dinner on Tuesday, February 19, 1952, at 6:30 P. M. at the American Legion Hall. The communication stated that a few brief words from one of the Council members, giving the particular functions and aims of the Torrance City Council, would be greatly appreciated.

When questioned by Mayor Haggard, all members of the Council thought they would be able to attend, with the exception of Councilman Drale, who was not sure whether he would be working on that date or not. Councilman Blount suggested that Mayor Haggard write a letter to the Legion, to the effect that there would be attendance by the Council.

Petition bearing approximately thirty-seven signatures of residents of Sierra Street, requesting the improvement of the parkway on Sierra Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Elm Avenue.

Mayor Haggard announced that this matter had been acted upon favorably earlier in the meeting. An interested citizen in the audience thanked the Mayor and City Council for their action.

Councilman Blount moved the petition be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County, re proposed Flood Control District Bond Issue to Finance Construction of County-wide Storm Drain Projects.

Mayor Haggard stated that there was additional discussion on this subject to be brought up later in the meeting and suggested the Resolution be filed as a matter of record.

Communication from J. R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, recommending approval of Tract Map No. 17744, located along the Westerly prolongation of 160th Street, easterly of Arlington Avenue and southerly of Redondo Beach Boulevard, consisting of six lots and submitted by William G. Barclay.

Mr. Barclay was present and explained that this map was approved at the same time another map of his was approved by the Planning Commission, and through an oversight only one of the maps was forwarded to the Council with the recommendation of approval given by the Planning Commission on December 19, 1951. This accounted for the delay in requesting Council approval.

Councilman Blount moved for the approval of Tract Map no. 17744 and the motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Blount amended his motion, to the effect that the Water Department be consulted for approval of the usual water requirements. Councilman Spelman seconded the amended motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation of John Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, for Council approval of four projects to be submitted to the County Flood Control for their consideration, as they are contemplating a bond issue for the construction of storm drains in various sections of Los Angeles County on the November ballot.

Councilman Karlow moved to concur with the recommendations of Mr. Patrick. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A lengthy discussion was held before the vote was taken on the above motion. Councilman Drale stated that in checking over the projects, it seemed to him that several parts of Torrance were left out as far as drainage was concerned; that the projects covered the downtown portion of the City of Torrance, but that outlying areas, such as Hollywood Riviera, Walteria and West Torrance needed something done about drainage and he would like to see more recommendations made for those districts. Councilman Karlow said his understanding was that the Los Angeles County Flood Control had to approve our recommendations and if we didn't present something feasible we would be left out in the cold. Mayor Haggard said he could see no section left out, except South-west and West Torrance. Councilman Drale asked about the Kettler Knolls area, to which Councilman Karlow replied that this area drained to Western Avenue. Councilman Blount stated that he would like to get some flood control system started and if our recommendations are cluttered up with a request for \$19,000,000 worth of drainage we won't get anything; that there is no assurance the bond issue is going to pass, but in these four projects he could see where a lot of water could be removed. Mayor Haggard stated that probably Mr. Stevens was closer to the situation than he, but he believed there was a program presented to the County on this flood control problem, in regards to going through the mountain with a tunnel and the County didn't even put it on the issue.

Mr. Stevens said he would try to give a brief picture of this drainage matter and informed the Council as follows: The program is County-wide and there is presently \$114,000,000 worth of drains, none of which are in Torrance. County Flood Control officials have informed us that they plan to set aside a million dollars worth of storm drain projects for the City of Torrance. We have submitted projects,

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which will cost a total of approximately \$2,600,000. They have indicated disapproval of the tunnel to the ocean, because it didn't seem economically feasible. They have indicated that they will probably approve some of the projects we have set up. We have five or six million dollars worth of work that could be done and should be done, but it is necessary to start a storm drainage system with a plan which has an assured outlet. Councilman Blount said he understood that we could not drain flood waters into the County Sewer System and asked if the same restrictions would apply to the County Flood Control System. Mr. Stevens replied that we were going to connect to the Dominguez Channel in the northern part of the city and to the drainage system at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue for the central section of the city. He also said that plans, sizes and costs have to be established for the County to act on and that he wished we could solve all our drainage problems, but we cannot with the funds proposed to be allocated to us. Councilman Drale said the only point that he was trying to make was that the recommendation seemed over-balanced to him, being mostly in one particular area. Mr. Stevens agreed that the projects were mostly in the central section of the city.

At 9:00 P.M. Mayor Haggard declared a five-minute recess and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 P.M.

Recommendation of Mr. John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, that the plan for the drainage of the Walteria Sump area, as recommended by ex-City Engineer Joseph, be withdrawn from the bond issue for storm drains throughout Los Angeles County, for the reason that the matter had been discussed with Mr. M.C. Tobin, Design Engineer for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and he has stated that they have figured the cost for the construction of the tunnel from the Walteria Sump to the ocean would run approximately \$3,000 per acre for the land contained in the sump, namely, approximately 600 acres. In view of this, they have frowned upon this project.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of Mr. Patrick. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried with the following roll call: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: None.

A lengthy discussion followed with Councilman Drale stating that the way Torrance is growing, we will need the 600 acres one of these days and he would like to see something done about it, that there were not many flood hazards in downtown Torrance, but there were more critical areas where we have sumps and drain holes, which we should take into consideration first. City Manager Stevens said it was necessary to decide if the money is to be spent there or whether starting a system in the central part is more important.

Mrs. Alice Thomas, 22401 Ocean Avenue, stated that some years ago Supervisor Hauge had been present at a meeting held in her home to discuss drainage. She is familiar with the situation and will be glad to work with the Council in giving them any information she has.

Mr. W.E. Kilgore, 22704 Earl Street, stated that the water in his area is getting stagnant and that soon they would have a mosquito menace; that already one cesspool had been stopped up and they would like to be given consideration.

Recommendation of John R. Patrick, Assistant to the City Engineer, for re-approval of Tract No. 15574, which had been approved by the Council on May 8, 1951, but the ordinance vacating the streets and alleys in this portion was not approved until after that date.

There was a discussion as to why it was necessary to re-approve the map. Mr. Stevens explained that it had been approved on the above date and then the streets and alleys had been vacated afterward, which the County had taken objection to.

Councilman Drale, for clarification, moved that the communication be referred to City Manager Stevens for his recommendation at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following named personnel, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to

serve their probationary periods, effective February 1, 1952, in the classifications and at the compensation indicated:

- (a) Police Officers: Hughy B. Ingram, James P. O'Toole, William C. Shaner, Eugene J. Erbetta and Donnie H. Cook. All at the compensation set forth as the first step for the classification.
- (b) Assistant Garage Foreman: John Disario. At the compensation set forth as the fifth step for the classification.
- (c) Road Foreman: Jack R. Stephens. At the compensation set forth as the fifth step for the classification.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendations under "Personnel". Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That the monthly payments to George Green, for the collection of refuse, be set at \$2,783.29, in accordance with the terms of the contract.
2. To A.T. McKash Company for the purchase of eight metal poles for traffic signals, the sum of \$812.46. (From Public Works Funds)
3. For the purchase of 1-1/2" fire hose, the sum of \$669.50. (A Budget Item)
4. For the purchase of materials and equipment for the Water Department, the sum of \$2,190.60.

Councilman Karlow moved to concur with the recommendations under "Appropriations" Items 1 through 4. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation of Planning Commission made at their meeting held February 6, 1952, on Case No. 227, as follows:

CASE NO. 227: Change of Zone initiated by Planning Commission of Tract No. 4956, from R-3 to M-2, and Lots 10, 11 and 12 of Tract No. 6223 from A-1 to M-2, said property being located between Arlington Avenue and Western Avenue and lying north and south of 203rd Street.

It was the unanimous decision of the Commission that the R-3 property on both sides of 203rd Street east of Arlington Avenue, legally described as Lots 1 to 34, inclusive, and Lots A and B of Tract No. 4956 be changed to Zone M-1 (Light Mfg.) and that the balance of the property in question on both sides of 203rd Street, legally described as Lots 10, 11 and 12 of Tract No. 6223, be changed to Zone M-2 (Heavy Mfg.), excepting therefrom the northwest and southwest corners of 203rd Street and Western Avenue for a distance of 150 feet, which is to remain in Zone A-1 (Lt. Agricultural).

A third and final public hearing must be held before the City Council, which cannot legally be held before March 11, 1952, in order to comply with the necessary public notice requirements.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and to set the suggested date of March 11, 1952, as the time of the public hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation of City Manager Stevens as follows:

" I respectfully recommend to your Honorable Body that a position classification and salary schedule survey be made for the employees of the City of Torrance,

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The rapid growth of our city has necessitated a considerable increase in the number of City employees. The duties and responsibilities of a number of employees have been materially changed. The position classification survey will properly classify each employee in our organization.

A salary schedule survey is recommended, so that compensation inequities can be corrected, the present cost-of-living index considered and the City's salary schedules be maintained at a favorable level in comparison with those of comparable cities in the area.

With the aid of the California League of Cities, most of the required data can be obtained and compiled in the City Manager's office. Some expert personnel services from outside sources will be desirable.

The survey should be completed and accepted by May 15, 1952, in order that the results may be included in the 1952-53 budgets.

In the interim, and to become effective February 16, 1952, I recommend that the salary schedules for the classifications of Police Sergeant and Engineer (Fire Department) be advanced one step from \$283-295-307-320-334 to \$295-307-320-334-348. The recommended advance will give the Sergeants and Engineers a pay differential of \$28 per month more than the classification of Police Officer and Fireman, such a differential being more in keeping with the increased duties and responsibilities involved and more in line with the practice followed in comparable cities."

Councilman Karlow moved to concur with the above recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND GEORGE C. POWELL AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2242. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2242. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2243

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 EAGLE AVIATION.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2243. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2243. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2244

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PETITIONING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACT FAVORABLY UPON AND ADOPT BILL S-940 OR H.R.-4484 PENDING IN THE 82ND CONGRESS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2244. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2244. Motion seconded by Councilman Karlow carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2245

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BARNETT, HOPEN AND SMITH.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2245. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2245. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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City Manager Stevens informed the Council that he had received a preliminary estimate from the Supervisor of the Special Census, the figure being 31,517. He said the Census Bureau had cooperated fully and were going to try to get the official count out by March 1st, which would mean that we can have the new population apply to the April-June quarter. This would mean an increase of approximately \$5,400 for the quarter. The revenue per year will be increased approximately \$65,000, most of which is Gas Tax money and will have to be expended on streets and highways.

Councilman Karlow said recently discussion had been held on the revision of the License Ordinance and he had come across another item, which he would like considered, this being the license of the gum-ball machines, which at present carries a charge of \$2.00 for each machine. As a result, the Lions Club is unable to derive a proper revenue from their machines, the profit from which is used for philanthropic purposes. As the Council is sympathetic with such purposes, Councilman Karlow moved this license fee be set at \$24 per year and incorporated in the revision of the ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Karlow questioned Attorney Hall on the latest information on the Redondo Beach - Torrance boundary line in the Hollywood Riviera district. Attorney Hall replied that he had been unable to get anyone in that city to take a step, that he had contacted the City Attorney, his Deputy and the City Manager. Commander Mason said he had talked with Mr. Clyde Marsh of that city and he had questioned Mr. Mason on what Torrance was doing about their part of the program. Attorney Hall said he had talked to Mr. Marsh and that it is a question of bringing the two cities together and agreeing on the line. Commander Mason said it was his understanding that an agreement had already been made on the boundary line.

Councilman Blount moved that Mayor Haggard write a letter to the Mayor of Redondo Beach and arrange a meeting of the two Councils. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Commander Mason asked that consideration be given to a Sign and Billboard Ordinance, stating that sometime ago the Mayor had appointed a committee to study this problem, but no action has been taken. Mayor Haggard appointed the following committee to study the matter and see that we have such an ordinance, their report to be made directly to the City Attorney: Councilmen Spelman, Drale and Karlow and City Manager Stevens.

Mr. Kilgroe asked if some action could be taken on the water in his district, which subject had been discussed earlier in the meeting. A general discussion followed and Councilman Karlow moved the City take the necessary steps to abate the mosquito nuisance and to give consideration to the water problem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett stated that we have a contract with the Board of Health and, in his opinion, the matter should be reported to them. Mr. Thomas replied that one of the residents in the area had done so and had been told that the rains were an act of God and there was nothing they could do about it.

There being no further oral communications, Councilman Spelman moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:54 P.M.

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

APPROVED:

Bob L. Hayward
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE