

Torrance, California
July 26, 1955

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on July 26, 1955, at 8:00 p. m., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Hamilton led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation. On behalf of the Council, Mayor Isen thanked Rev. Sippel for his attendance at the Council meetings during this past month, and expressed his hope that other members of the Ministerial Association will be present at future meetings so that there may be spiritual guidance at each and every City Council meeting.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

AWARDS:

Presentation of Certificate to Employees of Water Department by Superintendent, A. E. McVicar.

City Manager Stevens stated that two of the men in the Water Department who were to be presented a certificate were on vacation and Mr. McVicar has asked that this matter be continued for two weeks.

Councilman Drale moved the presentation of certificates to employees of the Water Department be held over until August 9, 1955, at 8:00 p. m. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen announced that due to the number of persons present who were interested in Ordinance No. 760, Rabies Ordinance, and Ordinance No. 344, Dog Leash Ordinance, these two matters would be considered first.

Mayor Isen moved that the discussion be limited to the residents of the City of Torrance who had not previously spoken before the City Council regarding the rabies ordinance and that fifteen minutes be given each side to present their case. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Benstead moved that each speaker be given not more than three minutes to present his case. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen moved that only residents of the City of Torrance who have not spoken before the City Council previously regarding Ordinance No. 760 be allowed to speak. Motion, seconded by Mr. Benstead, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Mayor Isen then called for oral communications from the audience in favor of Ordinance No. 760. The following persons spoke in favor of such an ordinance: Dr. Kurt T. Shery, 1104 Sartori Avenue; Mr. James Redding, 4011 West 175th Street; Mr. George Snyder, 636 Calle Miramar; Herma Tillim, 16840 Osage Avenue, Ruth Vaughn, 1724 Juniper Avenue; Mr. Frost, 628 Calle Miramar.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the ordinance: Mr. V. C. Frith, 22228 Warmside Avenue; Mr. Hill, Citizens Fact-Finding Committee of Highland Park; Eileen Goetz, 5029 Milne Drive; Mrs. Turner, 2024 Martina Ave.; Rita Delmar, Legislative Representative for Humane Affiliates; Estelle Taylor of Hollywood; Mr. Tidmarsh, 2151 Middlebrook Road; Mr. Sparrow, 708 Amapola; and Mrs. Spano, Long Beach.

ORDINANCE NO. 760

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACCINATION WITH RABIES
VACCINE OF ALL DOGS KEPT OR HARBORED OR BROUGHT
WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the ordinance in its entirety.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 760 be disapproved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead: "It seems to me it becomes a matter of dogs or children. I base my opinion on the authority of the medical authority and the County Health Department. It seems to me that they are the people who can really tell you whether this is the proper thing to do. For that reason, I am for this ordinance."

Councilman Drale: "First I would like to tackle the ordinance, if I may. First of all, it is discriminatory in itself because we are depending on one man to determine whether some dogs are too old to be vaccinated and some are not. I think that is putting a lot of authority on one man. It is discriminatory against the owners of dogs. I feel because the majority of the dogs are licensed people have better control of dogs. Certainly we have twice as many cats running free and nobody says cats do not contribute to the rabies situation. We have lots of fur bearing animals that contribute to it. I have three children, daughter nine, boy ten and a boy sixteen. I also have a dog. Incidentally, I talked the matter over with my dog and he doesn't want to be shot. There isn't anything more important today in our Country than the discovery of the Salk Vaccine which is the greatest thing that happened for the prevention of Infantile Paralysis to our children, in this Country. The Republican President of the United States, Mr. Eisenhower, declared it an emergency. What happened? All vaccines that could be made available to the children of the country were going to be given free to those children without charge to the parents provided they had the parents' consent. This is the American way to have things done. Secondly, I want to thank the medical profession. Without them we probably wouldn't be the healthiest country in the world today. Thank you, very much."

Mayor Isen: "First of all I want to thank you for your appearance here both for and against. You have been patient and you have helped me out. I hope that I have been of some assistance individually here in conducting these two hearings. Please keep in mind that this is one civic issue you have demonstrated your interest in by attending Council Meetings. To some of you who haven't been here before, may I say that we have had a larger room full for other matters of interest for other portions of the City on matters pertaining to some certain groups."

If you do not agree with some voting one way and some another way, please keep in mind the thought that I have, and I think you will agree, that after I have worked for fifteen months with the men on this Council that they are sincere. We have studied it a lot. We aren't necessarily going to agree, but realize that comes as a result of what we think the majority of the people in Torrance want and our interpretation of it. Regardless of the way that we vote I think we should all leave this room friends. Personally, I have given this a lot of thought. I feel that it is a step forward to adopt a compulsory ordinance. I am an owner of two dogs. I am not afraid of the word "compulsory" because as a student of law I know that another very fine American principle is that the individual gives up some of his rights for the benefit of the health, welfare and safety of the majority. I also, in considering this matter, have tried to think what the people of Torrance want and I haven't been particularly impressed in the group that lobby either for or against. I agree with everyone that has stated there must be strict compliance with the leash law but the two ordinances could work hand-in-hand and cut down the number of incidents. I would vaccinate my dogs and one of them is eighteen years old. I do think that if this ordinance is defeated, I, for one, am willing to go for the City Council voting to place this matter on the ballot for the general election to be held in April for the vote of the people, and let the people decide."

Councilman Schwab: "What I have will not be very long and that doesn't mean that I haven't given this a lot of thought and study to try to come up with the answer that I think is right. In 1943 this City passed an ordinance - a leash law. We have had it since 1943; we have not enforced it. In 1934 the City passed an ordinance like we have been discussing here tonight. I am not saying it cannot be enforced. I am not saying it cannot be enforced because then I would be saying that if we passed an ordinance here tonight it could not be enforced. After giving this as much study as I possibly could I have tried to come up with what I think is the answer and I have not been swayed one way or the other by what has been said here tonight. I had my mind made up before I came in. I don't mean that it would not have been changed here tonight for I was sitting here listening. I think you will have to agree that we have listened to what you had to say even though we may not agree with a word you said. We have given you an opportunity to say it. That is the democratic way of doing things. But, I feel that the thing for us to do is to enforce the leash law we have and then next year put this on the ballot and let the people decide whether they want this or not. That is the answer that I have come up with. If we were to pass this ordinance tonight, I certainly want to go on record that this leash law ordinance be enforced too. I feel that if we did enforce it we would be taking some of the dogs off the street and by so doing we would be lessening the possibility of rabid dogs biting children. I think it is a step in the right direction."

Mayor Isen then called for a roll call vote of the motion made by Councilman Drale and seconded by Councilman Blount: Councilman Benstead: "No." Councilman Blount: "I have three children and no dogs, Mr. Drale, and I don't believe in penalizing honest people and that is what this ordinance will do. It puts too much power in some guy named Pound Master, whom I don't know. He is not a policeman in this town and doesn't have any police authority in this town and we give him a lot of unconstitutional privileges by this action. I couldn't vote anyway except 'Yes' on your motion as being opposed to this ordinance in its present form and to suggest to his Honor that we do something about Ordinance No. 344 which is the leash law. My vote is 'Yes'." Councilman Drale: "Yes." Councilman Schwab: "Yes." Mayor Isen: "No." Motion, ~~lost~~ *carried* on a three to two vote.

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Mayor Isen moved that Ordinance No. 760 be referred to the people for adoption or rejection at the next regular municipal election which will be held in April 1956. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen stated that it was the opinion of James M. Hall, City Attorney, that Ordinance No. 344 commonly referred to as our "Dog Leash Ordinance" is adequate, if it is enforced.

Mayor Isen moved that a proper letter signed by the Mayor as authorized by the Council be written to both Judges of the Municipal Court of the South Bay Judicial District, to the Pound Master, and to all other interested authorities, indicating the tenor of the Council, as requested by the opinions of the people, asking for a strict enforcement of this ordinance once it reaches court. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved that the Pound Master, who has the contract for enforcing the leash law and who collects our license fees, render a quarterly report to the Council as to his activity, particularly as to the number of strays that have been picked up and the amount of time spent looking for strays within the municipal area of the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:30 p. m. Mayor Isen called a seven minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:40 p. m.

HEARINGS:

Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1, Hearing on Assessment.

The hearing on the Assessment for the improvement of Via Monte D'Oro and certain other streets, assessments and boulevards within what is known as the Hollywood Riviera District #1 in the City of Torrance, California, was opened at 8:00 p. m., July 26, 1955, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer, or the quality of work performed, or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract or the correctness of the assessment or diagram.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented affidavits as to mailing, publishing and posting notices of filing of assessment. Councilman Blount moved that the affidavits be received and filed, seconded by Councilman Schwab and duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Mayor then inquired if any written protests had been filed with the Clerk. The Clerk reported that four protests had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing and then read in full all protests as filed.

Letter from Wm. Schoneman, 401 Via Los Miradores, Redondo Beach, California. City Manager Stevens stated the curb in question is not in the district and therefore does not apply.

Letters from Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Hornbeck, 210 Calle de Madrid, Redondo Beach; John A. Chapman, M.D., 25636 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California; and Mrs. Gertrude Bird King and H. Merle Bird, 300 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo Beach, California.

Mayor Isen moved that the letters be referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney for investigation and report at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved the hearing be continued until the next regular Council meeting to be held Tuesday, August 2, 1955, at 5:30 p.m. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Yukon Avenue Improvement District.

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick, submitting Resolution determining the nature, location and extent of the proposed improvement of Yukon Avenue from Redondo Beach Boulevard to the South line of Tract 16211, by the construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and sanitary sewer system.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.
Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2789

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE NATURE, LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF YUKON AVENUE FROM REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD TO THE SOUTH LINE OF TRACT NO. 16211 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; THE GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; AND THE STATUTE UNDER WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO CONDUCT THE PROCEEDINGS FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2789. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from District Engineer, Division of Highway, State of California, relative to the intersection of Yukon Avenue and 174th Street and the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Calle Mayor.

Chief of Police Haslam stated this was a very dangerous situation because of the curve and hill combined on that highway. He felt that an emergency siren should be installed. Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Traffic Commission and the Fire Chief for their recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Communication from the Health Officer, County of Los Angeles, recommending adoption of an ordinance in the City of Torrance similar to County Ordinance No. 6658 prohibiting poultry and rabbits from being sent into the city and sold, unless they have an identification number in the form of a stamp, clip or label.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the City Attorney and that an ordinance be drafted and presented to the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

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Communication from the County Boundary Commission relative to the proposed Del Amo Avenue Annexation to the City of Redondo Beach. Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Communication from the Director of Planning, The Regional Planning Commission, County of Los Angeles, relative to Amendment No. 302 - Master Plan of Highways, proposing to remove Crenshaw Extension between Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

Mayor Isen requested the City Manager to communicate with them and advise them the proposed amendment meets with the approval of the City Council.

Communication from City Clerk, City of Redondo Beach approving the passing of an ordinance requiring all dogs be inoculated. Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed.

Communication from Standard Gas Company transmitting Statement showing amount due, as of July 10, 1955, from Standard Gas Company to City of Torrance under Franchise Ordinance #389 Dated June 10, 1947, and attaching Check No. 2295 in the amount of \$13.89.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed and requested City Manager Stevens to acknowledge receipt of the check.

Communication from Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation requesting that the City contact the County Auditor's Office and request cancellation of taxes covering that portion of land sold to the City by Kauffman Const. Co. for a park site.

Mayor Isen referred the matter to the City Manager.

Communication from Mrs. Jack L. Clifford and Mrs. Elliott C. Nohr commending Mayor Isen for the official protest which had been made regarding the lack of notice given Torrance by the Los Angeles newspapers.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed.

Mayor Isen requested the City Attorney draft a resolution calling upon the Los Angeles Metropolitan newspapers to recognize Torrance for what it is, its size, its potential and to be given the proper space of reader interest.

Communication containing 17 signatures of property owners and tenants on Winlock Road and Danaha Street backing up to Rolling Hills Road requesting the ditch be filled and a pipe put in to take care of excess water.

Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed and the matter referred to the City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objection, so ordered.

Communication from the WALTERIA Civic Organization transmitting copy of letter to the Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, advising them of objections to the proposed dump site in WALTERIA.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed.

Communication from the WALTERIA Civic Organization referring to their past correspondence requesting additional police protection.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed and the matter referred to the Chief of Police for his attention.

Communication from the Chamber of Commerce stating the request of Jack M. Williams for a house-to-house curb numbering business license in Torrance has been referred to the City Manager.

Chief of Police Haslam recommended this request be denied.

Councilman Drale moved the request of Jack W. Williams be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY MANAGER:

AWARD OF BIDS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT.

1. That two 3/4 Ton trucks, per specifications, be purchased from Paul's Chevrolet at \$1,504.58 each; less allowance on 1950 trade-in, in the amount of \$425.00; making a net cost of \$2,584.16; that one (1) 3/4 Ton truck, per specifications, be purchased from Oscar Maples Inc., for the sum of \$1,496.25.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. That the bid of Backlunds' for furnishing one (1) International R F 172, three axle truck, per specifications, with Ford and Dodge trade-in, in the amount of \$3,850.00 be accepted.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. That the bid of K & K Body Works for furnishing service bodies, per specifications in the amount of \$573.71 each for three (3) units, be accepted.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. That the bid of Garwood Industries for furnishing body and hoist, per specifications, for the sum of \$915.20 be accepted.

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

5. That the bid of Winn Ward for furnishing hydraulic truck crane, per specifications, for the sum of \$4,625.00 be accepted as being the lowest complete bid and furnishing the equipment that fits the needs of the Water Department best by allowing a longer loading space.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL:

The following personnel, having successfully passed the examination, have been appointed to serve their probationary period as Power Equipment Operator III, effective August 1, 1955:

1. Kenneth G. Kirkruff
2. Joseph A. Williams, Sr.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, Items 1 and 2 under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:10 p. m. Mayor Isen declared a ten-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:20 p. m.

Councilman Blount left the meeting at 10:10 p. m.

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ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, submitting street easement for the widening of Carson Street westerly of Flower Avenue.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2790

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 GEORGE W. NEILL AND CARRIE FEELY NEILL.

Councilman Schwab moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2790. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. Communication from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick, submitting street easement for the completion of Spinning Avenue, the balance of which was dedicated under Tract No. 20519.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2791

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 GEORGE FOUTTS AND EVELYN FOUTTS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2791. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, submitting storm drain easement from City of Torrance to L. A. County Flood Control District to be used in connection with Project #241.

Mayor Isen moved the communication be filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2792

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN STORM DRAIN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2792. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. Tentative Tract No. 22022: Transmittal Form from Engineering Department and Planning Commission recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22022, being a re-subdivision of Lots 1 to 16 inclusive, of Tract No. 15569, which is located in the Seaside Heights area, containing 12 lots, presented by Lynne Gardens.

City Manager Stevens stated this was an odd size subdivision but this was the only way they could get any use out of it. The lot sizes did comply, however. The school property abutts against it.

A short discussion was held regarding the minimum 80-foot depth pad. Mr. Baum, Seaboard Engineering Company, representing the subdivider stated the banks run approximately 20' to 25' in height at the rear of those lots. There will be planting on the slopes and a ditch will be put part way down the bank so that any water coming down the bank will be intercepted and carried off into a ditch.

Councilman Benstead stated he felt that these conditions should be stipulated. A short discussion was held in regard to continuing Dennis Road thru to Bindewald Road. Mr. Baum stated that he felt there was too large a slope to make this possible.

Councilman Benstead moved Tentative Tract No. 22022 be referred back to the Planning Commission for further particulars and more details per the special conditions noted. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

5. Tentative Tract Map No. 19835: Transmittal Form from Engineering Department and Planning Commission recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 19835, located westerly of Arlington Avenue, easterly of the elementary school and 225 feet northerly of 174th Street, presented by Property Management Corporation and containing 16 lots.

Councilman Benstead stated he did not approve this tract map and felt a street should run out of the tract instead of the cul-de-sac. Councilman Drale stated the area on the east is owned by the Torrance Unified School District; the property on the north is a dairy; and with 174th being a State Highway, it may be hard to get a street thru that area.

Councilman Drale moved Tentative Tract Map No. 19835 be held over for a week until the City Council makes investigations of this particular area. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

6. Final Tract Map No. 20473: Letter from J. R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engineer, asking for re-approval of Final Tract Map No. 20473, located southerly of Torrance Boulevard, northerly of Sepulveda Blvd., easterly of Redondo Beach City Limits, containing 558 lots, presented by Don Wilson-Milton Kauffman Construction Co., et al.

A lengthy discussion was held with Don Wilson, 24 Portugese Bend Road, representing Milton Kauffman Construction Company regarding the trees which had been removed along Sepulveda. City Attorney Hall stated that all city-owned trees are located on street easements. Councilman Benstead stated that if trees have to be removed in these subdivisions that approval of the City Council should be received prior to the removing of the trees. Mr. Wilson stated that he would write a letter to the City Council stating the types of trees, distance between the trees, and in general the tree program he has planned for this subdivision. Councilman Benstead stated he would request such a letter and also requested the Council be notified of the type of trees being removed in the future as they may be valuable when landscaping the new Civic Center.

Mayor Isen stated this final map was approved by this Honorable Body on June 28, 1955 but due to the necessity for the signatures of two additional owners to be placed on the title sheet after the date of final approval, he would move that Final Tract Map No. 20473 be approved at this time. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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7. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending denial for Riding and Hiking Trails for Los Angeles County, the proposed trail to enter the City Limits of Torrance from Los Angeles, via Arlington Ave., thence westward to El Nido Park where L. A. County has recreational facilities, camping, etc. From the El Nido Park area it is proposed to build an equestrian path which will connect with the Palos Verdes Loop, the latter being some fifty (50) miles of trail.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

8. Communication from the Planning Commission concurring with the recommendations of The Regional Planning Commission regarding Amendment No. 302 - Master Plan of Highways.

Mayor Isen stated this matter had been taken care of under Item 4 of Written Communications of these minutes.

9. Communication from the Planning Commission recommending the Planning Commission members be paid \$10.00 per meeting, for two meetings each month.

Mayor Isen moved the Planning Commission members be paid \$10.00 per meeting not to exceed two each month, such compensation in lieu of actual expenses per approval of the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen instructed City Attorney Hall to prepare such a Resolution with the effective date being July 1, 1955.

10. CASE NO. 350: Transmittal Form from Planning Commission regarding Change of Zone for Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mayor Isen set August 23, 1955, at 8:00 p. m. for the third and final hearing of Case No. 350.

Councilman Benstead requested all property owners within 300' be notified by mail of this hearing.

REPORTS:

1. Communication from John V. Russell, Superintendent of Building submitting amendments to the Land Use Ordinance No. 612. A short discussion was held regarding the minimum building site area. Mayor Isen requested the minimum building site area be changed to 6,000 square feet instead of 6,500 square feet throughout the draft of the ordinance.

Mayor Isen requested Mr. Russell to be present August 2, 1955, at 5:00 p. m. to discuss this ordinance and at that time point out the differences between the existing Land Use Ordinance and the proposed Land Use Ordinance.

2. Communication from James M. Hall, City Attorney, regarding the Use of Signs in Residential and Agricultural Zones for Small Home Businesses.

Mayor Isen ordered the opinion filed and presented with the other material at the time Mr. Powell renders his report.

Mr. Powell stated that he had been asked to give his report on Aug. 9, 1955, however, the report would be ready by August 2, 1955, if the Council so desired to hear it at that time.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2793

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 R. E. PAYNE, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2793. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens recommended that Casper Clemmer, Park Foreman, be authorized to attend the National Shade Tree Convention in Santa Barbara, August 1 - 5, 1955. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens recommended the bid of the National Cash Register 26" Carriage Accounting Machine in the amount of \$5,870.00 be accepted, and same be purchased.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

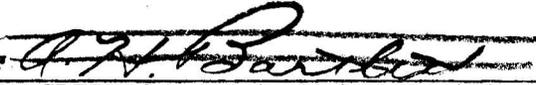
City Manager Stevens stated that Willard Bond and Wife have a "T" hangar at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Mr. Bond is changing his job and leaving the City this Friday. He has a buyer for the "T" hangar, Mr. Frank Gilbert, a business man in Wilmington. Only the consent of the Council permits the sale or transfer of the lease. City Manager Stevens recommended that permission be given Mr. Bond to transfer this lease to Mr. Gilbert.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Benstead stated he felt something definite should be decided regarding the trees planted in sub-divisions. Some discussion was held after which Mayor Isen requested City Attorney Hall to check the sub-division ordinance to see if it sets up a minimum size on trees and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

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

At 11:15 p. m., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Irvin J. Hallanger 

DEPUTY CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

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