

Torrance, California  
August 10, 1948

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, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 10, 1948, at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Drale invited Mrs. Margaret Fordice, City Treasurer, to occupy one of the seats at the Council Table during the present meeting and at all subsequent meetings.

Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 27, 1948 be approved as written. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the time has arrived for opening bids for Street Sweeper.

Clerk Bartlett opened, examined and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
Crook Company 2900 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles 11, Calif.	1 Lorraine Street Sweeper as specified in bid, f.o.b. Torrance	\$7,300.00

Delivery within 30 days.

Cash discount 2% for payment within 20 days of delivery date.

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Smith Booth Usher Co. 2001 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles 54, Calif.	1 Model 40, Austin-Western Patrol Sweeper, as specified in bid, f.o.b. Torrance, subject to State Sales Tax	\$7,400.00
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Terms: Net 30 days.

Delivery: Four months from date of receipt of order.

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Burgdorff-Reed 1012 West Palmer Street Compton, California	1 Pick-up Burgdorff Street Sweeper as Specified in bid, f.o.b. Torrance, including delivery and initial field service if required, plus any applicable taxes	\$5,500.00
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Delivery can be made within 90 days after receipt of order.

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<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
Brown-Bevis Equipment Co. 4900 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles 11, Calif.	1-Wayne Motor Pick-up Street Sweeper as specified in bid, delivered at City Yard, plus 2½% State Sales Tax	\$8,200.00

Terms of payment: 30 days net cash after delivery.

Delivered at Torrance within 120 days from date of order.

Certified check for \$850.00 accompanied the bid.

Zimmerman Company 5320 Valley Boulevard Los Angeles 32, Calif.	1 used in good condition pick-up type Austin- Western Street Sweeper, driven by a Minnesota- Moline 4 cylinder gasoline engine (similar to a Austin- Western Model 40) delivered.	\$1,800.00
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Subject to prior sale. Can be inspected at 5320 Valley Boulevard, Los Angeles. Delivery can be made at once.

Lee & Thatro Equip. Co. 820 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles 21, Calif.	1 Model E "Gutter-Snipe" pick-up Street Sweeper, as specified in bid, f.o.b. Torrance, ex- clusive of Sales Tax	\$6,300.00
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Delivery is from stock.

Certified Check for \$650.00, accompanied the bid.

Elgin Sweeper Company Elgin, Illinois	1 Elgin 81 Motor Sweeper as specified in bid, f.o.b. Torrance plus California State Sales Tax	\$9,995.00
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Councilman Jackson moved that the bids for Street Sweeper be referred to City Engineer Stevens for his recommendation to the Council. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the time had arrived for opening of bids on a Two-Way Radio Communication System.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
Radio Corp. of America RCA Victor Division 1560 N. Vine Street Hollywood, California	Item 1. One Main Station Transmitter and Receiver with remote control Console	\$1,679.28
	Item 2 Five mobile Trans- mitter and Receivers in- stalled in automobiles	\$2,895.65

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<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID</u>
Radio Corp. of America	Item 3. Three mobile Transmitter and Receivers installed on fire engine pumpers	\$1,773.39
	Item 4. One mobile Transmitter and Receiver installed on Fire Chief's car	\$ 579.13
	Total Bid	\$6,927.45

Cashier's Check for \$750.00 accompanied the bid.

Link Radio Corporation	Item 1	\$1,380.00
125 W. 17th Street	Item 2	2,150.00
New York, N.Y.	Item 3	1,315.00
	Item 4	425.00
	Total Bid	\$5,270.00

Bid Bond for \$550.00 accompanied the bid.

Mobile Communications Co.	Item 1	\$1,571.83
110 W. Ocean Blvd.	Item 2	2,217.25
Long Beach 2, Calif.	Item 3	1,330.35
	Item 4	448.45
	Total Bid	\$5,562.88

Bid Bond for \$700.00 accompanied the bid.

Motorola Inc.	Item 1	\$1,271.00
5019½ Lankershim Blvd.	Item 2	2,052.00
North Hollywood, Calif.	Item 3	1,578.00
	Item 4	428.00
	Total Bid	\$5,329.00

Bid Bond for \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Powell moved that the bids for a Two-Way Radio Communication System be referred to the City Engineer, Chief of Police and Fire Chief for recommendation to the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication from George P. Thatcher was read expressing appreciation of Bus Operator James Hale's courteous consideration of his passengers and the careful manner in which he operates his bus.

A communication from Rev. C. G. Wood, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Pueblo, was read requesting use of the Civic Auditorium on Saturday night, August 21, 1948, for a benefit dance to be sponsored by the Pueblo Social Center, a Community Chest subsidized Center, under the direction of the Catholic Youth Organization of Los Angeles.

Councilman Haggard moved that the request be granted providing the date is open, and that the City Engineer be authorized to write a letter to Father Wood granting him the use of the Auditorium. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from A. N. Ferguson, Secretary, Belvedere Mutual Water Company of El Nido, was read expressing the desire of the company's Board to meet with the Council for the purpose of talking over the water situation of the Belvedere Mutual Water Company.

Councilman Powell moved that a letter be forwarded to Mr. Ferguson informing him that the City Council will meet with the Torrance Water Company at their Regular Meeting on September 13, 1948, at which time the members of his Board can discuss their problem. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Junior Ashley was read requesting a refund on Business License No. 16, for a Shoe Shine Parlor, issued July 7, 1948, having been in business for less than a month.

Councilman Powell moved that Mr. Ashley be refunded \$10.00, being the unused portion of Business License No. 16. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from J. H. Thorp was read advising that Mr. and Mrs. Appenzellar and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thorp, owners of a vacant lot on Cravens Avenue, consent to the use of that property for a series of Evangelistic Meetings to be held by Rev. Lester D. Patterson, Seventh-Day Adventist Minister.

Councilman Haggard moved that Rev. Lester D. Patterson be granted permission to erect a flame treated tent on the Southwest corner of Cravens and Marcelina Avenues, for the purpose of holding a series of Evangelistic meetings. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the California Southern Oil Company was read calling attention to the poor condition of Eshelman Street between 233rd and 237th Streets and requesting that the City keep its streets in repair.

Councilman Drale moved that the communication be referred to the City Engineer for attention. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Wm. E. Jesswein, Owner and Operator of Torrance Trailer Park was read requesting a street light on 212th Street at or near Bow Avenue, the present condition creating a hazard to the residents walking to and from the business district after dark.

Councilman Drale moved that the request be referred to the City Engineer for investigation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A report from City Administrator Stevens was read on the proposed widening of Amapola Street, between Carson and Dominguez Streets, which stated that if the roadway is to be widened, it should be widened to the standard established throughout the city, that is 34' to 36' between curb lines. This would entail removal of existing curbs, lighting system, fire hydrants and sidewalks and relaying or reconstructing them at new locations. The cost of this work would be in excess of \$45,000.00, and that if desired by a majority of the property owners along the street, the improvement should be financed by an assessment district.

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Mr. Stevens also stated that the City's current program for streets and alley maintenance includes the improvement of the alleys flanking Amapola Street, which should be done this fall, and that a seal-coating or armor-coating of Amapola Street will also be included in this year's program.

Councilman Jackson moved that the report be filed. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication, with memorandum attached, from H. L. Byram, County Tax Collector, was read showing projects in the City of Torrance under County Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28, Refunding Assessment Bond Act of 1935. Matter of record.

A copy of a communication, addressed to Municipal Water District No. 2, from Taylor and Taylor, Consulting Engineers, was read, advising that the approximate value of work completed by Sam B. Pearce, Contractor, under the Municipal Water District #2 fourth phase construction program is \$8000.00 as of July 30, and recommending payment of this amount to Mr. Pearce at this time.

Councilman Powell moved that payment of this amount be approved, providing it is approved at the meeting of the Water Company. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for signature 1948-49 contract for library service between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Torrance; the budget for this service having been approved by the Council at a previous meeting.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:  
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for renewal, Lease with the Pacific Electric Railway Company for the maintenance of four parcels of said Company's Torrance Line right-of-way property; the rental therefor to be \$5.00 for a full five year term.

Councilman Jackson moved that the lease be referred to the City Engineer for recommendation at the next Regular Meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1924

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF PINE KNOLLS, INC., A CORPORATION, AS AGENT AND TRANSFEREE OF PINE KNOLLS, INC., A QUIT CLAIM DEED REMISING, RELEASING, QUIT CLAIMING AND CONVEYING CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THIS RESOLUTION SET FORTH AND DESCRIBED FROM REMCO REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ALL ITS RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE CONVEYANCE BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF SAID REAL PROPERTY TO SAID PINE KNOLLS, INCORPORATED, A CORPORATION.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1924 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1924 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Upon being called to vote, Councilman Drale remained silent. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1925

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CANCELING, ABROGATING, AND ANNULING RESOLUTION NO. 1923.

City Attorney Smith explained that, through inadvertance and error, the description in the title of Resolution No. 1923 was not the same as the description in the body of the Resolution, and it was necessary to correct this error.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1925 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1926

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ABANDON AND DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF LAND IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT 10.16 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND DEEDED TO CITY OF TORRANCE BY JAMES W. POST, ET AL., RECORDED IN BOOK 12555, AT PAGE 202, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION AND THE MATTER OF SALE OF THE AFORESAID PROPERTY.

City Attorney Smith explained that this Resolution corrects the error made in Resolution No. 1923.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1926 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1927

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT A PLANNING COMMISSIONER OF THE LOS ANGELES PLANNING COMMISSION, BE ASSIGNED TO THE TASK OF REVISING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE AND MAPS PERTAINING THERETO OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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Councilman Powell asked if any compensation is mentioned in the Resolution.

City Engineer Stevens replied in the negative and said that this resolution opened up the way for negotiations with the County.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1927 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from George W. Stevens, City Engineer, was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

- (1) That Thelma L. Hill be temporarily employed as a Steno-Clerk in the office of the City Attorney, effective August 9, 1948, at a compensation of \$184.00 per month.
- (2) That Lawrence L. Crunk be re-employed as a painter, effective August 11, 1948, at a compensation of \$265.00 per month, with the provision that he become a resident of the City of Torrance within ninety days.
- (3) That Kenneth Christensen be appointed to serve his probationary period as mechanic in the Bus Department, effective August 15, 1948, at a compensation of \$265.00 per month.
- (4) That the Bus Superintendent be granted a car allowance of \$35.00 per month for use of his private automobile in the performance of his duties as Bus Superintendent.
- (5) That a resolution be prepared requiring all City employees to live within the city limits of Torrance, and fixing the time which will be allowed for them to move into the City.

APPROPRIATIONS:

- (1) For the purchase of a Drafting Machine for the Engineering Department, the sum of \$95.00, plus tax.
- (2) For the purchase of a grader and bucket for the Fordson tractor, Street Department, the sum of \$225.00, plus tax.
- (3) For the purchase of a 1948 Chevrolet Sedan without trade-in, the sum of \$1,567.22, including tax.
- (4) For the purchase of Safety Tubes for the Police Department, the sum of \$80.98, including tax.
- (5) For the purchase of books for the City Attorney, the sum of \$470.00.
- (6) For the payment of advertising charges for publishing Civil Service Bulletins, the sum of \$52.92.

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- (7) For the payment to W. E. Bowen for Public Officials Position Bond, for a three year period, the sum of \$526.50.
- (8) For the purchase of a 400-gallon water tank to be installed on Fire Truck, the sum of \$275.00, plus tax.
- (9) For the purchase of chemicals for recharging fire extinguishers, the sum of \$120.60, plus tax.
- (10) For the purchase of ornaments and badges for the Fire Department, the sum of \$156.60, plus tax.
- (11) To the Griffith Company for Street Improvement work as per contract, the sum of \$12,425.65. (From County Aid Funds).
- (12) To the Warren Southwest, Inc. for the rental of construction equipment, the sum of \$1,053.37. (From County Aid Funds).
- (13) To the J.B.G. Trucking Company for road oil, the sum of \$1,397.27. (From County Aid Funds).
- (14) For the purchase of eight (8) reflectors for the Ball Park, the sum of \$73.80, including tax.
- (15) For the purchase of light bulbs for the Ball Park, the sum of \$239.40, plus tax.
- (16) For the payment of expenses incurred in securing and repairing War Assets equipment for the Airport, the sum of \$237.79. (From Airport Funds).
- (17) For the purchase of additional recreation and playground equipment for the Joint Summer Recreation Program, the sum of \$200.00.

REMOVAL OF TREES:

That permission be granted to remove trees at the following location, with the provision that the abutting property owners remove and dispose of same at their own expense:

- (1) Irving E. Whitcomb, 1803-05 Andreo Avenue, pepper trees.
- (2) Rev. C. M. Northrup, corner of Carson Street and Watson Avenue, pepper trees.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendations submitted by City Engineer Stevens. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Haggard moved that an appropriation of \$216.00, plus tax, be made for the purchase of a Victor Adding machine for the City Clerk's office. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett informed the Council that the County Auditor's office had advised him that the Assessed Valuation could be expected sometime Monday, August 16th.

City Engineer Stevens advised that he had talked with Mr. Connolly, Engineer for the Santa Fe, who had promised to have a report on the franchise matter in the hands of the Council early in August. He informed Mr. Stevens that the engineers for Santa Fe are working in the field and on the maps, but had nothing to report at this time, and he would not say definitely when this report could be expected.

In answer to the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board's request that the City Attorney be asked to give an opinion on the Council's previous action, which concurred in the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the minimum building site area remain at 6000 square feet with a minimum 60 foot width, Attorney Smith stated that the 4/5 vote required by the Land Use Ordinance, in his opinion, is in conflict with the City Charter, and he did not think it takes a 4/5 vote to override any action of the Planning Commission. As to the Land Use Ordinance, which it was desired to amend to change the size of a lot from 6000 square feet to 5000 square feet with a 50' frontage, he did not believe this comes within the purview of the 4/5 vote which is separate and distinct. He stated that if the Council desires to repeal the 4/5 clause in the Land Use Ordinance it will not in any way change the present Land Use Ordinance, and in order to change the Land Use Ordinance as to the 6000 square feet, it is his opinion that it will take a vote of the people to change it as the ordinance is one of the initiative acts voted upon by the people.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Treasurer be extended a limited expense account for use of her automobile in the performance of her duties as City Treasurer.

Mayor Sherfey asked if this subject had been discussed at the recent meeting with the City Treasurer.

Councilman Drale believed not, but he said since other employees working for the city are receiving car allowance he believed she should be extended the same courtesy.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion, providing the Council set the amount of the allowance.

Councilman Haggard objected to this action as it will establish a precedent, and he pointed out that this procedure is not in order for an elected officer of the City. He agreed that if the City Treasurer is called upon to use her car for city business, she should be reimbursed, but he did not approve the granting of expense accounts to people who are elected to a public office for which a certain salary has been established.

Councilman Powell said that arrangements have been made for the City Treasurer to come to the office every day and, therefore, she should be granted an allowance.

City Attorney Smith advised that both elected and appointed officers are allowed expenses for the actual use of their car.

Councilman Jackson agreed with Councilman Haggard's remarks and added that the City Treasurer's compensation is set by the vote of the people and that it is not within the jurisdiction of the Council to change it, except to reimburse the City Treasurer for the actual use of her car.

City Attorney Smith explained that there is a difference between the expense and use of a car. The expense is the actual expenditure of money and should be turned in by the person expending it, to be approved by the Committee having charge of that item. The use of a car is an entirely different matter. One is the expense, the other is hiring of the vehicle.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Sherfey called for a vote on the motion before the Council, which failed to carry by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up and file a temporary injunction in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, prohibiting the Santa Fe from transporting or traversing over streets and alleys owned by the City of Torrance, the franchise for which was denied some years ago. Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

Mr. Elder, representing the people of the district through which the Santa Fe railroad runs, spoke at length on the unbearable conditions existing by reason of the railroad and urged the Council to discontinue the franchise and have the railroad removed from that area, which, he declared, is the wish of the people, as shown by the petition which was presented to the Council sometime ago.

Councilman Jackson appreciated the people's wishes, but pointed out that the Santa Fe serves the factories and gives work to many in that area. It was his opinion that a more peaceable solution could be found rather than to take such a drastic action as filing an injunction against the Santa Fe.

Mr. Elder argued that the Santa Fe does not serve the factories, excepting the Ideco Company, and that the proposed rerouting over Madrona will not interfere with this service. He explained that the rerouting would give access to the streets and alleys, that it will not hinder the Santa Fe from transporting to any of the factories. There was further discussion on this point.

Councilman Haggard agreed that something should be done about this situation, but in view of the possible new industrial development in the City, he urged that action be delayed pending receipt of a report from the Santa Fe.

Councilman Drale said it was not his intention to destroy any service to the industries, but he believed that by rerouting over Madrona Avenue it would not affect any new industries coming into that area.

Councilman Jackson stated that this was not the time to take any action in view of certain developments which will take place within the next sixty days.

Mayor Sherfey believed that a more amicable solution can be found rather than by filing a restraining order. He explained that it is general knowledge that a substantial industry is considering a site in Torrance, which will help improve and develop the City, and without a doubt Councilmen Jackson and Haggard had this fact in mind when they asked for a delay of sixty days before taking any action.

There was some discussion on the new industry and its probable location.

City Engineer Stevens explained that there has been considerable rumor that Lever Bros. may select a site in Torrance on which they expect to expend fifteen to twenty million dollars. The question is whether they will decide to locate here or in some other place, and he pointed out that if a suit is filed against the Santa Fe it might be a factor in Lever Bros. deciding not to come into Torrance if the railroad is taken away. He urged that action against the Santa Fe be delayed for a period of sixty days, until Lever Bros. makes their decision. This new industry is a big thing he said, and will bring wealth to Torrance which is something worth considering.

Mrs. Brown remarked that they are aware that Torrance is known as an industrial City, but that they are asking only for the rerouting of the train and not its removal. She declared that sixty days is a long time to wait for taking action, however, as spokesman for her group, she conceded that the Council is right, that the proposed new industry should be taken into consideration, and added, "we leave it up to the judgment of the Council knowing they will be with us 100% and the officers of the Santa Fe will cooperate with us".

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City Attorney Smith explained the procedure if the restraining order were filed. It is a drastic measure he said, and the courts are loath to take away the rights from any individual.

Councilman Powell withdrew his second to Councilman Drale's motion.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Elder if he came as a representative of the people in the Madrid Avenue district.

Mr. Elder replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Drale then asked Mr. Elder if he would be willing to wait sixty days.

Mr. Elder replied, "if the Council will cooperate, I will wait sixty days. I will tell the people and they will be glad to do so".

The Mayor suggested that the City Attorney write to the Santa Fe and that a transcript of the meeting be sent to them.

Councilman Drale amended his motion by adding thereto: If nothing has been done in sixty days that the City Attorney proceed with the temporary injunction prohibiting the Santa Fe Railroad from transporting and traversing over streets and alleys of the City of Torrance, over which there is no franchise. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard and Jackson. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

With reference to the proposed widening of Amapola Avenue, City Engineer Stevens explained that the widening of a street of this type would have to be financed by an assessment district at the request of the property owners.

There was some further discussion on the assessment of this project.

Councilman Jackson moved that the City Attorney be instructed to give the Council a written opinion at the next meeting, on whether the City has the right to lease property around the Flight Strip at the Municipal Airport. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the following named persons: Bronson C. Buxton, C. Merton Gilbert, Albert D. Gianni, Commander Byron Johnson and Robert Deininger, be submitted for appointment to the Planning Commission, to serve for an indefinite period, and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify them of the appointment and that they be present at a meeting to be held in the City Hall on August 17, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication signed by Clovers Fowler, Chairman of the Pacific Smelting Company Strike Committee, was read advising their company is the only non-union company in Torrance; that the employees have decided to form a union; and that they are now affiliated with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers of Los Angeles. The letter states that their employer, Mr. M. D. Schwartz, refuses to meet with the employees to negotiate a union contract. The letter further states that professional strikebreakers are instituting a program of terrorism against their strikers, and the Los Angeles Police are interfering in their strike, which is being conducted in a peaceable and legal manner. The letter asked that the City Council request the Los Angeles City Council to keep its police out of Torrance, and that the Torrance Police be ordered to keep the strikebreakers out of Torrance.

A representative of the new Union, repeated the above requests verbally.

City Attorney Smith remarked that the Council has no authority in this case.

Chief Stroh explained that the pickets gather on the Los Angeles side of Western Avenue and are walking the picket line on the Torrance side of the street; there has been no trouble up to date; and the Los Angeles Police are patrolling its side of Western Avenue and the Torrance Police are doing the same on the City's side of the street.

Councilman Drale moved that this matter be referred to the Chief of Police for investigation. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown asked what progress has been made concerning the abatement of the dust nuisance coming from the land belonging to the Santa Fe.

City Attorney Smith explained that the District Attorney's office has obtained a legal description of the land, from which the dust emanates, for the purpose of filing a criminal complaint, and he was informed that if the City does not hear from the Santa Fe Railway Company in about ten days, the District Attorney's office will start criminal proceedings.

Mr. Dooley, 1006 Sartori Avenue, explained that on Sartori Avenue, north of Torrance Boulevard, there is a strip of land about 20' wide, between the pavement and tracks, which is overgrown with weeds, and he suggested that it be paved at the same time as Sartori Avenue is to be paved.

City Engineer Stevens replied that this strip of land is a right-of-way belonging to the Pacific Electric Railway Company and they plan on improving it.

The City Attorney explained that the City has no jurisdiction over this piece of land.

Mrs. J. Inez, 28300 Park Street, Walteria, asked for bus service for the children of that district. Councilman Powell advised that the Board of Education is buying two additional busses.

Councilman Powell moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 10:25 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Drale, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

*A. H. Bartlett*

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

*J. Hugh Sherfey Jr.*

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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