

Torrance, California
May 10, 1949

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, May 10, 1949, at 8:04 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.

All persons present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of the Council meetings of April 26th and May 3rd be approved as read. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that this was the time for opening of bids on the Hawthorne Boulevard project. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids, each of which was accompanied by an appropriate bond:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Griffith Company	\$ 24,019.50
T. E. Sherlock	24,735.00
McLean Construction Co.	28,398.50
Warren-Southwest, Inc.	21,986.00
H. B. Adair Construction Co.	26,368.00

Councilman Drale made the motion that the Warren-Southwest bid be accepted and contract awarded. Before a "second" could be made, City Manager Stevens advised the City Council that the award could not be made until the contract had been sent to Sacramento for approval. Councilman Drale amended his motion by recommending that the bid of Warren-Southwest be accepted, such recommendation to be sent with the contract to Sacramento. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Sherfey announced that this was the time for opening of bids on the Sepulveda project, between Narbonne and Western. City Manager Stevens announced that the award of this contract could be made by the City Council tonight. Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the following bids, each of which was accompanied by an appropriate bond:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Griffith Company	\$ 14,964.00
Warren Southwest, Inc.	13,370.00
H. B. Adair Construction Co.	16,483.00

Councilman Powell moved that the bid of the Warren-Southwest Company be accepted and the others rejected. Second was made by Councilman Drale and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Sherfey called for written communications and Clerk Bartlett read the following:

ARGENT
A letter from Belvidere Mutual Water Company, of El Nido, requesting the Council's permission for an emergency hook-up to the Torrance water system, to be used for emergency purposes only. Councilman Powell moved that such permission be granted. Councilman Drale asked what the recommendation of the Water Board was in the matter and Mayor Sherfey advised that the matter had been discussed at the Water Meeting on Monday night, and called on Mr. McVicar (of the Water Department) to explain the matter in a little more detail. Councilman Drale then seconded Councilman Powell's motion. Mayor Sherfey then inquired of City Attorney Smith as to whether or not the City Council had authority to act on the matter without the Water Board. He was advised that the Council had no jurisdiction; that it was strictly and solely within the Water Board. The matter was discussed in further detail between the Council and City Attorney Smith. No retraction of the motion was made and same was unanimously carried.

A letter from the Tide Water Associated Oil Company advising the City Council that no receipts or earnings from the Los Angeles County Franchise were received during the preceding twelve months. Matter of record.

A letter from the County of Los Angeles Health Department with respect to unsanitary and illegal housing conditions near 230th Street and Madison, and recommending steps toward condemnation of the six houses in question. Councilman Powell requested that the City Attorney give a written opinion as to what steps are necessary to abate the condition. City Attorney Smith advised the Council that the matter could be handled criminally through the Health & Safety Code or civilly in the superior Court as a matter of condemnation, as the owner is responsible for the maintenance of such a condition. On Councilman Powell's statement that possibly there were similar conditions elsewhere in the City, he was advised by the City Attorney that the same rule would apply -- the Council had a choice of criminal or civil action. Councilman Powell then made the motion that this particular case be handled on the basis of the steps thought necessary by the City Attorney. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

A letter from Ralph W. Gordon, of Manhattan Beach, requesting a license for the operation of a lunch service wagon in the City. Clerk Bartlett reported that Chief Stroh had investigated the man, had found his record in Manhattan Beach to be clear and recommended granting the license. Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in Chief Stroh's recommendation. Second was made by Councilman Drale and motion was unanimously carried.

Claim from Luther H. Carrier, 1560 San Gabriel Avenue, Long Beach 13, for damages which occurred during an accident on Palos Verdes Parkway. Councilman Haggard moved that the claim for compensation be referred to our insurance carrier. City Attorney Smith asked Clerk Bartlett whether or not the claim was verified and on being told "No", he advised the Council that they should reject the claim. Councilman Powell then moved that City Attorney Smith check the claim to ascertain whether or not it meets the requirements of Ordinance No. 463. There being a motion on the floor, Councilman Powell rescinded his motion. Mr. Carrier, who was in the audience, was advised of the procedure he must follow in submitting claims against the City and Clerk Bartlett returned the papers to the claimant for proper submission.

A letter from Pacific Employers Insurance Co. regarding an accident between a truck belonging to Pacific States Oil Company and a City vehicle on April 25, 1949. Councilman Drale inquired as to whether the letter indicated any time of day at which the accident occurred. Since the claim was not properly verified, Councilman Jackson moved that the same be denied and referred to the City Attorney for proper handling. Second was made by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Clerk Bartlett then read an application before the Public Utilities Commission of California from Arnold Milton, President of El Camino Transit, Inc., requesting permission to establish a bus service between Redondo Beach and the Hollywood Riviera District of Torrance. Motion was made by Councilman Haggard that this matter be referred to the Transportation Commission and the Council for study. Councilman Drale asked Commander Mason for any comments he wished to make on the matter. Lengthy discussion was held with Commander Mason, Mr. Patronsky, Mr. Milton, Councilman Haggard, Mayor Sherfey and City Manager Stevens all participating. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Patronsky asked that the matter be tabled until a future meeting since the service proposed by Mr. Milton was not much of an improvement over the present service being given by Torrance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion as made by Councilman Haggard and the same was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The recommendations of City Manager Stevens were then read, as follows:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Robert E. Lamphere and Herbert R. Burgess, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to serve their probationary period as Truck Drivers, effective May 1, 1949, and that their compensation be at the rate of \$231.00 per month.
2. That Gladys Stock be temporarily employed as a Typist Clerk, effective May 9, 1949, and that her compensation be at the rate of \$176.00 per month.
3. That Kenneth G. Kirkruff be temporarily employed as a Lubrication Man, effective May 10, 1949, at a compensation of \$221.00 per month.
4. That the Council authorize the preparation of a job classification and salary bracket for the following:
 - a. Lubrication Man
 - b. Welder

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the construction of a rest room and tool shed at El Retiro Park in the Hollywood Riviera District, the sum of \$1,000.00. (From Public Works Fund)

2. For modernizing the Fire Department's Mack Fire Engine, including high pressure pump, the sum of \$4,500.00. (From Unappropriated Reserve)
3. That a tentative budget for the Joint Summer Recreation Program, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for salaries, be approved, said sum to include the salary of Elmer Moon.
4. For the purchase of a revolving Aerial Ladder for the Park Department, the sum of \$1,350.00. (From Unappropriated Reserve)
5. For installing of water lines for airport, in the amount of \$2500.00. (From Public Works Fund)

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary resolution and the Police Department be authorized to install the following regulatory signs in conformance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:
 - a. Two-way STOP on Arlington Avenue at 182nd Street;
 - b. Two-way STOP on Middlebrook Road at Cabrillo Avenue;
 - c. 25-mile per hour zones:
 - (1) Middlebrook Road from Gramercy Avenue to Walnut Street; and
 - (2) Huber Avenue from Walnut Street to 234th Street.
2. That the City Council authorize the invitation of bids for the following:
 - a. Gasoline requirements for year 1949-50.
 - b. Garbage and refuse collection for year 1949-50, or longer.
3. Renew contract with South Bay Humane Society.

City Attorney Smith advised the City Council that item 1, under Miscellaneous, should be corrected to read "prepare the necessary ordinance" before motion was made. Councilman Jackson moved that the Council go on record as concurring with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance under item 1, Miscellaneous. Councilman Drale questioned the recommendation for the installation of water lines at the airport because of the difference in the previous estimate of \$1500.00 and the present figure of \$2500.00. The matter was discussed briefly and Councilman Haggard seconded the motion as made by Councilman Jackson, which was voted on in the following manner: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Drale not voting.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1988

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO LEASE A SITE ON THE PREMISES OF TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR THE SALE OF AVIATION GASOLINE AND ENGINE OIL.

Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1988; seconded by Councilman Powell and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1989

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THAT CERTAIN "AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA DATED MARCH 7, 1949.

Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1989; seconded by Councilman Haggard and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1990

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PURCHASE OF TAX DEEDED LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT.

Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1990; seconded by Councilman Jackson and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1991

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING "GUADALUPE AVENUE" TO "MULLIN AVENUE".

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1991; seconded by Councilman Jackson and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second and final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 461

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING LOTS 4, 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 15, AND LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 18, ALL IN TRACT NO. 2761, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-2 (TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 461 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 461. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 462

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, 1949 EDITION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 312 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 462 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 462 at its second and final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for its first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 464

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE GOVERNING RODENT CONTROL.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 464 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion, which was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale explained that his "no" vote was based on the fact that he had not seen a copy of the ordinance and therefor was not in a position to vote otherwise, and asked that the ordinance be tabled until the next Council meeting.

Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 464 at its first and final reading, which motion was seconded by Councilman Jackson and, Clerk Bartlett not having read the Ordinance in full, said motion was defeated by the following roll call vote, urgency ordinances requiring unanimous vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Councilman Drale not voting.

Clerk Bartlett then read a communication from William H. Munds, Secretary of the Torrance Planning Commission, advising that at a meeting held May 3, 1949, the Commission considered the following matter and recommended approval by the City Council.

CASE NO. 163: Petition of Doris and Roy P. Dolley for a Change of Zone from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial) on approximately 1,175' of property fronting on the north side of Pacific Coast Highway, easterly from the most southeasterly corner of Tract No. 15397 (Seaside Heights).

It will be necessary to set a date for the third and final Public Hearing before the City Council. This hearing cannot legally be held before June 14, 1949, in order to comply with the necessary public notice requirements.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Jackson. Councilman Haggard intervened before the vote was taken and said he thought some study should be given the matter and that the Council should not actually concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission until after the hearings have been held. Councilman Powell and Jackson rescinded their motion and second, and Councilman Powell rephrased his motion by moving that the City Council receive the recommendation of the Planning Commission, withholding the Council's recommendation until the hearing to be held on June 14th. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Haggard suggested to City Manager Stevens that if he had not as yet appointed his Taxation and Budget Committee, he had several names to submit: Sam Levy, merchant; John L. Stevens, C.C.M.O. Superintendent; and Bob Plomert, representing General Petroleum.

Councilman Powell moved that the City Attorney draw an ordinance covering the abatement of obnoxious weeds, etc.; seconded by Councilman Jackson. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Powell said that at the last Council meeting, Chief McMaster had reported on a dangerous oil derrick. Notice of Nuisance was posted and 24 hours later the derrick was dismantled. He expressed his appreciation for the manner in which the situation was handled. He also asked that the Assistant City Engineer and the City Manager look into Ordinance No. 316 with reference to fences, hedges, etc., and that necessary steps be taken whereby a deputy could be named who would have control over the situation instead of leaving it to the Police Department to investigate and handle.

Mayor Sherfey extended a welcome to the Junior Statesmen from the High School present in the Council Chamber and expressed the pleasure of all the City officials in having the students as the City's guests on Thursday. Mr. Reynolds, of Torrance High School, made the response on behalf of the Junior Statesmen, thanking the Council for its cooperation.

Councilman Drale advised the audience, particularly those members of the Recreation Commission present, that he was no longer a member of that Commission but that he would continue to help in any way he could.

Mrs. Rayonette Brown urged that immediate action be taken by the City with reference to the trash and filth on our city streets. She also made inquiry as to the status of the acreage owned by C.C.M.O. and City Manager Stevens replied that several firms had made inquiry of the C.C.M.O. but as yet none of the property had been let for bid.

Mr. Thomas Babbitt of the Recreation Commission expressed regret that Councilman Drale was no longer a member and wondered if possibly one of the other Councilmen would make a trade so that he could remain a member. He also asked if it would be possible to provide for someone to supervise the games, etc., at the Park to avoid monopoly by any one group. Councilman Powell explained that they were working on the budget and asked that Mr. Babbitt see to it that these matters were on the next recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved that A. K. Hill be appointed as a member of the Planning Commission. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that George Olding be appointed as a member of the Planning Commission; seconded by Councilman Drale. Mayor Sherfey asked if they would wait until confirmation of his prospective member could be made and if the matter could be held up until the next Council meeting. The motion having received a second, vote was called for. The motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. Councilman Haggard explained his "no" vote as being based on the fact that he did not know the gentleman and that a sort of "gentlemen's agreement" had been made that no appointment would be made until the field had been sifted.

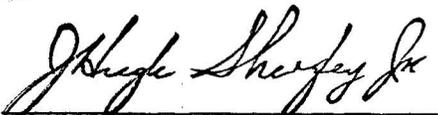
Councilman Haggard moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jackson and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that in the future all appointments to commissions and personnel be approved by the Council in agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:35 p.m., on motion by Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Drale, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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