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Torrance, California
June 14, 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, June 14, 1949, at 8:04 p.m., Mayor Sherfey presiding.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith.

All persons present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Jackson moved minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24th be approved as read. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey declared time had come for the opening of bids for City's gasoline and oil requirements for the fiscal year.

| BIDDER | GASOLINE | | OIL |
|---|----------|---------|-------------|
| | REGULAR | PREMIUM | |
| James A. Ferrie, Tidewater Assoc. Oil Co. Distrib. | .1565 | .1715 | .4725 .6965 |
| Shell Oil Company | .1434 | .1684 | .63 |
| Century Oil Company | .1525 | .1725 | .5125 |
| Union Oil Company | .146 | .171 | .5085 .6255 |
| Ragsdale & Newell, Hancock | .154 | .169 | .61 |
| Signal Oil Company | .1574 | .1759 | .522 |
| Pathfinder Petroleum Co. | .1655 | .1755 | |
| General Petroleum Corp. | .181 | .196 | .0612 |

(above bids show all discounts to the City)

Councilman Powell moved that the above bids be referred to the City Manager for study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously. Councilman Drale interrupted to ask that Councilman Powell amend his motion to include the City Council. Motion was so amended, seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey declared time had come for the opening of bids on garbage and refuse.

| BIDDER | TERM | GARBAGE & NON-COMB. RUBBISH | GARBAGE, NON-COMB. & COMBUSTIBLE RUBBISH |
|---------------------|------|-----------------------------|--|
| Perfect Service | 1 yr | \$2,973.20 mo. | \$7,408.00 mo. |
| | 2 yr | 2,993.00 | 7,600.00 |
| | 3 yr | 3,193.00 | 7,800.00 |
| Dauney Disposal Co. | 1 yr | 2,590.00 | 5,230.00 |
| | 2 yr | 2,590.00 | 5,230.00 |
| | 3 yr | 2,480.00 | 4,997.89 |
| Andrew V. Hohn | 1 yr | 1,800.00 | 3,600.00 |
| | 2 yr | 1,800.00 | 3,600.00 |
| | 3 yr | 1,800.00 | 3,600.00 |
| George M. Green | 1 yr | 1,552.00 | 4,875.00 |
| | 2 yr | 1,535.00 | 4,850.00 |
| | 3 yr | 1,535.00 | 4,850.00 |
| Owan P. Glaze | 1 yr | 1,695.00 | 5,115.00 |
| | 2 yr | 1,680.00 | 5,100.00 |
| | 3 yr | 1,680.00 | 5,100.00 |
| Ben K. Kazarian | 1 yr | 1,999.00 | 5,350.00 |
| | 2 yr | 1,999.00 | 5,350.00 |
| | 3 yr | 1,999.00 | 5,350.00 |

All bids were accompanied by Cashier's or Certified checks in the amount of \$2,000.00 each.

Councilman Jackson moved all bids be referred to City Manager and City Attorney for study and recommendation at next agenda meeting, bid to be awarded at next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced time had come for Planning Commission hearings. City Manager Stevens read Case No. 160, application of D. W. Barnard and S. L. Seymour for rezoning of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 31, Tract No. 2761, from A-1 to R-1 for construction of ten homes; Planning Commission recommending approval. There being no protests, Councilman Jackson moved Council concur in recommendation of Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens read Case No. 163, application of Doris and Roy P. Dolley for rezoning of 1175' of property fronting on Pacific Coast Highway, from A-1 to C-2 for business and shopping facilities; Planning Commission recommending approval. Councilman Drale moved Council concur in recommendation; seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Due to large audience, regular procedure of business was dispensed with; speakers limited to 6 at 3 minutes each. Clerk Bartlett read communication from V.F.W. Post No. 3251 applying for license to operate Keno Skill Quiz game. Lengthy discussion ensued with all members of Council questioning Commander Dean, Attorney Samuelson and Attorney Woolley. Citizens in the audience - Mrs. Elsie Smith, Mr. Faye Dobson, Mr. A. J. Trahant, Mrs. Mabel Weigand and Mr. Woolley urged license be granted. Further discussion by the Council was had, motion finally being made by Councilman Drale that City Attorney draw an ordinance proposing a permit to be granted by the Council, and that the ordinance provide a fixed sum for the license to operate the game. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, unanimously carried. Mayor Sherfey suggested a meeting between all parties represented, the Council, Chief of Police and City Attorney before ordinance is passed. Councilman Haggard so moved; seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:17 and reconvened at 9:25.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter of appreciation for use of Auditorium from Torrance Terrace Garden Club. Matter of record.

Letter from Torrance Recreation Commission approving use of Auditorium throughout summer by Square Dance Class. Matter of record.

Request from C. T. Rippey, on behalf of Earl Robinett, for refund of overpayment on 1949 oil well license in the amount of \$11.25. Councilman Haggard moved above be refunded; seconded by Councilman Drale and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Letter of appreciation for use of bus taking Cub Scout Pack 241-C to Scout Circus May 6th.

Petition from six business houses requesting limited daytime parking on Carson between Abalone St. and Western Ave.; approved by Traffic Committee (Chief Stroh and City Attorney Smith). Motion by Councilman Jackson that request be granted; seconded by Councilman Drale and unanimously carried.

Request for retail ice cream vendor's license from Thomas L. Herman. Chief Stroh advised applicant has Health Certificate. Councilman Drale moved request be granted; seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Request for retail ice cream vendor's license from Louis Bass, Inglewood Ice Cream Co. Chief Stroh advised applicant has Health Certificate. Councilman Drale moved request be granted; seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Request for retail ice cream vendor's license from George A. Fisher; health certificate attached. Councilman Drale moved request be granted; seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Request for permit to operate hot dog stand at Yukon and Redondo Beach Blvd. from E. A. Smith; health certificate attached. Councilman Drale moved request be granted; seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Petition for street improvement and sewage system in WALTERIA. Councilman Powell moved matter be referred to City Manager; seconded by Councilman Haggard and unanimously carried.

Letters from WALTERIA Civic Organization to the Recreation Commission and City Council re two lighted tennis courts. Councilman Drale asked for recommendation of Recreation Commission; Mr. Lee re-

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ported endorsement. Councilman Powell moved communications be attached to preliminary budget and taken up next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Protest from Walteria Civic Organization on establishment of disposal plant. Held over to be considered with recommendation of Planning Commission.

Request from Seaside Rancho residents for crossing guard at Hollywood Riviera Park during summer. Motion by Councilman Drale that request be granted, with concurrence of Chief of Police; seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Request from Women of the Moose for free use of Auditorium on June 29th for Installation. Councilman Drale moved request be granted, provided Auditorium work is completed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, unanimously carried.

Request from John Wall (Hi-Ho) for dancing permit 3 nights a week. Mayor Sherfey suggested matter be referred to Chief of Police; so moved by Councilman Powell, Chief of Police and City Attorney to make recommendation at next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried.

Request of Torrance Food Center to sell fireworks. Councilman Powell moved request be held by City Attorney with other applications. Councilman Drale stated that by his request the City Attorney had drawn an amendment to Ordinance No. 456 and requested that the amending ordinance be read in full. Clerk Bartlett then read in its entirety urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 468

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 456, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SELLING, USING, POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE".

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 468 at its first and only reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson and Sherfey.

Request of Ernest Rapp for refund of \$35.00 Variance Fee, application having been withdrawn. Councilman Powell advised Mr. Rapp had filed application for rezoning the same day Variance application was withdrawn. City Manager Stevens advised one publication had been made on the first application and cards sent; and fee for rezoning was \$25.00. Councilman Haggard moved request be denied on grounds of expense incurred and that a letter be sent Mr. Rapp. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Statement requesting \$600.00 for music promotion during May and June for Torrance Area Youth Bands. Councilman Powell moved matter be referred to City Manager for inclusion in his next recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Request from Torrance Area Youth Bands for use of Auditorium for summer rehearsals. Motion by Councilman Jackson that request be granted if schedule permits; seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Application for permit from Builders Brick Co. to remove material incidental to manufacture of brick from certain described property. Motion by Councilman Drale that matter be referred to Council for further action; seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried.

Request from Torrance Recreation Commission for use of Auditorium Saturday nights for teen-age canteen during summer. Councilman Powell moved request be referred to City Manager for clearance and subsequent approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, unanimously carried.

Letter from Torrance Planning Commission expressing disapproval of application by City Dump & Salvage Co. to operate an oil sump clean-up business. Protests also made from the audience - Mr. W. A. Ireland, Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Michaels, Mr. Patronsky and others. Mr. Middough (City Dump & Salvage) and attorney Buren explained their proposal. Councilman Drale moved application for permit be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, unanimously carried by following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens. Councilman Drale asked that matters be taken up by groups.

PERSONNEL:

1. That the resignation of William H. Munds, Building Inspector, be accepted, effective June 16, 1949.
2. That John R. Atkinson be temporarily employed as an Engineering Aid, effective June 2, 1949, at a compensation of \$253.00 per month.
3. That Robert Gene Rider, having successfully passed his civil service examination for "Draftsman", be appointed to serve his probationary period, effective June 1, 1949, at a compensation of \$231.00 per month.
4. That the following personnel be temporarily employed in the joint summer recreation program, in the classification designated and at the compensation indicated; with the understanding that the Torrance Unified School District is to bear half of the above costs, plus the salary of Elmer S. Moon during the summer program:

| <u>Playground Supervisors:</u> | <u>Compensation:</u> |
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| Jeannette Probert | \$1.25 per hour |
| Myrna Lou Fossum | 1.25 " " |
| Mildred Lancaster | 1.25 " " |
| Dorothea Balloch | 1.25 " " |
| Doris Avis | 1.25 " " |
| Marlow Rose | 1.25 " " |
| Betty Schaefer | 1.25 " " |
| Cliff Graybehl | 1.30 " " |
| Herbert Robinson | 1.30 " " |
| Boon Kirks | 1.30 " " |
| William Lewis | 1.30 " " |
| Lloyd Jones | 1.30 " " |
| Jay Stroh | 1.30 " " |
| Lyman Noland (6 hrs. Per week) | 1.30 " " |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | |
| George Whiting | 1.00 " " |
| <u>Director:</u> | |
| Rex Welch (incl. car expense) | \$1,000.00 for the entire program |

Councilman Powell moved Personnel recommendations be concurred in by Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, unanimously carried by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For payment to George Green for additional units served under terms of the garbage and refuse contract, the sum of \$1100.00.

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2. For payment to Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services, the sum of \$870.00.
3. For payment to Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, for water service at Airport, the sum of \$283.64 (from Airport funds).
4. For the purchase of Trackson Loader, the sum of \$9350.00, including tax.
5. For the purchase of Type 85 - 750 gal. triple combination pumper fire engine, the sum of \$16,341.50 (from unappropriated reserve).
6. For the purchase of two traffic cars for the Police Department, the sum of \$2,000.00, plus trade-in of one 1946 and one 1947 Ford sedan.
7. For the purchase of a one and one-half ton truck with flat bed, the sum of \$2150.00.
8. For the purchase of playground equipment and materials for a joint summer program, the sum of \$600.00.

Councilman Jackson moved that recommendations be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried by following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Councilman Drale did not vote.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City enter into a contract with the Luippold Engineering Sales Company for the purchase of chlorine gas for the fiscal year 1949-50, for the bid price of \$4.75 per 100 lbs.
2. That the City lease K. Ishibashi approximately eight acres at the Municipal Airport for agricultural purposes, at the rate of \$40.00 per acre for the first year, and \$60.00 per acre for the second and third years.
3. That the City permit the erection of a sign on the Airport by the Rolling Hills Realty Company for a fee of \$50.00 per year.

Councilman Powell moved that recommendations be concurred in. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, unanimously carried by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens handed police car estimates to Clerk Bartlett (allowances made for trade-in of two Fords):

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| Thatcher & Ott | 2 Plymouths | \$ 2,282.54 |
| Paul's Chevrolet | 2 Chevrolets | 1,687.30 |
| Schultz & Peckham ... | 2 Fords | 1,812.80 less |
| | excise tax refund | |

Councilman Powell moved estimates be referred to Chief of Police and City Manager for action. Motion seconded by Councilman Jackson. City Manager Stevens advised matter being administrative and authorization previously having been given by Council, no action need be taken. Councilman Drale asked why bids were then called for and presented. Motion carried by following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Letter from the Torrance Planning Commission:

1. The request of Mr. George Davis for an extension of six months on a Variance granted December 7, 1948, affecting a portion of Lot 17, Block 3, Tract No. 2761, for the purpose of constructing a duplex, was recommended for approval.

2. It was recommended to the City Council that public hearings be held on a Change of Zone for property bounded on the north by Torrance Boulevard, on the south by Carson Street, on the west by Madrona Avenue and on the east by Crenshaw Boulevard, as per the map prepared by Mr. Lloyd, Planning Engineer.

3. A recommendation to the City Council was made to amend Ordinance No. 316, so that notice of public hearings on Change of Zones could be made by posting public notices on streets, instead of mailing postal cards to property owners within a 300' radius of the property to be rezoned.

Councilman Powell moved for concurrence in recommendations and that reference to the Ordinance be referred to Council for consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried by following roll call vote: AYES: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NAYS: Drale.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1995

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of Resolution No. 1995 be dispensed with; seconded by Councilman Haggard and unanimously carried by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1995; seconded by Councilman Jackson; unanimously carried by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 1996

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES APPLICABLE TO THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING THAT PORTION OF WESTERN AVENUE, FROM TORRANCE BOULEVARD TO ANAHEIM STREET, WHICH LIES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSTRUCT SUCH PORTION OF SAID WESTERN AVENUE AS LIES WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1996 be dispensed with; seconded by Councilman Drale and unanimously carried by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1996; seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 469

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 249.

Councilman Drale moved that ordinance be tabled until next regular meeting for further discussion by the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously. Councilman Drale moved the Council meet with Civil Service Board and Police and Fire committees before the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously. Meeting tentatively set for Monday night, June 20.

ORDINANCE NO. 470

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CIVIL SERVICE ORDINANCE NO. 326.

Councilman Powell moved that this ordinance be tabled and considered along with Ordinance No. 469. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 471

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE DEPOSITING OF GARBAGE, COMBUSTIBLE OR NON-COMBUSTIBLE RUBBISH UPON ANY STREET OR ALLEY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 471 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 471 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 472

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE OBSTRUCTION OF SURFACE WATERS, CAUSING DAMAGE TO STREETS AND ALLEYS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Jackson moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 472 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

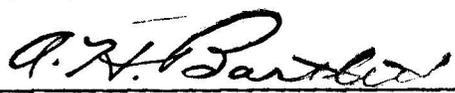
City Clerk Bartlett acknowledged receipt of the Proposed Budget 1949-1950. Councilman Powell moved preliminary budget be accepted for review until next meeting; seconded by Councilman Drale and unanimously carried.

Councilman Powell read a letter from Mr. Lee, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, suggesting advantage be taken of free survey of recreational needs offered by State Department of Recreation; moved that letter be transmitted to office of City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale and carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale reported several streets in need of repair and lighting.

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

At 11:15 p.m., on motion by Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Drale, and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned until 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 21st.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE