

Torrance, California  
June 28, 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, at 8:06 p.m., Mayor Sherfey presiding. Members responding to roll call were: Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Also present were City Attorney Smith, City Manager Stevens and Clerk Bartlett.

The salute to the Flag was participated in by all persons present.

As first order of business, minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14th and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of June 21st were approved as read on motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Powell and unanimously carried.

Mayor Sherfey announced the time had come for the opening of Garbage Bids for the ensuing year.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>GARBAGE &amp; NON-COMB. RUBBISH</u>	<u>GARBAGE, NON-COMB. &amp; COMB. RUBBISH</u>
Downey Disposal Co.	1 yr.	\$2,590.00	\$ 5,230.00
	2 yr.	2,500.00	5,090.00
	3 yr.	2,440.00	4,930.00
Bid accompanied by Cashier's Check for \$2,000.00			
Robert J. Hohn	1 yr.	\$2,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
	2 yr.	2,300.00	4,300.00
	3 yr.	2,100.00	3,900.00
Bid accompanied by Bid Bond of \$2,500.00			
George M. Green	1 yr.	\$1,525.00	\$ 4,835.00
	2 yr.	1,525.00	4,835.00
	3 yr.	1,525.00	4,835.00
Bid accompanied by Certified Check for \$2,000.00			

Councilman Jackson moved that bids be referred to City Manager for study and recommendation at the Adjourned Regular Meeting on June 30th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced the time had come for the opening of Insurance Bids for the ensuing year.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>FIRE, THEFT &amp; COMPREHEN.</u>	<u>COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY COVERAGE</u>
Lund Co.	\$ 636.93 yr.	\$ 5,007.59 1st year
Torrance Gen. Ins. Agency	588.57	5,445.17 1st year
		5,445.17 2nd year
		2,722.58 6 mos.

Councilman Jackson moved that bids be referred to City Manager for analysis and recommendation at the Adjourned Regular Meeting on June 30th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter and renewal contract with Torrance Herald for printing of legal notices. Councilman Jackson moved contract be referred to City Manager for his recommendation at next Adjourned Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

Audit proposal from Logan R. Cotton for fiscal year. Councilman Powell moved matter be referred to City Manager and City Attorney for study as to form and referred back to the Council at the Adjourned Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, unanimously carried.

Letter from Y.M.C.A. commending Council on action taken on Keno-Quiz. Matter of record.

Letter from Torrance Chamber of Commerce commending Council on action taken on Keno-Quiz. Matter of record.

Request from Mrs. John Scanlon for permission to keep house trailer on premises at Paseo de La Playa (Hollywood Riviera) while building their home. Councilman Powell advised he had looked into the matter and moved the request be granted for 90 days. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Re request of Ernest Rapp, read last meeting, for refund of variance fee, Clerk Bartlett advised the Council there was a refund due of \$30.00 and recommended it be allowed. Councilman Jackson moved Council concur in recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Verified claim in estimated amount of \$150.00 from Pacific Telephone for poles damaged and broken by City equipment. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for study and recommendation at next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett re-read request of Dona Corporation for refund of license fee and explained matter had been previously tabled as the license had not been returned but was now in his possession and recommended refund. Councilman Jackson moved Council concur in recommendation of Mr. Bartlett. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 1997

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, A CONTRACT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 1997. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 473

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 316.

Councilman Drale asked for an opinion as to effect on industry which is in a proper zone. Councilman Powell moved that the Ordinance be held for a special agenda meeting and discussed with the City Attorney at that time. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously. City Attorney Smith explained the amendment to Ordinance No. 316 was to give his office authority to prosecute persons violating our Land Use Ordinance; that it would have no effect on industry; that the City couldn't prosecute any industry which was in a zone set up for that purpose. Mr. R. J. Plomert (representing Industries Tax Committee and Chamber of Commerce) asked that the matter be given careful consideration before passage.

ORDINANCE NO. 474

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 31, TRACT NO. 2761, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE.

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Councilman Powell moved further reading of Ordinance No. 474 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 474 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 475

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 1175' ON NORTH SIDE OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY EASTERLY FROM SOUTHEAST-ERLY CORNER OF TRACT NO. 15397 FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of Ordinance No. 475 be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 475 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read the recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Robert L. Chambers be temporarily employed as a Playground Assistant during the summer months, effective June 23, 1949, at a compensation of \$1.00 per hour.
2. That Elmer Moon be granted an allowance of \$25.00 per month during the Summer Program for the use of his private automobile in conjunction with the Summer Program.

Councilman Powell moved for concurrence in recommendations of City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For painting the interior of the Civic Auditorium, the sum of \$495.71.
2. For the purchase of microphones and speakers for Civic Auditorium, the sum of \$737.90.

Councilman Jackson moved that Council concur in recommendations of City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a Summer Recreation Agreement with the Torrance Unified School District.
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a lease with the Palos Verdes Corporation for the erection of a sign at the Municipal Airport.

Councilman Drale moved that Council concur in recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinances to establish the following traffic control measures, in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission:

1. Stop Signs:
  - a. On Arlington Ave. at 174th St., both sides.
  - b. On Crenshaw Blvd. at 174th St., both sides.
  - c. On Madrona Ave. at Sepulveda Blvd.
  - d. On Crenshaw Blvd. at Sepulveda Blvd.
2. 25-mile per hour zone:
  - a. Newton St.  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile east of Madison Avenue.
3. Limited Parking:
  - a. Loading and unloading zone in front of Stadium Theatre.
  - b. 2-hour parking on south side of Carson St. between Abalone Ave. and Western Ave.

Councilman Powell moved for concurrence in recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read communication from the Planning Commission re the following cases:

CASE NO. 166: Petition of Jose Olloque for a Variance and Conditional Permit to use the existing building, located at 2243 - 203rd St. between Arlington Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd. as a Dry Cleaning Store and Pool Hall. This building is located in an R-3 (Multiple-Family) Zone. "It was decided that this location was not suitable for the combination business of a Dry Cleaning Store and Pool Hall and the motion recommending the denial of this Variance was unanimously carried."

Councilman Drale moved this matter be referred back to the Planning Commission and City Council for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

CASE NO. 167: Petition of Mary Frenger for a Variance and Conditional Permit to use her home, located at 3657 Emerald Street, as a restaurant. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone. "A motion recommending the approval of this Variance to the City Council was unanimously carried."

Councilman Powell moved Council concur in recommendation and approve request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

There being an emergency call for Mayor Sherfey, a 5-minute recess was declared at 8:46 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m., Councilman Jackson moving Councilman Haggard preside over remainder of meeting in the absence of Mayor Sherfey. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

CASE NO. 168: Petition of Lloyd Prestwich for a Variance and Conditional Permit to use the existing building at 2227 West 182nd St. as a store for the retail sale of feed, equipment and supplies used in fur farming. This building is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone. "It was decided that this business did not fit into the proposed zoning for that district and a motion recommending the denial of this petition was unanimously carried."

Councilman Jackson moved Council concur with recommendation of Planning Commission and deny the petition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

CASE NO. 169: Petition of Mr. and Mrs. Procopio J. Aquino for a Variance and Conditional Permit to construct a vegetable stand at 22788 Hawthorne Boulevard and to sell vegetables, fruits, etc., which are not produced on the premises. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone. "It was the decision of the

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Planning Commission that this stand might not fit into the proposed zoning for that area and a motion was unanimously carried to recommend that a Variance be granted for a two-year period only."

Councilman Powell moved matter be referred back to Planning Commission and City Council at the Planning Commission meeting July 5th. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 15140: This tract is located on the Weston Ranch property on the south side of Newton Street and bounded on the west by Tract No. 15139. "A motion was unanimously carried to recommend the approval of this map, subject to the City Council approving the 5000 square foot minimum for residential building sites."

Councilman Powell moved Tract Map be approved but the matter of the legality of the 5000' be referred back to the City Attorney for his approval and recommendation. Councilman Drale inquired if they could approve the map under the circumstances and City Attorney Smith replied he did not think it proper. Councilman Powell retracted his motion and moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for necessary action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Mayor Pro Tem Haggard entertained a motion that Mr. Smith be instructed to draw an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 316, changing the 6000 square foot minimum to 5000 square feet. Councilman Powell declared such a motion was out of order as the matter had been taken up at meeting of May 24th and carried. However, no request was made of the City Attorney at the May meeting -- Council merely concurred in Planning Commission recommendation.

City Manager Stevens recommended Gas and Oil Contract for fiscal year be awarded Ragsdale & Newell. Councilman Drale so moved and motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale moved that City Attorney draw an amendment to Ordinance No. 326 including the following for the Fire Department:

1. Three working shifts off per month, making a 66-hour per week average;
2. Continuation of present pay step plan;
3. 15-day vacation (as provided in Ord. #249); and
4. Chief of the Fire Department to come from the rank of Captain of Torrance Fire Department.

and including for the Police Department

1. A 40-hour week;
2. Continuation of present pay step plan;
3. 15-day vacation (as provided in Ord. #249); and
4. Chief of the Police Department to come from rank of Captain of Torrance Police Department.

Councilman Powell seconded the motion provided the working hours of the Fire Department be questioned -- 72 hours rather than 66. Councilman Jackson stated that, before such a motion is made for the City Attorney to draw up such an ordinance, it would be well for the Council to study the budget and see whether it would be possible to make such changes. Mayor Pro Tem Haggard concurred. Roll call on Councilman Drale's motion resulted in: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Jackson and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey. Councilman Powell moved that in the absence of the deciding vote, the matter be referred to the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Powell moved that, with the concurrence and knowledge of the City Manager, the building, or buildings, owned or controlled by the Mayer Corp., Mr. Mayer, Mr. Friedman, Sunhaven Corp., or any

other allied person or corporation, be ordered removed immediately from the Hollywood Riviera Parkway and that the City Attorney and City Manager be instructed to offer a nominal amount, such as \$1.00, for the buildings with the understanding that the moving of these buildings to the El Retiro Park might be paid for out of City funds. Buildings have been there quite a long time on street property belonging to the City and the agreement previously made was to allow them to be there only temporarily. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jackson. City Manager Stevens advised the Council that he had taken Mr. Smith out to look at the buildings and letters had not yet been written to the owners because he had not given Mr. Smith the names. He suggested that possibly the City could offer to move the buildings for the buildings. Motion was unanimously carried by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Councilman Powell asked the audience to please disregard any news regarding the airplane accident at Torrance Beach so that the police would not be hindered.

At 9:10 p.m. Councilman Drale moved meeting be adjourned until Thursday, June 30, at 1:30 p.m. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously.

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California  
June 30, 1949

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., Mayor Sherfey presiding. The following Councilmen responded to roll call: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Also present were City Attorney Smith, City Manager Stevens and City Clerk Bartlett.

All persons present participated in the salute to the Flag.

This being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

Clerk Bartlett read the following recommendations of City Manager Stevens: