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Torrance, California
February 28, 1950

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 on Tuesday, February 28, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall.

In the absence of Mayor Sherfey, Councilman Jackson moved Councilman Powell act as Mayor pro tem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Sherfey. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Haggard moved minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14th and the Special Meeting of February 21st be approved as read. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett opened and read equipment estimates as follows:

Southwest Tractor Sales:

1 Ford Tractor, 1950	\$ 1397.50
1 Wagner Skip Loader	574.00
2 Rear Wheel Weights 350# each	64.50
Front Tire & Wheel Exchange 6:00 x 16.	35.00
	\$ 2071.00
1 Ford Tractor, 1950	\$ 1397.50
1 Dearborn Skip Loader	417.00
2 Rear Wheel Weights 250# each	46.50
Front Tire & Wheel Exchange 6:00 x 16.	35.00
	\$ 1896.00

Harron Rickard & McCone Co.:

1 Ford Tractor, 1950	\$ 1397.50
1 Dearborn Heavy Duty Loader	417.00
1 Wagner Heavy Duty Loader	574.00
2 Rear Wheel Weights 340# each	66.50
1 Front Wheel Exchange 6:00 x 16	35.00
1 Cyclone Inside Air Cleaner	10.00

Councilman Jackson moved estimates be referred to City Manager for his recommendation at next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read the following communications:

Letter from Samuel D. Boice protesting license fee for courts. Councilman Jackson moved letter be filed as matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter from Maurice M. Foreman resigning from Civil Service Board. Councilman Jackson moved letter be held for Mayor's consideration and that all vacancies be filled at the next Regular Meeting. There being no second, motion was declared lost. Councilman Jackson then moved the matter of vacancies be considered by the Council as a whole at next agenda meeting and settled at the next Regular Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Claim for damages to car from American District Telegraph Company in the amount of \$91.68. Following a short discussion, Councilman Drale moved matter be filed as matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Request from K. J. Freeman for renewal of his license to sell used cars. Councilman Drale moved renewal permit be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Petition signed by 11 residents requesting grading of Andreo between Santa Fe and Sepulveda. Councilman Drale moved petition be referred to City Manager for immediate attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Memo from Chief Stroh, re Garsh matter referred to him last meeting advising he could make no recommendation at this time. Letter from Mr. Garsh advising the Council of his plans re his auto salvage store. Letter of recommendation from Mr. G. M. Bumpus. Mr. Garsh answered questions of the Councilmen. Councilman Haggard moved request be denied. There being no second, motion was declared lost. Councilman Drale moved matter be referred to the Planning Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Letter from J. R. Patrick requesting re-approval of Tract Map No. 16267 as signature of Mr. Senness had been omitted and County would not accept the map. City Attorney Smith advised such an action should be done by resolution. Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 2045 approving Tract Map No. 16267 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Planning Commission that applications for new business licenses be first approved as to proper zoning by the Engineering Department prior to issuance of license. Councilman Jackson moved to concur in the recommendation and designated Mr. Patrick as the proper individual to handle the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried.

Letter from M. A. Chamberlain relative to federal transportation tax applicable to new fare rates. Councilman Drale moved communication be filed as matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

Letter from City Manager Stevens enclosing copies of passenger "on and off" checks made in Seaside Rancho and Hollywood Riviera Districts and recommending discontinuance of the run. Councilman Jackson moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haggard. Councilman Drale asked for recommendations as to the Long Beach and Harbor Hills runs and was advised checks were being made. Motion was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard and Jackson. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Sherfey. Councilman Jackson then moved the matter of discontinuance be referred to the Council as a whole for study along with the other runs. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Councilman Drale moved that City Manager Stevens report at the next meeting on the profit and loss, and his recommendation, as to Harbor Hills and Long Beach runs. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The following recommendations of City Manager Stevens were then read:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Mr. Frank Carpenter be jointly employed by the City and School District as Recreation Director, effective April 1, 1950, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$4,400.00 per year. Further, that the City Attorney be authorized to prepare a one-year contract for the employment of Mr. Carpenter and a contract with the School District for the joint employment of said Mr. Carpenter.

Councilman Haggard moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

BIDS:

1. That the bid of the Hundley Company, for Type "B" Street Name and Number Signs at \$8.19 each and for 10½' pipe posts at \$6.74 each, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Jackson moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

The following communication from the Planning Commission was read:

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

1. From Peter Nuccio, 4321 Palmero Blvd., Los Angeles, requesting permission to re-open a dairy at 3300 West 182nd Street, which has been closed since May 1949. It was the decision of the Planning Commission to recommend denial of this request because of the housing projects soon to be started on 182nd and 190th Streets.

Councilman Jackson moved the matter be referred to the Council for study. Judge Shidler, as attorney for Mr. Nuccio, advised he had certain facts to present to the Council and suggested the matter be discussed during a short recess. Councilman Jackson withdrew his motion and Mayor pro tem Powell declared the matter would be discussed at recess.

2. From South Bay Community Christian School, 106 South Broadway, Redondo Beach, requesting a variance permitting an elementary school to be built up to the rear lot line, as property backs up to a public park. Property in question consists of lots 35, 36 and 37, Block "P", Tract No. 10300,

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in Hollywood Riviera and is located in an R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) Zone, which allows schools. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the above request.

Commander Mason, on behalf of Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Ass'n requested the Council to order a re-hearing on this matter as his group had received no notice of previous hearing and were vitally interested. Councilman Drale moved matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for re-hearing and that the Ass'n be notified of the date. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

3. From Roland O. Axness, 2432 Cabrillo Avenue, for a temporary permit to close out a few Oleander plants at the above address. Mr. Axness has a State License which expires June 30, 1950, and wants to take out a City Business License to expire at the same time. A committee investigated the property in question, which is located in an R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) Zone, and recommends approval of the request, the Business License to expire June 30, 1950.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

TRACT MAPS:

1. Final Tract Map No. 15814, submitted by Mr. Ben Haggott and consisting of 40 lots, is located in Seaside Ranchos, being a continuation of Reese Road between Linda Drive and Dennis Road. Approval of the Map is recommended by the Commission.

Councilman Jackson moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

Memo was read from the Chief of Police as to 1st and 2nd choice plans and location of the new proposed police station. Councilman Jackson moved matter be referred to the Council as a whole and the City Manager for discussion at next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2046

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING CURB GRADES ON 174TH STREET, STATE HIGHWAY NO. VII-LA-174-TOR.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2046. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 501

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 180.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 501 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 502

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 483

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

moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 502 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 503

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 368.

Councilman Jackson moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Drale asked that Ordinance be read in full and motion was withdrawn by Councilman Jackson. Following reading, Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 503 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 504

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Jackson moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present. Councilman Jackson moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 504 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

Letter was read from C. F. Steinen requesting permission to park 2 house trailers on Tracts 16099 and 16195 during building operations. Councilman Drale moved request be granted for a period of 90 days. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried.

At 9:05 p.m., Mayor pro tem Powell declared a 10-minute recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:24 and Judge Shidler was asked to present his facts relative to the Nuccio matter. Following his statements, City Attorney Smith suggested that the Council set a time for a hearing before rendering its decision. So moved by Councilman Jackson, seconded and carried. Mayor pro tem Powell set March 14th at 8:00 p.m. as the time for the hearing.

City Attorney Smith informed Commander Mason that suit against Haddock Engineers had been instituted.

Councilman Drale advised the people of North Torrance had requested a traffic study of the intersection at Hawthorne and Sepulveda, and so moved. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Powell, carried. Councilman Drale also advised the people of West Torrance wished steps be taken for the dedication of Garnet Street and the paving of said street, and moved the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for immediate attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried. Mr. G. B. Schwenk, of Garnet Street, spoke on behalf of the residents of the area, advising they had can pick up but not garbage. Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Green be notified accordingly. Motion, seconded by Mayor pro tem Powell, carried unanimously.

Mayor pro tem Powell announced March 7th was the time set to receive the Recreation Report from Ferdinand Bahr, State Recreation representative

Mayor pro tem Powell moved that the City Attorney be instructed to amend the Subdivision Ordinance to establish a minimum building restriction of not less than 750 square feet in all new subdivisions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jackson, carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomas, of Ocean Avenue, asked what progress was being made on the possibility of securing bus service in his district. City Manager Stevens advised the possibility of tying into the Hawthorne line was being considered.

Councilman Jackson moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Haggard, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those members present.

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At 9:55 p.m., on motion of Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Haggard and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned to March 7, 1950.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE