

Torrance, California
November 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 in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, November 28, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard.

All persons present in the Council Chamber participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived to open the hearing on South Torrance Sewer District No. 2 and City Clerk Bartlett read protests from (1) James Hesser of 2715 Gramercy, Torrance, and (2) Woolner Oil Corp., 2606 Myrtle Avenue, Long Beach, after which he read the affidavit of mailing notices of adoption of Resolution of Intention No. 2113 and the affidavit of posting of notice of improvement.

Councilman Blount moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Oral protests were then called for. There being none, Councilman Drale moved the hearing be closed and that all protests be overruled, received and filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilmen Blount and Powell, carried.

Assistant to City Engineer Patrick presented a Resolution ordering the work of improving Arlington Avenue and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING ARLINGTON AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS.

Councilman Blount moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adop-

tion of Resolution No. 2120. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Patrick presented a Resolution relating to prevailing rate of per diem wages and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ARLINGTON AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENT OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

Councilman Blount moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2121. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Patrick presented a Resolution directing the City Engineer to make the assessments and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2122

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND APPURTENANT WORK IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SOUTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2122. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from the Health Department of the County of Los Angeles dated November 20, 1950, reading as follows:

"Honorable City Council
City of Torrance
City Hall
Torrance, Calif.

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Sanitary Sewer District, Tracts 14202, 14579, 12777, 15933 and 10216, located in City of Torrance.

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully recommended that sanitary sewers be installed in this District.

ANALYSIS: This Department has made an investigation of this proposed sanitary sewer district comprising Tracts 14202, 14579, 12777, 15933 and 10216, located within the City of Torrance as shown on the attached map. During the course of this investigation 50 property owners or tenants were contacted and of this group 24 or 48% reported that they have had trouble with their cesspool sewage disposal systems. They complained of cesspools filling up, sewage backing up into house plumbing fixtures or overflowing on the surface of the ground.

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The soil within the boundaries of this proposed sanitary sewer district consists of adobe or fine beach sand. Neither type of soil provides good leaching action for any type of sub-surface sewage disposal system. Most of the homes in this area were constructed less than one year ago and many of them have been occupied only five months.

In view of the facts revealed by our survey it is respectfully recommended that proceedings be instituted at once for the installation of sanitary sewers in this District as an improvement necessary to the protection of public health. This recommendation is made pursuant to the provisions of Section 2808 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Very truly yours,

ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.
Los Angeles County Health
Officer"

Mr. Patrick presented a petition signed by 101 residents of Tracts 14202, 14579 and 12777 urging the sanitary sewer system. He stated petitions were being circulated in the other two tracts but had not been received as yet. He recommended that the Council take action only as to the three tracts covered by the petition and postpone action on the other two to a later date. Councilman Drale moved the petition be accepted and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2123. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Mr. Patrick recommending the firm of Barnett, Hopen & Smith, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, be retained as assessment engineers for North Torrance Sewer District No. 1. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2124

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS OUTLINED ON DRAWING NO. 6443, PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN & SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2124. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Martha E. Riggle, insurance agent, requesting reconsideration of the City's method of distributing insurance. Councilman Powell moved the letter be referred to the Finance Committee for

consideration before the awarding of any more insurance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Las Vecinas Community Projects Committee asking to be advised of the City's progress in civilian defense. Councilman Drale moved that a report of the City's program and progress be sent to each civic organization. At the suggestion of Councilman Spelman, the motion was amended to include "and that copies of the report be given the press". Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Letter from Columbia Electric Co. proposing change in license fee for searchlight business. Matter of record.

Letter from County Board of Supervisors advising \$18,673.72 had been appropriated for the improvement of 171st St., and other streets, in the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

Letter from Committee on Civil Defense, L.A. County Medical Association, requesting the appointment of a delegate to attend its meetings.

Letter from Metropolitan Water District re the City paying its 1951-52 tax from municipal funds. Councilman Blount moved "The City Council of the City of Torrance does not elect to pay out of its municipal funds any portion of the Metropolitan Water District's taxes levied for the fiscal year 1951-52." Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of appreciation for use of Auditorium on October 23rd from Torrance Junior Woman's Club. Matter of record.

Request from the City Attorney for 10 days' vacation leave to be taken at his pleasure. Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick requesting authorization to invite bids for the remodeling of the existing Police Station, construction not to exceed \$5,000. Councilman Spelman moved the Council authorize the invitation of bids. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read the following Resolution title:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION, ABANDONMENT AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF THAT CERTAIN PERMANENT EASEMENT RESERVED IN THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PALOS VERDES PARKWAY.

There having been no discussion on the matter, Councilman Spelman moved the Resolution be tabled for the Legislative Committee meeting on Thursday. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2125

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1950-51.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2125. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2126

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, URGING IMPROVEMENT OF 174TH STREET FROM HAWTHORNE AVENUE TO WESTERN AVENUE (STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE NO. 175)

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Councilman Drale moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2126. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved that a copy of the Resolution be sent to Rep. Vincent Thomas. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2127

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF ROBERT ROAD AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE NO. 60).

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2127. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved a copy of the Resolution be given Rep. Vincent Thomas. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2128

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE MASTER PLAN OF FREEWAYS.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2128. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2129

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY TREASURER TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN "AGREEMENT FOR ACTIVE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS" BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE BANK OF AMERICA.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2129. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2130

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE.

Councilman Blount moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2130. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2131

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Resolution be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2131. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 540

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF "PIN GAMES", "PINBALL GAMES", "MARBLE GAMES", "ONE SHOT MARBLE GAMES", "HORSE RACE MACHINES", "CLAW MACHINES", AND AUTOMATIC PAY-OFF MACHINES IN PLACES OF BUSINESS OR OTHER PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT IN SAID CITY; DECLARING ANY SUCH DEVICE AND EQUIPMENT TO BE A NUISANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF; AND MAKING THE VIOLATION HEREOF PUNISHABLE AS A MISDEMEANOR.

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 540 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 544

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SUPPLEMENTARY RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 326.

At the request of Mayor Haggard, Clerk Bartlett read Section 1 of the Ordinance, then Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, resulted in the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Councilman Drale stated he did not care to vote on the Ordinance as he believed it should be tabled for further study. Councilman Powell moved that, in consideration of Mr. Drale's remarks, the Ordinance be referred to the next Legislative Committee meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 545

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

Councilman Drale moved further reading of the urgency ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 545 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 546

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 518 RELATING TO POSSESSION AND PLAYING OF CERTAIN COIN OPERATED MACHINES.

Councilman Powell moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. Clerk Bartlett read the Ordinance in its entirety, following which Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 546 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Clerk Bartlett read the following recommendations of the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Laverne Gerl be appointed to serve her probationary period as Typist Clerk, effective November 1, 1950 at a compensation of \$176 per month.

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2. That Lester R. Clunch be appointed to serve his probationary period as a Bus Attendant, effective November 1, 1950, at a compensation of \$212.00 per month.
3. That Francis C. Hammond be appointed to serve his probationary period as a Bus Attendant, effective November 1, 1950, at a compensation of \$203 per month.
4. That the Five-Step pay range for the following Department Heads be set as follows: Bus Superintendent, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Street and Park Superintendent --- \$365 - 382 - 400 - 419 - 439 -- with the provision that the present salary of the Bus Superintendent will not be changed and that all other Department Heads will receive the \$10 cost-of-living bonus for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in the recommendations as to Items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Councilman Blount asked that Items 2 and 3 be deleted from the motion. So amended. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of 18 refuse collection receptacles, the sum of \$738 plus tax. (From Unappropriated Reserve)
2. For the purchase of road materials for the improvement of 168th St., the sum of \$633.09. (From County Aid Funds)
3. For the payment to Torrance Chamber of Commerce for publicity and advertising services for the July-September quarter, the sum of \$1,250. (Budget Item)
4. For the purchase of 1,000 feet of 2½" fire hose, the sum of \$1,500 plus tax. (Budget Item)
5. For the purchase of a Ford F-6 two-ton truck, the sum of \$2,363.20 plus tax. (Budget Item)
6. For the purchase of a Chevrolet two-ton truck, the sum of \$2,350.93. (Budget Item)
7. For the purchase of two four-yard, heavy duty dump bodies with cam and roller hoists, the sum of \$2,677.58. (Budget Items)

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Torrance Planning Commission was read re Case No. 205, advising two hearings have been held before the Commission and recommending time be set for third and final hearing before the Council. Councilman Powell moved the Council concur in the recommendation and that hearing date be set for December 26, 1950, at 8:00 p.m. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount introduced Dr. Rollin Smith as the new member to the Board of Education.

Councilman Blount moved that the Council appropriate \$400 from Unappropriated Reserve for the payment of one-half the uniform cost of the Auxiliary Police. Discussion followed between Councilmen. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. Councilman Drale, stating he thought such volunteers should be encouraged, moved that \$1000 be appropriated for the full payment of auxiliary police uniforms. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Haggard.

Councilman Drale, at some length, discussed the status of Cecil Smith who, having passed the Building Inspector's examination, had been serving the City for over a year on a temporary basis as Assistant Building Inspector and, prior to such examination, as Building Inspector. He then moved that Mr. Smith's status be established as "permanent" Assistant Building Inspector as of the date of examination. Discussion followed and motion was amended to "as of November 1, 1950." Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Powell urged all citizens to take advantage of the X-ray mobile unit which will be in Torrance the first week in December, and asked that the press be liberal in their publicity.

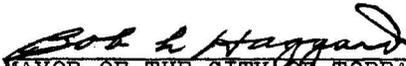
Councilman Spelman reminded the Council members of the Legislative Committee meeting Thursday evening.

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

At 9:00 p.m., Councilman Blount moved meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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