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Torrance, California
December 12, 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, December 12, 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. Also present was City Manager Stevens.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag, following which the assemblage stood in silent tribute to our late City Attorney, C. Douglass Smith, who passed away on December 4th.

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 28th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Associated Oil Company reporting no franchise earnings under County Ordinance No. 1351 for the 12-month period ending December 2, 1950. Matter of record.

Letter from W. E. Kalbfleisch, attorney-at-law, setting forth his qualifications and requesting appointment to the position of City Attorney. Councilman Powell moved the Council take immediate steps to fill the vacancy and that the three men eligible be invited to attend the meeting of the Legislative Committee on Wednesday evening for interview, and that a special meeting be called for the purpose of appointing a new City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Powell. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter from Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club advising their group was sponsoring the Childrens' Christmas Party for the Hollywood Riviera District and requesting that the fund allotted by the City be directed to them. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Civil Service Board advising T. B. McNary had requested that his name be certified to the Council for appointment to the position of City Attorney; and listing the eligible attorneys according to their standing. Matter of record.

Letter from the Civil Service Board protesting the adoption of Ordinances Nos. 527 and 544 as public hearings were not held by the Civil Service Board as provided in Rule III of the Rules and Regulations. Matter of record.

Letter from the Department of Recreation setting forth its Master Plan for City Recreation, outlining an expenditure of \$14,000, and urging acquisition of a park site in the Seaside area. Councilman Powell moved the letter be referred to the Finance Committee and City Manager for discussion at the next Legislative Committee meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the American Red Cross requesting use of the Auditorium for Blood Bank on April 6, 1951 and September 27, 1951. Matter of record, to be referred to Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Carpenter's letter of November 8th, requesting appropriation for Childrens' Christmas Parties in the various districts was again read. After a brief discussion as to the manner in which expenditures were to be reported, Councilman Powell moved that the Council concur in Mr. Carpenter's recommendations, that the funds be disbursed through Mr. Carpenter, and that he keep an accurate accounting of expenditures. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Lester R. Clouch be re-employed as a Bus Operator, effective Dec. 1, 1950, at the compensation set forth as the second step for the position.
2. That Francis C. Hammond be appointed to serve his probationary period as Bus Attendant, effective Nov. 1, 1950, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
3. That Oral C. Hunter be temporarily employed as a Bus Attendant, effective Dec. 6, 1950, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
4. That Carol Lee Wright be temporarily employed as a File Clerk and Police Matron, effective Dec. 11, 1950, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
5. That the salary schedule for Park Maintenance Leadman be established at \$211 - 221 - 231 - 242 - 253, effective Dec. 15, 1950.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For payment to the League of California Cities for annual dues for the year 1951, the sum of \$400.00.
2. For payment to Barclay Surveying Co., for engineering services during the month of November, 1950, the sum of \$820.00.

3. For payment to T & E Electric Co., the sum of \$5.05, as a refund on a duplicate Electrical Permit.
4. For payment to Frazier Wright Company, the sum of \$1,196.52 for rebuilding White motor for Bus Department.
5. For payment to W. E. Bowen for Position Bond insurance premium, the sum of \$526.50.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending a 90-day extension (from Dec. 8, 1950) to Mayfair Creamery on their Variance to build a creamery at 20301 So. Western Ave. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2132

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN "CALIFORNIA DISASTER AND CIVIL DEFENSE MASTER MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT".

Councilman Powell 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. 2132. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2133

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.

Councilman Drale moved the Resolution be tabled for further discussion. Motion was seconded by Councilman Powell. Councilman Blount reminded the Council that this was the third time the Resolution had been presented. Councilman Drale stated that he could see no reason for hurrying this Resolution since Mr. Mayer had not yet done the things he was to do. Discussion followed resulting in Councilman Powell withdrawing his second. There being no other second, Councilman Drale's motion was declared lost. Councilman Blount then moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2133. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Drale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2134

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN "MUTUAL TERMINATION AND CANCELLATION AGREEMENT" BY AND BETWEEN CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY OIL COMPANY, REMCO-REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT COMPANY AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2134. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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ORDINANCE NO. 544

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

Councilman Drale stated that since this was one of the ordinances which the Civil Service Board had written about, he believed it should be tabled for further discussion. Councilman Blount read Sec. 2 of Rule III of the Rules and Regulations wherein it is stated "The City Council may from time to time adopt and record in its minutes regulations of procedure for the administration of these rules." He then moved that further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount then moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 544 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

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 to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Powell moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 546 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount stated he had been requested by a group of citizens in North Torrance to ask the Council to adopt a resolution requesting the Division of Highways to install traffic control lights at 180th and Hawthorne. He moved that such a resolution be drawn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount presented several pictures to the Council showing the sump in the Truman Browne Tract during our last small rainfall -- including children on rafts. Discussion followed with Councilman Powell moving that the Chief of Police analyze the "Kathy Fiscus Ordinance" to determine whether it would apply in this instance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. Discussion continued, resulting in Councilman Powell amending his motion to include that "the Chief of Police take the necessary steps to eliminate the hazards of this sump". Carried.

Discussion was had between Councilman Drale and City Manager Stevens as to the ditch at 190th and Crenshaw, with Mr. Stevens advising he had called General Petroleum about the situation and that the only man who could do anything about it was out of town for the week.

Councilman Drale moved that, before any appointment be made to the position of City Attorney, the Council receive acceptances in writing from those on the eligible list. 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 Spelman moved that the Council appoint James Hall, on a probationary period, as City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Discussion followed with Councilman Drale stating he would not vote against Mr. Hall but that he felt the eligible men should be interviewed. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Powell, Spelman and Haggard. Councilman Drale stated he did not care to vote.

Mayor Haggard submitted the name of James Cole to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Commission. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Powell, carried.

Mr. Jack White, of 4308 W. 178th Place, advised the Council of two other tracts which were having cesspool trouble; that Steiner & Horn, developers of one of the tracts, was remedying the situation but that American Land Company, developer of the other tract, was doing nothing and asked if the City Manager could write a letter similar to that sent Truman Browne. Discussion followed, with Councilman Drale moving that the Council concur in the request and that such a letter be sent to American Land Company. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Councilman Drale advised that Mac-Low-Men Corp. had received permission from the State to improve their portion of 174th St. and he moved that Mr. Stevens be directed to write all subdividers on 174th St. to obtain the same permission from the State. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Mr. White again took the floor, stating there were two 50 foot holes in the center of the Truman Browne sump, covered only by boards with rocks to hold them in place, and asked the City take immediate steps to have proper covers placed over the holes.

There being no other oral communications, Councilman Powell moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:52 p.m., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.

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A. H. Bartlett

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

Bob Haggard
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE