

Torrance, California
February 27, 1951

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, February 27, 1951, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 1951, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 15030, Rome Cable Corporation, and reporting the Planning Commission had approved the map on February 21st. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Commission and Assistant to City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Statement from General Petroleum Corporation reporting franchise earnings for the year ending October 31, 1950, in the amount of \$667.67. Matter of record.

Letter from International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union urging traffic control signs on 182nd St., between Hawthorne Blvd. and Prairie Ave. Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the Traffic Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Seaside-Riviera Civic Council re proposed consolidation of water districts and lauding the Council on its long range planning on the consolidation issue. Matter of record.

Letter from Recreation Director Carpenter submitting reports on Christmas Parties from (a) North Torrance Improvement Association - \$225.00, (b) Walteria Business Mens' Club - \$169.50, (c) Lions Club - \$874.53. Matter of record.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Albert Winkler be appointed to serve his probationary period as a Police Officer, effective February 19, 1951, at a compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
2. That Carol Lee Wright be appointed to serve her probationary period as Police Matron & File Clerk, effective February 16, 1951, at a compensation set forth as the first step for the position.
3. That Nolan F. Robinson be employed as a War Emergency Police Officer, effective February 10, 1951, at a compensation of \$285 per month. This officer served the City for two years during the last War Emergency period.
4. That a change be made in the policy of "separation vacations" to the effect that the amount of vacation granted will be based on time accrued from the date of employment.

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

Letter from Planning Commission re request of Chamber of Commerce for the establishing of a minimum living area, previously referred to the Commission by the Council, and advising the matter had been covered in the suggested amendment to the Building Code submitting to the Council in a letter dated February 9th. Matter of record.

Request from Mrs. Thelma Williams, Painting Contractor, for refund on business license No. 771 taken out in error. Councilman Karlow moved refund be made in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Mrs. John F. Scanlon advising permit had been taken out in 1949 for the construction of a \$35,000 building which was never completed, that they were now in a position to complete the building and asking for consideration in the issuance of a new building permit. Councilman Blount moved the letter be referred to the City Attorney for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2151

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT'S "AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS PLAN PREPARATION".

Councilman Karlow 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. 2151. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2152

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JAMES M. MONTGOMERY.

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

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of Resolution No. 2152. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2153

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1889.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2153. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2154

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1888.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2154. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1887.

Councilman Blount 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. 2155. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2156

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING APPLICATION TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PLAN PREPARATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE CITY WITH AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAID DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2156. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2157

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MAKING APPLICATION TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR PLAN PREPARATION REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT, AND DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE CITY WITH AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAID DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2157. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 550

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION, ABANDONMENT AND EXTINGUISHMENT OF CERTAIN PERMANENT EASEMENTS ON A PORTION OF PALOS VERDES PARKWAY.

Councilman Blount moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 550 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Drale.

ORDINANCE NO. 551

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

Councilman Spelman moved further reading of the Ordinance be dispensed with. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 551 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney start proceedings for the condemnation of the 2½ acres adjacent to the City Dump (the brick pit) and that the Dump be closed, filled up, cleaned up and leveled off, and that arrangements be made with the gentleman (Mr. Paap) who leased the Standard Oil sump for dumping facilities. He further stated he believed the City Dump to be a menace to the health and safety of the people living in Kettler Knolls. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Mr. Arthur James, of Walteria Hardware & Plumbing, protested having to obtain two licenses -- one for selling hardware and the other for doing plumbing work -- stating he had only one place of business. He was assured the City Attorney would look into the legality of the problem and advise him of his decision at an early date.

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

On motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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