

Torrance, California
March 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 on Tuesday, March 27, 1951, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those answering 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 minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Torrance Area Youth Bands advising they wished to sponsor a small carnival by Pan American Amusement Co., April 4th to 8th, and requesting waiver of permit fees. Councilman Spelman moved request be granted and that Torrance Area Youth Bands be responsible for policing of the area at the completion of the carnival. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried.

Letter from Escherick Bros., Inc., contractors, requesting refund of \$72.25 plan check fee paid by them and also by the architect. Councilman Blount moved refund be made as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Met-Tec Mfg. Co. requesting their 1951 License No. 1966 be corrected as they are manufacturers of shower doors and enclosures, not tile contractors. Clerk Bartlett advised a refund of \$26.00 was due Met-Tec Mfg. Councilman Karlow moved refund be made and license corrected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Recreation Director Carpenter submitting a proposed addition to the regular permit for building use in connection with church functions. Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Carpenter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried over the negative vote of Councilman Blount.

Franchise earnings statement from Richfield Oil Corporation for the year ending December 31, 1950, enclosing check for \$161.53. Matter of record.

Franchise earnings statement from Southern California Gas Company for the year ending December 31, 1950, enclosing check for \$11,199.73. Matter of record.

Letter of resignation from James Cole from the Recreation Commission. Councilman Blount moved resignation be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried. Councilman Drale moved a letter of "thanks" be sent to Mr. Cole for his services as a Commission member. Motion, seconded, carried unanimously.

Letter from E. E. Olson, Dean of School of Public Administration, University of Southern California, advising a member of the Fire Department, Neil Whitney, is attending Fire Administration classes and commending the City for supporting a policy which encourages city employees to increase their personal education. Matter of record.

Letter from Assemblyman Vincent Thomas advising of the ratification by the Legislature of our Charter amendments and transmitting copies of the Assembly Resolution for proper filing. Matter of record.

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Letter of recommendations from the City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following named personnel, having successfully passed promotional examinations for the positions indicated, be appointed to serve their probationary period, effective April 1, 1951, at the compensation indicated:
 - (a) Pinkney S. Cruze, from Equipment Operator I to Equipment Operator II, salary to be that designated as the fourth bracket.
 - (b) Shird Kelton, from Laborer to Truck Driver, salary to be that designated as the second bracket.
 - (c) Robert Ernst, from Laborer to Truck Driver, salary to be that designated as the second bracket.
 - (d) Everett Wallace, from Laborer to Truck Driver, salary to be that designated as the first bracket.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked if all these appointments were promotional and was assured by the City Manager they were - and all had been chosen from the eligible list.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of Dual-axle Tractor Trailer for Street Department, the sum of \$740.91. (Budget Item)

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

Letter from the Planning Commission re the following:

"CASE NO. 210: Petition of Paul J. Howard Company for a Change of Zone from A-1 (Lt. Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) on the south one-half of Lots 15 and 22 of the McDonald Tract, bounded on the west by Hawthorne Avenue, on the east by Prairie Avenue, on the south by the Southern California Edison Company right-of-way and on the north by a line drawn parallel to 174th Street, approximately 660.5 feet south of the center line of said street. It was the unanimous decision of the Planning Commission to forward this case to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. Two public hearings have been held before the Planning Commission and it is suggested that the date for the third and final public hearing before your body be set for April 10, 1951, in order to comply with the public notice requirements."

Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the suggestion of the Planning Commission and that hearing date be set for April 10, 1951, at 8:00 p.m. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

"CASE NO. 211: Petition of Donald R. Carlson for a Variance and Conditional Permit for the erection of a community church, which will be called the South Bay Church of God and located on property at 17661 Yukon Avenue between 174th and 182nd Streets. This property is located in an R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zone. It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission that this Variance be approved. Your Honorable Body should be advised that at the time of the public hearing before the Planning Commission, several people appeared to protest the granting of this petition. However, the Commissioners, after review of all evidence and other factual data, have recommended approval."

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and grant the Variance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale interrupted to ask if the hearing record showed any suggestion that a fence be erected

between the proposed church site and the property owners. Mr. Stevens reported the record showed no such suggestion.

Mr. F. P. Riley, property owner adjacent to the proposed church site, protested the granting of the petition, his principal reasons being the safety of his children when approximately 100 cars would be parked on the premises and the invasion of his privacy. He stated he was opposed to the granting of the petition but that if he had to have the church there, he would want sufficient safety measures to protect his children.

Rev. John A. Neal, of Los Angeles, representing the Board of Trustees of the Church, stated that nothing had been said at the hearing about a fence being erected but that the Church would comply with the City's safety ordinance. He stated, further, that the Church would be willing to share the expense of a fence with the property owners.

Councilman Spelman's motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick submitting Tract Map 16401 with the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick submitting Tract Map 13577 with the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval. Being assured the proper signatures had been obtained, Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2080, FLIGHT
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2166. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 552

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 462, BUILDING
CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 552 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 553

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 to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 553 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale asked that two suggestions be referred to the Traffic Commission for consideration: (1) two-way STOP at Amapola and Sonoma and (2) single suspended traffic lights for Torrance Boulevard to replace the existing automatic signals now used. Mr. Stevens stated the latter matter was already being looked into.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Stevens about the letter to the Veterans Authority which received so much publicity in the paper last Thursday. Mayor Haggard also expressed interest in the letter. Mr. Stevens explained that it had been given to Mr. Kettler when he was subdividing and quoted the stipulation put on the City by the District Attorney's office as to burning in the dump and stated, further, that it would eventually be a park -- and no time limit was mentioned.

Councilman Drale moved that the dump be closed and that the City make preparation for an incinerator or another dump outside the present area. The motion received no second.

Councilman Drale also suggested that immediate steps be taken to remedy our parking problem.

Councilman Spelman moved that the bus line running through Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos be discontinued and the line terminated at WALTERIA. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Haggard moved that the City Attorney be instructed to take whatever steps are necessary in acquiring full title to the streets in the old Torrance Tract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale asked why the City wanted title to the streets and the Mayor responded that as long as the City was improving them, he thought the City should have title. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mrs. Brady, of Plaza del Amo, stated she still wanted something done about the City Dump as the flies, and smell, were terrific.

Mr. Archie Watson, of Border Avenue urged that the dump situation be remedied at once, stating that even though there is no water standing in the dump, flies were drawn by the garbage dumped by the stores.

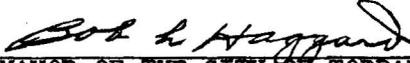
Councilman Drale, stating he did not know how far along proceedings were for the annexation of Alondra Park, asked that public hearings be held to ascertain the feeling of the people on the matter. Mayor Haggard assured him that a hearing would be held when proceedings had reached that point.

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

At 8:38 p.m., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE