

Torrance, California
April 24, 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, April 24, 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 April 10, 1951, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The continued hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 2165 for the improvement of the Seaside Heights Sewer District (a Sanitary Sewer System in Bindewald Road and other streets in the City of Torrance) was opened at 8:05 p.m. Mayor Haggard then announced that this was the time and place fixed for the continued hearing of all written protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed, or both. City Engineer Stevens present-

ed his report as previously authorized, showing that there were no written or verbal protests since the last hearing and recommended that the report be received and filed. Councilman Karlow moved the Engineer's report be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Mayor Haggard then asked if anyone present desired to be heard from the floor, but received no reply. Councilman Spelman moved that all protests and objections against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed be overruled and that all such protests and objections be denied; seconded by Councilman Blount and duly carried by unanimous roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read a report to the Council from the City Engineer, outlining proposed modifications and in brief the reasons therefor. Councilman Spelman moved the report be received and filed; seconded by Councilman Blount and carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved the report be approved; seconded by Councilman Spelman and carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved that the Engineer prepare Modification Drawings showing proposed changes. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Invitation from California Defense and Security Corps to attend open house at new South Bay National Guard Armory, 552 36th St., Manhattan Beach, on May 5, 1951.

Request of Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to defer any action on the Municipal Bus Line situation until the voters and taxpayers of the City of Torrance have an opportunity to express their views by means of a postcard poll. Councilman Drale voiced his opinion that this request was not in order, as the indication for continued and better transportation shown by the election held last April made such a poll unnecessary. Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record; seconded by Councilman Spelman and carried.

Resignation of Policewoman Lucille Stroh, to be effective as of May 1, 1951. Councilman Blount moved the resignation be accepted and that a letter of commendation be forwarded to Miss Stroh for her services with the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation of Civil Service Board that Robert R. Faren, Light Power Equipment Operator, in the Park Department, be given a leave of absence from June 4th to July 17th, 1951. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel, having successfully passed their probationary period as Firemen, be permanently appointed, effective on the dates indicated:
 - (a) D. G. Loy ---- April 7, 1951
 - (b) C. R. Holloman ---- April 14, 1951
 - (c) C. L. Robertson ---- April 16, 1951
2. That Marcella Smith be employed as File Clerk and Police Matron on a part-time basis, effective April 9, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the first bracket for the position.
3. That Benny Kuhn be re-employed as a Bus Operator, effective April 19, 1951, at a compensation set forth as the first bracket for the position.
4. That Ordinance No. 527 be amended to allow City employees entering the Armed Forces to receive their proportionate share of vacation pay during the first year of service.

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Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation of City Manager Stevens under Personnel, Items 1 through 4. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For construction of a lighting system for McMaster Park Ball Diamond, the sum of \$3,800 (A budget item).
2. For the purchase of five (5) Ford-6 DeLuxe Coupes from Schultz and Peckham, who submitted the low bid, the sum of \$1,381.97 each plus California sales tax.
3. For the employment of a Consultant to survey and set up a modern system of cost accounting for maintenance and operation of equipment at the City Yard, the cost not to exceed \$2,000.
4. That contracts be awarded to the firms submitting the lowest responsible bid for street improvement work, in accordance with the data listed below, and that all other bids be rejected:

(a)	Torrance Blvd. ----	Ken H. Jones ----	\$	5,568.24
(b)	Crenshaw Blvd. ----	Ken H. Jones ----		16,538.20
(c)	Sepulveda Blvd. ----	Ken H. Jones ---		9,934.24
(d)	Cravens Ave. and others --	Oswald Bros.		10,831.30

 and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contracts for the above projects.
5. For payment to Frazier and Wright for overhaul of motor from White bus, the sum of \$797.96.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Appropriations, Items 1 through 5. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission re the following:

CASE NO. 212: Petition of Edwin Longacre for a Variance and Conditional Permit to construct a second story for living quarters on the existing store building at 2121 Carson Street. This property is located in an R-1 (Single-Family Residential) Zone.

The Commission, after reviewing all of the factual data, unanimously agreed to recommend to your Honorable Body that this petition be denied for the following reasons: (a) Surrounding neighbors protested the present operation of the existing non-conforming use; (b) the Commission did not wish to permit an addition to the building which would perpetuate or prolong the life of such existing building; (c) that to deny the requested use was not unreasonable nor a hardship on the applicant.

CASE NO. 214: Petition of Cecil L. Hudson for a Variance and Conditional Permit to expand processing and refrigeration room of dairy located at 17120 Arlington Avenue. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

The Commission recommends to your Honorable Body that the petition be approved, for the following reasons: (a) the proposed addition is necessary to provide better sanitary facilities for the production of milk, such addition having been requested by the County Health authorities; (b) the requested addition will not enlarge the operation of the dairy insofar as the number of cows is concerned; (c) the granting of this request is reasonable and consistent with the provisions of our Zoning Ordinance.

Councilman Drale asked that the vote be called for separately on the two cases.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the request petitioned for in Case No. 212. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by roll call vote, Councilman Drale voting "NO".

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the request petitioned for in Case No. 214. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission as follows:

"The petition from the South Torrance Civic Association to change the name of Schilling Court to Schilling Drive, which had been referred to the Planning Commission by the City Manager for a recommendation, was considered at a meeting held on April 18, 1951.

It was the unanimous recommendation of the Commission that your Honorable Body agree and take such action as is necessary to permit the name change, as requested.

Also, the Planning Commission recommends that your Honorable Body take action on the re-naming of Narbonne Avenue, within the City Limits of the City of Torrance, which would result in one continuous name for the street within the City boundaries."

Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendations of the Planning Commission in re-naming Schilling Court and Narbonne Avenue within the city limits of the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Stevens announced that he had the Modification Drawings for the Seaside Heights Sewer District, which were made necessary by the City being unable to get easements, and which he presented to the Council. Councilman Spelman moved the drawings be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. The Council examined the drawings and Councilman Spelman moved they be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Stevens then presented a resolution modifying the work. Councilman Blount moved the Council waive the reading in full and read title only to the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING AND CHANGING THE WORK PROPOSED TO BE DONE IN THE SEASIDE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2172. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2173

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM PALISADES BUILDERS.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2173. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2173. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2174

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM TRUMAN ENTERPRISES, INC.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2174. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2174. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2175

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING CORPORATION GRANT DEED FROM TRUMAN ENTERPRISES, INC., TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2175. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2175. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THE MAKING OF FALSE REPORTS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT A MISDEMEANOR AND PROVIDING A PENALTY THEREFOR.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 554. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 554 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 555

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 Ordinance No. 555. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 555 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens explained that the Resolution listed on the agenda concerning Frank Carpenter, as Recreation Director, had not been prepared in time for the meeting but would be presented at the next meeting.

City Attorney Hall asked permission from the Council to attempt to improve the clarity of our Oil Ordinance. Councilman Blount so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Councilman Blount reported, as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, as follows: "The Transportation Committee was requested by a number of citizens of Hollywood Riviera to meet for consideration of protests laid out in our last Council meeting and at a meeting held elsewhere in the City on Monday, two weeks ago. We met at my home last Saturday, those present being City Manager George Stevens, Bus Superintendent Chamberlain, Councilmen Spelman, Karlow and myself. We considered all the protests that had been set forth and we have a recommendation to make. I might add, as a side line, however, that the communication that we received from the Chamber of

Commerce was received today and had no bearing on the recommendation the Committee is to make because we hadn't heard of it until this evening. However, I do think that the communication has some value. We wish to recommend to the Committee from Hollywood Riviera that they set down in writing, to the Transportation Committee, the following items: (a) Recommend to us the number of runs they desire; (b) routes of runs they desire; (c) the times, specifically, of the runs - by that we mean starting time and concluding time; (d) number of days, whether they would recommend that we operate on Sundays or Holidays; (e) any other pertinent recommendations you might have. We are doing this because, in your protests, we have received just the request that we re-route the bus service under the old schedules and continue under the same way we were. If you will recommend those specific items to this Committee, they will be given thorough and prompt consideration, and a report made to you as soon as practical." Councilman Drale stated that he thought this was discrimination against those people as we have a Bus Superintendent who is supposed to figure these things out, and moved that the bus line to Hollywood Riviera be reinstated. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale said the City had received a request to increase the rate paid for garbage and tin can collection to 40¢ and moved that the City call for bids on garbage and tin can collection in the City of Torrance. Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Stevens advised that he was currently making a survey to determine the rates paid by other cities, that the present contract expires June 30th, and the matter will be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Councilman Drale recommended that Mr. Stevens look into the prospect of using the pit on property owned by Mr. K. Sande Senness in South Torrance as a dump site if the City was unable to get the Standard Oil site, and moved the present dump be closed. Motion died for lack of a second.

Edwin Longacre, 2121 Carson Street, stated that he was the petitioner in Planning Commission Case No. 212 and urged the Council rescind its action in denying his request to improve property at the above location. Mr. Don Hitchcock, local attorney, stated he represented Mr. Barth, who was opposed to the improvement requested in Case No. 212, and gave a number of reasons why his client and other residents in the vicinity were opposed to the request.

Mr. Frank Brennan, 609 Calle de Arboles, asked if anything could be done to get transportation for Hollywood Riviera as they had none at the present time and it would take at least three weeks to make the survey requested by the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Plomert, 3964 Huber Avenue, Los Angeles, representing the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, made the following statement: "Speaking on the matter of bus transportation and representing a number of taxpayers in the City, I would like to ask some questions in the matter of who uses the buses and what it costs the City to maintain and operate that particular line. It is my understanding that there were, at the last survey, some thirty-five people riding this bus for sixteen trips (eight round trips) a day, or an average of two people per trip. The net loss in operations annually to the City was in excess of \$5,000. I happened to be in this room when a hearing on this matter was held less than a year ago and several of the people who live in Hollywood Riviera said that it would be cheaper for the City to hire a taxicab to take care of each person who wanted service. I think that in these days when we are all trying to economize, we must keep in mind that public transportation is a necessity, but not when it is not patronized."

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

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At 8:58 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE