

Torrance, California
June 12, 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, June 12, 1951, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow and Haggard. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:
Spelman. 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 Karlow moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 22nd be approved and accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for opening sealed bids on the Seaside Heights Sewer District.

Clerk Bartlett advised he had in his possession affidavits of publication and posting. Councilman Blount moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote, and Clerk Bartlett proceeded with the opening of bids.

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
1.	Sanitary Construction & Eng. Co.- Long Beach	\$ 80,655.65
2.	Mike Ramljak Company Los Angeles	\$ 78,379.10
3.	Northwest Excavating Co. Van Nuys	\$ 65,885.83

	Bidder	Total Bid
4.	A. R. Milosevich & Son Los Angeles	\$102,275.80
5.	Nick Chutuk & Steve Cappello No. Hollywood	\$ 74,433.10
6.	J. E. Popovich Torrance	\$ 74,767.25
7.	N. J. Vusich Los Angeles	\$ 73,804.20

Councilman Blount moved all bids be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked that it be noted in the record that Northwest Excavating Co. had submitted the lowest bid and moved all bids be referred to the City Engineer for analysis and recommendation at the next regular meeting, and that the Council then award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the opening of bids for the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

Bidder	Alternate	Term	Price Bid
Geo M. Green	A	1 year	\$2,395.00 per month
	B	2 years	2,395.00 per month
	C	3 years	2,395.00 per month
	D	1 year	5,475.00 per month
	E	2 years	5,475.00 per month
	F	3 years	5,475.00 per month
Lennox Disposal Service	A	1 year	3,115.00 per month
	B	2 years	3,115.00 per month
	C	3 years	3,115.00 per month
	D	1 year	7,200.00 per month
	E	2 years	7,200.00 per month
	F	3 years	7,200.00 per month

(Alternates "A", "B" and "C" - collection and disposal of garbage and non-combustible rubbish; Alternates "D", "E" and "F" - collection and disposal of garbage, non-combustible and combustible rubbish)

Councilman Blount moved all bids be received and referred to the City Manager for his recommendation at the next Regular Meeting, and that the Council then award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor announced the time had arrived for opening bids for gasoline and oil. Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:
(Prices shown are basic prices only.)

Bidder	Gasoline		Oil	
	Regular	Ethyl	Premium	Heavy Duty
Signal Oil-truck & trailer	.1552	.1752	.5625	.5805
-tank truck	.1602	.1802		
Associated	.158	.178	.5175	.5535
Richfield	.1585	.1785	.6075	.5805
Ragsdale & Newell	.161	.176		.61
Texas Company	-	-	.47	.615
Union Oil	-	-	.495	.5805
Standard Oil-truck & Trailer	.169	.189	.5625	.5805
-tank truck	.174	.194		
Shell Oil	-	-	.4725	.5535
Seaside Oil	-	-	.5535	.531

Councilman Blount moved all bids be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation at the next Regular Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The opening of bids for automobiles was called for by Mayor Haggard and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

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Paul's Chevrolet - two 4-door sedans \$1,473.74 each
 Schultz & Peckham - two 4-door Ford sedans \$1,465.00 each

Councilman Drale moved the bid of Schultz & Peckham be accepted as the lowest bid and that the City Manager be authorized to purchase the necessary automobiles. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:40 p.m., meeting recessed. Business was resumed at 8:45 p.m.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Seaside Riviera Civic Council commenting on proposed Land Use Ordinance and submitting list of suggested changes. Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the Planning Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously.

Letter from Tom McDonald re fencing of property at 23101 Narbonne Ave. Councilman Karlow moved the letter be referred to the City Attorney for attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from Marjorie Carey for refund on unused building permit No. 14498. Councilman Drale moved the refund of \$3.00 be allowed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Ass'n requesting appropriation be made in the next budget for certain improvements to the Hollywood Riviera District. Councilman Drale moved the communication be received and referred to the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from Mrs. John Dearing, 1787 W. 182nd St., for permission to park house trailer adjacent to dwelling. Councilman Karlow moved the communication be referred to Chief Stroh for investigation and, if in order, that permission be granted for the usual 90 days. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from County Health Department transmitting contract for public health services for the new fiscal year. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and renew the contract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Recreation Commission reviewing the joint meeting of the Council, Recreation and Planning Commissions on May 31st. Councilman Blount moved the communication be held for discussion at the next agenda meeting when the entire Council would be present. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried. Several questions were raised by Councilman Drale and he was advised the matters would be discussed at the agenda meeting.

Mr. Pietzschke, of 2765 W. Carson, protested any levy for the collection of garbage and rubbish, stating if the City needed funds for the recreation program then they should not provide funds for the Chamber of Commerce - that the Chamber should support itself just as any other business.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick advising of the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval as to Tract Map No. 14774. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick transmitting Resolution accepting right-of-way easement from Roy and Doris Dolley and Clerk Bartlett advised the Resolution would be read with the other Resolutions to be presented.

Request from the Civil Service Board that the vacancy on the board created by the resignation of V. E. Benstead be filled. Mayor Haggard advised the vacancy would be filled at the next Regular Meeting.

Letter from the Civil Service Board approving two weeks leave of absence, without pay, requested by Laverne Gerl. Councilman Drale moved to concur with the approval of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recommendation of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Paul C. Skaggs, Jr., be temporarily employed as a Laborer in the Street Dept., effective June 4, 1951, at a compensation set forth as the first bracket for the position.
2. That Gladys Stock, having successfully passed the promotional examination, be appointed to serve her probationary period as Account Clerk, effective June 1, 1951, at the compensation set forth as the third bracket for the position.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To James Montgomery, as a progress payment for the preparation of engineering plans and specifications for the Water Improvement Program, the sum of \$14,175. (From Govt. Advance Planning Funds)
2. To Barclay Surveying Company, for engineering services during the month of May, 1951, the sum of \$1,068.
3. For the City's share of the cost of installing a traffic light at 182nd St. and Western Ave., the sum of \$480.74.
4. To O'Shaughnessy Construction Co. for installation of sewers at Civil Defense Building on Torrance Blvd. and at Walteria Park, the sum of \$1,331.25.

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

BIDS:

1. That award of contract be made to Coast Wholesale Electric Co., who submitted the low bid for electrical supplies for McMaster Park Ball Field, in the amount of \$1,519.91, and that all other bids be rejected.

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

2. That award of contract be made to J. G. Grbavac, who submitted the low bid for installation of sewers in North Torrance Sewer District No. 1, in the amount of \$51,309.15, and that all other bids be rejected.

City Manager Stevens reported that even though Mr. Grbavac had made an error in his estimate, he had stated he would stand by his bid. In some detail, he explained that if the sewer line was laid in 182nd St. rather than in the alleys, as proposed, the benefit would be to a small number of residents and that the additional cost would be around \$3,000. He explained further that if bids on the line as proposed were rejected in favor of a line on 182nd St., proceedings would have to begin all over again.

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Discussion followed between Mr. Effinger, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Patrick, Mr. Straus and members of the Council. Mr. Effinger and Mr. Straus, speaking in favor of having the line on 182nd St., stated the proposed line had been let for bid without proper investigation as to where cesspools were located, etc., and that putting the line in the alley would subject them to great personal expense as some of the cesspools were in the front of the lots, necessitating a great deal more pipe to make the connections - back yards would have to be dug up after expenditure of time, labor and material to fix them up, etc. Reply was made that normally cesspools are to the rear of a house, that alleys are the logical place for sewer lines and that, in laying out the proposed district, the most economical plan was sought.

Mr. Jack White spoke in favor of the line as proposed as it was beneficial to the majority of the property owners -- 241 as in relation to the 18 who preferred the line on 182nd St.

Councilman Blount moved the contract be awarded to J. G. Grbavac. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. City Manager Stevens then presented, and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF REGINA AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2182. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked about the paving of 182nd St., which the subdivider was supposed to do and was advised that the developer had gone out of business and that his bond would have to be checked in this regard.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City Clerk be authorized to make payroll deductions for the purchase of Defense Bonds.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Mrs. Emma Bowen's request to erect a second single-family dwelling on her property at 23747 Eshelman Ave., even though said dwelling would occupy an area of 4800 square feet rather than the 5000 required by Ordinance. Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of W. E. Kilgroe to construct a dwelling at 22704 Earl St., said proposed dwelling to have a floor area of 676 square feet. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2183

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE GRANT OF EASEMENT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

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. 2183. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2184

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 ROY P. DOLLEY AND DORIS M. DOLLEY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2184. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIRM OF O'MELVENY & MYERS AS BOND COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALLING OF A BOND ELECTION FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2185. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2186

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

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. 2186. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF EL PRADO TO TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2187. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 557

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 446 BY THE ADDITION OF A SECTION PROHIBITING PARKING IN ALLEYS.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, was defeated by

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the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Spelman. At the request of City Clerk Bartlett, Councilman Drale then read the Ordinance in its entirety. Brief discussion was had with a member of the audience asking "What if you haven't any other place to park?" Mayor Haggard explained the purpose of the ordinance and the reason for it. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 557 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow and Haggard; NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Spelman.

ORDINANCE NO. 558

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS ON PUBLIC WORKS, WAYS AND EQUIPMENT.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved to adopt Ordinance No. 558 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Spelman.

ORDINANCE NO. 559

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

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 559 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens recommended the renewal of contracts with (1) Southern California Edison Company and (2) South Bay Humane Society. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount reported the Transportation Commission had met and recommended that service on the Hollywood Riviera bus line be extended, pending availability of funds and equipment; that the Bus Superintendent work out schedules, with a limitation of six runs daily; that routes be set up on the recommendation of the residents in the area wherever practicable. He then moved that the Bus Superintendent be instructed to take immediate steps in this matter and that service to the area be resumed as soon as practicable. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Frank Fraunhauser stated he had been refused a business license in this City for the past 3 years for the taking of "home portraits" and wished to know why. He was advised that our City Ordinance prohibited door-to-door soliciting. Discussion followed, resulting in a motion by Councilman Drale, and seconded by Councilman Karlow, that the City Attorney review the ordinance and make his recommendations at the next agenda meeting. City Attorney Hall stated he believed there was a similar matter pending before the Federal Court at the present time. Jack Baldwin, of the Torrance Herald, stated the Federal Court, in a decision rendered last week, upheld the constitutionality of anti-door-to-door ordinances.

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

At 10:15 p.m., Councilman Karlow moved meeting be adjourned.
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

A. H. Bartlett
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

Bob Haggard
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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