

Torrance, California  
September 25, 1951

MINUTES OF THE 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, September 25, 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.

At first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 11th and the adjourned regular meeting of September 19th be accepted and approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had come for the opening of bids on a (1) small bus, (2) truck, (3) compressor and emulsion spray unit, (4) heavy duty trailer, and (5) diesel fuel tank and pump, and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

Item 1 - Small Bus

Schultz & Peckham .....	\$4,185.22	
Paul's Chevrolet .....	3,701.59	} plus certain op- tional equipment
" .....	3,281.27	

Councilman Blount moved the City Manager evaluate the bids and advise the Council of his findings. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Item 2 - Truck

Paul's Chevrolet .....	\$2,537.08
Schultz & Peckham .....	2,404.61 plus optional equip.
International Harvester.....	2,225.01

Councilman Drale asked that the record show International Harvester as the low bidder on the truck. Councilman Spelman moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for checking. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Item 3 - Compressor and Spray Unit

Essick Manufacturing Co. ....	\$1,471.47
Smith Booth Usher Company.....	no bid

Item 4 - Heavy Duty Trailer

Callahan Engineering Company.....	\$3,951.60
Schultz & Peckham .....	3,956.00

Item 5 - 10,000 Gallon Tank

Coast Equipment Exchange.....	\$1,836.20 New
" .....	1,775.00 Used
Shields, Harper & Co. ....	1,680.79

Councilman Karlow moved all bids on items 3, 4 and 5 be referred to the City Manager for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Protest, over seven signatures, against Torrance Sand & Gravel Products and the dumping of gravel 50' behind homes on the south side of Winlock Road. Mrs. Brubaker, of 3032 Winlock Road, invited the Council to visit the site. Complainants state the noise and dirt have become unbearable. Discussion followed between Councilmen and the signers of the protest. Councilman Blount moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation. Councilman Drale urged that the Chief of Police cite the offenders for disturbing the peace. Councilman Spelman seconded Councilman Blount's motion. Motion carried.

Letter from the office of Max Feingold, attorney, on behalf of Camino Building Corporation, Tract 14774, requesting permission for their client to have water mains installed by Connell Construction Co. rather than the City, as Connell's estimate was less than that submitted by the City. Mayor Haggard stated the matter would have to come before the Water Board for action before the Council could act on it. Mr. Carson, the writer of the letter, explained the situation at some length. He was again advised by the Council that the matter would have to come before the Water Board and that the Board would meet at 5:30 on October 3rd. Mr. Carson asked that he be notified and offered his telephone number -- Trinity 2313.

Letter from the Recreation Director of Redondo Beach thanking the Fire Department for its cooperation in the recent Redondo Soap Box Derby. Councilman Karlow moved the communication be sent to Fire Chief Benner for his records. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Dow Chemical Company expressing appreciation to the Police Department for the prompt, efficient and courteous service rendered during the recent annual visit to Southern California by its soft ball team from Pittsburg, California and the caravan escort through Torrance. Councilman Blount moved the letter be sent to the Chief of Police for his records. City Clerk Bartlett advised a copy of the letter was already on the Police Department bulletin board. Motion withdrawn. Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Association requesting something be done to relieve the area from the mosquito onslaught. City Manager Stevens advised that the Park Department spent Friday and Saturday spraying and that they would spray again; also, that he was requesting assistance from the County as the greatest trouble was in the Dominguez channel.

Request for permission to operate a used car agency at 1336 Post Avenue from Carl Billstein. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from the Automobile Club submitting claim on behalf of Irving Schiff against the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines in the amount of \$45.11 for damages arising out of an accident on August 15th. Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Torrance Unified School District expressing appreciation to the City for various services rendered and to various department heads for their cooperation with the Board of Education. Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

At 8:50 P.M., Mayor Haggard declared a short recess. Meeting reconvened at 8:55 P.M.

Request, over five signatures, that "Karby Way" be renamed "Glen-coe Way" and setting forth reasons for the request. Councilman Karlow moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney for investigation and, if in order, that the necessary resolution be drawn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter signed by 13 property owners in the 1400 and 1500 blocks on Elm Avenue requesting permission to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the expense of the property owners. The letter states the proposed drain and cesspools to eliminate the standing water should be borne by the City. Discussion at great length followed between the Council, City Engineer, City Manager and the property owners. Councilman Drale stated that, in his opinion, these few residents should not be required to install a drainage system that, in reality, would be handling flood waters from other streets. As no solution to the drainage problem could be arrived at, permission to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks could not be granted and Mayor Haggard moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman, and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale, and Karlow. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter from the Civil Service Board recommending approval of Lloyd Hughes' Bus Attendant, request for two weeks leave of absence without pay. September 18 to 29, inclusive. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Civil Service Board advising of a meeting with Chief of Police Stroh at which he had requested waiving the 12-months residence requirement for one examination and for the establishment of the classifications of Assistant Chief and Lieutenant. The Board recommended approval. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Civil Service Board inviting the Council, City Manager and City Engineer to attend the meeting on October 3rd to hear a representative from Louis J. Kroeger & Associates explain more fully their recent offer to supply personnel services for the City. Councilman Spelman moved the invitation be accepted and that the City Manager include it on next Wednesday's agenda. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Longren Aircraft Company submitting copy of its brief, presented to the members of the Planning Commission, in support of its application for a variance to expand its existing plant area. City Manager Stevens read the recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission, with certain stipulated conditions, and advised the Council that one letter and two petitions of protest had been received. Oral protests were heard from Dave Figueredo, 1730 Date Avenue, Mrs. Pulliam, 1734 Elm, Mrs. O'Cain, 1750 Date, Mr. Lamb, 1740 Date and Mrs. Russell, 1735 Date. Mr. Walker, of 2512 Sonoma, and employee of Longren, corrected Mr. Figueredo's statement, that he had counted 50 odd cars inside the fence and 60 outside, by stating that the company only employed 109 persons on two full shifts. Following the lengthy discussion, Councilman Drale moved for nonconcurrency with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. His motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. Councilman Blount asked that the record show permission to expand was granted on certain specific conditions and asked for assurance that the conditions would be enforced. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, approving the application, subject to the conditions enumerated by the Commission and numbered 1 through 5. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter from the City Engineer reporting on the complained of drainage problem at Sartori and Arlington. Councilman Karlow moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

#### Recommendations of the City Manager:

#### PERSONNEL:

1. That the following named personnel be employed on a temporary and part-time basis, as Crossing Guards, during the school year, effective September 17, 1951, at a compensation of \$1.10 per hour:
 

a. Rayonette Brown	e. Gladys M. Andrews
b. Verda Hansen	f. Beatrice G. Janes
c. Dudley C. Getchel	g. Goldie M. Perkins
d. Dorothy A. Pick	
2. That Walter C. Bledsoe be temporarily employed as a Laborer in the Street Department, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the position.

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

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APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of August, 1951, the sum of \$822.00.
2. That the City accept the contract of the Goodrich Tire Company for rental of bus tires for the period October 1, 1951, to September 30, 1952, at the reduced rate of \$.0115 per mile for all tire sizes used.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the contract to operate the Los Angeles Depot for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, held by Mrs. M.C. Banks, be extended for one year and that the rate of commission to be paid be established at the rate of 8% on gross ticket sales.

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

Letter from City Engineer Joseph concurring in the Planning Commission's recommendation of approval of Tract Map 17330. Jack Baldwin, of the Torrance Herald, reminded the Council of a requirement adopted 18 months ago that all subdividers provide street name signs in their subdivisions and asked what had become of the order as very few had ever been erected since that time. City Manager Stevens replied that the order was being enforced, that some of the developers had deposited the money with the City and that the signs were on order, some were ordering for themselves, and that some of the signs had just recently arrived and would be installed very soon. Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending denial of the request of W.J. Lizut for permission to erect a fence over and across City property. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation of denial. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:None.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of:

- (1) Case No. 219, petition of Warren G. Cable for a variance to maintain a contractor's storage yard approximately 860' east of Hawthorne Blvd. and approximately 800' north of 230th St.;
- (2) Request of F.J. Norris to build a frame dwelling on the rear of his lot at 1508 Madrid Ave. and to have 750 square feet of floor area; and
- (3) Request of Bert K. Murphy for waiver of rear yard restriction due to the peculiar shape of his lot (Lot 36, Bl. I, Tr. 10304) and the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners' Ass'n requirement of a minimum floor area of 1600 square feet.

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

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" (GASOLINE TAX FUNDS) FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Spelman 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. 2215. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2216. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE RENTAL OF A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX FROM THE TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND DEPUTY CITY TREASURER TO HAVE ACCESS THERETO.

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. 2217. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 571

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 565

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 571 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 573

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A CERTAIN ALLEY IN TRACTS 2381 and 2807.

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 for the adoption of Ordinance No. 573 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale inquired as to street signs in the Pacific Hills subdivision and City Manager Stevens stated he was certain they had been ordered but that he would check on the matter.

Councilman Spelman again asked that the flags be cleaned and City Manager Stevens stated he would see to it.

Chief of Police Stroh asked that the Traffic Commission meet sometime this week. It being agreeable to all parties, meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th, at 4:00 P.M.

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

At 10:30 P.M. Councilman Blount moved the meeting be adjourned to Wednesday, October 3rd, at 7:00 P.M. Motion, seconded by several, carried unanimously.

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*A. J. Bartlett*  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

*Bob L. Haggard*  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE