

Torrance, California  
October 3, 1951

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Wednesday, October 3, 1951, at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Haggard presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow and Haggard. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall. Councilmen Blount and Spelman arrived at 7:05.

Mayor Haggard announced that, being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, the regular order of business would be dispensed with and stated the purpose of the meeting was to receive the certificate of the City Clerk as to the genuineness and sufficiency of signatures to the petitions requesting proceedings be taken for the formation of Municipal Water District No. 3; to adopt for its first reading the ordinance of intention to call an election under the Municipal Water Act of 1935, as amended; and to transact any other business that might come before the Council.

Clerk Bartlett read his certificate in its entirety, as follows:

"In Re:

Municipal Water District No. 3  
of the City of Torrance, California

Certificate of City Clerk  
of Genuineness and Sufficiency  
of Signatures to Petition

To The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Torrance, California

Gentlemen:

I, A.H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. That a petition to the City Council of the City of Torrance, requesting that proceedings be taken for the formation of Municipal Water District No. 3 of the City of Torrance, was filed in my office on September 24th, 1951.

2. That pursuant to law, I have made an examination of the signatures attached to the petition filed under the Municipal Water District Law of 1935, Stats. 1935, P. 423 (Deerings General Laws Act 9131) and have checked said signatures against the registration of voters of Los Angeles County, and said petition is signed by more than ten percent (10%) of the qualified electors residing in the territory described in the petition which is thereby proposed to be formed into said district, and that the signatures to said petition are genuine, and that in all respects said petition is properly and sufficiently signed, and is genuine and sufficient.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and the seal of said City of Torrance this 3rd day of October, 1951.

(Seal)

s/ A.H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City  
of Torrance, California"

Clerk Bartlett read title to

ORDINANCE NO. 574

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE INTENTION OF SAID CITY COUNCIL TO CALL AN ELECTION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT ACT OF 1935, AS AMENDED, IN THAT PART OF THE CITY CONTAINED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, TO BE KNOWN AS "MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE", FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF SAID DISTRICT THE PROPOSITION OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS OF SUCH DISTRICT, AND FIXING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved that Ordinance No. 574 be deemed to have had its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Haggard announced that, with Council's approval, he wished to designate Councilman Karlow as the alternate member to the Board of Directors of the County Sanitation Districts and Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2218

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING ALTERNATE MEMBER TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. S.B.C. AND 5.

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. 2218. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised that the Jim Dandy Market wished permission to erect a sign towering over forty feet at the corner of Crenshaw and Torrance Boulevards. The designer of the sign, speaking for the Jim Dandy Market, explained the sign itself was 32 feet high and would be raised 10 feet off the ground; that the sign will be 21 feet wide, and will be set at a 45° angle; that such a large sign was necessary because of the trees along Crenshaw and Torrance Boulevards obstructing the market "until you are right on top of it". He assured the Council that the sign would be equipped with "deflectors" so that there would be no interference with radios or television sets in the neighborhood. Councilman Blount stated he did not believe something like this "should be forced upon a special meeting of the Council" and asked that it be held over until Tuesday night. Councilman Spelman asked how many hours a day the sign would be on and was advised that during the summer months it would be lit for approximately 5 hours and during the winter months 7 hours, or until midnight. Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney for any "legal reason that would have a reflection on this" and Mr. Hall replied that he thought the Planning Commission would have an interest in it. It was moved, seconded and carried that the proposed sign be submitted to the Planning Commission at its meeting this evening, recommendation to be returned to the Council before October 9th.

City Attorney Hall reported to the Council that the complaints against the Torrance Sand & Gravel Company had been taken up with the operators, and that he had been assured the matter would be corrected. He stated further that the complainants did not wish to sign a formal complaint against the company as a nuisance but preferred that the City cite them for violation of the City ordinance. He explained, further, that any nuisance complaint would have to be made through the District Attorney's office. No action taken.

Councilman Blount, after a brief explanation, moved the City Engineer be instructed to contact Property Management as to the progress of the paving, curbs, gutters and sidewalks on 174th St. which were required as a condition to the approval of the subdivision. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

A gentleman from Pacific Hills area, who did not give his name, asked if something could be done about all the oil, etc., being hauled to the old tar pit in the hills; stating, further, that the trucks are making a "highway out of our backyards", and that they start through about day-break. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney and City Engineer for a report at the Council meeting Tuesday night. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

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

At 7:20 P.M., Councilman Blount moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE