

MINUTES OF A 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 Tuesday, December 4, 1951, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Haggard presiding.

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

All persons present participated in the salute to Our Flag.

This being an Adjourned Regular Meeting, the Mayor announced the regular order of business would be dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

AG 230  
Claim for damages against the City on behalf of Mary Edwards in the amount of \$5,000, Sharon Sims in the amount of \$500, and Walter John Williams in the amount of \$5,000, claim being based on an accident with the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines on September 4, 1951. Councilman Drale moved the claims be denied and the matter referred to the City Attorney and the insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. That the estimated cost of the Federal Bureau of Census for a Special Census, in the amount of \$3,700, be officially accepted and authority be granted for following the necessary procedure for getting the census started. Further, that the \$3,700 be appropriated for the Special Census, funds to be allocated from the Unappropriated Reserve.
2. That payment, in the amount of \$42,525, be made to James Montgomery as a partial payment for the preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Water System Expansion Program, in accordance with the terms of the contract with Mr. Montgomery. Funds for the payment were received from the Federal Government for advanced planning purposes.

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

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2231

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF BOND COVERING LOTS 1 TO 41 INCLUSIVE, 77 TO 89 INCLUSIVE, 119 TO 211 INCLUSIVE AND 217 TO 272 INCLUSIVE, IN TRACT NO. 15757 FROM SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS UPON CONDITION THAT AN ADDITIONAL BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS POSTED COVERING COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN SAID TRACT NO. 15757 COVERING LOTS 218 TO 272 INCLUSIVE.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present, following City Manager Steven's recommendation that the Resolution be adopted.

The City Clerk read title to Ordinance No. 579, as reintroduced November 27, 1951, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CALLING, PROVIDING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 8, 1952, WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT OF THE PROPOSITION OF INCURRING A DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SUCH DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES OF ACQUIRING AND CONSTRUCTING WATER WORKS FOR SAID DISTRICT".

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. Councilman Karlow moved that Ordinance No. 579 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale stated it was the recommendation of the Traffic Commission that the City Manager write the State Highway Department requesting the installation of a caution light at 101 Highway and Roberts Road, the cost, if necessary, to be deducted from Torrance's share of the State Gas Fund. He so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale further advised the Traffic Commission recommended the purchase of overhead signal lights for the intersection of Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. and 190th and Crenshaw. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

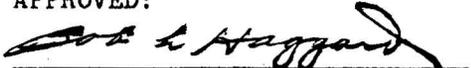
Councilman Spelman stated there were various traffic problems in Hollywood Riviera which had been called to his attention and that he would submit the suggestions to City Manager Stevens for survey by the Traffic Commission.

Mr. Crumb, of 3344 Winlock Road, asked for an explanation on the licensing of Senness' gravel pit when it had been ordered closed. Mayor Haggard and Councilman Karlow explained the Council's position in the matter, and the limits of the Council power. Mr. Muraski also of Winlock Road, voiced his complaints in connection with the pit operation. City Attorney Hall advised the gentlemen their complaints were primarily civil, and that he would be glad to go into the matter in more detail with them in his office at a more convenient time.

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

At 8:25 P.M., on motion of Councilman Spelman seconded by Councilman Karlow, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE