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Torrance, California
January 8, 1952

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, January 8, 1952, 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 participated in the salute to Our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 26, 1951, be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Mayor Haggard announced the time had arrived for the opening of bids on the Adult Recreation Building, and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

1. M. E. Didier Company	5964 West Boulevard Los Angeles 43	\$ 14,883.00
2. Players & Dolan	1715 S. Camden Ave. Los Angeles 25	12,125.00
3. Beckner Construction	8617½ W. 3rd St. Los Angeles 48	17,367.75
4. Julian Construction	931 E. Rosécrans St. Compton	11,600.00
5. Walter Wiitanen	819 Amapola Ave. Torrance	11,281.00
6. Widre & Sons, Inc.	8154 W. Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles	12,100.00
7. Crown Development Co.	11712 Inglewood Ave. Hawthorne	13,500.00
8. Richard H. Meine	3314 Highland Ave. Hermosa Beach	11,545.00

Councilman Karlow moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor announced the time had arrived for the opening of bids on bus insurance and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

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| 1. Walter Schaefer | Truck Insurance Exchange
2324 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance | \$.0172 per bus
mile
\$3,000 deposit
\$ 350 member-
ship fee |
| 2. Russell Lund | Markel Service, Inc.
1425½ Marcelina Ave.
Torrance | \$.0085 per bus
mile
no deposit
no membership
fee |

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Associated Oil Co. reporting no pipe lines laid during the period July 1 to December 31, 1951, under County franchise ordinances Nos. 1014 and 1351. Matter of record.

Letter from Richfield Oil Corp. reporting no pipe lines laid, removed or abandoned during the period July 1 to December 31, 1951, under County franchise ordinances Nos. 1358 and 1361 N.S. Matter of record.

Councilman Drale asked if it would be of benefit to the City if a survey were made of all franchises and Clerk Bartlett replied that as the Engineering Office was informed of all pipe line changes he did not believe such a survey would benefit the City.

Claim against the Torrance Police Department by Marie and Jack Lemon, of 2720 South Sepulveda Blvd., in the amount of \$300,000 as the result of a collision with a police car. Councilman Blount moved the claim be denied and referred to the insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Truman Browne advising negotiations are being made with Dominguez Water Company to service Tract No. 13028 and requesting the City's confirmation that it has no objection to such service. City Manager Stevens advised representatives of Dominguez Water Company had stated they would call on the City Attorney and Water Superintendent sometime next week to discuss the agreement. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from H. B. Bolas submitting his resignation from the Planning Commission. Councilman Spelman moved the resignation be accepted and that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Bolas for his services. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Councilman Drale moved a letter also be sent to Blaine Walker, retiring Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in appreciation of his services during the past five or six years. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Clerk Bartlett inquired as to who would prepare the letters and it was decided they should be written over the Mayor's signature by the Legal Department.

Letter from North Torrance Civic Improvement Association inviting the Council to attend Open House at the new North Torrance Library on January 11th. Matter of record.

Request from Harry T. Green, 1314 Beech Avenue, for a permit to operate a P.A. system on his car for the year 1952, to be used for Legion ball games and other events requiring publicity. Clerk Bartlett advised the Council our ordinance required a fee of \$1.00 per day. Councilman Karlow moved the City Clerk advise Mr. Green, in writing, of the existing ordinance and its provisions before the council acts on the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Request from Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, City Librarian, for permission to engage clerical aid for 3 or 4 days in connection with necessary changes to be made due to the establishing and opening of the North Torrance Branch Library. Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Recreation Commission requesting authorization to carry out certain projects on its Capital Outlay Item List. Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Recreation Commission recommending the passage of a resolution putting the proposed method of financing the 15-year plan of recreational area development on the April ballot. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To the League of California Cities, the sum of \$625 for service charges to the City of Torrance for the year 1952.
2. For the purchase of a Reo Gold Comet motor for the Bus Department, the sum of \$1,650.00.

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

AWARD OF BIDS:

1. That the bid of Schultz and Peckham for a 1952 Ford Model F1, one-half tone pick-up truck, in the amount of \$1,564.50 including sales tax, be accepted as the lowest responsible local bid and all other bids be rejected.

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City initiate proceedings for the purchase of a Central Fire Station site, approximately 150' x 300', located on the southwest corner of Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of A. K. Hill to construct a temporary dwelling on the rear

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of the lot at 1645 Greenwood, containing 576 square feet.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 228: Petition of Truman Browne for a Variance and Conditional Permit to erect a retail market building on Lot No. 43, Tract No. 17371, located on the southeast corner of Sepulveda Boulevard and Reynolds Drive, provided that Lot 42 (located at the rear of this property) be paved and used exclusively for off-street parking. Councilman Blount moved that Mr. Browne's approval of this condition be secured, in writing. Councilman Drale argued that this looked like "delaying tactics" as written acceptance of conditions have never been secured in other instances. Discussion between members of the Council followed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Drale and Karlow. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted in accordance with the recommendation as written. Councilman Karlow refused to second the motion as he believed it to be out of order and superfluous, in view of the motion just passed. Motion declared lost for lack of a second.

Letter from Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 229: Petition of Richard Miller, et al, for a Variance and Conditional Permit to permit the erection of multiple-unit dwellings, excepting therefrom certain provisions of the ordinance requiring garage units, located on the southeast corner of Dominguez Street and Madrid Avenue in an R-3 Zone. Mr. Bolas, in some detail, explained their reasons for making the request and stated that, at a later date, garages would be provided and that, in the meantime, off-street parking would be provided. Councilman Drale asked if a letter had been received accepting the Planning Commission's condition of off-street parking "provided for a minimum of 14 cars and that such off-street parking space be hard-surfaced". Mr. Bolas replied that such a letter of confirmation would be submitted immediately.

Mayor Haggard declared a brief recess at 8:50. Meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M., with Clerk Bartlett announcing the results of the Water Bond election -- YES - 1681, No - 276.

Letter was then read from Mr. Bolas confirming the conditions of the variance as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Mayor Burton W. Chase, Long Beach, transmitting a copy of a resolution adopted by Long Beach re the government's campaign to seize coastal submerged lands and resources and urging the Council read the resolution carefully and adopt a similar one. Mayor Haggard suggested copies of the Resolution be sent the members of the Council, the City Manager and the City Attorney, and that a similar resolution be considered. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved the Mayor write to the Mayor of Long Beach advising him of the Council's action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD (9), ROLLING HILLS ROAD (1) AND STORM DRAIN 545 RIGHT OF WAY BY AND GRANTING JURISDICTION THEREOF TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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. 2238. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2239

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE.

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. 2239. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2240

A 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 AGREEMENT OF SUBORDINATION EXECUTED BY DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION.

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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. 2240. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 582

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 15757.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 582 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised that the Recreation Commission wished each Councilman to study the brochure furnished on the 15-year proposed recreational program and to submit any suggestions they might have as they wished to get the brochure into final form as soon as possible.

Councilman Blount submitted the name of Gordon Mothersell for re-appointment to the Civil Service Board, his term expiring January 15, 1952. Mayor Haggard stated if there were no objections, he would re-appoint Mr. Mothersell. Councilman Drale stated the Civil Service Ordinance gives each Councilman the right to appoint a member to the Board, which statement was objected to as untrue by Councilman Blount. Discussion continued between Councilman Drale, Blount and Haggard. There being no objection, Mr. Mothersell was appointed to a full term on the Commission.

Councilman Drale submitted the name of Roy Whitcomb for re-appointment to the Planning Commission, his term having expired. There being no objection, Mayor Haggard appointed Mr. Whitcomb to serve a full term on the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved that the mud-hole problem at 182nd and Prairie be investigated and asked that the City Manager notify the County, if it is their problem, or have it taken care of if it is

the City's problem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Karlow, stating the terms of two members of the Planning Commission would expire on January 11, 1952, submitted the names of B. B. Smith and A. K. Hill for re-appointment. There being no objection, Mayor Haggard appointed Messrs. Smith and Hill to each serve a full term on the Commission.

Mayor Haggard suggested the City Attorney draw an ordinance regulating the operation of pawn shops. City Attorney Hall replied that the entire business license ordinance was being studied and that pawn shops could be covered in the revised ordinance.

Mayor Haggard moved the City Manager purchase heaters for the police cars. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The President of the North Torrance P.T.A. asked what had happened to its letter concerning a traffic light at 182nd and Hawthorne. She was advised of the Council's action on the P.T.A. letter received approximately a month ago requesting crossing-guards and the City's attempts to secure State or County aid. She was told no letter had been received requesting a traffic light, and was further advised of the steps necessary to secure such traffic control. Councilman Drale moved that such a request be made of the Division of Highways. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale further requested that the City Manager communicate with the group and advise them of the Council's action.

Clerk Bartlett asked that the Traffic Commission study the intersection of Sonoma and Madrid and the possibility of installing a street light as it is a very dark and dangerous intersection. Councilman Haggard so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

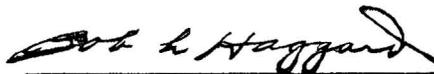
Councilman Drale asked if a reply had been received from the Division of Highways to the City's request for a traffic control signal at 101 Highway and Roberts Road. City Manager Stevens replied they had acknowledged our request but no report as to their findings had been received.

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

At 9:30 P.M., Councilman Blount moved the meeting be adjourned to January 15, 1952 at 7:00 P.M. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE