

Torrance, California
April 9, 1952

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, April 9, 1952, at 7:00 P.M. In the absence of the Mayor, Councilman Blount moved Councilman Karlow preside as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

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

This being an Adjourned Regular Meeting for the purpose of canvassing the absentee ballots received for the General Municipal Election held April 8, 1952, the regular order of business was dispensed with. Absentee ballots received totaled 35; one being improperly endorsed was ordered destroyed unopened. The City Clerk then opened the remaining 34 ballots which were canvassed by the City Council. The tally was as follows:

FOR COUNCILMAN:

Victor E. Benstead-----	13
George W. Downing -----	9
Nicolas O. Drale -----	22

Albert Isen -----10
 Bob L. Haggard -----15
 Edwin S. Karlow -----8
 Mervin Schwab -----15
 Jack White -----10

FOR TREASURER:

Harriett V. Leech-----26

Mayor Haggard arrived at 7:35 and Councilman Karlow relinquished the chair. At 7:45 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to 8:00 P.M., on motion of Councilman Spelman, seconded by Councilman Blount, and un-animously carried.

The Meeting reconvened at 8:00 P.M. and the regular order of business was conducted.

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

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of March 25th and April 8th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

The Mayor announced it was the time and place for opening bids on pipe for the Water Department and Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>PRICE PER FOOT</u>
Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co.	\$3.705
James B. Clow & Sons	3.95
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.	3.97

The City Manager suggested the Council recess later in the evening to study the bids and that the contract be awarded immediately as a subdivision was being held up due to lack of pipe.

Mayor Haggard announced this was the time and place for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer, or the quality of work performed, or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract, or the correctness of the assessment or diagram of the Seaside Heights Sewer District. The City Clerk presented Affidavit of mailing notices of filing of assessment and Affidavit of posting notice of filing of assessment. Councilman Blount moved the affidavits be received and filed; motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. In answer to inquiry by Councilman Drale, Assistant to City Engineer Patrick stated the assessments were made on the same basis as in North Torrance. Written protests were read from:

1. H.H. Graham, 5331 Bindewald Road
2. M.L. Phillips, 5347 Bindewald Road
3. Gregory J. Reger, Jr., 5251 Doris Way
4. Roy P. and Doris M. Dolley, Assessment No. 168
5. Don A. and Emily T. Robinson, 5364 Doris Way
6. Robert R. and Ethel J. Reesor, 5269 Bindewald Road
7. Lillian Harrelson, 5335 Bindewald Road
8. Donald and Mary Harrelson, 5272 Bindewald Road

The Harrelson letter stated they felt the "additional line extended on the Palisade Builders Track and that of Mr. Haggard, our Mayor, should be assessed to them separately and not included in our assessment at all". Mr. Haggard advised the audience the property referred to was not his, although he wished it were, but belonged to a gentleman with a similar name - Ben Haggett. At the request of the Mayor, Mr. Patrick introduced Mr. Williams, of Barnett, Hopen & Smith, Assessments Engineers, who answered questions of the audience -- namely, Mr. Salvatore Artese, of 5372 Doris Way, and a gentlemen who gave neither his name nor address and inquired, generally, as to the price, length, etc., of the sewer. Following the discussion, Councilman Drale moved the hearing be postponed and that a new hearing date be set. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried and the hearing was reset for April 23, 1952, at 8:00 P.M.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from the Civil Service Board recommending approval of the request of P. S. Cruze for leave of absence without pay from May 15th to May 31st. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Recreation Director Carpenter advising the cost of personnel for the summer program is approximately \$14,521.20, as compared to \$12,348.34 for the 1951 summer program, and requesting Council action. Discussion followed, during which City Manager Stevens suggested they be authorized to proceed with their plans on the basis of last year's budget figure and that if the new budget could be increased, the program could be expanded. Councilman Karlow moved the request be granted on the '51-'52 budget. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from South Shore Motor Co. for permission to operate a new and used car lot at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Cravens, which property was formerly used as a used car lot. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police, if the property involved is properly zoned for such operation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Torrance Veterans Service Council for permission to sell fireworks July 1-4 at five locations. The request had the approval of the Chief of Police provided the Service Council operates and has full control of its stands, as last year. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted on the condition named by Chief Stroh and provided the necessary insurance is carried. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Franchise report from Southern California Gas Company enclosing check for \$12,987.71. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Franchise report from Richfield Oil Corporation enclosing check for \$186.41. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from McCollum Buick for refund on business license as operations ceased on March 10, 1952. Clerk Bartlett recommended the refund be granted, less a charge for the first quarter of 1952. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Torrance Gardens for refund on the cost of main installations for Tract 14950. Brief discussion followed, resulting in a motion by Councilman Drale that the City Attorney submit his recommendation in writing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Torrance Gardens urging the Council reconsider its rejection of the Grant Deed covering the 8 lots in Tract 14958 used as a sump. The letter stated the reversion clause in the deed, which the Council had objected to, had been approved by both Mr. Patrick and Mr. Hall. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Hall stated no such approval had been given by either the Engineer's office or the office of City Attorney. Councilman Blount moved the communication be "returned on the ground that the Council does not wish to accept the deed under the restrictions". He then immediately amended his motion as follows: "If after thorough search, nothing appears to the contrary, the deed be returned with a statement that it is not acceptable in its present form." Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from G.A. Bauman for a variance to operate a market center at 4024 Pacific Coast Highway (acreage), and submitting a front elevation panorama of the completed project. In connection with this matter, a letter from the Torrance Planning Commission was read recommending approval of the variance on certain conditions. The conditions having been accepted in Mr. Bauman's letter, Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager:

TRAFFIC CONTROL:

That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare the necessary ordinance to establish the following regulatory signs in accordance with the recommendations of the Traffic Commission:

1. Four-Way Stop:

- (a) Carson Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.
- (b) Reese Road and Linda Drive.

2. That heavy trucking be restricted on Crenshaw Boulevard from 190th Street to Redondo Beach Boulevard.

As some of the heaviest truck traffic is approximately half a mile from 190th Street, to the south, Councilman Karlow moved the Council concur in the recommendation as to Item 1 and that Item 2 be returned for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 9:05 P.M., Mayor Haggard declared a brief recess. Meeting reconvened at 9:10 P.M.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ITS CONTRACT WITH FRANK H. CARPENTER.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2255. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE SITE FOR PROPOSED FIRE STATION.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2256. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO REMEDY THE DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF 174TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, A STATE HIGHWAY.

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. 2257. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR WARREN IN OBTAINING CORRECTIVE MEASURES BY THE STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS TO REMEDY THE DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF 174TH STREET.

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Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman and carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale interrupted to ask if they weren't "stepping over" Vincent Thomas by requesting assistance directly from the Governor. City Attorney Hall advised he had contacted Mr. Thomas' office and, in Mr. Thomas' absence, had talked with the Secretary. It was suggested, and agreed, that a copy of the Resolution should be sent to Vincent Thomas. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2258. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2259

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR WARREN IN OBTAINING TRAFFIC CONTROL BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA-SEASIDE RANCHOS AREA OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2259. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LONGREN AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

City Manager Stevens explained that the plot of land involved was 100' x 100' on which Longren intended to erect a hangar for experimental purposes. Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2260. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2261

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF DELINQUENT BOND 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 Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2261. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2262

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF ESCAPED ASSESSMENTS 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 Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2262. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2263

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.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2263. Motion, seconded by Councilman Karlow, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO.591

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.523 BY MAKING A SALARY CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Drale stated he didn't know how many hours Mr. Hall put in at the City Hall, nor did he know how many hours a part-time City Attorney should spend, but that he thought the number of hours to be spent in the City Hall should be stipulated. Councilman Blount stated that the legal business of the City might vary quite a bit from week to week. The motion was defeated on the "NO" vote of Councilman Drale and Clerk Bartlett then read the Ordinance in its entirety. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 591 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Karlow, Spelman and Haggard. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Drale.

ORDINANCE NO.592

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO.316, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 227.

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 Ordinance No. 592 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO.593

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUIRING CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS RELATIVE TO WELLS, CISTERNS, HOLES SUMPS AND OTHER EXCAVATIONS OF A HAZARDOUS NATURE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 593 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 594

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 326.

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. 594 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 595

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

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Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 595 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 596

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 523 BY ADDING CERTAIN POSITIONS TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING FIVE-STEP SALARY RANGE PLAN THEREFOR.

Councilman Karlow moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Karlow moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 596 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 597

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 483.

Councilman Blount stated he objected to the word "livestock" in subparagraph (c), that he did not want cattle and sheep being hauled to and from the place of auction past homes, including his own, although he would have no objection to horses. He moved the Ordinance be returned to the City Attorney for revision. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Karlow and Spelman. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Haggard. Clerk Bartlett stated the number 597 would be deleted from this Ordinance, as it has not been adopted for its first reading, and would be given another Ordinance number at a later date.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens reported that the bids for water pipe opened earlier in the meeting had been studied and recommended the contract be awarded Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co., as the lowest responsible bidder, and that all other bids be rejected. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall stated that Mr. Sherfey had asked him to inquire of the Council whether or not they had taken any action in respect to the request he made as to the losses in the Del George suit, which request had been presented at an agenda meeting. Councilman Karlow stated he understood there were to be other charges and that the Council was going to wait until "final clearance". Councilman Blount suggested the matter was one for the new Council. Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney for his recommendation, who replied that he believed the Council should take action as to all three -- Tolson, Selover and Sherfey, rather than act on each individual matter. There having been no formal requests from either Mr. Tolson or Mr. Selover, Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Councilman Drale moved the City Manager be instructed to make an offer, not to exceed the appraised valuation, on the Rupp property across the alley from the Fire Station. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Powell, Assistant Director of Civil Defense, advised the Council of the equipment needed for proper civil defense and stated that 50% of the cost of such items, approximately, would be borne by the Federal Government, 25% by the State, and the balance by the City. He suggested the Council go on record "by a vote allowing for the transfer of funds, when assured that we will gain a contribution by the State and Federal Governments, of \$2500 into the Civil Defense Suspense Fund". Councilman Karlow moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Powell then expressed his appreciation to the present Council for the fine support given him during the past year, and invited them to attend a course in plant facility protection, by the Petroleum Industry, to be held in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, April 10th, from 9:30 to 4:30.

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 9:52 P.M., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman, meeting was adjourned until April 15, 1952, at 8:00 P.M.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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