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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, May 27, 1952, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding. Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

City Manager Stevens led the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13th and of the adjourned regular meeting of May 14th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Application from the Yellow Cab Company of Torrance for taxi stands at 1664 Cravens Avenue and 3741 Pacific Coast Highway. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the City of Gardena transmitting a copy of a resolution urging the State to complete Highway No.175. Councilman Drale, stating we were definitely interested in this highway moved that the City Attorney draw a similar resolution, a copy to be sent to Assemblyman Thomas and Supervisor Darby. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Redondo Beach Lodge #1378, B.P.O.E., inviting the Council to its Flag Day program June 14th at 8:00 P.M. Matter of record.

Recommendation from Fire Chief Benner that the Council reconsider its action regarding fireworks and that "Ordinance No. 516 be reverted to the original Ordinance No. 456 in its entirety." Matter of record.

Letter from Fire Chief Benner submitting for approval an ordinance regulating storing of combustible waste, incinerators, barbecue pits and burning. Councilman Drale stated his objection to the ordinance, made previously, was that it prohibited a person from building his own incinerator and required that one be purchased. Chief Benner replied that the ordinance did not prohibit a person from building his own incinerator if it complied with the standards set forth in the ordinance. As all members of the Council had not received copies of the ordinance, Councilman Drale moved the ordinance be presented for reading at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from Mrs. Rayonette C. Brown, crossing guard, stating she would not be held responsible for "any mis-hap, injury nor death that might occur at the intersection, walkways or elsewhere at the Crenshaw Blvd. and Torrance Blvd. crossing." In answer to inquiry by Mayor Schwab, City Attorney Hall stated he had no knowledge of the facts. Chief Stroh stated the signals at Crenshaw were the same as at Cota, and that the Cota-Torrance Blvd. intersection had been checked several times as to children and elderly people getting across the street. Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Request from North Torrance Mission, 18521 Crenshaw Blvd., for permission to erect a tent for a 2-week revival meeting June 8-22nd. In answer to inquiry by Councilman Benstead, City Manager Stevens advised that all such tents, if permission is granted, must be inspected by the Fire Department. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted, subject to inspection and approval by the Fire Department, Building inspector and City Electrician. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Torrance Gardens urging the Council to reconsider its refusal to accept the Grant Deed covering the 8 sump lots in Tract 14958. After brief discussion, Councilman Blount moved "that we do not change the stand of the former Council in the matter -- that as long as that clause stands, we do not accept the deed". Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. (The clause referred to in the motion relates to the reversion of title to the Grantor at a future time.)

Letter from Los Angeles County Health Department submitting renewal of contract for the fiscal year 1952-53. Councilman Spelman moved the contract be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NAYS: COUNCILMAN Blount.

Letter from Rome Cable Corporation relative to inadequacy of water supply in the event of fire and urging the situation be remedied. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be referred to the next Water Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Blount. Councilman Drale asked if such a delay would influence the proposed purchase by Rome Cable of the City Yard and City Manager Stevens replied that the water matter would undoubtedly influence the proposed purchase but that he did not believe such a short delay would have any bearing on the matter. Councilman Drale then suggested Mr. McVicar make his recommendation prior to the Water Board meeting. Motion carried.

Report from City Electrician Webb and Recreation Director Carpenter on their survey of proposed lighting for the YWCA building area, at an estimated cost of \$1,340. After brief discussion, Councilman Blount moved that the report be returned to the Recreation Department for transmittal to the YWCA group. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Recommendation from the City Clerk for the temporary employment of I. J. Hallanger as Accountant as of June 1, 1952. Clerk Bartlett advised Mr. Curtiss, the present Accountant, is resigning and that the appointment would be temporary, pending civil service examination, which would be called for immediately. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale asked if Mr. Hallanger was qualified for the position and Clerk Bartlett replied that he was.

Request for permission to occupy a house trailer at 2313 230th St. during construction of building by W.H. Millette. Building permit having been taken out on April 30th, Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the request for the usual 90 day period. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending the appointment of Leo A. di Mayle to fill the vacancy on the Commission. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. No confirmation of the appointment was made by the Mayor at this time.

Letter from Truman Browne urging approval of his tract maps nos. 17965 and 17371, and issuance of building permits prior to formal recording of the maps. Councilman Drale, stating these tracts were also covered by a communication from the Engineering Department to be read later in the evening, suggested action be deferred at this time.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending denial of the petition for variance of Lilyan P. and Bert M. Lynn, Case No. 236, and referring the matter to the Council as a zoning violation. Councilman Spelman asked who had authorized this addition and Mr. Stevens replied that a building permit had been issued in error by the Building Inspector - that the permit should not have been issued. Councilman Blount asked if the building permit stated it was to extend the variance and was told it did not.

Clerk Bartlett then proceeded to read the next communication from the Planning Commission:

A letter urging the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting construction of any structure for human occupancy below the 75' contour elevation, to apply to the area known as the "Walteria Lake District." Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending the employment of a "Land Use Investigator" and setting forth reasons for the recommendation. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to an agenda meeting for study and report back to the next regular Council meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:45 P.M. and reconvened at 8:55.

Councilman Blount stated that "old demon rumor" had been active and that a number of people in the audience had been informed the Council was going to enact an ordinance, at tonight's meeting, prohibiting horses in the City of Torrance, and assured all present that such was not the case nor intention of the Council -- that the only ordinance concerning horses was one relative to stock auctions which was coming up for its second reading. He suggested the ordinance be read at this time to satisfy the minds of all present. Councilman Drale objected to the reading of the ordinance out of regular order. Councilman Blount then moved that Ordinance No. 597 be read at the this time. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried over the "no" vote of Councilman Drale, and Clerk Bartlett read Ordinance No. 597 in its entirety:

ORDINANCE NO. 597

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

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Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 597 at its second and final reading. Clerk Bartlett stated that Mr. White, of North Torrance Civic Improvement Association was in the audience and he believed he had something to say relative to the ordinance. Mr. White stated that two weeks ago his group had protested the ordinance and had asked for time to make an investigation; that this had been done and that it appeared to be a very clean operation and that considerable money had been spent in preparing for it; that his group had only two questions: (1) if there was an ordinance to control the sanitary conditions of the operation and (2) could the license be withdrawn or suspended if enough residents protested it as a nuisance. City Attorney Hall replied that there was no ordinance controlling sanitary conditions of stock auctions as such, only insofar as general requirements; that the County could investigate any health question. As to the suspension of a license, he stated he knew of no restrictions except the general rule that you can't create a nuisance and maintain it. City Manager Stevens stated the license would not be issued for one year, but until December 31st. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At this time, approximately one-half of the audience left the Council Chamber.

No action having been taken on the Lynn petition for variance, item No. 16, Councilman Drale asked that the Council be given a little background on the matter. City Manager Stevens explained originally a variance had been granted under Case No. 195 and read a letter from the file authorizing the construction of a medical building as per plan submitted by My. Lynn. The plan as approved at that time was given the Council for examination. Mr. Lloyd, Secretary to the Planning Commission reviewed the proceedings held in connection with Case No. 195. He stated the building permit had been issued in error; that when the addition had been practically completed, the matter had been called to the attention of the Planning Commission and that he had been instructed to notify Mr. Lynn to stop construction; that this was done and that Mr. Lynn had stopped all work; that subsequently a hearing was held at which there was a number of protests, primarily because of the parking problem; that the Planning Commission, by a majority vote, denied the petition. He advised that he had made a study of the parking area; that as originally granted, there was space for approximately 9 cars; that under the new plan, there was not room for more than 7 unless they had a 3' overhand into the alley, which could not be legally condoned; that it was primarily because of the loss of parking area that the Commission recommended denial. Councilman Spelman asked how serious the Commission considered the variance violation and Mr. Lloyd replied that the Commission felt the violation was not an "honest violation"; that the Commission felt the applicant was well aware that according to the terms of his variance he could not just apply for a permit to make additions whenever he wanted; that had it been a case where the owner had sold and subsequent owners were not aware, have felt differently. Councilman Spelman asked the City Attorney if he had an opinion, to which Mr. Hall replied that insofar as the Council was concerned, it would depend on what they wanted to do; that if the Council wished to have an opinion as to the effect of granting a variance and the effect of violations as related to whether or not the Council could issue an order to destroy, he would request permission to submit his opinion in writing.

Councilman Drale stated there were several people in the City who had violated their variance, naming in particular Torrance Sand & Gravel, and that they should all be treated alike. He stated, further, that the Planning Commission, for some time, has requested some method of enforcing variances.

Councilman Spelman stated: "Appreciating the fact that the tenant involved has a serious problem, I take the position that a variance is a variance. I would move that we concur in the recommendation of the Commission and that we ask the City Attorney for his legal opinion on the next step to be taken." Motion was declared lost for lack of a second.

Mayor Schwab stated he would like to have an opinion from the Attorney, in writing, on the matter. Councilman Blount stated "we are evading the issue". Councilman Spelman said "variances are set up in all good faith in all parties concerned." Councilman Drale suggested that if parking was available in the center of Torrance Boulevard, it would supplant the spaces lost by the addition to the variance; further, that it might be well to order a hearing for changing the zone for the entire area from Crenshaw to Cravens for business.

Councilman Blount stated: "I would move that, inasmuch as the City of Torrance is equally as guilty as the party who perpetrated this building that the Council not approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission." He was asked to restate his motion, which he did by saying: "We have a communication from the Planning Commission recommending that we deny the request for a variance. I move we do not accept the recommendation of the Commission, leaving the matter status quo. He has a building permit - let him finish the building." Motion was lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale stated: "I would like to hear Mr. Hall make a statement regarding the City's negligence." Mr. Hall replied: "It was stated openly that we erred in issuing the permit. You are under no compulsion to grant a variance if you find the facts are that you should not grant it. On the other hand, you can if you so choose."

Councilman Blount moved the Council grant the variance. Again the motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Blount then moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and deny the variance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman.

Mr. Lynn, stating he was the "varmint in this comedy of errors", at some length, explained that he believed at the most the only parking space lost by the addition might be one car; that two spaces were, admittedly, hard to get into but that the doctors or nurses would use those spaces. He stated that he had not deliberately violated the variance and reviewed his procedure step by step. He stated, further, that at the hearing it seemed to be a matter of personalities rather than a zoning variance.

Councilman Spelman stated: "I have no reason to question you at all. I think you proceeded honestly. However, in our particular position - I take the stand that I am not concerned with the problem now - I am concerned with a variance that has been violated. If we allow it to go through as a violation, then we open ourselves wide open....I can also appreciate the doctors' problem. I am not shooting at you as an individual at all - I want to make that clear."

Boris Woolley, attorney, stated he did not represent Mr. Lynn but did represent the doctors concerned. At some length, he urged the Council to grant the variance as the additional space was needed by the doctors to more ably serve the people of Torrance and stated that industry was moving into Torrance because of our medical service; that equipment had already been ordered for the new office rooms and that a denial of the variance would be penalizing the doctors as well as the patients.

City Attorney Hall stated: "I am not suggesting that this is what the Council should do but if there is a question as to whether you should now grant the variance because of possible violation, I believe it would be in order to approve the variance, as of tonight, with the understanding that an investigation be made by the proper authority and proceedings taken under the penal provisions of the ordinance."

Mayor Schwab stated he had had the people on that street in his home discussing this matter; that he had told them it would not come up this evening; and that he, personally, felt it should be given further study; that all he was concerned about was that whatever is right should be done.

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Councilman Blount withdrew his motion and Councilman Spelman his second. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to the City Attorney for a legal opinion at the next regular meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 17371 and Tract Map No. 17965, subdivisions of Truman Browne, advising the Planning Commission recommended approval and with the further recommendation that proper arrangements be made for water before the signing of the maps. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Spelman. Councilman Blount stated he did not wish to vote.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 18180, on behalf of James Dresser, advising the Planning Commission recommended approval, and that he recommended proper arrangements be made for water before signing tract maps. Mr. Stevens stated he had received a late request from the subdivider that this tract be held up. Councilman Drale moved the tract be tabled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 188188, on behalf of Barton Construction Company, advising it had been approved by the Planning Commission and that he recommended proper arrangements be made for water before signing of tract maps. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Mr. Patrick submitting Tract Map No. 16701, on behalf of Mr. A. Gianni, advising the Planning Commission recommended approval subject to the following provisions:

- (1) That cul-de-sacs be installed in place of the turn-arounds as shown on the map.
- (2) That house plans be submitted before the final signing of the map.
- (3) That proper drainage be provided.

Mr. Patrick further recommended that proper arrangements be made for water before the signing of the tract maps.

Councilman Benstead questioned the cul-de-sacs. Mr. Gianni stated he was being "persecuted by being forced to put in cul-de-sacs" on this property; that some day the streets would be through streets; that he had provided dead-end streets with turn-arounds so that if and when adjoining property was developed, streets could be cut straight through; that this same map had been approved in 1950 and that there was no request for cul-de-sacs at that time.

Councilman Drake stated: "It seems the Assistant Engineer is not very consistent. We have approved 4 tracts tonight without drainage and other things -- I move that the map as shown with turn-arounds in place of the cul-de-sacs, be approved to comply with the other tracts in the City. The only cases where we approve cul-de-sacs is where we come up against something that can't be removed I move the cul-de-sacs be eliminated and the original plan approved." Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Further discussion followed, with City Manager Stevens stating he would like to correct one statement, as a matter of record -- that both the Truman Browne tracts approved this evening have cul-de-sacs; that the City has them in many tracts. Councilman Blount asked if the motion, as made, deleted only item (1) of the conditions set by the Planning Commission and Councilman Drale replied "yes". Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

1. The following personnel have been appointed to serve their probationary period, in the classifications indicated, effective May 20th, 1952, at the compensation set forth as the first step for the classification:
 - (a) James L. Dunmyer, Laborer - Street Department
 - (b) Lawrence A. Hickcox, Laborer - Street Department
 - (c) William L. Johns, Laborer - Water Department
 - (d) Angel O. Guaderrama, Laborer - Water Department
 - (e) Florence B. di Mayle, Draftsman - Engineering Department
2. Ronald W. Bishop has been appointed as an Engineer on a temporary basis, effective May 19, 1952, at the compensation of \$450 per month.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

- (1) For the purchase of a 30-watt amplifier for the Civic Auditorium public address system, the sum of \$350.00.

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

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 at Via Monte D'Oro and Calle Miramar
2. Two-way STOP on Eldorado Street at Hickory Avenue
3. One-way STOP on Pennsylvania Avenue at Sepulveda Boulevard
4. One-way STOP on Arlington Avenue at north side of Sartori Avenue.

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

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2278

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

City Manager Stevens advised that this is a standard resolution prepared by the State for the expenditure of gas tax funds. Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2278. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2279

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR WATER CONNECTIONS, METER SERVICES, WATER RATES, DEPOSITS, DELINQUENCIES AND DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE.

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Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2279. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2280

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, QUITCLAIM DEED FROM CARL H. QUANDT.

City Attorney Hall stated the Title Insurance Company had obtained the deed to correct a title defect. Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2280. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall requested authority to file a quiet title action against several others who still appear of record in the matter of the Quandt Water Company, stating it would be handled through the Title Insurance Company at, he believed, no cost to the City. Councilman Drale so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 600

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE 1950 EDITION OF THE "UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE" AND REPEALING SECTION ONE OF ORDINANCE NO.445.

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. 600 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 601

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PORTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD, WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS AND CONSENTING TO THE IMPROVEMENT THEREOF BY THE COUNTY.

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. 601 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The list of Standing Committees having been furnished the Council and other City officials by the Mayor, Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the list. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Mr. Beasley, of Walteria, stating he was not official representing the businessmen or the people in that area, urge the Council to accept a recommendation from that district to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission. He stated the community has approximately 2300 registered voters, approximately one-fifth of the entire number of registered voters of the City; that they had no representative on the Council, Planning Commission or Civil Service Board; that Mayor Sherrif had promised the next vacancy on the Commission would be filled

from the Walteria area, and that this had never been done. He concluded his remarks by suggesting the name of Jesse Minter, a planning engineer by profession. Councilman Drale stated: "Mr. Mayor, according to the ordinance, you officially have to approve the appointment and I don't believe you have officially done so at this time. I would like to submit the name of Mr. Jesse Minter to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission."

Mr. Cameron, of Winlock Road, stated that Mr. Beasley has done a "fine job of representing us on the Recreation Commission" and in other matters; that the vacancy has existed for the past six months; that it was brought out before the last Council election and at Pacific Hills Home Owners' Association meetings; that a representative from the southwest section of Torrance "is fine"; that he would hate to "see the name attached to Pacific Hills that it is the last to get the word"; that there would be other vacancies on the Planning Commission and that the district could then submit recommendations.

Councilman Spelman stated he had no objection to Mr. Minter as he did not know the gentleman; that the vacancy has existed for six months and no recommendations received; that the Planning Commission had been requested to suggest a name and the recommendation had been received.

Mrs. Yarbrough stated that Mr. Minter was unable to come to the meeting tonight but had authorized her to say he was willing to have his name submitted for consideration as a member of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale stated: "Being a member of the old Council, I think the present two members -- Blount and Spelman -- have made all previous appointments to committees. I ask the Mayor to make it available for other members of the Council to make appointments."

Mayor Schwab replied: "I think I am speaking for all the gentlemen -- we are going to be fair about this thing. All sections of the City should be represented. ..."

Councilman Drale stated that some time ago, people from Elm St. were in to discuss obtaining curbs, gutters and sidewalks but, at the time, no satisfactory solution to the drainage problem was made. He suggested that since the City had hired a new Engineer that the matter be referred to him for study and report. In the ensuing discussion, City Manager Stevens advised that at the time the request was first made, funds had been voluntarily deposited by the residents in a local bank; that the City handled none of the funds on such matters; that we did make surveys but the contracts are awarded and payments made by the bank; that it is a purely cooperative effort and the money is never handled by the City. Councilman Drale moved the matter be referred to Mr. Bishop. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Councilman Drale stated he had received requests for street lights at 182nd and Hawthorne in the Steiner-Horne subdivision, and so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount asked what progress was being made in getting curbs, gutters and sidewalks at 174th and Crenshaw and City Manager Stevens reported that Property Management had been advised street grades, etc., were available and that the City would expect them to proceed with the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks immediately.

Councilman Spelman, stating that it had come to his attention there was confusion "in the minds of the people of Seaside Ranchos regarding the sewer district", moved the matter be tabled for a 30 day period so that another survey could be made throughout the area. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Mr. Truman Browne requested the Council take action on his request, read earlier, for the issuance of building permits in his two tracts prior to recordation of the maps. Discussion followed and City Attorney Hall inquired if Mr. Browne understood that such construction

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would be at his risk, and Mr. Browne replied that he fully understood that. City Manager Stevens asked if he intended to conform fully to the City's ordinance in constructing the tracts, and Mr. Browne replied that he did. Councilman Drale then moved the building permits be issued. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Schwab. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Spelman. Councilman Blount stated he did not wish to vote.

Mr. White, of North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn, asked if there was a City ordinance controlling the pasturing of horses as only last week a small child had been kicked by a horse at pasture and the child had died. The City Attorney replied that we had no such ordinance; that such a matter was primarily one of personal liability; but that possibly the Council could take some action.

Mrs. Brooks, of North Torrance, stating the City had an ordinance controlling dogs running at large, asked if an ordinance couldn't be passed ordering that pastured horses be hobbled. Councilman Blount, stating a child's life was certainly worth consideration, moved the matter be discussed at the next agenda meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Mr. Gianni stated he certainly hoped the Council would not adopt an ordinance requiring hobbles, to which Councilman Blount replied: " We can hobble the children then, Mr. Gianni." Motion carried.

Councilman Drale, stating the Council calendars were getting "awfully long", suggested the Council give consideration to weekly meetings, to which Councilman Blount replied that the charter only required one meeting a month.

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 10:45 P.M., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman, and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE