

Torrance, California
October 7, 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 Tuesday October 7, 1952, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Deininger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attonney Hall.

Councilman Benstead led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Mayor Schwab announced that this was the time set for the opening of bids for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard from 203rd St. to Redondo Beach Boulevard. The Deputy City Clerk opened, and City Manager Stevens read, the following bids:

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<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>	
C.O. Sparks, Inc. and Mundo Engineering Co.	\$ 86,120.00	Bid Bond
Oswald Bros. Co.	94,140.00	Check
Warren Southwest, Inc	77,764.00	Bid Bond
Vernon Paving Co.	85,286.00	Bid Bond
Griffith Company	90,800.00	Bid Bond
Ken H. Jones & Co.	78,825.00	Bid Bond

Councilman Drale arrived at 8:05

Councilman Blount moved all bids be referred to the Engineering Department for study and recommendation at the next Council meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Mayor Schwab announced that this was the time set for the opening of bids on Specification No. 2 for improvements to our water supply system. Deputy City Clerk Deininger opened, and City Manager Stevens read, the following bids:

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Following the reading of the bids, Councilman Spelman moved all bids be referred to the Engineers for checking and recommendation at the next meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.
Meeting recessed at 8:30 P.M. and reconvened at 8:40.

ADDITIONAL WATER FACILITIES -- SPECIFICATION NO. 2

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Cashier's Check- Bid Bond</u>	<u>Schedule 1</u>	<u>Schedule II A</u>
R.A. Wattson Co.	Bid Bond	142571.00	
E.W. Cannell	Bid Bond	109932.00	
John A. Artukovich Sons, Inc	Bid Bond	176796.96	
P & J Artukovich, Inc. and M. Miller Company	Bid Bond	153900.00	
C. Losch Company	Bid Bond	99882.00	
E.T. Haas Co.	Bid Bond		
Mutual Pipe Line & Const. Co.	Cashier's Check		94630.00
Heisler & Woods	Bid Bond	98198.12	
J.E. Young Pipeline Contr. Inc.	Bid Bond	252318.00	83533.00
Sam B. Pearce	Bid Bond		98193.67
Elco Corporation	Bid Bond	148922.00	
A B C Construction,Co. Inc.	Bid Bond	102700.00	

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Schedule 11 B</u>	<u>Schedule 11 C</u>	<u>Schedule 111</u>	<u>Schedule 1V</u>
R.A.Wattson Co.				
E.W. Cannell				
John A. Artukovich Sons, Inc.				
P & J Artukovich, Inc. and M. Miller Company		274100.00	53700.00	23900.00
C. Losch Company		134833.00	56907.00	24900.00
E.T. Haas Co.		181781.00		
Mutual Pipe Line & Const. Inc.				
Heisler & Woods				
J.E. Young Pipeline Contr. Inc	48173.00	131706.00		
Sam B. Pearce	67887.77	159156.20		
Elco Corporation				
A B C Construction Co. Inc.		170050.00	61380.00	16500.00

The above bids were accompanied by either a Cashier's Check or a bid bond.

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Mayor Schwab announced this was the time set for the public hearing on Land Use Ordinance No. 612. City Attorney Hall suggested the hearing be postponed 60 days. Mr. Donald Armstrong, local attorney, stated he was appearing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and requested the hearing be postponed for 60 days.

Mr. Hall, stating he did not know the views of the Chamber, based his recommendation on the fact that no hearings had been held before the Planning Commission on the new ordinance and felt such hearings should be held to safeguard against any future trouble, as the ordinance was of extreme importance to the City. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the County of Los Angeles, Department of County Engineer and Surveyor, requesting the City take immediate action against Torrance Sand and Gravel Company to secure a permanent satisfactory solution to the problem of its waste water ultimately flooding certain streets in Lomita. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Legal Department for further consideration. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from Berman-Garber, Builders, advising they had recently purchased the remaining residential lots in Tract 15757 and requesting permission to improve only the south half of 173rd St. as they do not own the property on the north side of the street. Mr. Stevens reminded the Council that this was the tract discussed at the last agenda meeting and that he thought the request was reasonable. Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Letter from A. J. Patronskey, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, asking the Council to consider the allocation of 65% of the City's sales tax revenue to the Recreation Commission "to carry forward their 15-year plan of acquisition and development of recreation facilities". Councilman Benstead stated he had suggested to the Commission that they request an allocation of the sales tax revenue prior to the adoption of the 1952-53 budget, which they had not done, and that he did not see any way in which such an allocation could be made at this time. Mr. Stevens stated that the entire anticipated revenue for the fiscal year had been allocated and to make such an allocation now would mean depriving some other department. Councilman Benstead moved the Recreation Commission "be informed of the facts". Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from William Young for permission to occupy a house trailer on Lot 25, Meadowpark Addition, during construction of his residence. Councilman Drale moved the customary 90-day permit be granted provided a building permit is taken out and the trailer moved off after the 90-day period. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, inviting the members of the Council to attend a dinner on Saturday, October 11th, welcoming home the Korean veterans of this area. Matter of record.

Letter from Marie P. Sutphen, Church Clerk, advising the South Bay Baptist Church is negotiating for the purchase of a piece of property on the northeast corner, adjoining the school property, on Sharynne Lane (portion of Lot B of the Rancho los Palos Verdes). The letter states the Church will dedicate 30 feet on each side of the property to the City if the City will surface the streets on which the property fronts; they also request consideration as to the proper zoning for a church site. Mr. Stevens stated he believed the property in question was zoned R-1, which would not permit a church. Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Recommendations of City Manager:

PERSONNEL:

The following personnel to be appointed to serve their probationary or temporary periods in the classifications, on the dates and at the compensations as indicated:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Classific.</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Step</u>
Water	Gurth Ritter	Laborer-Prob.	9-19-52	1st
Water	Archie Ballard	" "	10-1-52	1st
Street	Robert G. Barnhart	Laborer-Temp.	9-29-52	1st

That the salary schedule for the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Bus Supt. and Street Supt. be established at \$453 - \$474 - \$496 - \$519 - \$543 to bring their compensation more in line with that paid by comparable cities in the vicinity, to become effective October 1, 1952.

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

APPROPRIATIONS:

From Water Bond Issue Funds:

- a. Repayment to the Federal Government, the sum of \$56,700 which was advanced for planning funds in connection with the water extension program.
- b. Payment to the Jeffries Bank Note Company for printing bonds, the sum of \$1,691.26.
- c. Payment to O'Melveny & Myers for legal services regarding the water bond issue, the sum of \$6,000.00

Payment to Griffith Company for paving 166th St. from Crenshaw Blvd. to Casimir Ave.; the intersection of 164th St. and Arlington Ave.; 162nd St. from Arlington Ave. to Haas Ave.; the sum of \$5,544.84 (County Aid Funds).

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

That the contract with Mrs. Maybel C. Banks for the operation of the Torrance Municipal Bus Depot at 1014 South Hill St. be extended for one year to September 21, 1953, with the compensation being at the rate of 10% on ticket sales.

That the City Attorney be authorized to initiate condemnation proceedings for securing right of way for the 24" main supply line to be constructed under the water bond issue.

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

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

City Manager Stevens advised the bids on additional water facilities opened at the meeting of September 16th had been checked and studied, and made the following recommendations:

Specification No. 1: - that the bid of Chadwick & Buchanan in the amount of \$422,268.00, being the lowest responsible bid, be accepted and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Specification No. 3: - that all bids be rejected and the Engineer authorized to design a steel tank and that new bids be advertised for.

Councilman Benstead so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Specification No. 8 -

Schedule 1 - that the contract be awarded to WATERWORKS SUPPLY COMPANY, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$3,220.74, and all other bids be rejected;

Schedule 2 - that the contract be awarded to WALLACE & TIERNAN SALES CORP., who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$3,480.00, and all other bids be rejected;
Schedule 3 - that the contract be awarded to CONSOLIDATED WESTERN STEEL, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$3,400.00, and all other bids be rejected;
Schedule 4 - that the contract be awarded to CLA-VAL CO., who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$7,829.30, and all other bids be rejected;
Schedule 5 - that the contract be awarded to GRINNEL COMPANY OF THE PACIFIC, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$1,496.88, and all other bids be rejected;
Schedule 6 - that the contract be awarded to WATERWORKS SUPPLY COMPANY, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$3,289.00, and all other bids be rejected;
Schedule 7 - that the contract be awarded to WATERWORKS SUPPLY COMPANY, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$1,055.00, and all other bids be rejected;
Schedule 8 - that the contract be awarded to WATERWORKS SUPPLY COMPANY, who submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$3258.80, and all other bids be rejected.

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

Deputy City Clerk Deininger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2314

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

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2314. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2315

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION NO. 10 WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. The resolution was read in its entirety, following which Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2315. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale.

RESOLUTION NO. 2316

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR ADVERTISING BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE HERALD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953

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. 2316. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2317

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR TIRE RENTAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE B.F. GOODRICH COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1952, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1953.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2317. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2318

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND JOHN R. BEYLIK IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2318. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2319

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AMERICAN PIPE AND CONSTRUCTION CO. IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2319. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2320

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND PACIFIC STATES CAST IRON PIPE CO. IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2320. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2321

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND MUELLER CO. IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2321. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2322

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND RENSSELAER VALVE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER EXPANSION PROJECT OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2322. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2323

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, TRUMAN ENTERPRISES, INC., AND DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION RELATIVE TO TRACT NO. 13028.

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. 2323. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2324

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF A CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 24- INCH SUPPLY MAIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING WATER WITHIN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2324. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens suggested that on closing, this meeting be adjourned to October 21st as the Council would be attending the League of California Cities Convention on the next regular meeting night, October 14th, and the next meeting would not be held until October 28th. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Councilman Blount stated that earlier in the meeting the public hearing on Land Use Ordinance No. 612 had been postponed for 60 days, and suggested the hearing date be set for December 9th, a regular meeting night, which would be 63 days from now. Hearing date so set by the Mayor.

Councilman Drale asked if there was a sign at the local ball park prohibiting "kids playing hard-ball on the ball diamond" and Mr. Stevens replied there was none to his knowledge. Mr. Drale asked that if such signs were there, they be removed immediately.

Councilman Drale also asked what progress was being made in approving Tract No. 16701, which has been pending in the Engineering Department since May 27, 1952. Mr. Stevens replied that the tract

had been approved, subject to proper drainage and the supplying of bonds; that several solutions to the drainage problem had been considered and that the best plan was to drain it in the natural direction to the northeast; that the Department was waiting for plans, and the bonds, and that upon receipt the Tract would go through.

Councilman Spelman suggested that while attending the League convention next week, the City Attorney try to get assistance from the State Division of Highways, or be advised of its action, on the promised "channelizing" at Roberts Road and 101 Highway. Councilman Drale also suggested that the City Manager arrange a meeting with Assemblyman Thomas, soliciting his assistance in this matter.

Mrs. Paul Slonecker stated the Board of Directors of Adult Recreation Center had submitted a recommendation as to policy in controlling the use of the Center, and asked why it had not been read. Neither the City Clerk's office nor the City Manager having received a copy, Councilman Benstead stated he had received such a letter at his home. He presented his letter to the Deputy City Clerk for reading. Mr. Benstead moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, was seconded by Councilman Drale. The other Council members not having received copies of the letter, suggested the recommendation be given a little study. Following further brief discussion, Councilman Benstead withdrew his motion and Councilman Drale his second. Councilman Benstead moved the matter be referred to the Recreation Commission for its recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Stevens if a man by the name of Stewart had contacted him relative to servicing the City's radios. Mr. Stevens replied that at the time bids were called for, someone from Seaside Ranchos or Redondo had submitted a bid, which had been turned over to the Chief of Police along with the other bid; and that the Chief's recommendation had been to continue with our present contract. He stated he would check on the matter.

Mayor Schwab, stating he had given much thought to the appointment of new members to the Recreation Commission, submitted the names of A. J. Patronsky, Marvin Goettsch, Clair Olsen, Bert Johnson, Darwin Parrish, Mrs. Phyrne Laughon and Mrs. W.C. Boswell for the Council's approval. Councilman Benstead and Drale objected to the omission of Mr. Beasley. Mayor Schwab stated: "I have conscientiously tried to present a slate of people who will work together." Councilman Blount moved the seven persons named by the Mayor be appointed to the new Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Councilmen: Benstead, Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale,

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

At 9:40 P.M., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Spelman and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned until 8:00 P.M. October 21, 1952.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE