

Torrance, California
October 9, 1952

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Thursday, October 9, 1952, at 11:06 A.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

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

This being a special meeting, Councilman Blount moved to dispense with the regular order of business. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, and Mayor Schwab stated the meeting had been called for the purpose of awarding the contract for the paving of Crenshaw Blvd. and for the reading of certain resolutions and ordinances, and action on Variance request of Lyle Tussing.

City Manager Stevens advised all bids for the improvement of Crenshaw Boulevard, opened on October 7th, had been checked and recommended the contract be awarded to Warren-Southwest Co., who submitted the lowest responsible bid, and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Benstead so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

The Deputy City Clerk read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2325

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND WARREN SOUTHWEST, INC.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2325. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2326

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 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COMPENSATING THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES RENDERED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 616 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2326. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the unanimous roll call of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 619

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 606 BY MAKING SALARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE.

AGAR20

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of urgency Ordinance. 619. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 619. at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission as to the request for Variance submitted by Lyle Tussing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Drale moved the Mayor send letter of appreciation to the members of the Recreation Commission who were not reappointed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

There being no further business, at 11:12 A.M., on motion of Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Drale, meeting adjourned.


 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California
 October 21, 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 21, 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.

Councilman Spelman led the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business, Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23rd, the Adjourned Regular Meeting of October 7th and the Special Meeting of October 9th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Mayor Schwab stated this was the time and place for the awarding of contracts on Specification No. 2 of the City's water supply system. City Manager Stevens advised that the bids had been studied by the Engineers and they had determined that the lowest combination of bids on Schedules 1, 3 and 4 had been submitted by the E.C. Losch Company in the amount of \$181,689.00; and that lowest responsible bid under Schedule 2-C had been submitted by J.E. Young Pipeline Contr., Inc. in the amount of \$131,706.00. Mr. Stevens recommended the contract on Schedule 2-C be awarded the J.E. Young Pipeline Contr. and all other bids on this schedule be rejected; and that awarding of the contract to the E.C. Losch Company on Schedules 1, 3 and 4 be held up pending the submission of a financial statement.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Letter from Robert Schimmick requesting permission to operate a used car lot at 1313 Cabrillo Avenue. Chief of Police Stroh recommended the request be denied, stating the applicant now operates a used car and junk yard on Normandie. Councilman Spelman moved the request be denied. Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead. Councilman Drale questioned the Council's right to deny if the location was properly zoned and Clerk Bartlett stated the ordinance gave the Council such right. Motion carried by roll call vote, over the dissent of Councilman Drale.

Letter from American Municipal Association inviting the Council to attend the American Municipal Congress in Los Angeles on December 1, 2 and 3, Councilman Spelman moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. advising of new rates for the care of City prisoners -- \$2.10 per male prisoner and \$2.37 per female prisoner. Chief Stroh explained that such rate was charged the City only on prisoners sent to the County Jail for violation of City ordinances, etc.; that prisoners sent on violation of the Penal of Vehicle Codes were not charged to the City. Councilman Spelman moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Robinson, 16703 Ermanita Ave., requesting action be taken to keep dogs from running loose, rodent control, and trash pick-up. Councilman Blount moved the communication be referred to the City Attorney for attention. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from M.L. Hoffenbert, 365 Calle Mayor, suggesting the Recreation Commission consider roller rinks at El Retiro Park and at the Riviera School grounds to provide places for youngsters to skate, as the area has no sidewalks. At the suggestion of Councilman Drale, Councilman Spelman moved the request be referred to the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Torrance Semi-Pro Baseball Committee urging the City to financially support a semi-pro baseball team. Copies of the letter having been sent to the Recreation Commission and other interested groups, Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from South Bay Chapter #92, Disabled American Veterans, for permission to sell Forget-Me-Nots on November 6-7-8-10. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from County Board of Supervisors terminating the City's contract with the Regional Planning Commission as no services have been performed under the contract since March 31, 1947. Councilman Spelman moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from the Torrance Unified School District advising of its inability to "take any action regarding the paving of Opal Street" as a 30-foot strip along the northern boundary of the school site, adjacent to Opal Street, had been granted to the City by easement on October 10, 1950. Mayor Schwab ordered the letter filed as a matter of record.

AGA280

Letter of resignation from June Perkins as Account Clerk, effective October 16, 1952. Councilman Blount moved the resignation be accepted and that a letter of appreciation for her services be sent to Mrs Perkins. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Letter from Water Superintendent McVicar advising two subdividers have become eligible for refunds of main installation costs; Stuart Mortgage & Building Co., Tract #16483 - \$6,093.66 and James N. Starbird & Associates, Tract #16504 - \$5,886.55. His letter recommended these amounts be paid in 7 yearly installments. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Two letters from the Y.M.C.A., one requesting use of the Auditorium/for its annual "Good Neighbor Breakfast" on November 15th and the other requesting a permit to operate a sound truck on November 14th advertising the breakfast. Councilman Drale moved the requests be granted and that the Y.M.C.A. pay the usual sound truck permit fee of \$1.00. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from John R. Patrick, Assistant to City Engineer, submitting petitions received for the creation of sanitary sewer districts in Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance, together with letters from the County Health Dept. recommending the installation of such sewers. His letter stated that 29% of the property owners in District No. 1 18% of the property owners in District No. 2 and 56% of the property owners in District No. 3 had signed petitions in favor of sewers. Because of the small percentage, Councilman Spelman suggested the Council take no action on proposed Districts Nos. 1 and 2,, but that a study be made of District No. 3 and an estimated cost established. Councilman Drale asked if District No. 3 could be serviced independently of the other two districts and was advised that this would have to be determined by the suggested study. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRACT NO. 18243: Subdivider - Thomas C. Thornburgh.
The "transmittal" form was read, indicating sanitary sewers are not available, which was questioned by both Councilmen Blount and Drale. Councilman Blount moved the Council take no action on this tract and that it be returned to the Planning Commission for further investigation as to sewers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by roll call vote over the dissent of Councilman Spelman.

TRACT NO. 15272: Subdivider - Henry Griswold.
The "transmittal" form was read, indicating approval by the Planning Commission subject to payment of connection fee to the Seaside Heights Sewer District. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman carried unanimously by roll call vote.

TRACT NO. 18771: Subdivider - Barclay Development Company.
The "transmittal" form was read, indicating approval by the Planning Commission. Question was raised as to the street width. City Manager Stevens explained that 34' between curbs was standard width on both 60 and 54-foot streets; that on 60' street, the parkways are 13' on each side and on a 54' street they are 10'. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman moved that future "transmittal forms" indicate under item 2 the number of units involved in each subdivision. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried. Mayor Schwab suggested the form might also indicate whether the streets were 54' or 60'.

Recommendations of City Manager:

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To O'Melveny & Myers for legal services in establishing Municipal Water District No. 3 and for preparation of material for mandamus proceedings and services regarding same, the sum of \$5,505 (from Water Bond Funds).

2. To James M. Montgomery for the duplication of specifications and plans for bids on water works facilities, in accordance with the terms of the contract, the sum of \$2,030.84 (from Water Bond Funds).

3. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during the month of September, the sum of \$574.00.

4. To the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for publicity and advertising services for the July-September quarter, the sum of \$1,250.00, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

5. To Warren Southwest, Inc., for furnishing materials and equipment rental in paving alley in North Torrance, the sum of \$1,922.60 (from County Aid Funds).

6. To Warren Southwest, Inc., for furnishing materials and equipment rental for the Hollywood Riviera School road, the sum of \$4,410.43 (from County Aid Funds).

7. To James M. Montgomery for Engineering services to date, the sum of \$8,224.42 (from Water Bond Funds).

Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: Blount, Spelman, Schwab. NOES: Benstead, Drale, Councilman Benstead and Drale stated their "NO" vote related to item 4.

AG 2280

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE - Sam H. Shpall, to erect a bungalow-motel on Crenshaw Blvd. between 164th and 166th Streets. The transmittal form indicated approval by the Commission, although out of 23 notices sent, 23 had protested. Councilman Blount, stating that he and his neighbors in the area did not believe this type of business should be in a residential area, nor so close to the college, ~~moved to the college~~, moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Benstead, Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: Drale.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the following special requests:

1. Request of Ivan Hase, 2023 Plaza del Amo, for permission to construct a house on the rear of his lot, the house to have 600 square feet of floor area; existing dwelling on the front of the property; R-3 zone.
2. Request of Mr. Simpson, 1746 Cabrillo Ave, for permission to convert existing garage to a secondary house and build new garages on the rear of the property, house to have 625 square feet of living area; C-1 zone.
3. Request of William Fowler, 533 Via la Selva, for a waiver of rear yard set-back, lot being irregular in shape.

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

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the following special requests:

1. - Request of Mr. Meissner to erect a dwelling of 600 square feet on the rear of his lot at 18120 Manhattan Place; R-2 zone.
2. - Request of B.F. Jones for a waiver of side and rear yard set-back. The lot, located at the junction of Calle Mayor and Camino de las Colinas, is triangular in shape.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to

RESOLUTION NO. 2327

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 AND THE FIRM OF COATES, HERFURTH AND ENGLAND, CONSULTING ACTUARIES.

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. 2327. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2328

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 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. 2328. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2329

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 CHADWICK & BUCHANAN 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. 2329. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2330

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 WATER WORKS SUPPLY COMPANY 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 Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2330. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2331

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 CONSOLIDATED WESTERN STEEL DIVISION, UNITED STATES STEEL COMPANY, 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 Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2331. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2332

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE GRANT OF EASEMENT TO
STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Blount asked if it was general procedure to grant an easement without monetary consideration and was advised the consideration was set forth in the Easement itself. On inquiry by Councilman Drale, City Manager Stevens advised that Standard Oil owns "in fee" a 20-foot easement along Crenshaw Blvd., at the airport, and that before paving could be completed it would be necessary to grant them a 20-foot easement at a different location so that Standard's pipeline might be moved. 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. 2332. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

AGA280

Councilman Benstead stated that at the last meeting of the Council, action had been deferred on the request of the Directors of the Adult Recreation Center relative to policy in use of the Center, and asked that action be taken at this meeting. The letter was read again, following which Councilman Benstead moved the Council concur in the recommendation of the Board, subject to the approval of the Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by roll call vote over the dissent of Councilman Blount, who stated he voted "NO" because of the 21-year limitation.

Councilman Benstead asked what progress was being made about the storm drain in Walteria and City Manager Stevens replied that our request for aid had been denied by the County Flood Control, and it would be up to the City to keep the ditch clean. Councilman Benstead moved the work be done before the rains. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried.

Councilman Drale suggested something be done immediately about water running down Torrance Blvd. from our water storage tank. His comments were verified by Councilman Benstead. City Manager Stevens assured the Council the matter would be looked into immediately.

Councilman Drale stated he had received several requests for "street consideration": (1) 190th from Crenshaw west to General Petroleum, (2) shoulders of Torrance Blvd. from Crenshaw to Madrona, and (3) Opal Street. Mr. Stevens replied that 190th St. was one of the next streets on the calendar; that all the City could probably do to Torrance Blvd. this year would be to oil the shoulders; and that Opal St. being a short street, possibly it could be worked into this year's calendar and budget.

Councilman Drale also asked if any decision had been made on the inquiry of civic workers on the question of holidays and time-and-a half days. Mr. Stevens stated that the Civil Service Board is to hold a meeting to discuss this matter and that he had been invited to attend.

Councilman Benstead stated that there are some trees in the 1600 block on Acacia which should be removed, and others which need trimming. Mayor Schwab asked if it was the City's policy to replace trees with the same kind of tree as was removed and Mr. Stevens stated the City has not been replacing trees; but that where trees are replaced they should be uniform with those in the block because of uniformity in appearance and care, except that pepper and eucalyptus trees should not be replaced. He stated the Park Dept. has a list of trees which do best in our area with a minimum amount of care.

Councilman Spelman asked City Attorney Hall if he had been successful in obtaining the assistance of the League of California Cities in our efforts to get channelization on 101 Highway. Mr. Hall replied that he had been unable to contact Mr. Richard Carpenter, Secretary of the California League; but had talked to his assistant; that he had promised to take the matter up with Mr. Carpenter and do what they could, although "he felt that it was the immovable object".

Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney to give a report on the meeting he attended relative to Social Security for City employees. Mr. Hall replied that police and fire departments are not affected by the present legislation; that insofar as general employees are concerned, a 2/3 vote of those presently covered could drop the present plan and obtain coverage under the act.

Councilman Spelman asked Councilman Drale if a meeting had been arranged with Assemblyman Thomas to discuss our problem on 101 Highway and Mr. Drale replied that as yet they had been unable to get together on a date but would keep trying.

City Manager Stevens asked authorization to advertise for bids for a one-million gallon steel tank for North Torrance, recommending bids be received on November 25th as a steel allocation would have to be obtained from the government and, if granted, it would probably be for the first quarter's quote of 1952. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens requested the Council to meet with him immediately following this meeting to discuss some matters which would be taken up at the next meeting of the Council on the 28th.

Mayor Schwab asked if some statement should not be made on the issue to appear on the November ballot as County Proposition B, relative to storm drain, and Mr. Stevens advised this was one of the matters he wished to discuss with the Council.

The engineer for South Bay Engineering Co. spoke in behalf of Tract No. 18243, referred back to the Planning Commission earlier in the evening for additional study as to sanitary sewers, stating that Mr. Patrick, in our engineering department, had stated sewers were unavailable. The engineer stated that if sewers were available, the subdivider would be more than willing to install sewers in his tract as it would be less expensive than cesspool and septic tank. He was advised the Council would meet again next Tuesday and, in the meantime, the problem could be discussed with the Engineering Dept.

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 9:17 P.M., on motion of Councilman Spelman, seconded by Councilman Blount and unanimously carried, meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE