

Torrance, California
June 23, 1953

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, June 23, 1953, 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 Benstead led the salute to our Flag.

As first order of business Councilman Blount moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 1953, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing of Planning Commission CASE NO. 258, petition of C. H. Lebow for a Change of Zone on property located south of Sepulveda Boulevard and east of Hawthorne Avenue, being Lots 102 to 106, inclusive, and Lots 112 to 117, inclusive, of Tract No. 2200, from M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) to R-1 (Single-family Residential).

City Clerk Bartlett said he had the Affidavit of Publication of the amended hearing, and one letter of protest signed by Yukiharu Kawada and Tomiko Kawada. City Clerk Bartlett read the letter, which was filed as a matter of record.

Mayor Schwab called for oral protests.

Mr. L. J. Leroy, Industrial Agent of the Sante Fe Railroad, asked that their letter of protest, dated May 22, 1953, be read and made a part of the record. City Clerk Bartlett read the letter. Mr. Leroy said he was here for the purpose of asking the Council to sustain the action taken by the Planning Commission on Case No. 258 in declining to approve the proposed change. He made a few remarks, in addition to the objections that were referred to in their letter dated May 22, 1953.

Mr. Donald Nielson said he represented Standard Oil Company, and stated Standard Oil Company wanted to go on record as being opposed to the proposed change of zone. Mr. Nielson requested the Council to follow the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Frank Burns spoke on behalf of the National Products Corporation in opposing this proposed change of zone.

Mr. McCann requested the proponents of this proposed change of zone to explain to the audience how they thought this change of zone would benefit the City of Torrance.

Mr. Donald Armstrong presented the matter on behalf of the applicant. He also moved that the minutes of the Planning Commission, in which they acted on this Case, be made a part of the record in this proceeding.

Mr. Armstrong presented a map of the City of Torrance, which is prepared by the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance, and requested it be received and made a part of this record.

Mr. Armstrong read letters from the following, requesting the Council to change the zoning on these 55 acres from M-2 to R-1:

1. Ben Gould, 215 West 7th Street, Los Angeles 14, California.
2. Sam Levy, Torrance, California
3. First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Torrance, California.
4. Bay Manufacturing Company, Torrance, California.
5. Longren Aircraft Company, Torrance, California.
6. First Christian Church, Torrance, California.
7. Petition, signed by approximately 38 citizens of Torrance.

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All the above letters and petition were made a part of the record.

Mr. Armstrong said there is a letter from the District Manager of Pittsburgh Glass that was filed with the Planning Commission, which he would like to have made a part of this record, by reference, and there is also a letter from the Personnel Manager of Harvey Machine Works, which was filed with the Planning Commission, and which he would like to have made a part of this record, by reference.

Mr. Sylvester Morning also spoke on behalf of the applicant.

Mayor Schwab asked if there were any further oral protests; there being none, Councilman Spelman moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount said there has been much talk this evening about a \$6.00 tax rate. He said he would like to make it very clear to everyone in the room that the tax rate, as far as this Body is concerned, in the year 1952, is \$1.125.

At 9:25 p.m. Mayor Schwab declared a ten-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Councilman Drale: "I feel that this is still America and a man who owns a piece of property should have the right to dispose of it, providing he does not damage the adjacent property, and I feel that in this case that the Change of Zone should be granted in order to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of central Torrance, and all of Torrance, and I would like to move that the petition of C. H. Lebow for a Change of Zone be granted--from M-2 to R-1."

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Schwab said he had a few comments he would like to make before he votes.

Mayor Schwab: "I have followed this from the beginning. I made up my mind when I went on the City Council that I was going to vote according to the dictates of my conscience, and I intend to do so as long as I am here. Much has been said here tonight--much that I don't agree with from both sides. There have been a lot of arguments from both sides, but my feeling on this from the start was that it should not be changed. All that has been said here tonight has not changed my feeling on it one iota. I want that on the record so it will be known why I am voting as I am.

"I think it is the wrong thing for Torrance. I think we are making a mistake for the future of Torrance--for the good of Torrance. I know a lot of my friends sitting here in the audience here tonight are going to take me to task for this. Nevertheless, that's the way I feel about it. I think it's wrong; I think we are doing something here that is not for the good of Torrance tomorrow. I sincerely believe that. I don't think this issue is going to make or break Torrance but I still think it is wrong. There is a railroad track running down through there. We have been told it was a streak of rust running through there, but I am sure the time will come when there will be people right here in this room wanting the City Council to take up that streak of rust running down through there. The railroad track is there, and it will probably stay, just as the one over here on Madrid is staying there. When I came to Torrance a few years ago that was one of the issues--they wanted that taken out.

"Folks, we need industry here in Torrance. There has been a lot of loose figures given here tonight regarding taxes. I want our City Manager to publish in the paper some of the facts regarding taxes, and I am going to ask that the report that he has been placed in the paper, so the figures will not be so loosely handled. The people are entitled to know the facts. Some of the things that

have been said here tonight are not facts. I could go on, as I said; there was no one that stood before that microphone tonight, on either side, but what I could get up here with a pretty good rebuttal and blow up some of the things that have been said. But I have not changed my feelings on this thing. I think it is wrong. Therefore, there is only one thing I can do--and that is to vote against it.

"I could go on and say much more about it, but I don't think it is necessary. I just want to let it be known that I feel that way about it. One thing I do want: It has been rumored around, and it has come to me that I have had pressure brought to bear on me. I want this in the record too--that no one from industry, or no one from anywhere else, has brought pressure to bear on me. I am voting my own convictions on this thing. We must have industry in this city. You talk about putting it all over here at the east side. Let's not forget Western Avenue over here is the boundary line. You are not going to put very much over there. It's got to go somewhere else, and I think down around the railroad track is the place for it."

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Councilman Benstead: "Mr. Mayor, I appreciate your thoughts on this thing, but I also have the right to my opinion, the same as you do. I want you, and I want the people of this town to know, that I am not against industry in the City of Torrance--but I am opposed to industry surrounding the residential district of the City of Torrance, and I think that is just what is going to take place. Surely I don't want, as one gentleman said, to work in a plant all day and smell smog and fumes all night, and I don't think anyone else that has property in Torrance wants it. Therefore, my vote is my conviction; I think I am doing the right thing. I am not against industry, and I am not being pressured by any other group. This is my thought and my thought alone."

Councilman Blount: "Well, I was pressured--and I was pressured real rough, and I was told by a gentleman who is in this room that if I voted to change the zoning of this 54 or 55 acres, that I would be removed from this Body, and that anybody else that voted for it would be removed from this Body. At that time I had not made up my mind how I was going to vote, because I think it is the duty of every man who sits up here to listen to the facts and go from the facts, but there was pressure; there was a lot of pressure."

Councilman Spelman: "There are a couple of observations I would like to make: The first is that I think industry should be in the north end of town as much as we can keep it there. But that's not important; I think what is important is for large land owners in the City of Torrance, and I mean this from the bottom of my heart, to learn a lesson from this experience. Certain large property owners have been very, very hard to live with for a long, long time. The City is growing in spite of you gentlemen--it's on its way."

ROLL CALL: (Councilman Drale's previous motion)--

Councilman Drale moved that the petition of C. H. Lebow for a Change of Zone be granted from M-2 to R-1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale and Spelman.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Schwab.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

(A verbatim transcription of the third and final hearing on CASE NO. 258, together with all correspondence, maps, and petitions, requested to be made a part of the record of this proceeding, are on file under CASE NO. 258.)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Petition signed by forty-three taxpayers and residents requesting the installation of street lights at the following intersections:

Ainsworth and 171st Street
Ainsworth and 170th Street
Cordary and 171st Street
Cordary and 170th Street

Councilman Benstead moved the request for the installation of street lights be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from Mrs. Paul Huber, 1019 Sierra Place, Torrance, for an extension on the building permit they applied for in 1952 for construction of their home, and requesting permission to add a fireplace to the plans.

City Clerk Bartlett recommended the extension be granted, providing they take out a permit for the fireplace.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of City Clerk Bartlett. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the contract for advertising between the City of Torrance and the Torrance Herald for 1953-1954.

Councilman Spelman moved the contract with the Torrance Herald be renewed for 1953-1954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from Caswell & Company offering to purchase heavy clay sand for the sum of \$2.10 for each truck load.

Councilman Drale said City Manager Stevens has worked out a plan for all people interested in taking dirt out of the dump, and moved that Mr. Stevens be authorized to carry out his plan as he has it set up. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter from Markel Service announcing 20% reduction in liability rate for the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter from W. E. Walton requesting a lease covering City property south of the Y.W.C.A. building, for the use of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Councilman Blount moved City Manager Stevens be instructed to negotiate with these people and discuss it at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Bid of Southern California Edison Company, accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$2,326.16, for furnishing electrical energy to the City for the year 1953-1954.

Councilman Spelman moved the bid be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of I. J. Hallanger, Accountant, to cancel warrant No. 9497 in the amount of \$20.55, for the reason that the check was lost by payee and payment has been stopped. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the warrant be canceled.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with City Clerk Bartlett's recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition signed by residents of 228th and Martha Streets requesting boulevard stop signs be installed at these streets.

Councilman Spelman moved this request be referred to the Traffic Commission for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Rome Cable Corporation stating the deficiencies in their water system, and requesting that steps be taken to correct them.

City Manager Stevens said that the temporary 12" line that had been used on Crenshaw Boulevard during the cutover could be used on Western Avenue from 203rd Street to 213th Street, and that this would solve the problem, not only for this plant, but also all the other plants in that area.

After a general discussion, Councilman Blount moved that Mr. McVicar, Water Superintendent, be instructed to install this 12" line as recommended by Mr. Stevens. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Leroy B. Schwenk and William O. Winther be employed as Police Officers to serve their probationary period, effective June 16, 1953, at the first salary step.
2. That the following personnel be employed on a temporary basis in the classification shown:

Name	Classification	Department	Effective Date	Salary Step
(a) Theodore R. Simonson	Asst. Bldg. Inspector	Building	6/9/53	First
(b) Roy A. Roche	Bus Operator	Bus	6/11/53	First
(c) Paul C. Skaggs, Jr.	Laborer	Street	6/15/53	First
(d) Tom E. Webb	Laborer	Street	6/15/53	First
(e) Don E. Gibson	Laborer	Street	6/15/53	First
(f) Dale E. Rippstein	Laborer	Street	6/17/53	First
(g) Marlin G. Underwood	Laborer	Street	6/17/53	First
(h) Bob E. Moon	Laborer	Park	6/15/53	First
(i) Harry R. Baldwin	Laborer	Park	6/15/53	First
(j) Richard G. Faren	Laborer	Park	6/15/53	First
(k) Jerry N. Emerson	Laborer	Park	6/15/53	First

3. That the request for a two-week leave-of-absence by Police Officer A. L. Jackson be approved. Approval granted by Department Head and Civil Service Board.

Councilman Benstead inquired if these appointments were made from the Civil Service list. City Manager Stevens replied there were no eligible lists available; that examinations had been called for some of these positions, and some of them were only temporary jobs for which high school boys were employed during the summer. Councilman Benstead requested the Civil Service Commission be notified of the Council's action in this matter.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one through three, under Personnel, and that the Civil Service Commission be notified of the Council's action. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To James M. Montgomery for engineering services during May, 1953, the sum of \$1,403.28, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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AWARD OF CONTRACTS:

That contracts be awarded to the following, for the fiscal year 1953-54, who submitted the lowest responsible bids, and that all other bids be rejected.

1. To Ragsdale and Newell for furnishing gasoline at \$.178 per gallon for Regular and \$.194 per gallon for Ethyl.
2. To Shell Oil Company for furnishing Diesel Fuel at \$.127 per gallon.
3. To Johnny Gillette Tire Company for furnishing tires, tubes and retreading. Total Bid: Tires - \$2,314.11. Tubes: \$245.51. Discount for Retreading: 40/10%.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Award of Contracts. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Submission of the Tentative Budget Estimate for the fiscal year 1953-54 for the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with the reading of the Budget and that it be adopted in its present form. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Submission of the Tentative Budget Estimate for the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, for the fiscal year 1953-54.

Councilman Blount moved the Tentative Budget Estimate for the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3, for the fiscal year 1953-54, be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Submission of the Tentative Budget Estimate for the Bus Department, for the fiscal year 1953-54.

Councilman Blount moved the Tentative Budget Estimate for the Bus Department, for the 1953-54 fiscal year, be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab set the next two regular Council meetings, to be held on July 14 and July 28, 1953, as the dates for the Budget Hearings.

Councilman Spelman inquired about appointing a Citizen's Tax Committee to study the Budget.

City Manager Stevens said there is an ordinance that provided for a Budget Committee, and that this will be brought up at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Drale requested that each Councilman be permitted to appoint one member to the Committee.

Letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick regarding Tract No. 15569, in which he states this Tract was recorded in the County Recorder's Office on June 30, 1950, at which time it was brought out that the necessary curbs, gutters, sidewalks and paving would be constructed in accordance with our Subdivision Ordinance. The Palisade Builders have since sold this property to the principals involved in the construction of the Torrance Gardens and Torrance Plaza Tracts.

During the lapse of time, sanitary sewers have become available; therefore, it will be necessary that the subdivider install sanitary sewers and pay a sewer connection fee, which, in accordance with our Ordinance, will be refunded to the home owners in the Seaside Heights Sewer District.

Also submitted was a letter of transmittal dated June 23, 1953, from the Torrance Planning Commission, recommending approval of Tract No. 15569 for special setback.

After a general discussion, Councilman Benstead moved this be

sent back to the Planning Commission with instructions that they get a definite commitment from Palisade Builders as to how they are going to handle the sewer problem. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The following cases were recommended to the City Council by the Planning Commission for approval:

CASE NO. 262: Petition of Jeanette Janoski for a Variance and Conditional Permit to construct a duplex at 3425 West 174th Street, being a portion of Lot 17 of the La Fresa Tract and located in an A-1 Zone.

CASE NO. 263: Petition of First Christian Church of Torrance for a Variance to permit the erection of a Christian Church on Eldorado Street between Maple and Felbar Avenues, being Lot 199 of Tract No. 16401.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission on Case Nos. 262 and 263. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2407

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A CERTAIN PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CONSENTING TO THE WORK AND THE FORMATION OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED THEREIN AND CONSENTING TO THE ASSUMPTION OF JURISDICTION THEREOVER BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2407. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2408

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM HUNTINGTON-REDONDO COMPANY, A CORPORATION.

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. 2408. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2409

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE LITTLE LEAGUE, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

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. 2409. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2410

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 Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2410. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2411

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2397.

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. 2411. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2412

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CANCELING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JULY 14, 1942, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ALFRED L. ARMSTRONG.

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. 2412. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 644

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE TETHERING OF HORSES OR CATTLE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 644 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 646

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH E, SUB-PARAGRAPH 1.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 646 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 648

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 Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 648 at its first and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Benstead said the windows in the branch library in North Torrance were above the book shelves, making it impossible for the librarian to open or close them, and moved that this be taken care of. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab directed City Manager Stevens to see that this was taken care of.

Councilman Blount moved that Harry Van Bellehem, a resident of Torrance, be appointed Recreation Director for the City of Torrance, effective August 1, 1953. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Spelman asked that the newspapers take particular note of what he was going to say, as he thought it should be given publicity. He said it was the opinion of the entire City Council that we have in the office of the City Manager a very able and competent man, and he wondered if the City, as a whole, realized this. "The City should be very grateful for the leadership you have in this particular position.

"Because of the Council's confidence in this man, and because he is doing such a fine job - he carries a very heavy load and lightens our load very materially - I move that the salary of the City Manager be increased \$1,000 a year, effective July 1, 1953. This will make his salary a total of \$12,000 a year." Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens expressed his appreciation to the Council for their action.

City Manager Stevens said that some time ago a 2,000-foot off-site sewer line was installed by Mr. Rippy, to serve a subdivision in the southeast part of the City. The line also served the new school in this vicinity. It was agreed by the School Board that they would pay a portion of the cost, their portion amounting to \$4,134.11. The Board found it impossible to pay Mr. Rippy direct, but they did pay the City and Mr. Stevens asked the Council to authorize the payment of this sum to Mr. Rippy for service to the new school.

After a general discussion, Councilman Spelman moved a voucher be prepared giving all the details of this transaction. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab said he thought the President of the United States started a very fine move at the time of the Inauguration in opening his remarks in the form of a prayer. He said that several neighboring cities are opening their Council meetings by having one of the leaders of the various churches present to open the meetings with an invocation. Mayor Schwab said he would like to see this Council go on record and pass a Resolution that this be done.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a Resolution as Mayor Schwab requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

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Councilman Blount moved that all bills properly audited by paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:30 p.m. Councilman Blount moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE