

Torrance, California
November 24, 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, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, November 24, 1953, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

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

Councilman Blount led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Walter Stanton, of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 1953, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the opening of bids for the installation of electric traffic signals at the intersections of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, and Redondo Beach Boulevard and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger, who said he had the affidavit of publication, opened and read the following bids:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
Electric and Machinery Service, Inc.	\$ 5,626.00
A-1 Signal Company	6,610.00
Ed. Seymour	7,890.00
Westates Electrical Construction Company	6,787.00

Councilman Spelman moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation, and that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mayor Schwab announced the time had come for the Public Hearing on the Vacation of a portion of Lot S-5 of Torrance Tract.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger said he had the affidavit of publication. There being no written or oral protests, Councilman Spelman moved the Hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing of CASE NO. 276, petition of Bernal, Inc., by M. D. Shepherd, Agent, for Change of Zone from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential), on Ashley and Roslin Avenues near Redondo Beach Boulevard.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger said he had the affidavit of publication, the transmittal form from the Planning Commission, recommending disapproval of CASE NO. 276, and one letter of protest from Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kearns, 4220 West 172nd Street.

Mr. M. D. Shepherd, representing Bernal, Inc., said there were three reasons given by those protesting this Change of Zone, (1) crowding the schools, (2) they might want to change the setup of their financing, and (3) traffic hazard. Mr. Shepherd said these units would be one bedroom; therefore, not many children would be living there. Secondly, they stated maybe they would want to change their financing setup; they were not sure they would or could, and also these units would have garages the same as the single-family dwellings, and therefore would not create a traffic hazard.

Oral protests were called for. Mr. Edward F. Roberts, 4224 West 173rd Street; Tom Granam, 4239 West 174th Street; Francis Kanetchne, 4235 West 173rd Street; Donald Vanover, 4219 West 173rd Street; Robert Campbell, 4231 West 173rd Street; and Mr. Weaver, 4240 West 173rd Street, all protested this Change of Zone. Their main objection was that if this Change of Zone is granted they would be unable to change their loans to California Veterans' loans, as the State of California will not loan on property within a certain distance of any multiple dwellings. The State considers it an un-

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desirable community for veterans to live in. Mr. Weaver requested the petition protesting this Change of Zone be read. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the petition. Mayor Schwab asked how many people in the audience were here to protest this Change of Zone. Approximately twenty-five people stood.

Councilman Drale commented, "It is getting pretty bad when we have to worry about children - in the respect that we are denying these requests for multiple dwellings because of children. As far as the schools are concerned, we didn't have half-day sessions until you people moved there. My children attended those schools and they didn't have half-day sessions. If we looked at this situation like you do, then maybe we felt the same way about you folks. I'm going to make the motion that this Change of Zone be denied. I think it is in due fairness to you people, but not because of the requests that you made, because they are not justified in the American way."

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the Change of Zone requested in CASE NO. 276 be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and the place for the Hearing on the John Wiley Jones Company, Inc., a chemical plant.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger said he had a letter from Walter N. Anderson, attorney for the John Wiley Jones Company, Inc., setting forth the improvements being made at this plant.

Walter N. Anderson said he was appearing as attorney for the John Wiley Jones Company, Inc., in the State of California and in the State of Nevada. "I have been personally authorized by Mr. Jones from New York to appear and take entire charge of the plant, its operations and any matters that concern the City. The first notice we received of any fault in the operation of the plant was in the Press, which appeared subsequent to the meeting of November 10, 1953. We have since that time received from Mr. Hall, your City Attorney, a communication which sets out in four counts, mainly, (1) that there is a nuisance - that the operation of the business has been such as to constitute a public nuisance; (2) that there has been a violation of the Plumbing Code - without setting forth in particulars the exact violations; (3) that there was a cross connection in the plumbing system or the water supply to the plant; and (4) that there was some type of health risk to the citizens of this City. At this time, on behalf of the John Wiley Jones Company, I am asking that the Hearing be continued for a matter of thirty days, and the grounds upon which the request is based is simply this:

"We have contacted your Plumbing Inspector since the publicity came to our attention, and certain changes were requested - more than we feel are required by law - but we haven't quibbled about it, and Mr. Ware, a plumbing contractor from this city, is at this time completing the installation of those plumbing changes. Since the 10th of November I have personally inspected the plant, and my last inspection was this afternoon, with Mr. Barrows, the technical engineer for the John Wiley Jones Company, who flew out here and arrived last Sunday evening. The so-called automatic shut-offs that were required are all installed at this time - I personally observed this - and all water connections, and all plumbing lines, as required by your City Plumbing Inspector, are at this time in. There are some other changes which are above and beyond the requirements by law which we are voluntarily putting in. We are putting in an additional blower system, the operation of which caused an earlier leak. This has been corrected, and at this time I feel that there is no danger in the operation of this plant, either to the citizens of the community or to the employees in the plant. Of particular interest, I believe, to the Council, would be the fact that today we opened negotiations with another company for the transfer of this plant to another location. We feel that as long as people in the neighborhood, some of whom have moved in subsequent to the erection of our plant, are alarmed about it that it will be continual cause for discussion before this Body, and therefore we

are making plans to change the location of the plant. I would, however, request a continuance of thirty days in this matter so that we might fully present authenticated engineering reports from men who are familiar with the operation of this type of enterprise."

Councilman Drale inquired if City Plumbing Inspector Moore was satisfied the cross connections have been made in the plant. Mr. Moore replied he had inspected the plant this afternoon. All cross connections have been eliminated. All the pollutable water has been taken care of. Vacuum breakers have been put on all the cold water lines, and, in his opinion, the City had nothing to worry about any cross connections of water. He said there were still things to be done over there, but they had a plumber on the job and it would only be a few days until everything was completed.

Mayor Schwab said he had one question he would like to ask Mr. Anderson, "Are you negotiating at the present time to move?" Mr. Anderson replied they were negotiating for another location which he thought would be approved. He said he wanted the Mayor and the Council to know, however, that they have an investment of some \$200,000, that they own their own property, and it is going to take a little time to make that change. In other words, whether this will be in the City of Torrance or just outside he did not know at this moment, but he did know the location would be more than a half mile from any residential area, or any possibility of any residential area coming in.

Mayor Schwab said that was what he was mainly concerned about because he felt as long as the plant is there, the City would have trouble; however, he thought the City should cooperate, as the plant is cooperating with the City.

Councilman Spelman moved the request of the John Wiley Jones Company for a thirty-day extension on the Hearing date be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Schwab set December 22, 1953, at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, as the time and place for the Hearing on the John Wiley Jones Company, Inc.

Mayor Schwab stated as there were so many present who were interested in CASE NO. 265-C, transmittal for Change of Zone, initiated by the Planning Commission, for Change of Zone from R-1 (Single-family Residential) to R-3 (Multiple-family Residential), on Yukon Avenue between 177th Street and Redondo Beach Boulevard, that the Council would take action on it at this time; however, the only action the Council could take tonight would be to set the date for the Hearing.

Mayor Schwab set December 8, 1953, at 8:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, as the time and place for the third and final Hearing on Case No. 265-C.

One of the interested parties inquired if there was any material difference in the plans shown on this Exhibit C. Mr. Lloyd explained the only material change that was made from the Exhibit B and the Exhibit C, was practically the complete elimination of any zoning on 174th Street.

Councilman Blount said he would like the Council to assure these people the Hearing would be held on December 8th and that the Council would take some definite action.

At 8:55 P.M., Mayor Schwab declared a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:00 P.M.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following:

Verified claim of Tom Howard, 24264 Neece Street, WALTERIA, California, in the amount of \$575.00, for damage to trees and premises on July 6, 1953.

Councilman Benstead moved this claim be denied and referred to the Insurance Carrier and the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Metropolitan Water District asking if the City intends to pay any portion of the district's taxes for the year 1954-1955.

Councilman Blount moved that the Metropolitan Water District be informed the City does not elect to pay out of its municipal funds any portion of the District's taxes levied for the fiscal year 1954-1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from the Waleria Business Men's Club for contribution to their Christmas party.

Councilman Spelman stated this was a good time to go on record regarding the Council's stand towards contributions. As previously discussed and decided, the City has grown so that it is no longer feasible for the City to support all the activities.

City Manager Stevens said the Recreation Department was planning a Christmas play that would be available to the different organizations, and possibly sections of this play could go to Waleria in lieu of candies.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be referred to Mr. Van Bellehem to answer, and that he also notify all the other activities of the policy of the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Communication from E. G. Eldridge, 2409 Apple Avenue, advising that the property owners in the 2400 Block, Apple Avenue, have decided to improve the street.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the City Engineer for study and recommendation and that the City Engineer contact Mr. Eldridge and familiarize him with the correct procedure. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Request of Jack O'Neill, 1803 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, to rent the Civic Auditorium the first Friday or Saturday night it is available, to sponsor a teen-age dance.

Councilman Benstead moved this be referred to the Recreation Department and that the Chief of Police be requested to investigate the people sponsoring the dance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Communication from the Southern California Edison Company submitting offer of \$500 for right-of-way.

Councilman Drale moved a representative of the Southern California Edison Company contact City Manager Stevens regarding this offer, and that Mr. Stevens report to the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Request of Ardanaz Brothers, 2903 West 78th Place, Inglewood, California, for a two-year extension on their farming lease.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendation of C. N. Weber, License Inspector, that the following change be made in Business License Ordinance No. 624:

Article V, Section 1 - License fees - Amount of: (be amended to read):

The fee for a General Contractor, or a General Engineering Contractor to be \$50.00 for the first \$50,000.00 of permits secured, and one-tenth of one per cent for each additional \$10,000.00 of permits secured, but not to exceed a total fee of \$100.00 per calendar year.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of C. N. Weber in amending Ordinance No. 624. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution from the District Council No. 5, International Chemical Workers Union, A.F. of L., favoring the issuance of a permit to the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation.

Councilman Drale moved this letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale said it is well known that the City has gone on record as opposing this pit mine, and moved the City Attorney be instructed to draw up the necessary resolution stating the City of Torrance opposes a permit being issued to the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation to operate a diatomaceous earth burrow pit in the Rolling Hills area, and that this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors so they will receive it before December 2, 1953. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition signed by approximately 105 property owners of North Torrance demanding that the sump hole bounded by Regina and 180th Street and Amie Street, be drained and filled; and demanding the extension of 179th Street to Prairie Avenue.

Mr. Floyd Cornwell, 4347 West 180th Street, representing the petitioners, showed the Council pictures of this sump hole. He said it definitely was a health hazard, a hazard to children, and lowered the value of their property.

Councilman Drale said this sump should be cleaned up and moved the City Engineer study this situation and make a recommendation to the Council at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Communication from the Redondo Beach City Attorney forwarding a certified copy of their Resolution No. 2464, consenting to the detachment from the City of Redondo Beach of certain territory desired to be annexed by the City of Torrance.

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

The following communication was received from the Civil Service Board regarding examinations for Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Police:

"The Civil Service Board, at its meeting of October 14th, made the following recommendations regarding the promotional examinations for 'Police Captain' and 'Assistant Chief' of the Police Department:

That a promotional examination be ordered for the position of 'Police Captain'; and that all employees of the Department who have held the rank of Police Lieutenant or Sergeant for one year or more shall be eligible to take this examination.

That a promotional examination be ordered for the position of 'Assistant Police Chief'; and that all employees of the Department who have held the rank of Captain, Lieutenant or Sergeant for one year or more shall be eligible to take this examination.

That a promotional examination be ordered for the position of 'Police Chief', in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 478, Section 17.

"At its meeting of November 4th, the Civil Service Board rescinded its action of October 14th regarding the examination for Police Chief and substituted the following recommendation:

That a promotional examination be ordered for the position of 'Police Chief' in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 588, Section 19a.

"but made no change in their previous recommendations as to the positions of Assistant Police Chief and Captain.

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"The recommendation of the Board, for the 'Captain' examination is in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance No. 588. However, the requirements for 'Assistant Chief' as established by Ordinance No. 588 are at variance with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board, and read as follows:

That no member of the Police Department shall be promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief except from an eligible list therefor furnished by the Civil Service Board pursuant to a Civil Service examination, and that only those members of the Police Department having the rank of Lieutenant or Captain shall be eligible to take such an examination.

"the recommendation of the Civil Service Board being that all employees of the Department who have held the rank of Sergeant, in addition to those holding the rank of Lieutenant and Captain, for one year or more, shall be eligible to take this examination."

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Civil Service Board. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Spelman. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Complaints from homeowners in Tract 18852, also known as Crenshaw Gardens #4, regarding violations by the builder of building codes and city ordinances, and stating that some of these homes are even unsafe and unsanitary, and requesting the Council order a reinspection of these homes.

Councilman Benstead moved a reinspection of these homes be made and that the City Inspectors report back to the Council. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel, having successfully passed the Civil Service examinations, be appointed to serve their probationary terms, effective on the dates indicated and in the first salary step:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Patricia Sargent	Typist Clerk	December 1, 1953
Stanley H. Sellers	Fireman	December 2, 1953
Alvin R Stratton	Fireman	December 3, 1953
Roy V. Hollomon	Fireman	December 4, 1953

2. That Harry L. Klinger, having satisfactorily completed his six-months' probationary period, be given a permanent appointment as Fireman, effective November 16, 1953.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To the Lund Company for premium for General Comprehensive, Bodily Injury and Property Damage Insurance for the period December 31, 1953 to December 31, 1954, in the amount of \$18,653.12. This is a reduction in the premium paid for the current year.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, 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 recommendation of the Traffic Commission:

1. Four-way STOP signs:
 - (a) 235th Street and Walnut Street.
 - (b) Sharynne Lane and Linda Drive.
2. Two-way STOP signs:
 - (a) On Eshelman Avenue at 237th Street.
 - (b) On Arlington Avenue at 237th Street.
3. One-way STOP:
 - (a) On Elena Avenue at Avenue I.
4. That two-hour parking limit be established on the residential sides of El Prado between Cravens and Arlington Avenues.

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

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tract No. 19101, to be developed by the Milton Kauffman Construction Company, consisting of 380 lots located at the Southwest corner of 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Spelman moved we do not concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving this tract until we work out the problem of the islands which were created by the Dominguez Company, the owner of this land, for the purpose of drilling oil wells at some future date. "We discussed this in detail with the developer and it was my understanding that he was going back to the Dominguez Company and get them to pull those islands out of there." Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 286, petition of California Water Service Company for a Variance to install a 500,000-gallon water storage, steel tank, 53½ feet in diameter and 32 feet high, on Lot 8, Block C, Tract No. 10304, located at Paseo de las Estrellas between Via Monte D'Oro and Via los Miradores, recommending approval, subject to the following special conditions:

- (a) That the Planning Commission select a landscape architect to prepare a landscape plan, which plan will be approved by the Planning Commission. The expense of both plan and planting, including all incidental expenses thereof, is to be borne by the petitioner, the California Water Service Company.
- (b) That the petitioner perpetually maintain such landscaped areas.
- (c) That the existing wooden tank (on Lot 8, Tract 10304) be removed within one year from the effective date of this Variance.
- (d) The issuance of this Variance and Conditional Permit is conditioned upon the ability of the applicant to proceed with the improvement or work within a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving CASE NO. 286, subject to the special conditions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 287, petition of California Water Service Company for a Variance to install a

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100,000 gallon redwood, water storage tank, 32 feet in diameter and 18 feet high, on Lot 2, Block G, Tract No. 10306, located at Calle de Arboles between Via Alameda and Calle de Andalucia, recommending approval, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Planning Commission select a landscape architect to prepare a landscape plan, which plan will be approved by the Planning Commission. The expense of both plan and planting, including all incidental expenses thereof, is to be borne by the petitioner, the California Water Service Company.
- (b) That the petitioner perpetually maintain such landscaped areas.
- (c) The issuance of this Variance and Conditional Permit is conditioned upon the ability of the applicant to proceed with the improvement or work within a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving CASE NO. 287, subject to the special conditions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 289, petition of Butler Buick Corporation for a Variance for the sale of used cars at the southwest corner of Engracia Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, recommending approval, subject to the ability of the applicant to proceed with the improvement of work within a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving CASE NO. 289, subject to the special condition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of the Planning Commission to amend the existing Building Code, specifically the section which pertains to "Concrete Slab Floors," by adding the requirement that all concrete floor slabs be reinforced with 6 x 6 No. 10 wire mesh. This recommendation is in concurrence with the Building Inspector and City Engineer, and is a requirement of both the F.H.A. and the California Veterans on residential slab construction.

Councilman Drale moved the Building Code be amended as requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of Southern Properties Development Company for a waiver of the front yard setback requirement of twenty feet to fifteen feet, on twenty-four lots in Tract No. 18957, located on 187th Place between Cordary and Yukon Avenues, consisting of 118 lots.

City Manager Stevens explained this tract has not been approved, but the subdivider is asking for this Variance ahead of time so he can plan the homes, rather than ask for it after the tract map is approved.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in granting this Variance for setback. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of Troop No. 726, Boy Scouts of America, Torrance, for a free license to sell Christmas trees from December 12, 1953, through December 24, 1953, at the corner lot on Palos Verdes Drive just off of Sepulveda on the right hand side of the street.

Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted, providing they agree to clean the lot after the sale. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab declared a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2465

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO ACCEPT THAT CERTAIN DEED OF EASEMENT FROM CHANSLOR-CANFIELD MIDWAY OIL COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

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. 2465. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2466

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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. 2466. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2467

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2436.

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. 2467. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2468

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2462 TO CORRECT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED THEREIN, SOUGHT TO BE CONDEMNED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead 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. 2468. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2469

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 WILLIAM E. KILGROE AND ALMA M. KILGROE.

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. 2469. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2470

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 ANTONIO G. RODRIGUES AND MARY J. RODRIGUES.

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. 2470. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2471

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 HENRY J. BROWN AND BONNIE MAE BROWN.

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. 2471. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2472

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 CLARENCE C. GRAVES AND SUSIE A. GRAVES.

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. 2472. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2473

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 JOHN J. WALSH.

Councilman Benstead 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. 2473. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2474

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 GRIFFIN & SON, INC.

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. 2474. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2475

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 GRISWOLD & SONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Benstead 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. 2475. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2476

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, THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED FROM GRISWOLD & SONS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

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. 2476. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2477

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF NEWTON STREET; FIXING A TIME WHEN THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET TO TAKE FINAL ACTION THEREON; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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. 2477. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 663

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF NEWTON STREET.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 663 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 665

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION TO THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN UNINHABITED TERRITORY IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF "ANNEXATION OF UNINHABITED TERRITORY ACT OF 1939."

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 665 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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ORDINANCE NO. 666

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 266.

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. 666 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 667

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612, RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 264.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 667 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 668

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF LOT S-5 OF TORRANCE TRACT.

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

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 668 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens recommended the bid for the installation of electric traffic signals be awarded to the Electric and Machinery Service, Inc., who submitted the lowest responsible bid, and that all other bids be rejected.

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

Councilman Benstead said he has received numerous complaints regarding a pump operated by the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company. He moved the City Engineer be authorized to inform the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company to take steps to quiet the operation of this pump or cease the operation completely. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale stated he had two flood control problems. One was the Dominguez Channel in North Torrance. He said it is the only unpaved storm channel in the county; also a storm channel which goes through Pacific Hills homes, coming down from the Dicalite Company. Councilman Drale said these are County Flood Control problems, and he suggested the County Flood Control representatives be invited down here to see if something can't be done about this.

City Manager Stevens advised the Council he has contacted the County and written letters several times regarding this matter. He suggested it might be more effective if the Council sent a resolution to the Board of Supervisors setting forth all the facts.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, and directing City Attorney Hall to draw up such a resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Councilman Spelman said he would like to make a comment on the problem of appointing a Police Chief. "You gentlemen are apparently willing to appoint, or have appointed, a Police Chief from two eligible candidates, only two in a city of 45,000. All I have ever had in mind is to make this examination as competitive as possible, to fill, in my estimation, the number "2" job in Torrance. It is my personal opinion the City is making a very serious mistake."

City Manager Stevens reminded the Council of their previous discussion regarding the advisability of placing a resolution before the State Legislature by which the City might lease land in excess of 25 years.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to prepare a draft of a resolution by which the City might lease land in excess of 25 years, and to take the necessary steps to see if it can be passed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

City Manager Stevens said that on September 22nd we received a communication from the State in which they submitted plans for the channelization of Pacific Coast Highway from the West City Limits of Torrance to Hawthorne Boulevard, and advising this project will probably be advertised, and construction started before the end of 1953. He said early this month he wrote a follow-up letter on this and just today received the following reply: "This project has not been included in the construction budget approved by the California Highway Commission. The allocation of funds is subject to the presentation of a request by the State Highway Engineer to the California Highway Commission, and the Commission's approval, subject to the availability of unallocated funds."

City Manager Stevens recommended a communication be forwarded to the State Highway Engineer to get this project going again.

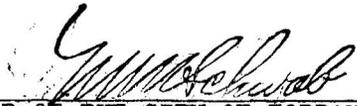
Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, and also that a communication be forwarded to Vincent Thomas so he is apprised of this. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

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

At 10:35 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Irvin J. Hallanger 
DEPUTY CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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