

Torrance, California  
January 26, 1954

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 Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, January 26, 1954, 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.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Benstead led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Northrup of the Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Blount said there was a large number of people in the audience from North Torrance who would like to present their troubles to the Council and requested they be heard at this time.

Mr. Joseph E. Colb, 16621 Patronella, representing the group, presented a report compiled by home owners in what is known as Crenshaw Gardens, citing alleged violations of the State and City building codes, and requesting the Council to hold a public hearing concerning this matter. This report was accompanied by twenty-eight pictures, which the group submitted to the Council as Exhibits 1 through 28. (Copy of this report and Exhibits 1 through 28 are on file in the office of the City Clerk).

City Attorney Hall advised the Council they have two problems, one concerns the State of California and the Contractor's office that has an investigative section, which might be a solution. The other is that the building code of the City of Torrance may have been violated. Attorney Hall suggested that rather than a Hearing an investigation should be made by a professional in this field.

Councilman Blount suggested the best move might be to invite the State Contractor's Investigation Section to send an investigator into this area and that the Council present him with what evidence they have. Also, inasmuch as there are alleged violations of the building code of the City of Torrance, the City Inspection Department should be aware of this and should make a report to the Council. He also suggested the contractors for these homes be asked to appear before the Council regarding the charges made against them.

Councilman Blount moved the Council request the State Contractor's Board to send an investigator into this area and that he report his findings to the City Council as soon as possible. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Harry S. Apter, 6399 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, representing the contractor, said he understood the Council was here to protect all citizens. He stated he was not objecting to any investigation but would like to ask the Council that his clients not be slandered in such a fashion before an investigation is made. Mr. Apter said this group has previously appealed to the Contractor's License Board and the appeal has been thrown out by the State, as well as by the City Building Department. He requested a stop be put to this slander before a Hearing is held.

City Attorney Hall advised him it was not in the nature of a public hearing; that the State investigator will come down and be briefed as to what to look for and he then makes his investigation and reports his findings and if there has been a violation there will be a complaint filed. The findings of the investigation will be open to the public.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Communication from the Los Angeles County Heart Association requesting two proclamations be issued to the press of this City. One to designate February as Heart Month, to be issued February 1, 1954, and the other designating St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, as Heart Sunday, to be issued February 8, 1954.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett reported, as a matter of record, receiving from General Petroleum, Pipe Line Division, franchise earnings for period ending October 31, 1953, \$663.55, computed in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court of the State of California.

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

City Clerk Bartlett reported, as a matter of record, receipt of \$2,411.00 from Los Angeles County, covers participation in the development of an enlarged program of community recreation as per contract 361-WW, January 1, 1953 to June 30, 1953.

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

Communication from the City of Santa Rosa, inviting park officials and recreation commissioners of the City of Torrance to attend the Sixth Annual California Recreation Conference to be held February 14 to 17, 1954, in Santa Rosa, California.

Councilman Benstead moved Harry B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, be authorized to attend this conference. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of thanks from retiring President of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, R. I. Plomert, Jr., for the Council's cooperation with the Chamber during his term of office.

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

Proposal of Ernest O. Steffen Enterprises for development of approximately 12 acres north of Pacific Coast Highway and west of the Lomita line, for a sports center.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to an Agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Request of the Torrance Square Dance Class and the Torrance Adult Club for permission to use the Civic Auditorium free of charge on the night of Tuesday, January 26, 1954, for the purpose of holding a March of Dimes Benefit Dance.

Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of the Chamber of Commerce to waive the rental fee for the use of the Civic Auditorium for the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Installation of Officers, to be held January 28, 1954.

Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Chas. T. Rippy requesting the Council adopt an ordinance to establish sewer connection fees to repay the cost of off-site sewers on Narbonne Avenue.

City Attorney Hall said he had prepared a draft of an ordinance to establish sewer connection fees.

Councilman Spelman moved City Attorney Hall present this draft at the next Agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition signed by eighteen residents of Tract 9901, situated on 203rd Street, between Crenshaw and Arlington, requesting aid of the City Council in the solution of the maintenance of the fifty foot dirt strip between their homes and the paved street. They suggested two solutions - (1) that the footage be deeded to the property owner for him to maintain, or (2) that this strip be paved and maintained by the City since it is City property.

City Manager Stevens informed the Council he has written to the Regional Planning Commission requesting they make a study of it, with the recommendation they take this off the list as a major boulevard because it dead-ends. He stated they have promised to review this and give us a ruling.

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

Communication from Water Superintendent McVicar recommending increase in fees for meter installations and increased minimum charges, also bi-monthly billing.

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

Communication from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors advising a public hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 501 Hall of Records, Los Angeles, on January 29, 1954, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the proposed formation of a water conservation zone in the West Coast Basin, to be known as Flood Control Zone II.

Councilman Benstead inquired what this would cost. City Manager Stevens said the proposed law limits it to a 5¢ tax rate, which would be the maximum it could be. He said because of the schedule this hearing has to be held on the 29th and action will have to be taken at that time. Mr. Stevens said he thought the Water Superintendent should attend, also some of the Council members if they were able, and that he would attend if the Council so desired, however, the Council should designate how the vote should go.

After a very lengthy discussion, Councilman Spelman moved the Water Superintendent and the City Manager be requested to attend this hearing and that they carry a written communication to the Board of Supervisors stating the City Council of the City of Torrance does not choose to vote on this issue one way or the other at this particular time on the basis the Council does not have sufficient facts. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved a second communication be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors protesting the 5¢ tax rate for this West Basin water test at this time. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. John Crain from North Torrance presented a petition signed by 25 property owners from North Torrance protesting Planning Commission CASE NO. 299, petition of Richard R. Mann for a Variance to erect church and Sunday school buildings, with parking spaces for same, on 171st Street. Mr. Crain stated the residents opposing this Case believe all factors have not been fully considered by the Planning Commission and that they did not realize their absence at the Planning Commission meetings was considered a vote of consent. Mr. Crain requested the Council to deny this Variance.

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At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Schwab declared a ten minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That the following personnel, having successfully passed the Civil Service examination, be appointed to commence their probationary periods, effective February 1, 1954, in the classification and at the salary rates indicated:
  - (a) Regina R. Ryan, Policewoman, at the first salary step.
  - (b) Robert A. Schrauben, Tree Topper, at the third salary step.
2. That Esther Bevan be employed as a Typist Clerk in the City Clerk's office, at the first salary step for the classification, for the period January 25 through February 5, 1954, only.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during December 1953, the sum of \$627.75.

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

Communication from City Manager Stevens recommending that effective January 1, 1954, the fee to be paid for the collection of garbage and non-combustible refuse be at the rate of \$3,839.97 per month, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the approval of Tract No. 19101 subject to the following special conditions:

- (1) That construction be a minimum of 12" above finished grade.
- (2) That each house contain not less than 1100 square feet.
- (3) Ordinance No. 631 will apply to this tract.
- (4) There is to be no oil well drilling on this tract.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of TRACT NO. 19102, consisting of 68 lots, to be developed by Milton Kauffman Construction Company at the S/W corner of 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved to approve TRACT NO. 19102 subject to the following conditions: (1) That construction be a minimum of 12" above finished grade. (2) That each house contain not less than 1100 square feet of living area. (3) Ordinance No. 631 will apply to this tract. (4) There is to be no oil well drilling on this tract. Motion seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of TRACT NO. 20009, consisting of 2 lots, to be developed by Milton Kauffman Construction Company at the Southeast corner of Inglewood Avenue and 190th Street (adjoining Tract #19102). This tract is located in the old Pacific Electric Right-of-Way, and the title had not been cleared at the time Tract No. 19102 was submitted.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Tract No. 20009, subject to the condition that each house contain 1100 square feet and that there be no oil well drilling on this tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of TRACT NO. 20010, consisting of 3 lots, to be developed by Milton Kauffman Construction Company at the corner of 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue (a small portion of Tract 19101 withheld pending decision of City regarding drilling of oil wells).

Councilman Drale moved to approve TRACT NO. 20010 subject to the condition that each house contain not less than 1100 square feet and there is to be no oil well drilling on this tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of TRACT NO. 20011, consisting of 3 lots, to be developed by Milton Kauffman Construction Company, at the corner of 190th Street and Hawthorne Avenue (a small portion of Tract 19101 which was withheld pending decision of City regarding drilling of oil wells).

Councilman Drale moved to approve TRACT NO. 20010 subject to the condition that each house contain not less than 1100 square feet and there is to be no oil well drilling on this tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 15917, consisting of 24 lots to be developed by Tract Investors, Inc. at Felbar Avenue, from 190th Street north to Tract No. 18957, subject to the special conditions that all existing buildings must be removed with the exception of the two principal dwellings and the existing garage; and 20 foot easement along 190th Street to be given to the City with improvements constructed thereon.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Tentative Tract Map No. 15917. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale suggested that closer inspections be made on tracts having gumbo type soil.

Mrs. J. A. Jensen, 15712 Falda, North Torrance, said she noticed how many new homes had been approved tonight to be built in North Torrance, where the schools are already overcrowded and the children on half-day sessions. She inquired why some definite provision wasn't made for schools at the time the homes were approved, and suggested the subdivider be required to construct at least temporary schools in a new tract. Mrs. Jensen requested the City Council give serious thought to providing schools when the homes are being built rather than after our present schools are so badly over-crowded that our children do not get an adequate education.

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City Attorney Hall advised this matter be referred to an Agenda meeting. Mayor Schwab referred the matter to the next Agenda meeting for discussion.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 18021, consisting of 50 lots, to be developed by Hazel F. Norris at 172nd Street from Ainsworth Avenue to Yukon Avenue.

Councilman Spelman moved to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 18021 subject to the special condition that 172nd Street must be held in alignment with existing street to the east, revised map showing this to be submitted to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 18249, consisting of 239 lots, to be developed by Harry Kissel, southerly of Pacific Coast Highway and easterly of Hollywood Riviera.

Councilman Benstead moved for the approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 18249, subject to the condition that Lots 151, 152 and 153 be reserved for acquisition by Torrance Fire Department for a future fire station. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 18957, consisting of 118 lots, to be developed by Southern Properties Development Company along 187th Street south of Edison Company right-of-way, from Yukon Avenue west to Cordary Avenue.

Councilman Spelman moved to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 18957. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 19472, consisting of 39 lots, to be developed by Moneta Gardens, Inc., at the northwest corner of 166th Street and Arlington Avenue, subject to the special conditions (1) one bedroom of each plan must be brought up to minimum cu. ft. requirement. (2) Storm drain to be constructed from the northerly street to northerly tract line, thence westerly to Casimir Avenue north of 166th Street, until 165th Street is constructed westerly.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 19472, subject to the special conditions. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of Transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 19723, consisting of 40 lots to be developed by Ernest Giese at 180th Street and 181st Street from Casimir Avenue west.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 19723. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission Case No. 298, petition of Fox & Sons for a Variance to erect and operate a Neighborhood Kiddie Amusement Park, portion of Lot 15, Meadow Park Tract (Park and Pacific Coast Highway & Ocean Avenue) located in a C--2 ( Commercial- General) Zone, recommending approval.

After a general discussion of the hours and the noise made by these concessions, Councilman Drale moved the Variance be granted, with the condition that the Amusement Park be closed at 6:00 p.m. seven days a week. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission Case No. 299, petition of Richard B. Mann to erect church and Sunday School buildings, with parking spaces for same, on 171st Street, between Yukon and Prairie Avenue, being Lot 27, La Fresa Tract, except 100' East side and 110' West side in an R-1 (Single-family Residential) Zone, recommending approval.

Rev. Rood, who presented this Variance, Mr. Melvin Wilders, 11726 Ainsworth and Mr. Kenneth Smuland, spoke on behalf of having the Variance granted and explained the great need for churches in our community. They stated the Planning Commission has given this a lot of study; that a committee was appointed who looked into it thoroughly and they recommended the Variance be granted.

Mr. John Lowville, 3765 West 171st Street, and Mr. Charles Likewise stated they had no objection to churches but that there was a lot of vacant land around this proposed site for the church and most of it zoned for churches so they could see no reason for granting a Variance for a church in an R-1 Zone.

After a general discussion Councilman Blount moved Case No. 299 be sent back to the Planning Commission for further study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab advised the audience the Council was all in favor of churches, 70% of the juveniles in this county have been found to have no church affiliations. "We do need the churches, we must put first things first, however, the Council must do their best to put them in the right places."

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 302, petition of Paul C. Chan, D.D.S. for a Variance to construct a medical dental building at 2414 Torrance Boulevard, between Acacia Avenue and Beech Avenue, in Zone R-3 (Lot 4, Block 62, Torrance Tract), recommending approval.

Councilman Blount moved for approval of CASE NO. 302. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 307, petition of R. H. Sommers for a Variance to divide property at the corner of Arlington and Lincoln Avenues to build three, seventeen unit apartment dwellings for rental purposes, property legally described as Lots 5 and 6, Block 6, Tract 3757, recommending disapproval.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denying Variance requested in Case No. 307. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 300, petition of Peter J. Max for a Variance to erect and operate a small animal hospital and boarding kennel at 20232 Hawthorne Blvd., between Del Amo and Spencer Street, being a portion of Lot 48, Tract 3458, recommending disapproval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denying Variance requested in Case No. 300. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 301, petition of H. H. Mattoon for a Change of Zone, Lots 1, 2 and 4 and that part of Lot A adjoining Lots 1 and 4 on the North of Tract 9901, northeast corner of Crenshaw Blvd., and 203rd Street, from R--3 to M-1, recommending disapproval.

Mayor Schwab set February 23, 1954, as the time for the third and final hearing on Case No. 301.

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending that the bid of the New Coast Nursery be accepted for the proposed landscaping of the two water tanks to be erected by the California Water Service Company in the Hollywood Riviera district (Case Nos. 286 and 287).

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Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission recommending denial of Tract No. 19857, consisting of 45 lots to be developed by R. A. Watt at Gramercy Place and Wilton Place, north and south of 171st Street. Denial of this tract was recommended for the following reasons:

1. That the proposed design shows lots 64' x 82' which we believe are too shallow in depth to provide an adequate homesite considering the requirement of a 20' front and rear set-back;
2. One tier of lots on the tentative Tract faces Gramercy Place, which street is the dividing line between the City of Torrance and the City of Gardena. The City of Gardena recently changed the zone on the East side of this street to an Industrial Zone and to permit dwellings to face onto potential industrial lands would not be consistent with accepted Land Use Planning.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in denying approval of Tract No. 19857. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2490

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 SHEETS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

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. 2490. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2491

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED TO JOHN T. IWATA.

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. 2491. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2492

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO INTERCEDE ON ITS BEHALF WITH THE STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS TO SEE THAT PROPER TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES ARE IMMEDIATELY INSTALLED FROM THE WEST CITY LIMITS TO HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, ALONG AND UPON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY NO. 101.

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. 2492. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2493

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2279, REGULATING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR WATER CONNECTIONS, METER SERVICES, WATER RATES, DEPOSITS, DELINQUENCIES AND DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SERVICE.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2493. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2494

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING AND NOTIFYING THOSE CONCERNED OF ITS POLICY TO EXTEND ARLINGTON AVENUE FROM 190th STREET TO 203rd STREET IN 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 Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2494. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2495

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE OWNERS OF RECORD OF TRACT NO. 19425 OF ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS RESERVED IN ORDINANCE OF VACATION NO. 663 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. 2495. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2496

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO AUTHORIZE, AS AN EMERGENCY ITEM ON THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NOW IN SESSION, A BILL AMENDING GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION NO. 37380.

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. 2496. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2497

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH ITS POLICY TO PROHIBIT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE USE OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT TESTING.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2497. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 673

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale said he would like to suggest one-way alleys in the City of Torrance in the downtown business area and utilize half of the alleys for parking purposes.

Councilman Blount stated he had been requested by the people of the Latter Day Saint's Church at 220th and Cabrillo about the possibility of extending the center parking on Cabrillo Avenue, to alleviate their parking situation. Councilman Blount requested the Traffic Commission consider this suggestion.

Councilman Drale said there were some vacancies on the Planning Commission and he thought the Council should make some appointments.

Mayor Schwab said he was willing to present one name, however, he had received several communications this date and it has always been the policy of the Council when communications come in late to discuss them at an Agenda meeting. Councilman Drale said he thought it had been the policy to consider the recommendations of the City Council on these particular appointments, he stated there had not been an appointment on the Planning Commission in the past two or three years.

Mayor Schwab recommended the name of Hugh Sherfey for appointment to the Planning Commission. Mayor Schwab's recommendation carried unanimously by roll call vote.

After a general discussion Councilman Drale moved the name of Jim Minter be recommended as a member of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab.

Mayor Schwab said he had voted No in view of the communications he had received, which he thought should be discussed at an Agenda meeting before another appointment is made, his vote did not mean he was against Jim Minter as a member of the Planning Commission.

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

At 10:40 p.m., Councilman Spelman moved the meeting adjourn.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

  
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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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