

Torrance, California
March 23, 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, March 23, 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. Patrick J. McGuinness of the Nativity Catholic Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Spelman moved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9th and the Adjourned Regular Meeting of March 16th, 1954, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

The hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 2502 for the Improvement of Sepulveda Gardens Sewer District, in the City of Torrance, was opened at 8:15 P.M., in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California. City Clerk Bartlett filed the affidavits as to publication of Resolution of Intention No. 2502, also as to mailing notices to property owners regarding adoption of this Resolution and time of hearing, and the affidavit as to posting notices of improvement.

Councilman Spelman moved these be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed, or both. City Clerk Bartlett Stated he had received no written protests.

Mayor Schwab inquired if anyone wished to be heard from the floor. No one desired to be heard.

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

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2539 ordering the work done.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2539

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE SEPULVEDA GARDENS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2539. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2540, fixing the minimum wage scale. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2540

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SEPULVEDA GARDENS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

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. 2540. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Engineer Bishop then presented Resolution No. 2541, directing Engineer to make and sign assessment. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2541

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE SEPULVEDA GARDENS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2541. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Request of B. J. Lowery, 2172 Torrance Boulevard, for refund of unused portion of Business License No. 5742.

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

Request of Gordon S. Potter, 327 W. 117th Street, Hawthorne, for refund of unused portion of Business License No. 6429,

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

Request of Lawrence O. Labine for a business license to operate a second-hand shop at 18319 So. Western Avenue.

City Clerk Bartlett advised he had the approval of Chief of Police Haslam, Fire Marshal Lucas and Building Inspector West. He also stated he had received a petition, with approximately ten signatures, protesting the granting of this business license.

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Mrs. Adele Francois, 1831 West 182nd Street and Mrs. Edith Douglas, 18325 So. Western Avenue, property owners in this immediate vicinity, orally protested the granting of this business license.

Councilman Benstead moved this request be referred to the next Agenda meeting for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from G. T. McCoy, State Highway Engineer, regarding improvement of Pacific Coast Highway through Torrance. Matter of record.

City Attorney Hall advised the Council he had received word today that the Highway Commission has made available approximately \$160,000 for use on this particular project and that bids should be let before the end of this fiscal year.

Claim of Mrs. Mary G. Filicicchia, 611 West 115th Street, Los Angeles, California, in the amount of \$1,000, against the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Request of the Texas Company for approval of the City Council to assign its private telephone system to the Shell Oil Company.

Councilman Drale moved this request be referred to City Attorney Hall for study and recommendation at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Notice of Hearing of application for adjustment of claim of Paul C. Skaggs before the Industrial Accident Commission.

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

Communication from Joel C. Schecter, 2657 Clyde Avenue, Los Angeles, requesting refund of Building Permit Nos. 22472 and 22473.

Councilman Blount moved this request be referred to City Attorney Hall for his recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Communication from the Torrance Lions Club requesting free license on vending machines.

Councilman Benstead moved a representative of the Lions Club be requested to meet with the City Council at their next Agenda meeting to discuss this matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Application of the California Water Service Company for permission to lay 24" water main in Sepulveda Boulevard from Western Avenue to westerly City limits line.

Councilman Benstead moved this application be referred to City Attorney Hall and Water Supt. McVicar for their recommendation at the next Agenda meeting.

Communication from the Regional Planning Commission regarding alignment of proposed Del Amo Boulevard westerly of Western Avenue.

Councilman Blount moved this communication be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Communication from License Inspector Weber regarding the business licenses of certain firms located in R-1 Zones.

Councilman Spelman moved this communication be referred to the next Agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Communication from the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 1138, regarding wage increases for the city's fire and police departments and requesting a meeting with the City Council regarding this matter.

Councilman Spelman moved City Manager Stevens meet with representatives of this Association and arrange a meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Request of Louis Laramore for permission for final inspection at 2481 West 236th Place, Lot 28, Tract 19736, this house to be used as a model home for sales purposes only and will not be occupied until the tract has been completed and accepted by the City.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Laramore has a lot of attention to give the people at 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard before the Council approves anything else and moved the request be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request of the Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation for permission to conduct its annual fund raising campaign in the City of Torrance from May 1 to May 31, 1954.

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

Communication from Cottage Grove Properties, Inc., regarding street improvements of Crenshaw Blvd. in their Tract No. 18416, stating they feel it is unjust for them to be forced to provide paved streets in front of the school property in this tract, and requesting they not be required to provide road improvements except for the West 17 feet.

Councilman Blount moved their request be denied and action brought against their bond holders to force them to go ahead with the work they promised to do. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale said he would like to have the people who live in this particular area apprised of the information in this letter and what is going to be done regarding the drainage.

Councilman Drale moved that all property owners in this area be notified what is going to be done and what the subdivider intends to do and to get their approval before any action is taken. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hobogen, 2662 Dalemead Street, said that taking out the driveway would not help her drainage situation at all.

Councilman Benstead moved City Engineer Bishop meet with these people and see what their individual drainage problems were. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

Mr. Schoonover inquired if the Building Code or City Ordinance did not require slabs for garages. He also inquired if there was anything to prohibit placing hot water heaters on the outside without any protection.

City Manager Stevens said this subdivider was required to put in the driveways but the City will have to ask the bonding company to see that the concrete slabs go in, as they did not put them in as they promised. Mr. Stevens said the only thing to do about the water heaters being outside is to prohibit it.

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney be instructed to amend the ordinance to prohibit placing hot water heaters outside. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said the County and City of Los Angeles prohibits this so-called type of unfinished home and stated that Mr. Armstrong of the State Division of Housing had suggested Torrance adopt this same type of ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved City Manager Stevens obtain copies of this type of ordinance and present them at the next Agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Mr. Ray Hauge, 2606 Pacific Coast Highway said they have been unsuccessful in obtaining all the information they wanted regarding this tract. He said they would like to investigate the history of this particular tract, these homes were not sold as unfinished homes. City Attorney Hall suggested Mr. Hauge call him for an appointment to go over the files regarding this tract.

Mr. Hauge said at this time he would like to put in a good word for the Building Department, he said they were all a fine bunch and none of the people in this area had any complaint against the Building Department. He states Mr. West in particular had gone to a lot of trouble helping him with his building problems.

Mrs. Jones, 2610 Dalemead Street, asked if there is an ordinance which requires the dirt should be 6" below the house level. City Engineer Bishop said the Building Code calls for 6" below the top of the concrete footing wall -- the dirt must be down 6".

Councilman Drale moved the City Engineer make a definite report to the City Council at their next Regular meeting concerning the elevation of the ground around the floor level of the houses in this particular tract. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Fred F. Polley, publisher, requesting permission to make a canvass of a portion of the City of Torrance for the purpose of compiling a Gardena Valley City Directory.

Councilman Spelman moved this communication be referred to the next Agenda meeting for further discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Emil F. Ziemke be employed as a Park Maintenance man in the Park Department to serve his probationary period, effective March 1, 1954, in the first salary step.
2. That the following persons be employed on a temporary basis, pending a civil service examination, in the first salary step, in the position and on the dates indicated:
 - (a) Harold D. Walsh, Asst. Building Inspector, effective March 12, 1954.
 - (b) Robert J. Smith, Asst. Plumbing Inspector, effective March 18, 1954.
 - (c) Bernard C. Wendt, Asst. Electrical Inspector, effective March 15, 1954.
3. That Henry M. West be appointed Acting Building Inspector, effective March 11, 1954, in the first salary step.

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items one through three, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale said he was in favor of putting one man in complete charge of the Building Department. He thought the classification should be set up and an examination called.

City Manager Stevens reported to the Council at this time regarding the Building Department. Mr. Stevens said the Asst. County Engineer, Mr. Harvey Brandt, has spent two days studying our problem and Mr. Brandt says we have two solutions:

- (1) We can contract with the County to do all the plan checking and have complete control of the Building Department, as we do with the Health Service; or
- (2) We could set up our own department with a qualified engineer or architect as Building Supt. who would be in charge of the whole department.

Mr. Stevens said, it was his opinion, the City should not contract the Building Department. The other alternative would be to get a qualified man for the position, which would be a much higher position than any the City has ever had. He said there was also the possibility of having combined inspections as the County does; however, they hire nothing but graduate engineers and have the highest type of trained personnel. Mr. Stevens advised the Council he would have the qualifications for this type of position for discussion at the next Agenda meeting. It was Mr. Stevens recommendation that the City Council authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise and hold an examination for such a position, as well as any other positions necessary.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens for setting up the qualifications for this position and to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise and hold an examination for the position. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services during February, 1954, the sum of \$1,674.00. A majority of this was on the improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard and is chargeable to gasoline tax monies.
2. To J. A. Thompson and Son, Inc., the sum of \$585.00 for removing and placing of concrete at North Torrance Fire Station.

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

CONTRACTS:

That Collins' and Dietrich's proposal to exercise their option on the extension of the lease at the Torrance Municipal Airport, in accordance with the terms of the contract, be accepted with the exception that the easterly boundary line of said Master Lease be established as being on the westerly line of Crenshaw Boulevard as it now exists. The development at the Airport has gone steadily forward on a sound basis and every indication points to a broader and more rapid development during the next few years. County, State and Federal aeronautical authorities have expressed their satisfaction and approval of the manner in which the Airport has been operated.

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

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At 9:00 p. m. Mayor Schwab declared a ten minute recess. At 9:10 p. m. the Council reconvened with Deputy City Clerk Hallanger replacing City Clerk Bartlett.

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick presenting three resolutions in connection with the proposed North Torrance Sewer District No. 2. Deputy Clerk Hallanger said the Resolutions will be presented later.

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

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick presenting two easements for drainage in Tract 19425, with accompanying resolutions.

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

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick presenting easement from Harbor Homes, Inc., for sanitary sewer in Tract 19208, with accompanying resolution.

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

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 18714, consisting of 19 lots to be developed by John E. Kettler on the easterly side of Walnut Avenue, north of 233rd Street and south of Huber Street, subject to the following special conditions:

- (1) That area located between Lots 11 and 12, shown as "Not a part of this Tract" be fenced with 6' steel wire, chain-link fence.
- (2) That utility and drainage easement 10' in width be provided along the easterly side of Lots 1 to 10, inclusive.
- (3) That Lots 1 to 11, inclusive, have a setback of 20' at Lot 1, tapering to 12' at Lot 11, and that Lots 12 to 19, inclusive, have a uniform building line setback of 10'.
- (4) That a drainage ditch (which is contained within the 10' easement) be not more than 3' in width with a maximum depth of not more than 6".

City Manager Stevens said he had received a note from the Engineering Department requesting this tract map be held over and no action taken by the Council.

Councilman Blount moved Final Tract Map No. 18714 be held over. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer, recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 20165, consisting of 514 lots to be developed by the G & G Construction Company Northerly of City of Torrance boundary, Easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard, Southerly of Tract 18416, Weston Ranch Properties, subject to the approval of drainage by the Engineering Department.

This letter of transmittal was accompanied by a letter from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick recommending that sidewalks be permitted on one side of the street only.

After a general discussion, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Tentative Tract Map with the condition it be sent back to the Planning Commission, with the letter, for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale requested the Planning Commission give the Council a definite statement as far as this sidewalk is concerned, he stated there would have to be a very good reason given before he would vote to eliminate the sidewalk.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 310, petition submitted by owners of property fronting on Torrance Blvd., between Madrid Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, for a Change of Zone from R-3 (Multiple-family Residential) to C-1 (Retail Commercial), legally described as follows; Lots 1 to 6 inclusive, Block 61; Lots 1 to 6 inclusive, Block 62; Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 90; Lots 7 to 12 inclusive, Block 64; Lots 9 to 14 inclusive, Block 63; Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 89, all in the Torrance Tract.

Communication from the Planning Commission stating, at a meeting of the Commission held March 17, 1954, the following action was taken on Case No. 310:

Mr. Sherfey moved Case No. 310 be recommended to the City Council for approval. Motion, seconded by Mr. Hill, was lost by the following roll call vote: AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Hill, Mason, Minter and Sherfy. NOES: COMMISSIONERS: Black, Deininger, Mumford, Whitcomb and Smith. ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None.

The communication also set forth the reasons the Commissioners voted in the negative on the above motion.

Mayor Schwab set April 14, 1954, 8:00 p. m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall as the time and place for the third and final hearing on CASE NO. 310.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 311, petition of the Crenshaw Baptist Church for a Variance to build two (2) story educational building and parking facilities at 3123 188th Street, recommending approval, subject to the following special conditions:

- (a) That twenty parking spaces be provided and black-topped;
- (b) That the residence at 3123 W. 188th Street be landscaped;
- (c) That a wooden fence be constructed from the front of the residence to the rear of the residence at a 5' height and from the rear of the residence to the rear property line and on the North property line of the lot at a height not exceeding six (6) feet.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Case No. 311. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 312, petition of J. L. Walker for a Variance to establish and operate an 80 unit trailer park (per Exhibits A & B) at 236th Street, near Arlington Avenue (between Arlington and Pennsylvania - Lot 34 Tract 15), recommending approval.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council disapprove Case No. 312, Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Drale inquired if there were any approvals from the people living in this particular area.

Mr. J. L. Walker stated there were some approvals, they must be in file, he said he just got the signed signatures. Mr. Walker explained exactly what type of trailer park they intended to establish, stating it was not a trailer park in the meaning of trailer parks now in the City; and that they have tried to incorporate all the ideas they could to make this an asset to the City.

Councilman Drale suggested a committee be appointed to investigate this further.

Councilman Blount said there may not be protests now but there is a tract of R-1 units going in close to it and it was his opinion these people in the R-1 Zone should be protected. He stated the Fire Chief, Police Chief and garbage contractor has to give the same service to this trailer park as they do an R-1 unit and the trailer park does not pay its way.

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Councilman Drale said this man owns this property and should be able to do what he wants to and what he can make the most money out of, providing it does not effect his neighbors.

After a general discussion, Councilman Spelman rescinded his prior motion.

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

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of Milton Kauffman Construction Corporation for a 15' setback from front property line of Lots 271 and 273, Tract 19101, in order to better cope with terrain problems and secure a more adequate rear yard.

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

Communication from the Planning Commission recommending approval of a 90-day extension on the Variance granted under Case No. 270.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallinger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2542

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RESCINDING A PORTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2308.

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. 2542. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2543

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, INCORPORATED.

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. 2543. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2544

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2544. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2545

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND BARNETT, HOPEN AND SMITH.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2545. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2546

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS OUTLINED IN DRAWING NO. 7930, PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN AND SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

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. 2546. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2547

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 GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM HARRY KISSEL.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2547. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2548

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 GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM HARRY KISSEL.

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. 2548. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2549

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 HARBOR HOMES, INCORPORATED, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION.

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

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Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2549. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2550

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, AND CANCELLING PRIOR LEASE DATED AUGUST 29, 1950.

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. 2550. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2551

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE SCOUT CENTER, INC.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2551. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2552

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT DEED TO ROME CABLE CORPORATION.

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. 2552. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote,

ORDINANCE NO. 686

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. 306.

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. 686 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 687

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE VACATION OF CERTAIN WALKWAY IN TRACTS 14202, 14579 AND 16962.

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. 687 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Blount said there was an Assemblyman in the Legislature who is trying to eliminate our city gas tax. Councilman Blount moved a Resolution of protest be prepared by the City Attorney opposing any and all efforts to repeal authority of cities to take special census, or to force cities to return to the 1950 population for distribution of gas tax funds. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Manager Stevens said the Council had requested him to meet with Mr. Laramore and Mr. Seimon to determine what they would do about making corrections in Tract No. 17560. Mr. Stevens advised they have promised they will take steps to correct the conditions--things within reason. Mr. Stevens explained one of the main difficulties is the drainage problem; that the Engineering Department has completed a survey and developed a plan to correct this and it was his understanding a group from this tract met with representative of the Engineering Department and that they have accepted this plan. This group is to have another meeting tomorrow and when they are in agreement the contractors have agreed to go to work immediately and correct these situations. Mr. Stevens said the City will pump the water out of the dairy land.

Councilman Drale said it seemed to him that the farmers have planted in the middle of the natural draw between 182nd Street to 174th Street and wondered if this was cleared away for several feet if it would help take that water away faster. Mr. Stevens informed him this was private property but that it will be the route of the main drain under the Bond Issue. He said when the drain is put in it would certainly help if the City could acquire a drainage easement and keep the ditch open as it will be needed with all this new development. Councilman Drale inquired if this could be started now. City Manager Stevens said he would see about acquiring a drainage easement and establishing our own drainage ditch.

City Manager Stevens said the Council had also requested him to report on the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company. He stated he had visited this company and determined that the fill that was being made was in accordance with their plan to cause all the drainage possible to drain back on their own property and only the water falling on the bank itself would fall on to the land of the property owners; it will take just a little while longer, and the company officials advised when this is completed they will plant trees or ice plant on top of the slope, which will keep the drainage from coming onto the properties below.

City Attorney Hall stated he would like to publicly express his appreciation for all that Vincent Thomas has recently done on behalf of the City and suggested the City Council also go on record as thanking him on behalf of the City.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the suggestion of City Attorney Hall. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

W. E. Kilgroe, 22704 Earl Street, inquired when the street out to 230th Street would be finished.

City Manager Stevens advised him this would be completed when the City acquires the right-of-way, he said it was his understanding these people would get the right-of-way for the City and the City would complete the street. The City will put in the road

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when they have an easement, but the City did not guarantee to buy an easement or obtain the easements. The City made that obligation and they will live up to it.

Mr. Brown, Earle Street, said they were supposed to get sewers, water and gas down there but to date they have nothing. City Manager Stevens informed him they are below the 75' flood zone, this 75' was established by the County Flood Control District and not by the City of Torrance. Regarding the water, Mr. Stevens said it was his understanding Mr. McVicar is about ready to put in the water line down there, and regarding the gas line that was entirely up to the gas company.

Mr. Archie Erntz, 1936 Winlock Road, representing American Legion Post 170, request an appointment with the City Council at their next Agenda meeting regarding the sale of fireworks in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mr. Joe Freeland, 3921 West 242nd Street, request the City Council to protest to the Aeronautic Association, the recurring shock waves felt in the City.

Councilman Blount moved the Council address a Resolution to the C. A. B. Protesting the testing of aircraft or the causing of these shock waves by service personnel and/or test pilots from our various manufacturers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Mr. Schoonover inquired if the State is investigating Tract No. 18416. City Attorney Hall advised him this was under investigation by the State authorities.

Councilman Drale requested the Traffic Commission meet this week or the following week.

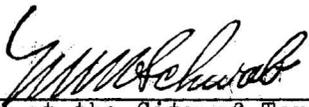
Councilman Blount moved the matter of extending center parking on Cabrillo Avenue, be placed on the next Agenda. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

At 10:30 P. M., Councilman Spelman moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance