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Torrance, California  
April 14, 1954

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday, April 14, 1954, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Blount Drale, Spelman and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCIL-  
MEN: Benstead.

Councilman Spelman led the salute to our Flag.

Rev. Bello of St. Andrews Episcopal Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor Schwab announced as this was an Adjourned Regular Meeting the regular order of business would be dispensed with.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place fixed for the public opening and reading of sealed proposals for performing the work for the improvement of Sepulveda Gardens Sewer District.

City Clerk Bartlett presented affidavits of publication and of posting the "Notice Inviting Sealed Proposals".

Councilman Drale moved that the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett publicly opened and read each sealed proposal, summarized as follows:

| <u>BIDDER</u>   | <u>TOTAL BID</u> | <u>ADDITIONAL WYES AS ORDERED BY CITY ENG.</u> |
|---|------------------|--|
| J. E. Popovich  | \$113,589.34     | \$3.50   |
| Economy Sewer Const.& Western Pipeline Construction Co. | 109,621.77       | 5.00   |
| A. R. Milosevich  | 88,853.70        | 5.00   |
| Colich Construction Company                             | 89,550.82        | 5.00   |
| John C. Kujindzich                                      | 98,544.20        | 3.10   |
| Bob Bosnyak   | 95,042.90        | 5.00   |
| Frank Chutuk  | 101,937.85       | 3.00   |
| Mike Ramljak Company                                    | 97,944.85        | 3.00   |
| V.C.K. Construction Company & Nick Bebek                | 89,895.10        | 3.50   |
| Chas. L. Burch & Sons                                   | 90,516.85        | 3.00   |
| Wucetich Construction Company                           | 97,170.90        | 4.00   |
| Keary Construction Inc.                                 | 88,733.70        | 5.00   |
| Chutuk and Kaufman                                      | 114,827.50       | 3.50   |
| Misetich Construction Company                           | 92,713.60        | 4.00   |
| B. Pecel & Sons, Inc.                                   | 91,590.63        | 3.37   |
| Doty Bros.  | 86,346.50        | 3.50   |
| L. H. Henson  | 85,175.90        | 4.50   |
| Bosko & Bradarich Company                               | 112,045.70       | 4.00   |

The proposals were examined and it was determined that all deposits accompanying the proposals were proper in form, sufficient in amount and in conformity with the stipulated requirements.

Councilman Spelman moved the bids be referred to the City Engineer and City Manager for their recommendation and that the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and that all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place fixed for the opening of bids for cast iron pipe for the Water Department.

City Clerk Bartlett said he had the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders for 5,000 lineal feet of 6" diameter cast iron pipe and 2,000 lineal feet of 4" diameter cast iron pipe, and then opened and read the following bids:

| <u>BIDDER</u>                         | <u>AMOUNT</u>  |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                       | <u>6" PIPE</u> | <u>4" PIPE</u> |
| United States Pipe & Foundry Company  | 1.617          | 1.088          |
| American Cast Iron Pipe Company       | 1.642          | 1.104          |
| Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company | 1.628          | 1.095          |

Councilman Spelman moved these bids be referred to the City Manager and Water Superintendent for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by those present.

Mayor Schwab announced this is the time and place for the third and final hearing of 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 Torrance Tract.

City Clerk Bartlett said he had the Affidavit of Publication and a communication from the Planning Commission dated

March 19, 1954, which stated, in part:

"To change the Zone on this street at this time would be detrimental to values of the existing structures by allowing small business buildings to encroach in front of homes and apartments."

"We believe that the highest and most economical use of the land in question, at this time, is for Limited Multiple Family Residence, Zone R-3."

At a meeting of the Planning Commission held March 17, 1954, the following action was taken on the subject Case:

"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 Sherfey. NOES: COMMISSIONERS: Black, Deininger, Mumford, Whitcomb and Smith. ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: None."

City Clerk Bartlett reported receiving the following communications regarding this Case:

1. Letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating they do not own Lot 8 in Block 60 of Torrance Tract, and requesting to be advised if this description is correct.
2. Letter from Clark and Mary Sidwell protesting this Change of Zone.
3. Letter from Dorothy and Charles Severin requesting that this Change of Zone be granted.

Mayor Schwab inquired if anyone wished to be heard from the floor.

Mr. Donald Armstrong: "I am an attorney practicing law in Torrance and I represent the petitioners in this matter. When I say I represent the petitioners, I mean that I represent 22 of the owners of the 30 lots involved in this matter. May I say preliminarily that there have been two hearing before the Planning Commission, there were 151 notices sent to the owners of the property within 300 feet of this area--there was also an adjourned meeting of the Planning Commission--so there were three opportunities for anyone opposing this Change of Zone to appear before the Commission and object, however, out of the 151 who were notified, not one come to any of those meeting to voice any objections to this Change of Zone."

Mr. Armstrong, by use of the Zoning Maps in the Council Chamber, pointed out the different zonings in this area, the 2½ blocks owned by the petitioners run westerly from Madrid to Crenshaw, 2½ blocks of R-3, in between C-1 Zones. The corner of Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. is all C-1, and westerly from Crenshaw along Torrance Blvd. to Date Avenue is all C-1, in other words this property is now in between C-1 Zones.

"To make a record in this matter I should like to have a colored photograph made of this Zoning Map and have it made a part of the record of this Hearing. I should also like to have attached hereto and made a part of this Hearing, the minutes of the Planning Commission which was held on February 17, 1954, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Commission held on March 3, 1954, and the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on March 17, 1954. I don't think it is necessary to summarize or read the minutes of these meeting but I want to say this--that if the 2½ blocks, as represented by this petition, or included in this petition, is not rezoned from R-3

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to C-1 these people will be discriminated against severely because the property is jammed in between two C-1 areas. I think this is significant. The Planning Commission, and I want also to offer as a part of this record the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 20, 1954, that is, the portion of the minutes relating to the petition for Change of Zone by Dr. Paul C. Chan. Dr. Chan's property is located in the 2½ blocks we are talking about and there was a Variance granted to permit him to use his property for C-1, there are also two other doctors offices in this area. During the course of hearing on the application of Dr. Chan for his Variance the minutes show that this happened:

'President Smith explained the reason the Commission had decided to hold this property to Variance', now mind you, that is an admission that this property is suitable for commercial purposes, 'was because they then had control of parking facilities and architectural design'

Now it is established beyond any doubt that no agency of any municipality has any right to control architectural design, that is so clear that it isn't even open to question. Now that's what they said even before our petition was ever filed, it shows that they were prejudging it before we ever had a change to present our position. There was not a single voice of protest against this petition at any time during these hearings, but when it came time to make a decision it was moved by one of the Commissioners to be approved, it was seconded and put to a vote, it was denied by a 5 to 4 vote. Now, two days after this decision, we have a communication from the President of the Planning Commission to the Council; he said it was denied because they believed the most economical use of the land in question would be for R-3. There is no evidence before the Commission to support any of these recommendations or findings that the President of the Planning Commission gave to you gentlemen, apparently it is just his own individual opinion. I think you have all read the explanation Mr. Smith had published in the Torrance Herald shortly after the hearing, it is a duplication of his recommendation to you gentlemen, with the exception of this very significant statement, and I quote:

'Changing this R-3 to C-1 Commercial would no doubt increase the land value, but whether this would offset the increased assessed valuation which would cost these property owners considerable more in their tax bills is questionable.'

So, in an informal statement, he tells the public that a Change of Zone would increase the value of these peoples property. Now here we have the 2½ blocks sitting there between property that is zoned straight through practically as C-1, and he gives that as his reason for discriminating against these people and admittedly decreasing the actual value of their property. Gentlemen, it is hard for me to believe that four reasonable men could look at that map and, realizing that 151 notices were sent to the people in the surrounding area and not one dissent has been voiced, except the two you heard here tonight, and you can say they are not entitled to their Change of Zone, when 22 out of the 30 owners say they want and need this. Thank you gentlemen".

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

Councilman Spelman moved the Hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Spelman moved the Council not concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and that the area in question on Torrance Boulevard, as stated in CASE NO. 310, be rezoned to C-1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens advised the bids for cast iron pipe for the Water Department have been checked and he would recommend the contract be awarded to the United States Pipe & Foundry Company who submitted the lowest responsible bid, and that all other bids be rejected.

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

City Clerk Bartlett announced that all the absentee ballots for the Municipal Election held April 13, 1954, have been received and in accordance with the Election Code they must be canvassed tonight.

City Clerk Bartlett was ordered to open the absentee ballots for the Municipal Election held April 13, 1954. Ballots received totaled 44. The tally was as follows:

FOR COUNCILMAN:

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Willys G. Blount.....        | 23 |
| Francis W. (Frank) Burk..... | 1  |
| Robert F. Evans.....         | 1  |
| Alvan K. Hill.....           | 11 |
| Albert Isen.....             | 17 |
| Herma O. Tillim.....         | 5  |
| Jack E. White.....           | 19 |

FOR CITY CLERK:

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Albert H. Bartlett..... | 33 |
|-------------------------|----|

FOR CITY TREASURER:

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Harriett V. Leech..... | 32 |
| Arene E. Dean.....     | 7  |

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1:

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| YES..... | 22 |
| NO.....  | 20 |

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2:

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| YES..... | 32 |
| NO.....  | 10 |

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 3:

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| YES..... | 26 |
| NO.....  | 16 |

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 4:

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| YES..... | 24 |
| NO.....  | 18 |

City Clerk Bartlett said he would like to report, as a matter of record, that 50 absentee ballots, Nos. 17251 to 17300, were delivered to Precinct No. 14 due to lack of sufficient ballots in that Precinct.

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Also as a matter of record--four requests for absentee ballots were not fulfilled.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Communication from City Engineer Bishop submitting two Resolution necessary in the proceedings of Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1.

Matter or record.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2553

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2553. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2554

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 HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS OUTLINED IN DRAWING NO. 7266, PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN & SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

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

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2554. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from Ralph R. Benson, Attorney at Law, presenting claims for damages in the amount of \$62,000.00 on behalf of his clients, Charlotte Hough and Richard L. Hough.

Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request of Torrance Veterans Service Council for a meeting with the City Council regarding the sale of fireworks.

Councilman Drale moved they be requested to attend the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from the Y.M.C.A. of Torrance requesting permission to continue using 194 wooden, folding chairs that originally came from the flight strip at the Torrance Airport.

Councilman Blount moved their request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Request of Andrew Zipay, 813 Portola Avenue, for refund of \$18.00 on the unused portion of his Business License No. 6052.

City Clerk Bartlett recommended the refund be granted.

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

Request of Vernon C. Jones, 16711 Cerise Avenue, for refund of \$18.00 on the unused portion of his Business License No. 6293. City Clerk Bartlett recommended the refund be granted.

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

Franchise statement from the Southern California Gas Company reporting their earnings for the calendar year 1953, accompanied by their check in the amount of \$26,934.44.

Councilman Blount moved the statement be referred to the City Attorney for his approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Franchise statement from the Richfield Oil Corporation reporting their earnings for the calendar year 1953, accompanied by their check in the amount of \$205.75.

Councilman Blount moved the statement be referred to the City Attorney for his approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by those present.

Franchise statement from the Texas Company reporting their earnings for the calendar year 1953, accompanied by their check in the amount of \$10.13.

Councilman Blount moved this be referred to the City Attorney for his approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Communication from Mrs. Viola Wright, 3615 Lomita Blvd., requesting the City to repair her driveway which was torn up when the sewer pipe line was put in.

City Manager Stevens advised the Council this sewer was put in by one of the big sewer companies for the County Sanitation District and suggested this matter be taken up with the contractor.

Councilman Blount moved City Engineer Bishop contact the contractor to see that this matter is taken care of. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from City Clerk of Redondo Beach regarding the request of six property owners to connect sewers to the Redondo Beach sewer line.

Councilman Drale moved this communication be referred to the Engineering Department for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by those present.

Request of I. J. Hallanger, Accountant, to transfer certain funds in the amount of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the Major Streets Fund.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Request of Arthur S. Moore, Plumbing Inspection, that the Uniform Plumbing and Heating Code be amended approving the use of the new Transite type B.-W Gas Vent Pipe.

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney be instructed to amend the Plumbing and Heating Code in accordance with Mr. Moore's request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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Report from the County Board of Supervisors regarding the storm drain in the Pacific Hills area and the paving of the Dominguez Storm Drain Channel, also report from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District regarding these storm drains, which stated, in part:

"The Pacific Hills Channel is a natural unimproved wash, originating in the Palos Verdes Hills and flowing northeasterly on private property through the City of Torrance. This is considered as a local drainage matter not under the jurisdiction or control of this District."

"The improvement of Dominguez Channel will consist principally of widening and deepening the present channel from the harbor upstream to Rosecrans Ave. Such work must necessarily begin at the harbor and move progressively upstream. That portion involved in your Resolution lies between Western Avenue and Redondo Beach Blvd. in the City of Torrance and consists of an unlined trapezoidal earth channel. Paving of the subject reach of channel at this time would not accomplish additional flood control, and, in the opinion of this office, is not a proper expenditure of Flood Control funds."

Matter of Record.

Petition of property owners for street improvement of Anza Avenue from Sepulveda Blvd. to dead-end at the drainage ditch two blocks south of Sepulveda Blvd.

After a general discussion Councilman Blount moved this be referred to the next Agenda Meeting and that City Manager Stevens be requested to obtain estimates for this work and make his recommendations at the next Agenda Meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from General Services Administration stating they are withholding the sale of mineral rights underlying the Torrance Municipal Airport at this time to insure the best interests of the Government. Matter of Record.

Communication from Y.M.C.A. requesting veteran organizations in the City be given preference in the allocation of permits for the sale of fireworks. Matter of record.

Communication from the Recreation Commission offering to donate a Kodak Signet 35 mm Camera and TDC 500 Watt Projector to the City.

Councilman Drale moved the donation be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by those present.

Communication from Director of Recreation Van Bellehem requesting the use of El Prado Park and Street for the Easter Egg Hunt and Baby Parade to be held April 17, and 18th.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by those present.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

The following personnel having successfully passed their Civil Service examinations be appointed to serve their probationary period in the classification indicated:

| <u>NAME</u>         | <u>CLASSIFICATION</u> | <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>EFFECT. DATE</u> | <u>SALARY SCHEDULE</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Leslie F. Stitt     | Laborer               | Street            | Mar. 31             | 1st Step               |
| Marlin G. Underwood | Laborer               | Street            | April 6             | "                      |
| Frank N. Rosenfeld  | Bus Operator          | Bus               | April 1             | "                      |
| James J. Lynch      | Janitor               | Custodial         | April 1             | "                      |
| Karl H. Friberg     | Lieutenant            | Police            | April 1             | 3rd Step               |
| Swayne A. Johnson   | Lieutenant            | Police            | April 1             | "                      |
| Frank Tuttle        | Captain               | Fire              | April 16            | 1st Step               |
| Joseph D. Warren    | Captain               | Fire              | April 17            | 1st Step               |

That the following employees be appointed on a temporary basis in the classification indicated. No eligible list available:

|                     |              |       |          |          |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Shirley E. Rogers   | Typist-Clerk | Engr. | March 25 | 1st Step |
| Barbara A. Billings | Steno-Clerk  | Rec.  | April 6  | 1st Step |
| Roy M. Francis      | Const. Insp. | Engr. | April 7  | 1st Step |

Councilman Spelman moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

To Barclay Surveying Company for engineering services for the month of March, 1954, the sum of \$1,725.25.

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

#### 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 at Reynolds Drive and Milne Drive.
2. Two-Way STOP signs at:
  - (a) Doris Way at Sharyne Lane.
  - (b) 177th Street at Amie Avenue.
3. One Way STOP sign at:
 

Yukon Avenue at North line of 182nd Street.
4. Establish limited weight loading restriction on Roberts Road and Doris Way in Seaside Rancho area.

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

Communication from City Engineer Bishop presenting two easements for the construction of a sanitary sewer and appurtenances in the Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1. Matter of record.

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick regarding Final Tracts No. 20010 and 20011. Mr. Patrick stated that due to the date of the signatures on the final tract maps it is necessary that these two maps have re-approval by the City Council.

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Councilman Spelman moved final Tract Maps Nos. 20010 and 20011 be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Communication from Asst. to City Engineer Patrick explaining the easement obtained for the widening of Ainsworth Avenue south of 171st Street. Matter of record.

Transmittal form for Planning Commission CASE NO. 313, petition of M. D. Shepherd for Change of Zone on Lots 7 through 19, inclusive, in Tract No. 9306, from R-1 (Single-family Residential) to R-3 (Limited Multiple-family Residential), recommending disapproval.

Mayor Schwab set April 27, 1954, as the date for the third and final Hearing on CASE NO. 313.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 15915, consisting of 45 lots to be developed by John E. Kettler on the Easterly side of Walnut Avenue from 236th Street to 243rd Street.

Councilman Spelman moved Final Tract Map No. 15915 be approved as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, Carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Spelman and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20165, consisting of 182 lots to be developed by G. & G. Construction Company, Northerly of City of Torrance boundary, Easterly of Crenshaw Boulevard, Southerly of Tract No. 18416, Weston Ranch Properties.

Councilman Blount moved Final Tract Map No. 20165 be approved as recommended by the Planning Commission and City Engineer, subject to the working out of the water problem with Water Supt. McVicar. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2555

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO REPEAL AUTHORITY OF CITIES TO TAKE SPECIAL CENSUS, OR TO FORCE ALL CITIES TO RETURN TO THE 1950 POPULATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GAS TAX FUNDS.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2555. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2556

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2379

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2556. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2557

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 MARK W. MOSS AND DOROTHY B. MOSS

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

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2557. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2558

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 MAURICE G. WILSON AND MAXINE H. WILSON.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2558. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2559

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 ALVIN G. STAHER.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2559. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 686 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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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 of those present.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 687 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 688

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 314.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 688 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCE NO. 689

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 612.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 689 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Drale inquired if Mr. Bishop had completed the survey regarding the drainage problems in the Cottage Grove Tract No. 18416.

City Engineer Bishop replied that the Engineering Department had made a survey of every lot. He presented a map to the Council and explained how much each driveway should be lowered, and The Alternative, if the driveways are not lowered, would be to put a trench in the middle of the driveways for drainage purposes.

City Engineer Bishop said it would be his recommendation to lower the driveways. The property owners in this tract concurred with his recommendation.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer that the Driveways in Tract No. 18416 be lowered according to the survey made by the Engineering Department and that the proper legal action be brought against the bond holders to force them to do this work. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mrs. Trotman inquired if the property owners who have already put the aprons in will be reimbursed for this. City Manager Stevens replied that the City Attorney is bringing suit against the bonding company to see that the aprons go in, however, he could not answer her question regarding the reimbursement.

Mr. Ray Hauge, 2606 Pacific Coast Highway, said he thought a thorough investigation should be made of this tract as originally this company was supposed to put in slabs and driveways but there was never any adjustment made in the price of their homes. Mr. Hauge said they intend to "go all the way" to see that these driveways are put in. He stated the January Company has made no effort to fix this and in his opinion this should be submitted to the Grand Jury.

Councilman Blount advised Mr. Hauge that the City of Torrance can only, by action in Court, try to force the subdividers in our City to do what the Ordinance said they had to do. Mr. Blount also advised him the Council could do nothing about the price of the homes.

Mr. Barney Hopps, 25534 January Drive, asked Mr. Bishop to survey his lot and requested that the City do something about the drainage from Crenshaw Boulevard.

Mrs. Cunningham, 2625 Dalemead, inquired if the City would put up "Children Live Here" signs. Mr. Schoonover advised her the Homeowners' Association was taking care of this.

Councilman Drale said the Police Department would be asked to check this street for speeding violations.

Mrs. Trotman requested the City to erect a sign advising this street was a dead-end street.

Mr. Schoonover asked that a "Not a Through Street" sign be put up at the corner of Dalemead and Bryon.

Mr. Schoonover inquired about the trees that were supposed to be planted in the tract west of Crenshaw Blvd. He stated the people in this area are desirous of having street lights and inquired what procedure they should follow to get them in.

Councilman Drale advised him the matter of the trees would be looked into and told them to contact the Engineering Department to see about getting street lights.

Mr. Schoonover said some of the sidewalks in this area were cracking and asked whose responsibility it was to repair them. City Manager Stevens advised him the sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner on which the sidewalk abuts, however, he said he would have this checked and try and fix the responsibility, if they would leave the addresses with him.

Councilman Spelman suggested the Traffic Commission run a check on the new signal at Torrance Blvd. and Sartori; he said the signal is flashing during the evening hour and he thought the evening traffic was heavy enough to warrant having the signal working all evening.

Mr. Ray McCann suggested something be done about getting a signal at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway. Councilman Drale advised him this matter has already been referred to the State Division of Highways.

Mayor Schwab said he had been approached by Mr. Dean Sears and the President of the Chamber of Commerce reminding him there are two vacancies on the Parking Authority Commission and the names of Sam Levy and Emma Roberts had been recommended to him to fill these vacancies.

The Council concurred in the recommendation.

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

At 11:15 P.M., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn to 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 20, 1954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

G. M. Church  
Mayor of the City of Torrance