

Torrance, California
April 20, 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 Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, April 20, 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:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

Councilman Spelman led the salute to our Flag.

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

Mayor Schwab announced the purpose of this meeting was to canvass the returns of the General Municipal Election and the Special Bond Election held on April 13, 1954, and requested City Clerk Bartlett to proceed with the canvass of the votes. Clerk Bartlett asked if anyone in the audience wished to examine the envelopes to ascertain whether or not they had been opened. There being no one, the envelopes were opened and given to the members of the Council for canvassing. No errors were disclosed.

City Clerk Bartlett stated he was now going to present the results of the canvass of the Special Bond Election, which includes the absentee ballots canvassed on April 17, 1954.

City Clerk Bartlett then read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2560

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, STATING
THE RESULT OF THE CANVASS OF ELECTION
RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
HELD APRIL 13, 1954.

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

Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2560. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The following is a statement of the result of said Election:

"STATEMENT OF THE CITY CLERK"

"I, A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance,

California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY AND DECLARE that the City Council of the City of Torrance, at an adjourned regular meeting duly held on the 20th day of April, 1954, has duly and regularly canvassed the returns of the special bond election held in the City of Torrance on April 13, 1954, pursuant to Ordinance No. 685, and has declared the result of said election.

"That the bond propositions voted upon at said election are as follows:

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BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal sum of \$700,000 for the acquisition and construction by the City of Torrance of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: a building for municipal uses, such building to provide offices and quarters for the city officers and departments, including quarters for the legislative and administrative officers, the police department, the city jail and including the planting and landscaping of grounds and provision for vehicle parking therefor and the acquisition of all land, furniture, equipment and apparatus necessary therefor?

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal sum of \$300,000 for the acquisition and construction by the City of Torrance of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: a new central fire station, a new South Torrance fire station and additions to the North Torrance fire station, including the planting and landscaping of grounds and the acquisition of all land, furniture, fixtures and furnishings necessary therefor?

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 3: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in principal sum of \$150,000 for the acquisition and construction by the City of Torrance of a certain municipal improvement, to wit: the improvement and development of parks in the City of Torrance by the construction of facilities for public recreation, including tennis courts, soft ball diamonds and bleachers, recreation buildings, kitchens and picnic tables, playgrounds with necessary apparatus and equipment, restrooms and tool houses and the improvement of park grounds by lighting, grading, planting, walks, watering systems, vehicle parking areas, and including the acquisition of all utilities, works, equipment, apparatus and other property necessary therefor?

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 4: Shall the City of Torrance incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal sum of \$250,000 for the acquisition and construction, to wit: a swimming pool and bath house together with heating, water heating and purification facilities, dressing rooms, lockers, toilets and showers, including the planting and landscaping of grounds and provision for vehicle parking therefor, and the acquisition of all land, furniture, fixtures, equipment and other property necessary therefor?

"That the absent voter ballots have been duly canvassed and counted, and the result of such count is hereinafter stated. That the total number of votes cast in each of the respective election precincts established for said propositions, and the number of votes therein for and against each of said propositions, the total number of absentee votes cast at said election upon each of said propositions and for and against each of said propositions, and the total number of votes cast in said city upon each of said propositions and for and against each of said propositions, are as follows:

VOTING PRE- CINCT NO.	BOND PROP. NO.1			BOND PROP. NO.2			BOND PROP. NO.3			BOND PROP. NO. 4		
	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOT.
1	65	34	99	82	16	98	75	22	97	65	33	98
2	95	15	110	92	16	108	87	22	109	87	23	110
3	62	28	90	63	25	88	68	22	90	63	28	91
4	71	59	130	80	48	128	75	62	137	70	71	141
5	49	23	72	56	16	72	50	18	68	46	24	70
6	51	35	86	54	33	87	52	36	88	50	35	85
7	111	61	172	124	48	172	117	61	178	107	72	179
8	83	48	131	102	36	138	93	40	133	96	40	136
9	58	41	99	62	35	97	59	36	95	59	36	95
10	72	54	126	94	34	128	83	42	125	78	51	129
11	93	46	139	112	36	148	94	44	138	93	49	142
12	44	33	77	53	25	78	46	30	76	35	44	79
13	62	40	102	64	40	104	73	32	105	65	39	104
14	117	94	211	136	73	209	127	81	208	113	96	209
15	51	43	94	60	36	96	59	39	98	60	38	98
16	44	40	84	60	27	87	59	28	87	42	43	85
17	86	45	131	99	34	133	74	53	127	67	67	134
18	72	33	105	79	28	107	68	35	103	67	39	106
19	83	30	113	92	17	109	79	28	107	70	41	111
20	139	49	188	164	28	192	137	53	190	113	74	187
21	106	43	149	128	28	156	111	36	147	109	42	151
22	76	23	99	80	19	99	74	23	97	65	28	93
23	55	48	103	67	36	103	69	34	103	70	34	104
24	32	15	47	47	2	49	43	5	48	27	21	48
25	43	54	97	78	20	98	73	21	94	61	36	97
26	86	64	150	114	38	152	115	38	153	114	44	158
27	137	39	176	164	28	192	160	22	182	126	52	178
28	63	55	118	91	30	121	85	37	122	53	66	119
29	59	24	83	76	10	86	73	12	85	53	30	83
30	53	21	74	67	7	74	60	14	74	45	28	73
31	41	31	72	58	15	73	54	16	70	48	25	73
32	59	68	127	90	39	129	88	41	129	93	39	132
33	56	26	82	69	14	83	63	22	85	44	37	81
34	75	40	115	92	25	117	94	20	114	72	45	117
35	76	14	90	91	2	93	77	14	91	69	22	91
36	58	48	106	85	24	109	68	36	104	39	67	106
37	138	60	198	174	26	200	145	55	200	122	79	201
38	118	12	130	117	12	129	115	13	128	120	12	132
39	71	41	112	97	21	118	98	19	117	83	33	116
40	33	35	68	43	25	68	41	27	68	30	39	69
41	59	34	93	71	22	93	69	23	92	63	26	89
42	97	12	109	99	9	108	98	10	108	93	15	108
43	77	47	124	108	29	137	116	33	149	89	58	147
44	43	32	75	51	27	78	56	23	79	47	29	76
45	22	15	37	32	6	38	23	16	39	21	18	39
46	36	30	66	55	13	68	61	9	70	38	33	71
47	34	26	60	43	16	59	32	26	58	35	23	58
48	84	7	91	90	3	93	82	9	91	80	13	93
49	76	17	93	85	10	95	80	15	95	67	25	92
50	83	19	102	89	15	104	86	26	112	91	23	114
51	38	31	69	51	21	72	50	19	69	38	30	68
52	63	28	91	75	18	93	75	18	93	58	33	91
53	100	26	126	117	9	126	119	15	134	98	35	133
54	64	60	124	81	48	129	68	53	121	78	49	127
TOTAL VOTES IN PRECINCTS	3819	2039	5858	4603	1318	5921	4296	1584	5880	3785	2132	5917
ABSENTEE VOTES	22	20	42	32	10	42	26	16	42	24	18	42
TOTAL VOTES INCLUDING ABSENTEE VOTE	<u>3841</u>	<u>2059</u>	<u>5900</u>	<u>4635</u>	<u>1328</u>	<u>5963</u>	<u>4322</u>	<u>1600</u>	<u>5922</u>	<u>3809</u>	<u>2150</u>	<u>5959</u>

"That the votes of more than two-thirds of all of the voters voting upon each of Bond Propositions No. 2 and 3 were cast in favor of the adoption of each thereof, and each of said bond propositions has been declared to be carried, and the City Council of the City of Torrance is authorized to issue bonds pursuant thereto as provided by law. That the votes of less than two-thirds of all of the voters voting upon each of Bond Propositions No. 1 and 4 were cast in favor of the adoption of each thereof, and each of said bond propositions has been declared to have failed to carry at said election.

"I CERTIFY that the foregoing statement of result is a full, true and correct statement of the facts of said canvass and of the results of said election, and that as soon as the result was declared theaforesaid statement was duly entered by me, the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, on the records of said City Council.

"ENTERED April 20, 1954.

(SEAL)

A. H. BARTLETT
"CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA."

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City Clerk Bartlett then read the following Resolution in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2561

RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF GENERAL
MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APRIL 13, 1954.

Clerk Bartlett declared Willys G. Blount and Albert Isen elected to the City Council for a four-year term; Harriett V. Leech elected as City Treasurer for a four-year term and Albert H. Bartlett elected as City Clerk for a four-year term.

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2561. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett said there were a few items of unfinished business which he thought the old Council should take care of and read the following communications:

Request of A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, for I. J. Hallanger, Accountant, to attend the Municipal Finance Officers Association National Conference at San Francisco, May 23rd to 27th, inclusive, with all expenses paid.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the request of City Clerk Bartlett. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from City Manager Stevens advising the date for the third and final hearing on CASE NO. 313, as set for April 27, 1954, cannot legally be heard at this time as it would not permit the 10 day public notice period before the hearing.

Mayor Schwab set May 11, 1954, as the date for the third and final hearing on CASE NO. 313.

Communication from City Engineer Bishop regarding bids for the construction of sanitary sewers in the Sepulveda Gardens Sewer District, which were referred to the Engineering Department for checking, recommending the contract be awarded to L. H. Henson, who was the lowest responsible bidder with a total bid of \$85,175.90.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop in awarding the bid to L. H. Henson for the construction of sanitary sewers in the Sepulveda Gardens Sewer District. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2562

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF ELLINWOOD DRIVE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SEPULVEDA GARDENS SEWER DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE OF SAID AWARD.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2562. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 8:55 P.M., Mayor Schwab declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 9:05 P.M. Councilman Benstead arrived at this time.

COUNCILMAN BLOUNT: As the last act of official business of this Council I would like to follow the custom that has been set by the Council in presenting our outgoing members with a little token of esteem and appreciation. To give this one is a little bit more than handing out the ordinary one, I have a very personal feeling for the things Harvey Spelman has done for the City. We would like to give him his going away lighter and wish him the best of luck in anything he might choose to do and to thank him for the services he has rendered to the City of Torrance.

HARVEY SPELMAN: Gentlemen, it has been quite an experience. Good hunting and happy landing to each and everyone of you.

Mayor Schwab gave the oath of office to Albert H. Bartlett, City Clerk. City Clerk Bartlett then gave the oath of office to Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer. Mr. Isen and Mr. Blount were then sworn into office and seated.

City Clerk Bartlett call^{ed} the roll call, those responding were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen and Schwab.

Councilman Benstead moved that Nickolas O. Drale be appointed Mayor of the City of Torrance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Schwab.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

(Councilman Blount: "This is the third one of these I have gone through and the past two we have had men who have been castigated and had a lot of bad statements said about them. I'm not going to exercise that privilege as a member of the minority this trip around, I just want it to show beside my name that I cast no vote.")

(Councilman Drale: "It has been a practice, Mr. Bartlett, that the Mayors in the past have voted for themselves and I would like to register a "Yes" vote.")

Mayor Drale expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him and promised to give good government and tolerant government to the citizens of Torrance.

Mayor Drale said as was customary he would call on City Manager Stevens for any remarks he wished to make.

City Manager Stevens: To the outgoing Councilman, Harvey Spelman, my best wishes, he served the City well. To the new Council member, Mr. Isen, congratulations and best wishes and to the Council as a whole, my best wishes. I, too, pledge the best type of government that I know how to administer.

City Attorney Hall: One brief word, Harvey Spelman has given a lot, strictly on the basis of service and not for any personal glory or any personal reward. I think, regardless of how we feel about issues, that Harvey deserves quite a vote of thanks, that's all we can give to a Councilman and believe me, they give a lot to the people. I do hope everyone, regardless of feelings, will appreciate how much Harvey Spelman has given to the City. To the new members I wish them the best of luck, and the best to the Council as a whole.

Councilman Isen: I, too, want to say to Harvey that I think he has been a valuable member of the Council for the past four years. I hope there will be as many people out for the next meeting, there may be some definite program your Council will have to submit to you and for your approval at that time. During the campaign we suggested an Advisory Committee to the Council, it has no legality as such but it would be very helpful to your Council who wants to let you know what is going on. I think this is something all the people will benefit by, the challenge is up to you. If you want this Advisory Committee you can have it. This was a campaign of friends and friendship, old friends and a lot of new friends and to all of you, I sincerely thank you and hope that I will act as a Councilman as you would want me to act. I will pursue the tasks of this office with the utmost of my energy and ability. I think this Council is going to be a Council of action and not words. My thanks to each and everyone of you.

At 9:25 P.M., Councilman Benstead moved to adjourn, Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

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