

Torrance, California
August 11, 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, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Wednesday, August 11, 1954, at 5:00 p.m., Mayor Drale presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. Also present were City Manager Stevens, City Attorney Hall, City Engineer Bishop and Asst. to City Engineer Patrick.

Mayor Drale announced as this was an Adjourned Regular meeting, they would dispense with the regular order of business.

AWARD OF CONTRACT-NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2:

The City Engineer presented his analysis of the sealed Proposals submitted to him for analysis and report, naming Bob Bosnyak as the lowest responsible bidder in the sum of \$84,696.31. He recommended that the contract be awarded to Bob Bosnyak.

Councilman Blount moved that the Engineers's analysis and recommendation be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Engineer then presented Resolution No. 2609 of Award of Contract.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2609

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF FALDA AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE NORTH TORRANCE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2, 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 Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2609. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AWARD OF CONTRACT-HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1:

The City Engineer presented his analysis of the sealed Proposals submitted to him for analysis and report naming Mike Ramljak Company as the lowest responsible bidder in the sum of \$172,155.85, and recommended that the contract be awarded to Mike Ramljak Company.

Councilman Benstead moved that the Engineer's analysis and recommendation be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Engineer then presented Resolution No. 2610 of Award of Contract.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2610

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AWARDED THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVING OF VIA MONTE D'ORO AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS, EASEMENTS AND BOULEVARD IN SAID CITY, IN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, 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 Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2610. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from City Engineer Bishop requesting approval of the City Council to advertise for bids for the widening and improvement of Ashley Avenue, between 186th and 182nd Streets, specifically from Lot 12 to Lot 18, inclusive, of Tract No. 10216, and advising the time for the opening of the bids would be August 24, 1954.

City Manager Stevens advised the Council the Charter requires ten (10) days notice for receiving bids so bids could not be received at the meeting to be held August 24.

Mayor Drale requested City Manager Stevens to correct the date for receiving bids before the "Notice to Contractors" is published.

Councilman Isen moved to adopt the procedure, as outlined by City Engineer Bishop, with reference to the improvement of Ashley Avenue. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2611

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

City Manager Stevens stated this was for a right-of-way to place poles within the Torrance Municipal Airport property.

Asst. to City Engineer Patrick said the Sheridan-Gray, Inc. was in dire need for this line.

Councilman Benstead requested the Airport Commission be advised of this action.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2611. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2612

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 RICHARD THAYER BARRETT AND GWENDOLYN THOMAS BARRETT.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2612. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2613

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 RICHARD THAYER BARRETT AND GWENDOLYN THOMAS BARRETT.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2613. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2614

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 STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, A CORPORATION.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2614. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall stated that at the last election it was intended to get on the ballot, along with the bond propositions, a Charter amendment. He advised that any time a Charter is amended it requires the procedure set forth in the State Constitution, and that procedure requires that the publication of the intention to amend the Charter be completed 40 days, but not more than 60 days, prior to the election. In attempting to get the bond issues through at the last election this proposed amendment was not placed on the ballot. He stated that since the City is planning a special election, he had drawn up a draft of a resolution. The particular language calls for a special election and technically that election is separate and apart from any bond election, "What is done, if we go ahead on the bond proposals, the two elections are in effect combined through another resolution and ordinance. It all comes out on one ballot at one time, but because of the publication requirements and to allow us ample time to complete the publication he had prepared the resolution to take care of the Charter amendment, for presentation to the City Council.

Mr. Hall said he would also like to discuss a few things with respect to the bond elections. He stated that in discussing this election it was determined that October 19 would be the most convenient date to have this special election; however, in checking with Mr. Bartlett he had found that the petitions that were filed have not been checked to see if they conform so far as to whether or not the signers are in the requisite numbers or whether they are electors, etc. He said this must be done.

A general discussion was held regarding the holding of this special election and the propositions to be placed on the ballot. City Attorney Hall said they must go entirely by the petitions.

City Clerk Bartlett advised it would cost approximately \$200 to have the petitions checked.

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Councilman Blount moved the City Clerk be instructed to have the petitions checked. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall recommended that the Council engage the services of O'Melveny & Myers, if they have the requisite number of signatures on the petitions, to furnish the legal services. He explained why; "If you do not have their opinion on the proceedings at the start, whoever buys the bonds will require it and you will pay for it anyway in the bond interest rate."

Councilman Blount moved in the event a special election is called, that the City Attorney be authorized to engage O'Melveny & Myers for legal services. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Drale inquired if it was necessary to pass the Resolution regarding the Charter amendment that Mr. Hall had presented.

Mr. Hall stated this was entirely up to the Council. They had expressed doubts as to whether they wanted this Charter amendment to appear on the special election ballot.

Councilman Isen inquired why the City Council should be a volunteer on this Charter amendment and also inquired if the School Board had requested this. He suggested we get a letter from the School Board and from the County Counsel stating this is necessary.

At 5:40 p.m., Councilman Blount moved to adjourn to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 1954. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance