

Torrance, California  
November 3, 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, November 3, 1954, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., Mayor Drale presiding.

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

Mayor Drale announced the regular order of business would be dispensed with and that due to the difficulty of arranging a meeting the Council would adjourn until next Tuesday, to provide seating capacity for the people attending the Planning Commission meeting.

City Attorney Hall stated that, as previously discussed with the Council, he had conferred with an attorney in Beverly Hills named Prichard, with reference to whether he would assist the City in the defense of any mandamus that might be filed regarding the Civil Service suit. Mr. Prichard has agreed on the basis of charging for his actual time.

Councilman Isen moved S. V. O. Prichard be retained to assist the City regarding the Civil Service suit. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Attorney Hall request<sup>ed</sup> the Council's permission to be compensated for his loss of time with respect to lease negotiations with Store Properties, Inc. Mr. Hall said this required an immense amount of time, and the suggestion has been made by Store Properties, Inc. that they would pay for his loss of time if the City would pay his travel expenses.

*See minutes of 11/9/54*  
Councilman Isen moved City Attorney Hall be compensated for his loss of time, with respect to lease negotiations ~~with~~ Store Properties, Inc. and that the City pay his travel expenses in the event is necessary for him to go to Washington. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

City Manager Stevens stated that in order to expedite the preparation of plans for the Civic Center, Police Station and Swimming Pool, he would like to recommend the formal employment of Marion J. Varner, architect, for the Civic Center buildings, and Hugh Davies, architect for the swimming pool.

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

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 710

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY, A CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, LAY, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN WATER PIPE LINES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 710, at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 8:10 p.m., Councilman Schwab moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Isen, carried by those present.

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

APPROVED:

Nicholas O. Proh  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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