

Torrance, California
May 31, 1955

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 May 31, 1955, at 5:30 p.m., Mayor Isen presiding.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jack Stearns led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

At the request of Mayor Isen, the Council observed one minute of silence in memory of David Sowle.

Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. Request of American League of Torrance Little League for permission to use the remaining Civil Defense tower for a concession stand in the Little League ball park.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted providing it is on a loan basis. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen requested Deputy City Clerk Hallanger to notify Mr. P. Roettger of the Council's action.

2. Request of Delta Y-teens, Y.W.C.A. Club, Torrance, for permission to sell peanuts in downtown Torrance on June 6, 7 and 8.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication read into the minutes by reference.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted subject to the approval of the Chief of Police. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

3.(a) Communication from Theodore F. Verrall, dated May 19, 1955, regarding a Zone Change in Tract No. 10300.

(b) Communication from the Hollywood Riviera Community Association, San Marino 9, California, dated May 27, 1955, stating they have no objections to the Change of Zone as requested by Mr. Verrall.

Mayor Isen ordered both communications incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Mayor Isen moved both communications be referred to the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

4. Communication from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, Inc., dated May 4, 1955, requesting the City approve financial participation by the City so the Division of Highways could prepare plans for the installation of signals at 174th and Yukon.

Councilman Drale moved City Manager Stevens be authorized to negotiate a contract for the City's portion of the expense of the signal at 174th and Yukon and requested this be expedited so the signal could be installed before September. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale said that sometime ago the Council went on record as supporting a signal at Crenshaw and 101 and requested that the State proceed. He inquired when this would be installed.

City Manager Stevens stated that he thought it is now in the stage of either taking bids or awarding bids.

5. Communication from Welcome Wagon, Inc., dated May 25, 1955, requesting permission to operate in the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication incorporated in the minutes by reference.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for their recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

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6. Communication from Mrs. Robert Goldstone thanking the City Council and the Police Department for the courteous manner of Officer Dave Cook.

Councilman Benstead moved that a copy of this communication be placed on the bulletin board of the Police Department and a copy forwarded to Chief Haslam. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

7. Communication from Mr. Richard H. Holmes, 23077 Doris Way, dated May 26, 1955, protesting the use of area adjoining his property for other than a drainage basin.

Councilman Blount moved the communication be filed with the personal observation that Mr. Holmes is just not happy in this town. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

8. Communication from Supt. of Building Russell recommending a refund of 80% on Building Permit No. 3107B, taken out by Mrs. Bertha F. McNeil on April 8, 1955.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Supt. of Building Russell. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

9. Communication from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent requesting the City Council for a decision of policy regarding lost commutation books.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter Mayor Isen moved that unless there is a showing of negligence with reference to loss of bus tickets by the drivers there should be no reimbursement by the employee unless the loss has actually been incurred. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale and Schwab.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be sent to the Civil Service Board for a hearing before the Civil Service Board.

Mayor Isen moved the motion out of order on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction of the Civil Service Board.

Councilman Schwab stated he thought the Council would be setting a precedent but they should decide this one way or the other.

Mayor Isen agreed with Councilman Schwab and said he thought this should be cleared up before the new fiscal year. He suggested that Mr. Chamberlain give the Council his suggestions as to how this type of problem could be averted.

City Manager Stevens stated that we try to follow common and accepted policy. He suggested Mr. Chamberlain report on the policy of how other similar organizations handle these matters.

Councilman Schwab moved this matter be held over for two weeks and that in the meantime Mr. Chamberlain be requested to give the City Council his recommendation and anything he can suggest as to how to handle this and how they are handling this problem in other places. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

10. Communication from the Torrance Mounted Police regarding financial assistance for the fiscal year 1955-1956.

Councilman Drale moved the communication be referred to City Manager Stevens to be taken up at the meeting regarding the Budget. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

11. Communication from El Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation, dated May 23, 1955, requesting consent to construct, furnish, equip and operate the Delicatessen and Liquor Store on the site now leased for their Ultra-Modern Motel Unit, the portion of this project to cost approximately \$45,000.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication incorporated into the minutes by reference.

City Manager Stevens reported that since this communication was received he has had occasion to talk with Mr. Beerup of the El Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation and advised him that the City has been informed the request for removing the recapture clause will not be approved; however, the corporation wants to go ahead anyway on the basis as outlined in their letter. Mr. Stevens presented plans and explained them to the City Council. Mr. Stevens stated the C. A. A. has approved this lease and it was his opinion it would be well to get something started here.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted, per the letter and Mr. Stevens recommendation.

After a lengthy discussion regarding whether this would comply with the original lease with El Rancho Palos Verdes Corporation, Councilman Blount withdrew his motion.

Mayor Isen ordered the communication referred to the City Attorney for a recommendation regarding the legal problems involved.

12. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following communication signed by F. E. Hopkins, City Manager of Redondo Beach, California:

"At the regular Council meeting of May 23, 1955, the City Council unanimously adopted a motion formally requesting the City of Torrance to grant permission to connect to the sewer system of Torrance from Tract No. 21293.

"It is believed that your Engineering Department is thoroughly familiar with this request which is to cross 190th Street west of Hawthorne Boulevard. The topography of this tract is of such elevation that it does not permit hooking into the Redondo Beach sewer system. Our understanding is that there is no engineering problem involved in regard to the capacity of the sewer lines, etc.

"We believe it to be in the best interest of everyone concerned to, wherever possible, connect to sanitary sewers instead of resorting to the use of cesspools.

"We appreciate the past favors of the City of Torrance and feel that mutual cooperation is necessary for the mutual benefit of the entire area. Therefore, please consider this a formal request for permission to connect to the Torrance sewer line."

City Manager Stevens said he thought this request should be granted with the usual tie-in fee, it would not be free, but according to the original recommendation of City Engineer Bishop.

Councilman Drale said he liked the good neighbor policy but later on they may want to come in and hook on some other houses.

City Manager Stevens stated he thought the Council could stipulate that no additional houses could be hooked onto this system, he said he thought that was a very reasonable request and that the normal charges set up by their City or by the City of Torrance be paid.

Councilman Schwab moved the request of the City of Redondo Beach be granted with the conditions as mentioned by City Manager Stevens and also the conditions set forth in Mr. Bishop's letter to the City Council. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

13. Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

1. Vera M. Jones, Typist Clerk, was employed from an Eligible List on May 23, 1955, at the first salary step. This is a temporary position for relief during vacation season.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item 1 under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Richard L. Magee was employed as a Laborer in the Street Department from an Eligible List, commencing May 23, 1955, at the first salary step.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of City Manager Stevens, item 2, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. David E. Johnson was employed as a Laborer in the Street Department commencing May 25, 1955, at the first salary step.

4. Ernest J. Pena was employed as a Bus Operator in a temporary capacity, pending Civil Service examination, commencing June 1, 1955, at the first salary step. (No Eligible List)

Councilman Drale moved to concur with items 3 and 4, under Personnel. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen. Item No. 3, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Item No. 4 carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

APPROPRIATIONS:

That the following street light units be purchased from the Street Lighting Budget:

- (a) Four (4) Marbelite Design 56-A6 standards, complete with anchor rods and nuts..... \$215.90 ea.
- (b) Ten (10) Joslyn Cat. 112230 mercury vapor luminaires..... 43.56 ea.
- (c) Ten (10) Joslyn 400 Watt series mercury vapor ballasts Cat. J908506..... 42.68 ea.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of City Manager Stevens, items (a), (b) and (c) under Appropriations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

14. Communication from Beth Jackson dated May 19, 1955, with reference to rabies inoculations. As there were no objections, Mayor Isen ordered it filed.

15. Communication from Perry L. Connett regarding the use of El Prado Park for parking purposes. Councilman Blount requested that Mr. Connett's letter be read in full. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the letter which protested the use of any City Park for parking automobiles and suggested that if the merchants of Torrance were interested in the welfare of the City they should make their home in the City of Torrance. Mayor Isen ordered the communication filed.

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RECREATION COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Recreation Commission regarding the request of Mrs. E. J. Weller, Parent Education Chairman, Riviera PTA, requesting use of facilities at El Retiro Park to hold parent education classes as a part of the California Adult Education Program relative to child nurseries. The Commission recommended denial of the request.

Communication from Mr. VanBellehem requesting that action on the above matter be postponed until further information regarding this matter is received. Mayor Isen so ordered.

2. Communication from the Recreation Commission recommending that the request of E. J. Robinson, Torrance Exchange Club, for free use of the Auditorium and facilities, except the cost of wages for the custodian, be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Communication from Harry B. Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, requesting an allocation of \$1,500 with which to purchase ten recreation equipment wagons.

Councilman Schwab moved the request be granted and that bids be called for the equipment. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Communication from the Torrance Recreation Commission, outlining revisions in recreational expenditure plans.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Drale moved to concur with the plans and specifications, as set forth in communication from William Woollett, A.I.A., dated May 17, 1955, provided cement walks are installed in Seaside Park and Walteria Park, instead of rock and oil walks. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Isen declared a recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from the Airport Commission recommending approval of the request of Hody's for an option to lease an additional 70' x 300' on Pacific Coast Highway, lying to the west and adjacent to their present option, with the stipulation that it contain the same terms and provisions as their present option, and that an additional deposit of \$250 be required.

Mayor Isen remarked that the proposal had never been forwarded for the Council's study. Mr. Stevens presented a sketch which indicated they propose to have a type of catering drive-in.

Mayor Isen said the Council should have something in writing from the Airport Commission, something to show exactly what was proposed. Mr. Kemp, representing Hody's, outlined what they wanted and said the rental fee was figured on a front foot basis. Mr. Kemp stated they wanted this additional area to be a package deal with what is already under option.

Councilman Blount said he thought it was time the City Council announced that the recapture clause is not going to be lifted, he said someone would come along and want this property who isn't interested in whether the clause is removed or not.

City Manager Stevens stated he had talked with Mr. Flaherty of the C. A. A. who had stated that there would not be any approval of the removal of the recapture clause on any other part of the airport.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Isen tabled this matter until further information from City Manager Stevens regarding the problem of removing the recapture clause. Mayor Isen requested Mr. Stevens to report back on this as soon as possible.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Communication from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, presenting easement for drainage given by Rosa Linda Homes, Inc. and Grand Construction Company, Inc., as required by City Council in approval of Tract No. 18911.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2747

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 ROSA LINDA HOMES, INC. AND GRAND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Blount quoted from the Resolution "***the City of Torrance is desirous of constructing a storm drain over, **", and inquired if the City was going to construct this.

City Engineer Bishop said that actually it should say "the City desires to have it constructed."

Councilman Blount inquired who was going to put this in, the City or the subdivider.

City Engineer Bishop said he thought the subdivider was to give the easement and the Street Department would put the drain in.

Councilman Drale moved this Resolution be tabled for the next meeting and asked City Engineer Bishop to clarify this matter. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

2. Communication from City Engineer Bishop recommending approval of the request of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to drill exploratory test holes in the Walteria Basin area for the purpose of obtaining the best location for a spreading basin.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Engineer Bishop. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

3. Communication from City Engineer Bishop submitting copy of memorandum of agreement for expenditure of gas tax allocation for major city streets within Torrance for the 1956 fiscal year.

As there were no objections, Mayor Isen ordered the letter filed.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2748

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF GAS TAX ALLOCATION FOR MAJOR CITY STREETS.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2748. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 20772, located easterly of the easterly boundary of Hollywood Riviera and northerly of Palos Verdes City limits, consisting of 105 lots, to be developed by Harry Kissel, subject to Special Condition: All cut and filled slopes shall be planted by subdivider according to Park Department requirements.

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Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Map No. 20772, subject to the special condition. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Letter of transmittal from the Planning Commission and City Engineer recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 18379, located westerly of Palos Verdes Boulevard, easterly of the Pacific Ocean and northerly of Palos Verdes City limits, consisting of 170 lots to be developed by the Don Ja Ran Construction Corporation, subject to Special Conditions: Approved by Planning Commission subject to the following stipulations: That a uniform 5 ft. masonry wall be erected along Palos Verdes Boulevard as approved by the City Engineer; that drainage be approved by the Engineering Department, and that a letter from Mr. J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, stating that the drainage is adequate, be submitted with the transmittal to the City Council.

Transmittal form was accompanied by a letter from Mr. Patrick, dated May 13, 1955, regarding the drainage.

Transmittal form was also accompanied by a letter from the Don Ja Ran Construction Co., Inc., agreeing to install curbing and gutter the entire length of their tract along Palos Verdes Boulevard. Letter was dated May 26, 1955.

Mayor Isen ordered the letters incorporated into the minutes by reference.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission in approving Final Tract Map No. 18379, subject to the Special Conditions as noted and subject to the Don Ja Ran Const. Co. installing curbing, etc., as set forth in their letter of May 26th. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated that Cdr. Mason would like an opportunity to speak regarding the Vacationing of a portion of Palos Verdes Parkway, which was tabled for clarification by the City Council at their meeting of May 17, 1955.

Cdr. Mason stated he was representing the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Riviera Community Association. Mr. Mason stated that in February the Council had given approval of the recommendation of the Planning Commission concerning the vacationing of a portion of Palos Verdes Parkway, as per Exhibit "Y". He stated the Council had tabled this matter for clarification and as he had been intimately concerned with this problem for over eight years he thought maybe he could explain it to the Council.

Mr. Mason explained in detail, by use of maps, the portions of the Boulevard that have already been vacated and the problem confronting the City if this other portion is not vacated, as per Exhibit "Y".

Mr. Mason stated the City of Redondo Beach is in favor of this vacationing, with the exception that in their city they are asking that the people who benefit by this vacationing grant to the City a 30-foot widening for the alley at the rear of their lots, thereby making the alley a width of 50 ft. The Torrance Engineering Department has also recommended that the property owners be required to grant this 30-foot widening to the alley.

Mr. Mason stated the Southern California Gas Company have a 2-inch gas main within the affected area and there is the question as to who is going to move the gas line. The Gas Company does not want to.

Mr. Mason stated the City of Redondo Beach has assured him they will vacate when and if the City of Torrance vacates.

Mayor Isen inquired about widening the alley and asked if the people would give the City an easement to widen the alley. He thought there should be something settled regarding this matter.

Mr. Mason concurred with the Mayor and said it would be best for these people to give 30 feet from the back of their property to the City for an alley.

Mayor Isen suggested this matter be returned to the Planning Commission for two reasons: (1) for a recommendation regarding the alleys and (2) the matter of the gas line, someone will have to stand the expense of moving this.

Mr. Mason stated it has taken them months to get this far and these people are being deprived of the use of their property.

Mr. M. L. Hoffenberg stated he owned three of these lots and he would be very willing to give the City 30 feet in the rear.

Mr. Hall, City Attorney, suggested the matter of the gas line be referred to him and requested Mr. Mason to contact him and give him all the details.

Mayor Isen ordered this matter placed on the agenda for the meeting to be held June 7, 1955.

REPORTS:

1. Report from Chief of Police Haslam recommending the request from the California Industries for the Blind for permission to sell their products for a period of three months under a free license, be granted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Report from Chief of Police Haslam, dated May 12, 1955, regarding Police Personnel for the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved the report be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

3. Communication from John V. Russell, Superintendent of Building, Re: Keller Plans, advising his Department is still working on this problem and will report to the Council as soon as possible.

4. Report from City Attorney Hall regarding defense for former Chief of Police John H. Stroh in a matter which arose during his employment with the City of Torrance. Mr. Hall stated that any legal fees approved by the Council should not be in a sum to exceed \$500 and in authorizing such representation it should be clearly understood that the City assumes no liability with reference to any adverse judgment which might be obtained.

Mayor Isen ordered the report from Mr. Hall, dated May 27, 1955, be incorporated in the minutes by reference.

Mr. Hall recommended the attorney, Mr. Don A. Turner of San Bernardino, California, be employed subject to the conditions as set forth in his report.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Recommendation from City Attorney Hall that the salary of Deputy City Attorney be set at \$550 per month, effective June 1, 1955.

Mayor Isen suggested this matter be continued and that the Council be furnished with a break-down of what the legal costs are in other comparable cities.

Mr. Hall stated that Boris Woolley, City Prosecutor, has resigned as of June 1st and he would like to take this opportunity to express his personal appreciation for an excellent job. Mr. Hall said Boris' work has been outstanding and entirely to the benefit of the City. He said he would appreciate it very much in being able to write to Boris that the City Council joins me in commending him for a job well done.

Mayor Isen so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Hall regarding the Deputy's salary. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead.

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Mayor Isen said he thought it would be in order to find out how much the Legal Department is costing us.

Councilman Drale stated "we need the man".

Mayor Isen said Mr. Remelmeyer was worth the \$550 a month but on the other hand he felt that Mr. Hall had been relieved of a lot of duties, he didn't know if an adjustment was necessary and that was why he thought the matter should be reviewed.

Councilman Drale's motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale and Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen. Mayor Isen stated he voted "No" for the reasons given.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2749

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CONVEYANCE TO THE CITY OF THE LOMITA FLIGHT STRIP.

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. 2749. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 747

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950,000.

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 747 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2750

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR \$950,000 BONDS OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 2750. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2750. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated he had the following Ordinance for the second reading. This Ordinance was tabled for 30 days by the Council at their meeting of April 26, 1955.

ORDINANCE NO. 740

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. 335.

Mayor Isen said in reference to this Ordinance he believed it was the feeling of the City Council that this particular property involved should stay within the Variance. He inquired if the Ordinance could

be amended.

City Attorney Hall stated it could not be amended if there was any material change in the Ordinance.

Councilman Blount moved Ordinance No. 740 be not adopted at its second reading.

Mayor Isen inquired if it shouldn't be rescinded instead. City Attorney Hall said it did not make a great deal of difference.

Councilman Blount stated the reason he was asking this City Council not to pass this Ordinance is that the corner of 174th and Crenshaw is rezoned and rezoning takes precedence over a variance and anytime anyone wants to put something in there under a variance the Council has some control. Councilman Blount said he proposed the Council turn this Ordinance down and then adopt an Ordinance eliminating Parcel No. 7.

City Attorney Hall said he would suggest three things, depending on what the Council wanted to do. No objections to denying the passage of this Ordinance. "I think you should vote to rescind your approval of the Change of Zone and I think you should then move as to how this is to be corrected; otherwise the Council may be in a position where someone will find you have in effect rezoned the property and the Ordinance is merely a ministerial act; it is a technical point."

Councilman Blount repeated his motion, that Ordinance No. 740 be not adopted at its second reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to rescind the prior action of the City Council, approving Change of Zone in this particular Case No. 335. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen inquired if it was necessary to hold another public hearing. City Attorney Hall said "no", you are only modifying a decision.

Councilman Blount moved the City Attorney be authorized to present another Ordinance, excluding Parcel No. 7. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 746

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 699 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL USES OF PARKING METER REVENUES.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 746 at its second reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ORDINANCE NO. 748

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 649 AND 707 AND ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF OFFICE MANAGER (WATER SYSTEM), RECREATION ATTENDANT AND SUPERVISOR OF MEN'S AND BOYS' ACTIVITIES.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 748 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen proclaimed the month of June as JUNE DAIRY MONTH FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Isen said that it had been called to his attention that Tuesday, June 7th, is School Bond Election and inquired if this would prohibit the Council from holding their meeting on that day. City Attorney Hall stated it would not unless the Council desired to have the meeting the next day. The Council indicated they would hold their meeting on their regular meeting day, Tuesday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m.

City Manager Stevens reported that the contract for library services was mislaid and he requested the Council to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Library Service Agreement for the year 1954-1955.

Councilman Blount moved the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Library Service Agreement for the year 1954-1955. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Attorney Hall reported that the Bill he went to Sacramento on came out of committee with a "do pass" -the Bill related to a legislative declaration as to the City's right to stop and go on our annexation.

Councilman Blount presented two identical ads, one from the Los Angeles Times and one from the Los Angeles Examiner, advertising for one of the City's biggest developers "Southwest Homes in the Southwest Los Angeles Area". Mr. Blount said that over half of the map is in the City of Torrance but no place on the map is the City of Torrance named. Mr. Blount stated this Council has done a great deal for the Kauffman-Wilson Corporation.

Councilman Blount moved a letter be written by the Mayor requesting the Kauffman-Wilson Corporation to mention that their development is in the City of Torrance when they do their advertising. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mr. George Powell stated he would like to report back to the City Council regarding the oil meetings that have been held during the past three weeks. He requested a meeting with the City Council, to include a representative from the Planning Commission and the committee appointed by the oil men.

The Council advised they would hold this meeting at 5:00 p.m., June 7, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 7:45 p.m., Councilman Drale moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously.

A. H. Bartlett
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

By J. Hallanger
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance