

Torrance, California
June 14, 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 June 14, 1955, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Isen presiding.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Hallanger were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. (Councilman Blount arrived shortly after the meeting convened.) Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Francis V. Fallon led the salute to our Flag.

Reverend Northrup of the First Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Schwab moved the minutes of the meeting held June 7, 1955, be approved as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously.

Mayor Isen announced that due to the number of persons present who were interested in Planning Commission Cases No. 338 and No. 344, these two matters would be considered first.

PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 338: Application for a Variance by the Torrance Sand and Gravel Company, 25701 Crenshaw Boulevard, to erect a steel hopper for mixing sand, gravel and cement (dry operation), which had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with certain stipulations.

A public hearing was held on this case May 24, 1955, at which time a decision on the matter was postponed to this date.

In order to inform those present, Councilman Drale asked City Attorney Hall if the company could operate the existing hopper.

Attorney Hall replied that in his opinion they can maintain their present structure in its present location, based on the fact that they have a Variance granted in 1947 or 1948 for a sand and gravel operation, and as long as they do not vary from that particular Variance they can maintain this structure. He further explained that many conditions were discussed and considered throughout the minutes of the Planning Commission, but ultimately there were no conditions attached when the Variance was granted, except as to their particular operation.

Councilman Drale moved the Variance under Case No. 338 be granted, subject to the conditions that have been drawn up by the Planning Commission, and that the hopper be relocated to a distance where it cannot be seen by the residents in the area. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the conditions and Councilman Drale amended his motion, as did Councilman Benstead his second, to include the conditions as set forth in the communication from City Attorney Hall under date of June 10, 1955, with the exception of Item No. 5. Upon request Attorney Hall read the conditions for the record as follows:

1. Within thirty (30) days after the granting of this Variance, foliage and two rows of large trees shall be planted along the top of the north bank of said fifty acre parcel, from Crenshaw Boulevard to Tandem Way, as shown on the landscaping sketch, dated May 30, 1955, prepared by A. Lawrence Booth, Jr., and previously submitted to the Planning Commission in this matter, which shall be in addition to the row of trees which have already been planted along said bank.

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2. The said trees and foliage shall be planted and maintained throughout the life of the Variance in such a manner as to effectively hide the hopper and any and all existing and subsequent installations, equipment or operations upon said fifty (50) acre parcel from persons viewing said parcel from the north thereof.
3. The elevation of the aforesaid north bank, which now extends from Crenshaw Boulevard to Tandem Way, shall not be decreased or increased throughout the life of the Variance and shall be maintained at a uniform level throughout such period.
4. Within thirty (30) days after the granting of this Variance, the said north bank from Crenshaw Boulevard to Tandem Way shall be planted with a ground cover which will prevent any erosion of said bank and which will prevent the blowing of dust therefrom.
5. (This item was specifically omitted and pertained to the painting of the hopper.)
6. Any and all rock crushers shall be located and operated so that the noise resulting from the operation thereof cannot be heard by the residents of the property north of said fifty (50) acre parcel; and all equipment on said fifty (50) acre parcel, other than motor vehicles, shall be operated with electric motors; and all chutes or other conveyors of rock shall be lined with rubber; and the said hopper shall be enclosed with metal sheeting, except that part thereof where trucks must stand while in the process of being loaded with material therefrom; and reasonable precautions shall be exercised throughout the life of the Variance so as to eliminate any noise which might result from any and all operations on said parcel.
7. All materials, other than cement, which are or shall be located on said parcel shall be kept in a damp or moistened condition. All cement which is or shall be located on said property shall be stored in air tight tanks so as to prevent the emission of dust therefrom.
8. The portions of said parcel on which operations are being or shall be conducted shall be sprayed with water at intervals sufficient to effectively lessen the dust therefrom.
9. There shall be no drainage of water from said parcel over, under, or through the said north bank from Crenshaw Boulevard to Tandem Way.
10. No operations shall be conducted on said parcel and no trucks shall move on, to or from said parcel between the hours of 8:00 o'clock p.m. and 6:00 o'clock a.m.
11. No operations, other than necessary administration or maintenance, shall be conducted on said parcel on Sundays, except in case of an emergency, and in no event oftener than once in every six Sundays.
12. In the event the sand and gravel operations on said parcel are extended to the west beyond Tandem Way, the said north bank shall be extended concurrently therewith in time and parallel therewith in space, and the provisions of the aforesaid conditions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9, shall apply to such extended north bank in the same manner as if each said provision had expressly applied to such extended north bank.

Councilman Blount asked how many acres this Variance covers and was informed that it covers the original fifty acres.

Mr. Walter Anderson, Attorney representing the residents of Winlock Road, presented a petition bearing signatures of approximately 900 residents of the area, which stated their opposition to the granting of the Variance as it originally existed. He also presented a petition bearing some ninety signatures of persons who had signed the petition submitted in favor of the Variance, withdrawing their approval and stating their objection. Also presented were six photos of the ditch in the area. There being no objections, Mayor Isen ordered the documents received and filed.

Mr. Anderson presented a sketch showing in color the areas occupied by residents approving and disapproving this Variance. He spoke at some length on the relocating of the hopper, traffic hazards of trucks entering and leaving the premises, planting of the dike and the drainage problems of the operation, stating that the hopper should be located at least 500 feet from the residential homes. Mr. Block replied that the hopper is now just under 300 feet from the residences and that if it is moved back far enough to be out of sight it would have to be approximately 1,000 feet, which would necessitate moving about half of their present operation.

Mr. James A. McLaughlin, Attorney for the Torrance Sand and Gravel, stated that he understands that it is not feasible to move the existing hopper, but that if a survey is made by the City's engineers they may be able to throw some light on the matter and arrive at a solution which is favorable to all.

Mr. Lee Storey, 2115 Winlock Road, stated he was an official of the Home Savers League, which League was formed two weeks ago. He asked that the following motion, made and carried at the last general meeting of the League, be made a matter of record, "That we would request a denial of this Variance only, at this time".

Mr. William Cameron, 3040 Winlock Road, stated that the people near the dike did not want any more dirt dumped in their rear yards for any reason.

Discussion was held on whether or not the conditions of the approval would prevent construction of additional hoppers. City Attorney Hall suggested that approval be made for this single hopper only.

Councilman Drale amended his motion, as did Councilman Benstead his second, to include the single hopper only as recommended by Attorney Hall.

Mayor Isen called for a roll call vote on the amended motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale then moved that, in case the Variance does resolve itself, a committee of Mr. Russell, Bldg. Superintendent, Mr. Bishop, City Engineer, and Mr. Beverly Smith, President of the Planning Commission, be appointed to study the relocation of the hopper and make a report back to the City Council. Councilman Benstead seconded the motion.

After further discussion of this motion, Councilman Drale withdrew it, as did Councilman Benstead his second.

Mayor Isen moved that in connection with the relocation of the hopper, the City Engineer, Building Superintendent and President of the Planning Commission select a location and report the same to the City Council, and upon approval of said location by the City Council that said location be the spot to which the hopper shall be moved as a condition of this Variance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mr. O'Malley, 2942 Winlock Road, asked that a time limit be set on this report.

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Mayor Isen amended his motion, as did Councilman Benstead his second, to request this report before the next regular Council meeting. The amended motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen moved that if a bonafide moving process is not made by the company, or efforts started to move the hopper, within thirty days after notification to the company by the City, to the site where it is to be located, the motion for approval of the Variance be deemed rescinded and the Variance be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:53 p. m. Mayor Isen declared a recess and the meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 344: Application of the General Telephone Company to construct a two-story building which is an addition to existing central office telephone building situated at 616 Puerta del Norte in an R-3 Land Use Zone. This application was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission per Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B", with the stipulation the Variance be granted for an automatic switching office of one-story in height and that the grounds be landscaped.

The public hearing on this case had been scheduled for May 24, 1955, but was postponed to this date by request of Mr. Harold Thomasian.

Mr. Marshall Taylor, Secretary of and Attorney for the General Telephone Company, gave his address as 1314 Seventh Street, Santa Monica. Mr. Taylor explained that in 1948 they had outgrown a former central office in this area, at which time they were granted a Variance for the present central office located on Palos Verdes Boulevard next to the common boundary line of Torrance and Palos Verdes Estates. "We find now that the continued growth of the community, predominately in your city, plus the developments in the industry requiring additional space for equipment for customer toll dialing and ticketing, have required further plans for expansion. The scope of those plans may be indicated by our investment in the building and dial switching equipment at that location; between \$450,000 and \$500,000. The ultimate development there under the plans that are now before you would call for an investment of approximately seven million dollars. At the time this office was located here it was very close to what we call wire center, or the shortest average wire distance to a common point in the central office area. Our problem arises out of the need for serving the people in this central office area. According to our present plans we would have the building constructed and the dialing equipment installed not later than the end of 1956; sooner if possible. If we are unable to go ahead with these plans on schedule, there will be a number of our customers who will need service but cannot get it." Mr. Taylor further stated that there would be a limited number of permanent employees, perhaps fifteen at the maximum, other than at construction periods. He said because of the problems presented at this location, they had considered moving into a C-2 Zone on Pacific Coast Highway. The engineering studies indicated that the additional cost of such a move would be about \$1,076,000 with an added expense of such an arrangement amounting to about \$195,000 per year. Mr. Taylor pointed out that the property is zoned R-3 and at the present time a three-story apartment house could legally be built on the site, and in agreeing to go to a one-story building, they believe they have actually improved the situation from their neighbors standpoint.

Mr. Harold Thomasian, 118 Calle de Arboles, representing the residents in opposition to the granting of this Variance, spoke generally on the points discussed by Mr. Taylor. He did not agree that this was the wire center of the area and pointed out that to the ocean side there were practically no homes to be served, that if this site was the wire center in 1948, the development in the area would necessarily mean that the center would have shifted.

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His analysis of the situation was that if this building should be expanded within seven years, there is no reason to doubt that the telephone company would be back in another seven years, asking that they be allowed to construct a second story on the proposed building. He presented several sketches and some photos for the files, the photos being marked to show the extent to which the view would be cut off by the proposed building. He spoke at great length along the line of the company selecting another site for this building.

Mr. James Morrison, 633 Paseo de los Reyes, spoke in opposition to the building at this location, stating that he also objected to the six telephone poles located on the rear of his property.

Further repetitious discussion was held and Councilman Drale moved the hearing be declared closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved the Variance requested in Case No. 344 be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale and Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount and Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 10:20 p. m. Mayor Isen declared a recess and the meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger stated that he had the Affidavit of Publication for six groups of bids and read them as follows:

BIDS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR 1955-56:

BIDDER	Regular Gasoline per gallon		Premium Gasoline per gallon		Automotive Diesel Fuel per gallon	
	Truck	T. & T.	Truck	T. & T.	Truck	T. & T.
Pathfinder Oil	.1995	.1945	.2145	.2095	.1175	.11
Ragsdale & Newell	.181	.181	.201	.201	---	---
Richfield Oil Co	.197	.192	.227	.222	---	---
Sam Howard, Jr.	---	---	---	---	---	.1049
Seaside Petroleum	.1929	.1859	.2179	.2109	.1319	.1249
Shell Oil Co.	.1843	.1793	.2114	---	.12	.1150
Standard Oil	.1845	.1795	.2065	---	---	.12
Texaco Oil	.186	.178	.208	.202	---	---
Tidewater Assoc.	.1965	.189	.2165	---	---	.126
Union Oil Co. (7600 Regular) (Union Motor)	.214 .--	.199 .194	.249	.234	.14	.135

Councilman Drale moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

BIDS ON FURNITURE AND KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Due to the lengthy specifications and numerous items in this group, Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the names of the bidders only:

Floyd Stationery, Sanders Office Supplies and Equipment, Santa Monica Typewriter Company, Torrance Desk and Office Equipment Company, Reliable Glassware and Equipment Company, Harvey Freeman and Son, General Fireproofing Company, Southern California Safe Company, The Welch Company, Paul Bennett and Associates, Barker Bros., C. Hiebert's Cabinet and Fixture Company, National Office Furniture, Miller Desk and Safe Company and Parrish Stationers.

Councilman Schwab moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

BIDS ON MOTOR VEHICLES:

Item 1: One Truck Chassis and Cab, to carry a sixteen cubic yard Gar Wood Load-Packer Unit:

Oscar Maples -----	\$3,537.33	plus tax and license
Henry Backlund -----	3,336.68	" " " "
	(with 10 stud disc wheels \$176.00 extra)	
Schneider Tractor Co. -----	3,533.10	plus tax and license

Item 2: One Cab-Over-Engine or Cab-Forward Truck Chassis and Cab, to carry a dump body and Butler Loading Unit:

Oscar Maples -----	\$3,050.00	plus tax and license
Henry Backlund -----	3,417.68	" " " "
	(with 6 stud disc wheels \$96.00 extra)	
Schneider Tractor Co. -----	3,457.95	plus tax and license

Item 3: One 16,000# G.V.W. Truck Chassis and Cab with steel flat-bed:

Oscar Maples -----	\$2,966.00	plus tax and license
Paul's Chevrolet -----	3,300.56	" " " "
Henry Backlund -----	3,120.00	" " " "
Schneider Tractor Co. -----	3,547.82	" " " "

Item 4: One 16,000# G.V.W. Truck Chassis with Cab:

Oscar Maples -----	\$2,513.70	plus tax and license
Paul's Chevrolet -----	2,886.76	" " " "
Henry Backlund -----	2,638.86	" " " "
Schneider Tractor Co. -----	3,039.11	" " " "

Item 5: 3/4 ton Pick-up Truck:

Oscar Maples -----	\$1,400.00	plus tax and license
Paul's Chevrolet -----	1,407.59	" " " "
Henry Backlund -----	1,454.92	" " " "
Sneider Tractor Co. -----	1,612.06	

Item 6: One standard 8' Panel Truck:

Oscar Maples -----	\$1,450.00	plus tax and license
Paul's Chevrolet -----	1,468.87	" " " "
Henry Backlund -----	1,494.58	" " " "

Item 7: Four standard 1955 Business Coupes:

Oscar Maples -----	\$1,350.00	each,	plus	tax	&	license
Paul's Chevrolet -----	1,307.02	"	"	"	"	"
Fred Briggs -----	1,372.71	"	"	"	"	"

Councilman Benstead moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for a recommendation. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS ON BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTING MACHINE:

National Cash Register Company ---	\$5,870.00	plus	tax
Burroughs -----	\$3,690.00	"	"

Councilman Benstead moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for a recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

BIDS ON OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

Due to the lengthy specifications on these items, Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the names of the bidders only:

Floyd Stationery, Sanders Office Supplies and Equipment, Southern California Safe Company, Barker Bros., Torrance Desk and Office Equipment Company, Paul Bennett and Associates, Welch Company, Torrance Blueprint Company, Miller Desk and Safe Company, General Fireproofing Company, C. Hiebert's Cabinet and Fixture Company and Parrish Stationers.

Councilman Drale moved the bids be referred to the City Manager for recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

BIDS ON POUND SERVICES FOR 1955-56:

Only one bid was received for Pound Services, which was submitted by Mr. Francis V. Fallon, doing business as South Bay Humane Society. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the bid in full, which stated as follows: "South Bay Humane Society to furnish license collector, license books and tags for the ensuing year. Ninety percent of total license fees to be retained by South Bay Humane Society, balance of ten percent to the City of Torrance. Pound services to include furnishing of services, apparatus, equipment and sustenance necessary. All necessary supervision and labor in order to promptly and efficiently perform all acts and duties required of us, including pick up and disposal of all stray dead animals on public property".

Councilman Drale moved the South Bay Humane Society be awarded the contract for Pound Services for the fiscal year 1955-56. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ASPHALTIC MATERIALS FOR STREET PAVING WORK:

Plant Mix Surfacing (120-150 Penetration):

Bidder	Unit Cost per ton, in place		
	100-300 tons	301-600 tons	601-1000 tons
Griffith Company -----	\$5.00	\$4.95	\$4.90
Contractors Asphalt Sales -----	5.50	5.25	5.00
Warren Southwest, Inc. -----	4.86	4.86	4.86

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Cold Mix Patching Material:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Price per ton delivered to City Yard</u>	<u>Price per ton at Supplier's Plant</u>
Griffith Company -----	\$4.30	\$3.90
Contractors Asphalt Sales -----	4.75	4.15
Warren Southwest, Inc. -----	4.16	3.80

Councilman Blount moved the bid for Asphaltic Materials for Street Paving Work be awarded to Warren Southwest and all other bids be rejected. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

BIDS ON 247TH STREET SEWER FROM CRENSHAW BOULEVARD WESTERLY:

Bob Bosco Construction -----	\$6,786.80
D.R. Cleveland Sewer Construction Company ---	5,451.00
Sanitary Construction and Supply Company ----	6,008.80
Mitar Nikcevich -----	6,136.80

Councilman Blount moved the bids be referred to the City Manager and Engineering Department for study and recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 2734 - 239TH ST. SEWER DISTRICT:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the affidavit of Publication of Resolution of Intention and of mailing notices of passage of Resolution of Intention and time of hearing. He also presented the affidavit of posting Notices of Improvement from the Street Superintendent.

Councilman Drale moved the affidavits be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed, or both, and asked if there were any written protests. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger replied that none had been received.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard from the floor, but received no reply.

Councilman Schwab moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered by Mayor Isen.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2753

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE 239TH STREET SEWER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2753. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2754

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE 239TH STREET SEWER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

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

Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2754. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2755

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE 239TH STREET SEWER DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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. 2755. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 2736 - DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the affidavit of Publication of Resolution of Intention and of mailing notices of passage of Resolution of Intention and time of hearing, and affidavit of posting Notices of Improvement from Street Superintendent.

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

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place fixed for the hearing of all written protests against the proposed work or against the extent of the district to be assessed, or both.

City Attorney Hall read the Debt Limit Report in full, except as to map and tabulations.

Mayor Isen asked if any written protests had been filed and Deputy City Clerk Hallanger replied that none had been received.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard from the floor, but received no reply.

Councilman Blount moved the hearing be closed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2756

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE WORK OF IMPROVING THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CONCRETE CURBS, GUTTERS, DRIVEWAY APRONS AND SIDEWALKS AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO POST AND PUBLISH A NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS.

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2756. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2757

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING RATE OF PER DIEM WAGES FOR EACH TYPE OR CRAFT OF WORKMAN NEEDED TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION THEREIN OF CONCRETE CURBS, GUTTERS, DRIVEWAY APRONS AND SIDEWALKS AND ALL OTHER ITEMS OR WORK INCIDENTAL OR APPURTENANT THERETO.

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

Councilman Schwab moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2757. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2758

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET WORK IN THE DEL AMO BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BE MADE BY THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

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

Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2758. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

It was decided that due to the lateness of the hour the balance of the prepared agenda items would be postponed to the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 1955, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Isen asked that the Council members hold their oral communication until the next meeting, unless there was something of importance that should be brought up at this time.

City Manager Stevens said there was one written communication, which should be considered at this time, and read a communication from Peter Kiewit Sons' Company. The communication stated that this company is planning to bid a portion of the Harbor Freeway from 92nd Street to Gage Avenue in Los Angeles, and in connection with this job they would need approximately 1,000,000 cubic yards of fill material. They asked if a minimum of 70,000 cubic yards and possibly a maximum of 250,000 cubic yards would be available at the Torrance City Dump on Madrona Avenue. It was their understanding that the price for this material would be 10¢ per cubic yard.

City Manager Stevens recommended that this company be given an option for forty-five days.

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

Mr. Joseph Eckert, 22916 Anza Avenue, said that last summer residents of Anza Avenue met with the Council and the Council had agreed to have the ditch filled and curbs put in. He said this work was started, but they had stopped within about six houses of the end of the street. It was his understanding that the original plan was to do this work from Sepulveda Boulevard to 229th Street, and that planting of the area was to have been done also.

Discussion was held with City Engineer Bishop and it was decided to refer this matter to the meeting to be held next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., at which time Mr. Bishop will make a report on it.

Officer J.E. Thompson, Chairman of the Coordinating Council of City Employees, inquired if any decision has been made on the four-point program presented for Council consideration.

Mayor Isen advised that this matter was under consideration, as work is still being done on the new budget, and that no decision has been reached at this time.

Mr. Ed Araham, 14172 Gama Avenue, Paicoma, said he was interested in seeing the bids which had been opened this evening on furniture, as prices had not been read.

He was informed that the lowest bid would not necessarily be accepted on such items as were included in the two groups of furniture and equipment bids opened tonight, but that they would be available in a few days for any who cared to see them.

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

At 11:30 p.m. Councilman Blount moved the meeting adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

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

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