

Torrance, California  
December 6, 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 Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on December 6, 1955, at 5:30 P. M.

In the absence of Mayor Isen, Councilman Drale moved that Councilman Blount act as temporary Chairman of the meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

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

At the request of Acting Chairman Blount, Fire Chief Benner led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 29, 1955, with the following corrections:

(a) Last word in line 3, paragraph 3, Item 3 under Written Communications to read "1956-57" instead of "1955-56".

(b) Paragraph 12, page 3: Word "there" to be eliminated from line 2, and the following insertion made after the word "level": "at the site of the South High School".

(c) Under City Manager Stevens' oral communication number 1 on page 8, price of the Gar Wood packer unit to read "\$4,770.96" instead of "\$4,470.96."

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following:

1. The application of Chet Rodgers Motors, Inc., dated November 23, 1955, for license to operate a new and used car Dodge-Plymouth Agency, was read in full.

Councilman Benstead asked if this was to be located in the proper zone, and City Manager Stevens said the site had been approved by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request, commenting that it showed approval of the necessary City department.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Letter of thanks dated November 25, 1955, from the Torrance Democrats for free use of the Civic Auditorium for the Cecil King Testimonial Dinner held November 12, 1955.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

3. Letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, dated December 2, 1955, and signed by Tom V. Watson for the Board of Directors, requesting initiation of proceedings to amend the City Charter in April, 1956, to provide for payment of salary of \$100 per month to Council members.

Councilman Blount told the other members of the Council that the City Manager has suggested that a meeting of the Council be set for consideration of all proposed Charter amendments, and suggested that action on this be postponed until the arrival of Mayor Isen, when such a meeting could be decided upon.

There was no objection and it was so ordered.

4. A letter of commendation to the Council upon their action with reference to Airport Lease Agreement with Store Properties, Inc., from George Binder and S. Willard Isaacs, dated December 1, 1955.

Councilman Drale moved this be filed as a matter of record. Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered.

5. Letter from Mrs. Pat Miles dated November 29, 1955, and enclosing copy of advertisement of Riviera Beach Estates, suggesting that some action be taken to ensure the mention of the City of Torrance in such advertisements.

Councilman Drale moved that copies of this letter be sent to the Planning Commission and to the Chamber of Commerce, and that they ask the subdivider to advertise his tract as being in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead expressed the opinion that a copy should also go to the subdivider.

Councilman Drale amended his motion to include Councilman Benstead's suggestion.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

6. Letter dated November 27 from the Blue & White Cab Company, of 641 Oxford, Hawthorne, signed by Monty Meacham, submitting application for license to operate taxicabs in the City of Torrance.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read Chief of Police Haslam's letter regarding this application in full. The letter from the Chief of Police pointed out that Stanley Watts, doing business as the Lomita Cab Company, had a permit to use the color combination of blue and white, and that under the existing local Taxicab ordinance another company obtaining a license would be required to use a different color combination. The Chief of Police said he had no objection to the issuance of a license to Mr. Meacham provided he complies with all the requirements of the Taxicab ordinance and has an off-street stand from which to operate.

The Deputy City Clerk had a copy of the Taxicab Ordinance, and read from it as follows: "No permit shall be issued to any person, firm or corporation whose color scheme, name, monogram or insignia used on such cars shall be in conflict with or imitate any color scheme, name, monogram, or insignia used by another concern operating within said City."

Councilman Benstead moved the City Clerk's office should so notify Mr. Meacham and ask if he cares to change his color scheme and apply for his license under different colors.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Acting Chairman Blount so directed the Clerk's office.

7. Request from National Supply Employees' Club for free use of the Civic Auditorium December 24, 1955, at 9:45 A. M. for the benefit of the children of National Supply Company employees.

Time and date have been cleared with the Recreation Department.

Councilman Drale moved the request be granted with the stipulation that the usual fee for custodial care be charged.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At 5:45 P. M. Mayor Isen arrived and apologized to the Council for being late.

The Mayor asked what action had been taken on Item 3, the letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce suggesting compensation for the Councilmen.

Councilman Blount said action had been postponed pending the Mayor's

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arrival. He said the City Manager had suggested it might be well to have a meeting of the Council dedicated to proposed Charter amendments. He said the Council had agreed that if this was done, the matter should be set over to that time.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Hall for the last date such a meeting could be held to have these items reach the ballot, and was told that January, 1956, would be the very latest.

It was decided after a short discussion to consider these proposals at the regular meeting of the Council to be held on December 20, 1955. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen said all interested groups should have their recommendations in writing and present them to the Council for that meeting.

8. Request for extension on farming lease at Airport, dated November 15, 1955, from Ardanaz Brothers by D. Ardanaz.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Airport Commission for their recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

9. A letter from John V. Russell, Superintendent of Building, dated December 6, 1955. This recommended that a request by the St. Catherine Laboure Church, to be located at 3810 Redondo Beach Boulevard, to omit sprinklers in the closets located under the stairs to the choir loft, be granted. It was explained in the letter that the recommendation was made because the walls, floor, ceiling and stairs are to be constructed of concrete.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objection, so ordered.

At this time, Mayor Isen said he had a communication which had reached his office today with regard to the application of the Blue & White Cab Company for a license. The letter he received was written by a social worker on behalf of Mr. Stanley Watts, who is a patient in the Long Beach General Hospital at 2597 Redondo Avenue, Ward L. This requested the Council to postpone action on the application until Mr. Watts could protest.

The Mayor, upon learning of the action by the Council earlier in the meeting, asked the Clerk's office to reply to this letter and notify Mr Watts of the action.

10. Request dated December 2, signed by Robert Rogers, for waiver of license fee to allow Boy Scout Troop #951 to sell Christmas trees

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

11. Request dated December 6, signed by D. Boone Kirks, for waiver of license fee to allow Boy Scout Troop #241 to sell Christmas trees.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

#### Recommendations of the City Manager:

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following in full:

#### PERSONNEL:

1. Donald V. Lemaster and Lee J. Ashman have been appointed to serve their probationary period as Police Officers, effective December 1, 1955, at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)
2. Frank M. Huff has been appointed to serve his probationary period as Bus Attendant at the City Garage, effective December 1, 1955, at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)

- 3. Leonard A. Stevens has been appointed to serve his probationary period as Park Maintenance Man, effective December 1, 1955, at the first salary step. (Selected from Eligible List.)
- 4. Lillie M. Timmons and Ruth V. Beck have been appointed to serve their probationary period as Typist Clerks in the City Clerk's office, effective December 1, 1955, at the first salary step. (Mrs. Timmons and Mrs. Beck have been employed as Typist Clerks in the City Clerk's office on a temporary basis since the latter part of October, 1955, and were selected from the Eligible List.)

At this time, the Deputy City Clerk asked to speak to the Council regarding Ruth V. Beck. He said when she was employed, the requisition provided for her employment on a permanent basis. He said the Council had approved her employment on a temporary basis whereas she was actually employed to fill a vacancy. He said Mrs. Beck should actually have been placed on her probationary period effective as of the date the Council had approved her temporary employment.

Councilman Benstead asked why this had come before the Council as a temporary appointment, and the Deputy City Clerk replied that it had been by error.

Councilman Drale asked the date of Mrs. Beck's employment, and was told that she was employed to begin work on October 31, 1955.

The Deputy City Clerk asked that the minutes of the meeting of the Council showing approval of Mrs. Beck's temporary employment be corrected to show that her appointment was to be permanent.

The City Manager was asked by Councilman Benstead about this. City Manager Stevens replied that Mrs. Beck was originally employed to fill the vacancy of a person on leave of absence. This person is not coming back to work, he said, so Mrs. Beck, who was selected from the Eligible List, should now begin her probationary period as of December 1, 1955.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager, Nos. 1 through 4.

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

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full the following letter from the City Manager, under date of December 2, 1955.

"At the last regular meeting of the City Council a letter was read from Mr. Don B. Wolf, General Contractor on Fire Station No. 4, requesting that he be paid the sum of \$490.60 for added cost caused by a delay in grading.

I have investigated this request and find that there was a considerable delay in the grading, which was the responsibility of the City. The General Contractor did not include grading, as it was believed the City could save considerable money by performing the grading work. Our Street Department, because of its heavy work load, was unable to perform the work, but we were able to have several thousand yards moved at no cost to the City. In attempting to have the dirt moved at no cost to the City, a considerable delay was necessary.

Mr. Wolf was unable to construct the walls and footings on schedule because of the delay in grading and, therefore, should be entitled to the added compensation requested. I am sure by adopting the procedure used the total cost to the City was reduced to a minimum.

I recommend that Mr. Don B. Wolf be paid the sum of \$490.60, as requested."

Councilman Schwab asked City Manager Stevens if a saving had actually been accomplished by handling this matter as has been done.

The City Manager replied that it was his opinion a large saving had been made.

Councilman Schwab moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

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Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Mayor Isen expressed the hope that this action of the Council would not set a precedent for such actions in the future, and City Manager Stevens replied that this would not set a precedent, and that the action is desirable in this instance because of the circumstances of the case.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Mayor asked the City Manager for his oral recommendations, which were as follows:

1. In regard to the second Hody lease on approximately seventy-foot frontage, which was discussed at the pre-Council meeting, the principals want the language of the lease clarified by adding to the clause which states the property can be used for a modern drive-in restaurant and for other purposes reasonably related thereto, the following: "such as a retail bakery, candy store, delicatessen store, liquor store, or any retail food products and/or market".

Mayor Isen said those items were specifically excluded. He said it was thought such businesses might compete with businesses in the other parts of the Airport properties.

Mr. Albright, representing Hody's, presented a sketch of the property in question, which he said had been brought in before. Mr. Albright said it was the opinion of the management of Hody's that these businesses mentioned have a direct relation to his proposed operation.

There was a lengthy discussion between Mr. Albright and the members of the Council, some of whom remembered having seen the sketch presented and some of whom did not.

Some of the Councilmen expressed a desire to have the buildings to be erected on the property in question expedited.

Mr. Albright said work on the buildings was planned to begin at the same time the building on the Airport Triangle property is begun.

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to draw the necessary lease to allow these businesses reasonably related to the drive-in restaurant to be operated on this property, subject to the rent on the property to be paid starting January 1, 1956.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked how much the rent would be, and was told that it will start at \$85 a month and go to \$235 a month.

Councilman Blount expressed his agreement with Mayor Isen that the businesses listed here, such as retail candy store, liquor store, or delicatessen store or market, would not be suitable on this property. He said the land had been leased to Hody's for a drive-in restaurant and not for the retail food business.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if such businesses would be consistent with the lease. City Attorney Hall replied this lease is restricted to restaurant operation and does not, in its present form, allow the operations listed here.

Mr. Albright said when Hody applied for the lease on this seventy-foot piece of land, they had specifically asked for an off-sale bakery use of the property.

City Manager Stevens was asked to confirm this, which he did.

Mayor Isen asked if Hody could sub-lease this property, and the City Manager replied that a sub-lease could be made only after approval by the City Council.

Councilman Drale asked if the rentals had been agreed on, and the City Manager said they had.

The Mayor said he would go along with the off-sale bakery, but not with the other so-called "related" businesses.

Councilman Drale asked the City Attorney if there is anything in the City's agreements to restrict the number of liquor stores to be allowed along the boulevard, or any other competing businesses.

The City Attorney said there is not.

Councilman Benstead asked Councilman Drale if his motion included all the businesses listed here, namely, "retail bakery, candy store, deli-

catessen store, liquor store, or any retail food products and/or market."

Councilman Drale replied that it did, and asked the City Manager to read this again. The City Manager re-read the request.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Schwab. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

2. City Manager Stevens said he had, at the last meeting of the Council, given the Councilmen copies of information regarding rubbish collection charges from commercial establishments in the City. He said he recommended that an Ordinance be adopted to become effective January 1, 1956. Mr. Stevens asked the Councilmen to study this information again and perhaps reach some conclusion by the next regular meeting.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City is not now making the collections free of charge.

City Manager Stevens said we are, and that he knows of no other City which makes such collections free of charge. He said the operation is growing more expensive all the time. The City Manager said most Cities have agreements with private rubbish collectors, who charge for their services.

The City Manager went on to explain that the proposed charges would apply only to those people who produce more than the average amount of rubbish.

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AIRPORT COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Recommendation from the Airport Commission that Parcel 5 at the Airport be leased to the Mayflower Trailer Company, as follows: "From the eastern boundary to the western boundary of the lease the distance shall be 460 feet, and the northern boundary of the lease shall be 60 feet south of the northern edge of the Airport property to allow a road to be installed at a later date. A rental value of \$260 per acre per year is recommended in this case due to the odd shape of the property.

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

Councilman Drale moved the City Attorney be authorized to draw the necessary lease. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, presenting the following Resolutions in connection with the proposed Vista Highlands Sewer District, as directed by the Council at their meeting of November 29, 1955.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2854

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, IS NECESSARY AS A HEALTH MEASURE.

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 adoption of Resolution No. 2854. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2855

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE VISTA HIGHLANDS SEWER DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS OUTLINED ON DRAWING NO. 8877 PREPARED BY BARNETT, HOPEN & SMITH, CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS.

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 adoption of Resolution No. 2855. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 15570. Corrected Transmittal Form RESUBMITTED, with report from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, as requested by the Council at meeting of November 29, 1955, requesting approval of Final Tract Map No. 15570 containing 155 lots located northerly of Calle Mayor, southerly of Tract 15569 and easterly of Tract 15397. Attached: Report of R. W. Bishop dated December 2, 1955; letter of R. W. Bishop dated September 7, 1955; Planning Commission Minutes of September 21, 1955; letter from Los Angeles County Flood Control District dated April 28, 1955; copy of letter from Len Construction Company dated November 28, 1955, re offsite sewer connection fee; sketch of tract. Letters from Seaboard Engineering Company dated December 2, 1955.

Councilman Benstead asked City Engineer Bishop why the numbering system had been changed on Lots 121 and 122.

The City Engineer said he did not know, that it might have been because it was more convenient.

Councilman Blount said he had the answer. He said when this was first submitted they had intended putting a street through, but when they could not do this, the change of numbers was necessitated.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the City Engineer on this Tract 15570.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked the City Engineer about the part of this tract below the 75-foot elevation.

City Engineer Bishop said this was a very small area, which had to be graded to reach Calle Mayor. He said the building pads on all the lots at this part of the tract were well above this elevation, and that the depression was at the very back of all the lots, which are very deep.

Councilman Drale asked if these lots were higher than Calle Mayor.

The City Engineer replied that they are.

Councilman Benstead asked how many of the houses would be flooded.

The City Engineer said none of them would be.

Councilman Blount asked City Engineer Bishop if any part of this tract is in the so-called "restricted area".

City Engineer Bishop replied that none of it is.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 20252. Transmittal Form RESUBMITTED, with additional action of Planning Commission as requested by the Council at meeting of November 15, 1955, recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 20252 containing 27 lots located southerly of the Dominguez Channel, westerly of Arlington Avenue and northerly of 170th Street presented by Property Management. Attached: letter of J. R. Patrick dated October 5, 1955; letter from Los Angeles County Flood Control District dated October 31, 1955; Planning Commission minutes of November 23, 1955; sketch of tract.

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer if he wanted to discuss this tract, in light of his communication saying some of these lots might be subject to flooding.

The City Engineer said he had seen the grade plan late today, and the lot pads themselves are in the clear. He said it was just the backs of the lots which are subject to flooding, and the banks are quite steep and might suffer from erosion. He said he would recommend the planting of ice plant on these banks. He said he did not believe the problem of erosion would be too serious.

The City Engineer said he feared that one street in this tract, 169th Place, will, upon occasion, be flooded up to two-and-one-half feet deep, but said this would not happen often, and would just last a short time. He said it might happen only about once a year or so when there is a long rain and the channel is full.

Mayor Isen asked what would happen to the houses in case of such a flood.

The City Engineer replied they would be in the clear. He said the water would flow out of the street before it built up to the houses.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Engineer was asking the Council to approve a subdivision where the street will be flooded two-and-a-half feet deep.

The City Engineer said the County Flood Control District says the area will be "reasonably free" from floods. He said the new Channel will be built within five years and then the area will be free of floods. He recommended approval of this tract with reservations.

Mr. J. R. Newville, of Engineering Service Corporation, speaking for the builders, said this was a request for approval of the tentative map only, that the final engineering studies have not been made. He said they would be done as part of the final engineering. Mr. Newville said they were willing to accept approval with the stipulation that they completely satisfy the City Engineer, or any other conditions the Council sees fit to impose.

Councilman Drale said this would be the first tract the Council has not approved in similar circumstances, and he did not think it fair not to approve it as the others in the area have been done.

Mr. Newville said he thought such a flood as City Engineer Bishop mentioned unlikely, and that after the channel is completed, such a condition would not be possible. He said the street in question is a continuation of the street already in the area. Then he said the streets are seven feet above the floor of the channel, and the channel would have to flood before the conditions mentioned by the City Engineer came about.

City Engineer Bishop said he felt such a flood was entirely possible at any time, and he would like to see the drainage from the tract south of this one taken underground through this tract and kept entirely out of the streets.

Mr. Newville said they had not built the tract south of this, and it would not be fair to ask this company to construct such expensive facilities for another builder's tract.

Councilman Benstead moved this be sent back to the City Engineer to work out a solution to the flood hazard in this tract.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mr. George Jackson, representing the builder, said all the houses along the channel were to be set at grades above the existing channel banks, as are the houses now there. He said that taking the water underground would not solve the flood problem. He said a tract just east of this one, engineered in exactly the same manner, had been approved very recently.

Councilman Benstead said the more houses we get, the more water we have.

Mr. Jackson said there were only 27 houses in this tract. He said these things were usually settled in the engineering of the final street plans, and not before approval of the tentative tract map. He said this map had been approved once before under the former owner.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCIL-

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MEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSTAIN:  
 COUNCILMEN: Drale, Schwab. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In taking the above vote, Councilman Drale and Councilman Schwab both asked to be "excused" from voting. The Mayor questioned this wording, but neither Councilman cared to change it.

3. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22109. Transmittal Form RESUBMITTED, with additional information from Los Angeles County Flood Control District and from City Engineer Bishop regarding Dominguez Channel as requested by the Council at their meeting of September 13, 1955, recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22109, located easterly of Ardath Avenue and Tract 19810, and southerly of Dominguez Channel containing 13 lots presented by Grand Construction Company. Attached: Letter of City Engineer dated November 10, 1955; Letter of Los Angeles County Flood Control District dated November 10, 1955; letter of Los Angeles County Flood Control District re Dominguez Channel dated October 31, 1955; letter of J. R. Patrick dated August 17, 1955; Planning Commission minutes dated September 7, 1955; sketch of tract.

Mayor Isen said the same problems that prevailed in the tract just acted upon prevailed in this one, too.

City Engineer Bishop said the flood hazard report we have is on the unfilled land, which they are filling. He agreed that it is the same problem. He said he had given the builder certain specifications, and if they conform to them this will be a very good grade plan.

Mr. Jules Juge spoke for the builder, saying that under their grading plan the water would flow away from this tract.

Councilman Benstead moved this go back to City Engineer Bishop under the same conditions as the previously acted on tract.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At this time, Mayor Isen spoke to the City Engineer, saying that none of the Councilmen are experts in engineering, and that they shake with horror at the thought of houses filled with flood waters. He asked that the City Engineer present tracts to the Council with recommendations for approval or not, inasmuch as the City Engineer is the City's expert in these matters.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

ORDINANCE NO. 736

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 2 (CONSISTING OF SECTION 2.37 TO 2.55 INCLUSIVE) OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DIRECTOR OF PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION TO DIRECTOR OF RECREATION.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance 786 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 787

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A WATER COMMISSION, FIXING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS THEREOF, ESTABLISHING THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND FIXING THE TERMS OF OFFICE THEREON.

Councilman Drale moved to table this Ordinance for two weeks for study.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount. No objections and it was so ordered.

The Mayor asked the City Manager to request Mr. McVicar of the Water Department to meet with the Council at that time for discussion of this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 788

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of this Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved for adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 788, at its first and final reading.

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

Councilman Blount asked if he could be given information by the Chief of Police as to what happened to the stop signs which he had asked be placed at 220th and Cabrillo, and which it had been agreed were needed.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk's office to notify Chief Haslam of the request of Councilman Blount.

REPORTS:

City Manager Stevens said that in line with the request made of him by the Council at their last regular meeting, he had contacted Mr. Crawford, Vice President of the Dominguez Estate Company, about putting Arlington Avenue through from 190th Street. He said there were certain drainage and grading problems to work out, and when this was done they would meet to study the needs for rights-of-way. The City Manager said Mr. Crawford had said they would probably have their answer the latter part of this week, and had indicated to the City Manager that the Company would agree to this and donate a right-of-way. The City Manager said he had not attempted to do anything further because he felt it best to wait for a reply from the Dominguez Estate Company; therefore, that was all he could report at this time.

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Mayor Isen said he had been reading the tragic headlines in the local newspapers, and having in mind the fact that the City has ordinances on sumps, fences, etc., he thinks the Council should have a report from Mr. George Powell on whether there are any unguarded sumps or cases requiring attention in our area, and if so, he feels that complaints should be filed. The Mayor asked the City Attorney to work with Mr. Powell on this, and directed the Clerk to notify Mr. Powell that the Council wants such a report from him.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sokoloff of 109 Via Los Altos protested the removal of the stop signs from the intersection of Via Los Altos and Calle Mayor, and asked that the signs be replaced.

It was explained to her that the Traffic Commission had made a thorough study of this and felt the new location would serve the neighborhood better.

Mr. Ted Crozoff, who lives at the corner of Via Los Altos and Calle Mayor, agreed with Mrs. Sokoloff in protesting the removal of the stop signs.

Mr. Warren Collins, of 539 Calle Mayor, protested the removal of the signs, as did Mr. John Fletcher of 101 Via Los Altos.

Councilman Drale commented that another study by the Traffic Commission would probably be necessary.

Councilman Blount moved to delete Item 5 of Ordinance 788 which authorizes removal of these stop signs. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mrs. Sokoloff expressed the wishes of the residents of the area for yellow-painted cross walks and "Stop ahead" signs.

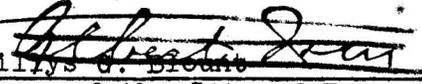
Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Schwab, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Council adjourned at 7:20 P. M.

By

  
I. J. HALLANGER  
 Deputy City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
~~Willys G. Blount~~  
 / Mayor of the City of Torrance  
 Acting