

Torrance, California
April 3, 1956

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M., Tuesday, April 3, 1956, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Schwab opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 27, 1956, with the following correction: "Page 6, fourth paragraph under Oral Communications, Line 3, to read "Steel Case or equal" instead of "Steel Case of equal".

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

BIDS:

The Mayor announced that this was the time and place for opening Bids for file cabinets, equipment, etc., for the Water Department, and for cast iron pipe for the Water Department.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger presented the Affidavits of Publication, which were ordered filed.

At 5:38 P. M., Councilmen Blount and Drale joined the Meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read the following bid from Remington Rand:

Item 1-A	8	#C1764 Kardex as specified @ 242.75	\$ 1942.00
Item 1-B	8	#C0864 Kardex as specified @ 142.00	1136.00
Item 1-C	2	#92543 as specified @ 129.00	259.00
			<u>\$ 3337.00</u>
		Less Discount	166.85
			<u>\$ 3170.15</u>
Item 1-D	2	#8122.3 Safe-Files as specified @ 336.75	\$ 673.50
Item 1-E	36	#812.1 Adjustable Partitions for above as specified @ 1.15 ea.	41.40
Item 1-F	16	Steel Divider Plates as specified @ .65 ea.	10.40
		TOTAL EQUIPMENT	<u>\$ 3895.45 plus tax</u>
Item 1-G		Installation as specified and requested	
		Supervisor @ \$300 per week	
		Asst. Supervisor @ \$120 per week	

Four Asst. Supervisors recommended.

Total installation time approximately four (4) weeks.

Councilman Schwab moved this be referred to the Superintendent of the Water Department, Mr. McVicar, for a recommendation later in the evening. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger opened and read the following bids on the pipe for the Water Department:

PACIFIC STATES CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY,
P. O. Box 18, Provo, Utah.

6,000 feet of 4" X 18-foot Class 150 Bell & Spigot, thin cement lined Cast Iron Pipe, Seal Coated, Fed. Spec. WW-P-421, Type I \$ 1.16 Ft.
The above price is f.o.b. our foundry at Ironton, Utah, with full rail and truck freight charges allowed to your city yard or to jobsite where accessible to standard truck and trailer equipment.
Terms are net 30 days.

AMERICAN CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY
412 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California.

Approx. 6,000 feet of 4" Bell and Spigot Mono-Cast "Enamelled" Centrifugal pipe, Class 150, in 16-foot lengths, for 150 Pounds working pressure, per foot \$ 1.197 Ft.
The above price is f.o.b. trucks Torrance, California, for shipment from our foundries in Birmingham, Alabama, via rail and steamer, through Los Angeles Harbor, for truck delivery where available to large truck and trailer, based on current combined rail, steamer and truck rate of \$33.58 per net ton, minimum shipment 40,000 pounds, and any changes in which are to be reflected in price quoted. Unloading to be done by your forces. Price does not include California State and County Use Tax of 4%, and terms are net thirty days.

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UNITED STATES PIPE AND FOUNDRY COMPANY
448 So. Hill Street
Los Angeles, California.

APPROXIMATELY 6,000 LINEAL FEET OF 4" B&S PIPE, CLASS 150, NOMINAL 18 FT. LENGTHS, FEDERAL SPECIFICATION WW-P-421, COATED OUTSIDE, LINED INSIDE WITH SEAL COATED CEMENT LINING OF 1/16" MINIMUM THICKNESS @ \$1.188 Ft. Total . . \$7,128.00
The above price is f.o.b. trucks Torrance, California, exclusive of unloading charges, any and all state and local taxes.
Terms are net cash 30 days from date of invoice.

Councilman Schwab moved these bids be referred to City Manager Stevens and Water Department Superintendent McVicar for their recommendation, Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A letter dated March 26, 1956, from the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, signed by A. M. Rawn, Chief Engineer and General Manager. Attached was a suggested agreement between the City of Torrance and the County Sanitation Districts regarding refuse collection and disposal system.

There was no objection, and this was referred to the City Attorney for his study and recommendation.

2. A request dated March 23, 1956, from the Ferraro Accordion Center for use of the Civic Auditorium Sunday, April 8, 1956, for a student recital. A letter of approval by the Recreation Department was attached.

Mayor Isen said the floor of the auditorium is being worked on now and cannot be used, therefore this was referred back to the Recreation Commission for their recommendation for another date.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. A request dated March 24, 1956, from the Thomas Music Shop for use of the Civic Auditorium Sunday, April 15, 1956, for a student recital. This was a substitute date for March 29, 1956, because the floor of the auditorium was in a condition at that time which precluded the use of the auditorium.

Councilman Drale moved that the request be granted.

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

4. A claim against the City for personal injury by Mrs. Concetta De Sabatino, presented by Attorney Bennet Olan, in the amount of \$7500.00. Councilman Benstead moved the claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

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

5. A request from South Bay Cities Highway Committee under date of March 27, 1956, signed by E. J. Rea, Chairman, that the City of Torrance adopt a resolution similar to the one attached to this letter. The resolution asked for certain highway and street improvements in the Bay Area and including Torrance.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney's office for the preparation of a Resolution.

6. A letter dated March 21, 1956, from Albert Abend at 135 Via Monte d'Oro. This requested permission to lay an underground telephone line across Calle Mayor. There was a note from Police Chief Haslam attached, which advised that tract regulations (Tract 10302) require underground installations, and this is evidently the nearest point from which service can be obtained; the Chief concluded by saying there is no adverse record known regarding the applicant.

Councilman Benstead moved that permission be granted to Mr. Abend to have this work done.

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

7. A request from Paul Roettger, President of the American Little League of Torrance, for permission to operate a concession stand at their park in the Seaside Rancho area. This was dated March 26, 1956, and stated that the profits from such a stand would be for the benefit of the youngsters.

Councilman Blount moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked if it should not be specified that the operators of such a stand should carry insurance holding the City free and harmless.

Upon a question from Mayor Isen, Councilman Blount accepted such an amendment to his motion, and Councilman Drale seconded the motion as amended.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

8. A petition bearing ten signatures, dated March 23, 1956, asking the Council to compel the subdivider of Mirador Heights to correct the bad conditions existing on the lots at their homes.

Councilman Schwab moved this be referred to the Staff for their study and recommendation.

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

9. A request dated March 27, 1956, from Charles T. Rippey for the removal of trees at 1731 Date Street and 1611 El Prado. Mr. Rippey said he would pay for the tree to replace the one at 1731 Date Street, at a cost not to exceed \$3.00, and said he would like to have the ones at 1611 El Prado replaced, as well.

Councilman Drale moved the request be referred to Park Superintendent Clemmer for his recommendation.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

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10. A letter dated March 26, 1956, and signed by Douglas J. Horlander, Capt. CE CNG Commanding, from the California National Guard Headquarters Company E (Bridge), 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion, 2505 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, thanking the City for assistance during the current year and requesting an amount not to exceed \$500 to be budgeted for them for the next fiscal year for similar use.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the communication, with the request referred to the City Manager for his consideration in the new budget.

Mayor Isen questioned the motion, and Councilman Drale said he believed we should continue this helping fund because of the work done by this Unit.

Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab.

There was a short discussion, and Councilman Drale amended his motion to concur with the request in principle and refer it to the City Manager for recommendation.

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

11. A letter dated March 20, 1956, from Fernand Barrett, quoting a fee of \$275 for assistance and advice on the floor coverings, draperies, blinds or louvers and furniture for the new City Hall.

City Manager Stevens was asked about this, and replied that Mr. Barrett was referred to us by the architect, and has done similar work for other cities. City Manager Stevens recommended that this request be taken under consideration.

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

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

12. A letter from the Torrance Press, advising of their special "Who's Who in Building and Industry" issue to be published April 26, 1956. This letter gave the advertising costs for the special issue.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Chamber of Commerce as the advertising agent of the City.

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

13. A letter dated March 26, 1956, from Property Management Corporation, signed by Joseph H. Barton, requesting permission to change the fence from that specified for Tract 20252.

Councilman Drale moved this be referred to the Staff for recommendation.

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

14. Copy of a letter to Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to the City Engineer, dated March 26, 1956, and enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Sam Kennedy of the County of Los Angeles Road Department.

The letter from Mr. Kennedy proposed the City furnish and construct a battery of a total of 408 feet of 54-inch, 12 ga. corrugated metal pipe for the extension of Crenshaw Boulevard, and that the funds could be taken from the County Gas Tax due the City.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read Mr. Patrick's letter in full, and Mayor Isen asked the City Manager about this.

City Manager Stevens recommended that we concur with the suggestion.

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

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

15. A letter dated March 28, 1956, from John V. Russell, Superintendent of the Building Department, submitting a request from Francis J. Heusel, architect for the Griffin Apartments, for permission to build their concrete slab floor 8" above grade instead of the required 12".

Mr. Russell expressed the opinion that it would be in order for the Council to approve this request due to the sandy nature of soil, and the fact that it is well drained.

Councilman Drale moved that the request be granted.
Motion seconded by Councilman Schwab, no objection, so ordered.

16. An invoice in the amount of \$1974160, dated March 30, 1956, from Duane W. Wheeler & Company for furnishing necessary supplies and services for the General Municipal Election April 10, 1956. A memorandum from A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, recommending that this be paid was shown.
Councilman Drale moved the necessary funds be expended for the General Municipal Election.

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

Recommendations of the City Manager:

1. That final acceptance be made on Fire Station No. 3 (North Torrance).

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

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

2. That final acceptance be made of the remodeling of the Water Department offices.

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

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked City Manager Stevens if the bonds on these two projects were released by this action, and the City Manager said they were not.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Oral recommendations of the City Manager:

1. City Manager Stevens said the Torrance Junior Women's Club and the Torrance Scout Center have submitted application for permission to operate a fireworks booth in the parkway at 234th Street and Western Avenue over July 4, 1956. This application bore the approval of Battalion Chief R. R. Lucas of the Fire Department and Chief W. H. Haslam of the Police Department.

This request was re-submitted, as the first location these people requested had already been spoken for.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request.

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

2. City Manager Stevens said Mrs. Millar, of 348 Calle Miramar, was present and wished to speak to the Council about the difficulties she has encountered in cleaning up flood debris on her property. It was the recommendation of Mr. Stevens that Mrs. Millar be referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney for their recommendations.

Mrs. Millar spoke briefly to the Council, explaining the steps she has taken and the problem she faces in cleaning the sand from her property.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mrs. Millar make an appointment with City Engineer Bishop, who was present, and that she write a letter outlining her request.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this referred to City Engineer Bishop and the City Attorney's office.

ENGINEERING AND PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS:

1. A recommendation from the Planning Commission that legal means be taken to designate the name Arlington Avenue from the North City Boundary to the South City Boundary.

Councilman Benstead moved this recommendation be referred to the City Attorney for preparation of the proper Resolution.

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

At this time, Water Department Superintendent McVicar came forward, and recommended that the bid of Remington Rand on office equipment for his department be accepted.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water Department.

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

Mr. McVicar recommended that the bid of the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company of \$1.16 per foot for the cast iron pipe be accepted as the lowest responsible bid and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water Department.

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

2. CASE 378: A transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommending approval of a request for Variance by L. C. Crum to build a business structure for rental on lot located on Hawthorne Boulevard between Spencer Street and Del Amo Boulevard in Zone A-1.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

3. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read a letter from John R. Patrick, Ass't. to City Engineer, requesting re-approval of Final Tract Map No. 21676, located northerly of Sepulveda Boulevard, southerly of Torrance Boulevard, and westerly of Hawthorne Avenue, containing 735 lots, presented by Kauffman-Wilson Construction Company. The letter, dated March 30, 1956, explained that this was requested because of certain legal requirements of the title sheet.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Assistant City Engineer.

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

4. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22758: Transmittal form from Engineering Department and Planning Commission recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22758, located northerly of 182nd Street and westerly of Arlington Avenue, containing 60 lots, presented by R. A. Watt Construction Company. Attached: (1) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of March 7, 1956; (2) L. A. County Flood Control District report of February 27, 1956; (3) letter from J. R. Patrick dated February 13, 1956; (4) Sketch of tract.

This tract was held over by the Council at their meeting of March 20, 1956, and again at their meeting of March 27, 1956, until there could be some report from the City Attorney's office regarding water service rights in the tract.

Planning Director Powell presented to the Council copies of a letter which he said should have been with the original transmittal but which were not available at that time.

Councilman Blount commented, after reading the letter, that the delay could have been avoided if this letter had come to the Council with the original transmittal.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

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Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer spoke to the Council, telling them that City Attorney Hall recommended the City take the same action taken in other tracts currently under construction, namely, enter into a joint use agreement with the Moneta Water Company until the rights are adjudicated.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objection, and this was ordered a stipulation of the tract.

5. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 22025: Transmittal form from Engineering Department and Planning Commission recommending approval of Final Tract Map No. 22025, located northerly of City of Palos Verdes and easterly of Tract No. 22024, containing 82 lots, and presented by Harry Kissel. Attached: (1) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of March 21, 1956; (2) Letter from J. R. Patrick, dated March 21, 1956.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

6. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 22796: Transmittal form from Planning Commission and Engineering Department recommending approval of Tentative Tract Map No. 22796, located west of Yukon and south of Southern California Edison Company right-of-way, containing 48 lots, presented by Hilario S. Alwag. Attached: (1) Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of March 21, 1956; (2) Letter from J. R. Patrick dated March 20, 1956; (3) Letter from L. A. County Flood Control District dated March 15, 1956; (4) Sketch of tract.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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

REPORTS:

1. City Engineer Bishop gave an oral report requested by the Council at their March 27th meeting in the matter of a private contractor making charges to residents to connect to his off-site sewer in the Yukon Avenue Improvement District. Mr. Bishop reported that the contractor, D. R. Cleveland, had put in Y's for \$20 and in some cases had put in bends and Y's. Mr. Bishop said this was done at the request of the property owners and that no house connections were made. He said the houses in question are in the Yukon Avenue Improvement District, and will be assessed. Mr. Bishop said the arrangements seemed fair to him.

2. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full a reply from Fire Chief Benner dated March 29, 1956, to a letter from Jerald Alford of the Pacific Hills Home Owners, Inc., which the Council referred to the Fire Chief at their meeting of March 27, 1956.

In reply to Mr. Alford's protest against the Walteria Fire Station being moved, Fire Chief Benner explained that it is not, nor has it ever been, his intention to remove this fire station.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

3. Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read in full an opinion dated March 30 1956, from City Attorney Hall regarding the erosion problem in Tract No. 20165, which has been considered by the Council at their two previous meetings.

The City Attorney said he could find no ordinance which would apply to this problem and, therefore, at the present time we have no legal basis upon which to proceed against the subdivider.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen commented that a copy of the proposed Grading Ordinance was submitted to the Council this evening by the City Attorney's office, and

and ordered this on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger read:

RESOLUTION NO. 2903

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF MAY, 1956, IN CERTAIN TERRITORY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND DESIGNATED AS "DOMINGUEZ-HAWTHORNE (VICTOR PARCEL)" AND SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS RESIDING IN SUCH TERRITORY THE QUESTION WHETHER SUCH TERRITORY SHALL BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND ESTABLISHING THE MECHANICS OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2889.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

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

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2903.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Clerk Hallanger reported that the application from Mr. Stimson for permission to operate a used car lot had been approved by all the officials to whom it had been referred by the Council, and that Mr. Stimson would like to have the license granted.

Mayor Isen moved that the license be granted.

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

Councilman Blount asked if the City Attorney would give the Council an opinion soon as to who is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the sewer lines in the City streets.

Deputy City Attorney Remelmeyer said this would be prepared.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

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

Councilman Drale moved the meeting be adjourned to 8:00 P. M. Wednesday, April 11, 1956.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P. M.

By Irvin J. Hallanger

DEPUTY City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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