



Reason we're outta breath is because we've spent two days standing out by the corner of Maricopa Ave. and Maple watching them put up the tents and stuff for the fair which opened there last evening. Makes me love this BIG little city of ours when I see so much community spirit backing our own fair.

I'M GOING

See you at Charley's after the fair... "Got plenty of Fried Chicken for everyone!"

OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12—Mr. & Mrs. Jack Freeman 24647 Moon Ave. Lomita

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13—Mr. & Mrs. Jack Freeman 1444 W. 218th St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14—Mr. & Mrs. Roy McCue 20907 Denker Torrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15—Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Miller 8002 Mendoza Dr. Torrance

MONDAY, AUGUST 16—Lee Norton 1437 218th St. Torrance

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17—Nancy La Duke & Guest 735 Pine Dr. Torrance

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18—Mr. & Mrs. Gene Roberts 2849 Winlock Rd. Walteria

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TONIGHT AT DANIELS CAFE

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### Coming Events

**Saturday, Aug. 14**—Vacation Daze Dance for teenagers, Torrance Recreation Dept., Civic Auditorium, 8 to 12 p.m.

**Friday, August 20**—Women's Society of Christian Service rummage sale.

**Saturday, Aug. 28**—Open House Program (including Variety stage show and handicraft displays and awards), Torrance Recreation Department, Civic Auditorium.

**Wednesday, Sept. 1**—Fashion show, Job's Daughters, Masonic Temple, 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 13**—Orientation week, teacher in Torrance Unified School District.

**Monday, Sept. 20**—School begins, Torrance High School, Torrance Elementary schools.

**Thursday, Sept. 23**—Garden Party (including luncheon, fashion show and card party), Catholic Daughters, Court St. Catherine, 1010 Beech Ave., 12:30.

#### MARSHLAND AREA

Minnesota has 10 million acres of marshland.

## CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Torrance City Council

Aug. 10, 1954

Council present: Mayor Nicholas O. Draie, Victor E. Benstead Jr., Willys G. Blount, Albert Isen, and Mervin Schwab. Others present: City Attorney James H. Hall, City Manager George Stevens, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief Willard H. Haslam, Planning Commission Secretary George Powell.

Following pledge of allegiance, Rev. Walter Stanton of Central Evangelical Church delivered the invocation. Minutes of the Council meeting of July 27 approved.

Mayor Draie declared that it was the time and place to open bids for a franchise to lay and maintain a water line in Sepulveda Blvd. from Walnut Ave. to the city's western limits. California Water Service was the only bidder with an offer of \$1000 for the franchise. The offer was approved.

Thirteen bids were opened and read for installation of sewers

in Hollywood Riviera Sewer District No. 1. Bids ranged from \$172,155.85 to \$268,186.75. All were referred to City Engineer and City Manager for study and recommendation.

Sixteen bids for installation of sewers in the North Torrance Sewer District No. 2 opened and read. Bids ranged from a low of \$84,698.31 to \$130,105.28. Bids were referred to City Engineer and City Manager for study and recommendation.

Bids for radio equipment for conversion of fire department to separate radio system received from Radio Corporation of America, Pacific Radionics, and Motorola. All bids referred to City Manager for checking and recommendation.

Final hearing on proposed building restriction in the Walters Lake region closed without protest. Council voted unanimously to concur with recommendation of Planning Commission that the city permit no building below the 75-foot contour level in the basin which is subject to heavy flooding.

Council voted 4-1 to concur with recommendation of Planning Commission to grant variance to Henry Halverson to construct a mortuary on property at Cravens Ave. and Engracia. Councilman Isen opposed the motion. The action followed oral support of the request by Gordon Mothersell and Halverson, and oral objections offered by Atty. Jack R. Stearns who represented Harry Massie and Earl Miller, nearby property owners.

Request of City Clerk Bartlett for authority to transfer \$50,000 from Motor Vehicle fund to general funds of the city to meet current payrolls approved.

Claim of Steven Marcotte filed against the city for damages received in a collision denied and referred to City Attorney for action.

Letter from Milton Offner, secretary of the Board of Public Works, read into record. Letter stated that a study of Hyperion Treatment Plant indicated that the plant was not contaminating adjacent ocean waters. Letter ordered filed.

Letter from J. H. Paget, chairman of the city's Recreation

Commission, requested city revise Ordinance 291 which prohibits dancing on Sunday. Recreation Commission asked that the ordinance allow square dancing between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Motion to concur tabled until City Attorney can render a legal opinion on the constitutionality of the "no dancing" law.

Letter from J. H. Paget requesting \$5000 to construct a new recreation headquarters at the Torrance Adult Center held for further study.

Letter from J. H. Paget for Recreation Commission recommending lease of old city dump site at Plaza Del Amo and Border Ave. to Babe Ruth League for period of five years at the rate of \$1 per year approved. City Attorney instructed to prepare an appropriate lease.

Letter from J. H. Paget for Recreation Commission on construction of a fire circle at El Retiro Park. Council concurred in recommendation of Recreation Commission but asked City Attorney Hall to draw up regulations governing use of the fire circles which would insure proper supervision and protect the city's interest.

Letter from the Recreation Commission stating that it had approved a new employee classification for the Recreation Department and sent it to the Civil Service Board, read and filed as matter of record.

Attorney John E. McCall, representing Moneta Water Co., wrote the Council saying that some people had objected to his company about plans to transfer water service to the City of Torrance in the Arlington Plaza development at 180th St. and Arlington. He suggested that the city prepare the necessary resolutions or ordinance if it desired to supply water to the area. A public hearing on the matter was called for Aug. 24 in the Council chambers of the City Hall. City Attorney Hall was instructed to draw up an ordinance in the meantime which could be presented to the Council at the same time.

Communication from Elizabeth K. Cochran, secretary of the Torrance branch, American Red Cross, asking for use of the Civic Auditorium for the Red

Cross Blood Bank on Feb. 14, June 13, and Oct. 10, 1955, approved.

Unused portion of business license amounting to \$12 returned to Paul Noble, who has left the city.

Unused portion of business license amounting to \$12 returned to Richard Critis of Flamingo Flowers, who has closed his business.

Letter from Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dale Isenberg regarding the recently created Airport Commission filed as a matter of record.

Resignation of Jesse E. Minter, Jr. from Torrance Planning Commission accepted with regrets. Mayor Draie asked Councilman Willys G. Blount to have an appointment ready for the body at the next meeting.

Claim of William and Bernadine A. Hartley in the amount of approximately \$18 denied and referred to City Attorney.

Letter from Chamber of Commerce President Paul Loranger filed as matter of record.

Letter from Mary Barreleaux claiming overpayment of city sales tax through error in computing taxable sales read. Council voted to refund \$12.63.

Minutes of special meeting of Aug. 3 incorporated in Council record and offer of James L. Walker to withdraw application for variance to construct a trailer park on 288th St. between Arlington Ave. and Pennsylvania accepted.

Assistant to City Engineer John R. Patrick authorized to call for bids for installation of sidewalks along 174th St. in Tracts 14707 and 14545.

Request by Walentz Graniczny for the city to grant a permit to use portion of old Star Brick Co. pit near 174th St. and Western Ave. for dump to fill with solid material held for Council study.

Lease agreement with Fred Beerup for 150-foot frontage on Pacific Coast Hwy. at the Airport entrance approved at \$1 a front foot after discussion about the value of the property.

Recommendation by City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop that the city drop 35-foot drainage holes in the low lot on Paseo de Gracia in an effort to drain the area held over by the Council for discussion at its next meeting, Aug. 24.

Efforts of City Council to table the question of Anza Ave. "nubbed" down by residents of the area who were attending the meeting in force. Robert Fay, who served as a spokesman for the group, pleaded with the Council to do something about the dirty center strip of the street which is proposed as a secondary county freeway. The

Council asked the City Manager to see that the street was cleaned up, the shoulders black topped, and that a center island be planted with ice plant or other cover crop to halt the dust problem. Palos Verde Blvd., which presents a similar situation in the Allied Gardens area, was ordered included in the same project.

Mayor Draie declared a five-minute recess to allow residents of the Anza Ave. area to leave the chambers. Councilman Benstead also asked to be excused at that time.

Letter from City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop submitting petition requesting stop signal at the intersection of Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave. referred to traffic committee for study and recommendation.

Letter from John R. Patrick, assistant to the City Engineer, submitting easement to be given by City of Torrance to the Southern California Edison Co. for pole line within the Torrance Airport. City Manager Stevens reported that the matter was considered an urgency project. Council voted to approve the easement but deferred adoption of the resolution until Aug. 24.

Letter from Patrick submitting easements given by Richard T. Barrett and Gwendolyn T. Barrett along southerly lot line of Lot 44, Tract 17132 for storm drain and sanitary sewer purposes accepted. Resolutions referred to Aug. 24 meeting.

Letter from Patrick submitting easements from Standard Oil Co. to allow a full width street on southerly line of Tract 19468 accepted. Resolution held over to Aug. 24 meeting.

Final Tract Map No. 17378, calling for erection of 70 homes south of Edison right-of-way and west of Perry School approved. Maps were submitted by the Knapp Building Corp.

Final Tract Map No. 20519, calling for construction of 28 homes north of the proposed Sepulveda Freeway and west of Arlington Ave. approved. Maps submitted by Woodland Investment Co.

Tentative Tract Map No. 17390 calling for 536 homes to be built by Kaufmann Construction Co. south of 190th St. and west of Hawthorne Ave. given first approval.

Planning Commission Case 323, application for variance to permit establishment of a doctor's office on 234th St. near Western Ave. denied on recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Recommendation of Planning Commission that a number of Torrance street names be changed held over for further study. City Engineer Bishop instructed to submit report on changes.

Resolution 2609, pertaining to

need to acquire additional municipal improvements and finding a special election necessary deferred until 5 p.m. Wednesday (Aug. 11). The resolution would pave the way for a special election on acquiring a new civic center for Torrance.

Ordinance 701, establishing certain traffic control measures, adopted as urgency measure at first and final reading.

Ordinance 702, regulating the construction, erection, alteration, repair, and maintenance of all signs and repealing certain other ordinances adopted as urgency ordinance at its first and final reading.

Ordinance 703, which amends Land Use Ordinance 612 as it pertains to procedure and requirements for obtaining permit to operate a home business, adopted at its first reading. Ordinance 703 will be up for final reading and adopting Aug. 24.

City Manager George Stevens reported that the city had received a bid of \$80 for a 1938 light truck which the city no longer needed. Council authorized sale at this price.

Councilman Isen asked that delegate from Fire Department to Firemen's Convention in Monterey be authorized \$100 to cover expenses. Request approved.

Councilman Isen asked that Fire Chief J. J. Benner be given \$100 for expenses covering Pacific Coast-Intermountain Fire Chiefs Conference in Long Beach. Council approved expenses not to exceed \$100.

Councilman Isen inquired about a petition from merchants on Torrance Blvd. requesting limited parking in the area from Sartori Ave. to Cota. Not on record. The councilman charged that parking in this area had become an acute problem. Chief of Police Willard Haslam, at the request of the Council, reported that he had just made a check in the area and that on an afternoon check at 3 o'clock, he found four cars parked in the area in question. He recommended that the Council give more study to the matter. His recommendation was adopted.

Councilman Isen suggested that the Council prepare a policy statement for the guidance of the Airport Commission. He also entered a motion that the City Manager get in touch with representatives of Caldwell-Banker to solicit their support in development of the 84-acre commercial site on the Torrance Municipal Airport. City Manager Stevens reported that he had been in conference with representatives of the large real estate firm throughout most of the previous afternoon.

Councilman Isen moved that the city retain appraisers that they appraise prospective off-street parking sites, and that the Council determine the bound.

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