

City Council Proceedings

Torrance City Council
May 3, 1955
Council meeting opened at 8:30 p.m. by Mayor Albert Isen. Other Councilmen present: Victor E. Benstead, Willys G. Blount, Nicholas O. Dralle, and Marvin M. Schwab. Others present: City Manager George Stevens, City Attorney James Hall, Deputy City Clerk L. J. Hallinger.

Following a report by H. R. Black and discussion with market representatives and residents of the area, Council ordered construction of new super-market at 174th St. and Crenshaw to be done in compliance with terms agreed to in variance which permitted construction.

Council approved request of Torrance Democrats, Inc., for free use of the Civic Auditorium next fall for a homecoming celebration for Congressman Cecil R. King providing the arrangements for the testimonial could be made for Torrance.

City ordered protest to be presented at hearing of Pacific Greyhound Lines application for rate increase.

In response to a letter from Mrs. Kathleen Taylor, City Manager George Stevens reported that the Valley Maintenance Service paid the city \$100 a month for salvage rights at the Torrance City Dump. He said they hauled several truck loads of material from the dump each day, thereby saving that much space for city dumping. The communication from Mrs. Taylor was ordered filed and the information presented by the City Manager given to Mrs. Taylor.

Request from Torrance Elementary PTA for additional

stop sign at 220th St. and Arlington referred to traffic commission.

Letter from El Nido Civic Assn. advocating annexation of El Nido to Torrance referred to Planning Commission for study and a recommendation.

Letter from Civil Service Commission noting that group's approval of new classifications of office manager for the water department, recreation attendant, and supervisor for men and boys activities for the recreation department approved. City Attorney Hall instructed to draw up necessary resolution setting up the new classifications.

Letter from Walteria Civic Homeowners, Inc., requesting added police protection in the south Torrance area referred to Chief of Police Willard Haslam for study and a recommendation.

A letter to Hoedemakers clarifying lease agreement for a body's driveway at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy. approved. Letter will state that a \$1000 required by city on lease option will be applied to rental if option is exercised.

Employment recommendation of City Manager approved.

Captain Robert R. Lucas appointed to serve probationary period as Battalion Chief in Torrance Fire Department effective May 1 on recommendation of City Manager.

Fire Department authorized to send delegate to Fire Service Institute's course at Fire May 23-27. Chief Benner said later that Capt. Gordon North

ington would attend.

Request of Recreation Commission that the Recreation Department be relieved of duties of hooking and collecting fees for use of Civic Auditorium referred to City Manager for study and a recommendation.

Recreation Commission recommendation that Recreation Director be made an ex-officio member of the Commission denied.

Recreation Commission recommendation that the proposal to put a pick and putt golf course on Seaside park approved unanimously.

Recreation Commission recommendation that Architect Woollett be instructed to proceed with plans and specifications for park developments voted in a bond issue last spring and to adhere to the cost estimates previously established.

On recommendation of City Engineer Ronald Bishop, sewer bonds for Don Ja Ran subdivision in southwest Torrance released.

Public Improvement bonds for Tract No. 19306 by Don Ja Ran Corp. released on recommendation of City Engineer Bishop.

Street easement deeds for streets between 231st St. and 232nd St. west of Esnelman Ave. referred to Planning Commission.

Request from subdivider building in Redondo Beach to connect 15 or 16 homes to Torrance sewers denied after spokesman for firm said it would be necessary to connect 35 homes.

Resolution 2723 correcting name of development firm referred to in Resolution 2714 adopted.

Resolution 2724 granting right of way easement to Southern California Gas Co. for 60 feet on 242nd St. adopted.

Resolution 2725 stating intention to vacate walkway between Brian Ave. and Hillside School and setting hearing on matter for 8 p.m. May 24, 1955, adopted.

Resolution 2726 awarding contract to Warren-Southwest for Torrance Blvd. improvement adopted.

Planning Secretary George Powell reported on conversations with operators or hog feeding facilities in Torrance, saying all had accepted October, 1956, as final date they could operate within the city. City Attorney Hall recommended that the city delay any action against the installations at the present time.

Construction of a sign alleged to be located partially on city property at Sepulveda and Crenshaw halted and contractor for sign instructed to process matter through city channels for permit before proceeding.

Resolution 2727 requesting County Board of Supervisors to cancel taxes on property acquired by the city for municipal purposes adopted.

Resolution 2728 endorsing School District's \$10 million bond issue adopted.

Resolution 2729 authorizing transfer of property with Edison Co. adopted.

Resolution 2731 approving 5-year lease with Moore Properties, Inc. for 35-acre triangle on Torrance Airport adopted with companion resolution on terms of agreement.

Ordinance 743 amending business license ordinance to admit policy of Council that no refunds be made on city business licenses except for overpayments in error introduced and approved. Ordinance will be read again next week.

City Manager George Stevens reported that he had four reports ready for Council consideration: a dog control measure, traffic control measure in alley adjacent to new Harbor in vicinity of Cravena and Esnelman, restrictive center parking on Cabrillo south of Canyon St., and survey of trash receptacles in downtown area. Council will consider matters next week.

Council advised that five truck prices would be advanced May 10—and that if a truck is ordered now will be April 1956 before delivery could be expected. Councilmen to consider the matter during week and take action next Tuesday.

City authorized opposition to Assembly Bill 1996 which would preclude establishment of a Superior Court branch in Torrance.

Councilman Benstead reported that several serious domestic gas emissions from John Wiley Jones plant on Border Ave. had been reported to him by residents of the area. Fire Chief Benner confirmed the statement saying his department had been called to the area several times in recent months. Complete investigation of matter ordered.

Councilman Blount presented letter of resignation from Planning Commission member Alvan K. Hill who has moved his residence from the city. His resignation was accepted.

At the suggestion of Council-

Veterans Still Need Help with Their Problems

Although ten years have passed since World War II ended, many of the basic benefits, such as hospital and medical care, pensions and compensation, GI loans, educational aid, rehabilitation, etc., there are many other offices that lend a hand to former service men and women.

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Other units and agencies can be called upon when necessary. It was stressed by Mrs. Dill

stration itself, which provides is sort of a clearing house where all these agencies come together.

"Depending on the particular problem presented," she declared, "we know where to turn for the right help."

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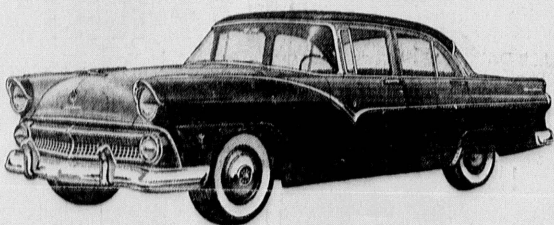
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rear (in.)	41.9	42.8	41.8	43.8	45.0
Head room, front (in.)	35.1	35.6	35.6	35.6	35.5
rear (in.)	34.2	35.9	34.0	34.6	34.9
Shoulder room, front (in.)	57.0	56.6	58.2	58.2	58.0
rear (in.)	56.8	56.4	56.7	56.7	57.8
Maximum trunk depth (in.)	48.9	48.4	46.0	46.0	55.0
Floor covering, front	Carpet	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
rear	Carpet	Carpet	Rubber	Rubber	Rubber
Foam-rubber seat cushions	YES	NO	NO	NO	Front Only
Two-stage front door checks	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Center-Fill Fueling	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Suspended brake and clutch pedals	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
Horsepower, maximum (V-8)	182	180	188	185	175
Torque, maximum (lbs.-ft.)	268	264	256	320	240
Compression ratio (to 1)	8.5	8.0	8.4	8.5	7.6
18-mm. spark plugs	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Dual exhaust	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
4-barrel carburetor	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Ball-joint front suspension	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
Brake lining area (sq. in.)	192	178	185	192	174



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