School, City Budgets to Total Nearly $7 Million

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School Bonds Win in Landslide

Budget Public Hearings Set By City Council

Public hearings on the 1955-56 municipal budget were called Tuesday night by Torrance City Council. One hearing on the budget will be at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, the other at 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 28. The hearings will be at council meeting times.

In the hands of councilmen now is the estimated operating budget totaling $2,036,300 prepared by City Manager George W. Stevens on the basis of requests from department heads.

The budget assumes no tax rate increases and addition of only five cents per $100 of assessed valuation to retire bonds voted during last year. Adoption of a use tax is being considered.

Oilmen Asked To Furnish Model Regulatory Law

With attention focused on removal of wooden derricks, another meeting in the oil field cleanup campaign was held at a pre-council meeting Tuesday, during which oil operators were requested to furnish a model ordinance to the city for consideration.

Hanging fire at this time is a decision by Torrance City Council on oil well control in general and wooden derrick elimination in particular. City Attorney James M. Hall said at the Tuesday meeting that the task of formulating an ordinance must await a policy decision by the council.

At this week's pre-council session, Torrance attorney Don Hitchcock spoke in behalf of the operators. Representing the planning commission were its president, Beverly B. Smith, and George Powell, secretary.

Makes Proposal

Mayor Albert Isen said to Hitchcock that "a lot of time has already gone by" in consideration of possible oil well legislation, and made the request of the model ordinance from the oil men themselves. Hitchcock indicated that the request was favorably received.

Asked if the oil men had considered wooden derrick removal, Hitchcock replied, "We have formulated some kind of plan for that."

Approve Cooperation

Both councilmen and the attorney spoke approvingly of the cooperative approach as a method of solving problems that have arisen.

Hitchcock pointed out that in other nearby communities the issue has broken into fierce controversy and legal action. In Long Beach, he said, 79 suits have been filed against the city. The local method of "self-legislation" was contrasted favorably with the method of battling it out in the courts.

Two petitions signed by a total of 86 names were received asking oil well reforms. They were filed with other material on the subject.

Operating Costs Of Schools Set At 4.7 Million

A tentative operating budget of $4,753,943 and a building budget estimated at $5,921,603, were presented to the Torrance School Board Tuesday night.

The new operating budget will be nearly 22 per cent more than the budget for 1954-55, which was $3,667,927. The new building budget will be nearly 53 per cent larger. The final budget will be approved later this summer, when additional calculations are made.

At the same time, the board heard a request from James G. Halle, president of the California Teachers Assn., and from Howard R. Clark, president of the California School Employees Assn. for increases in salary for teachers and employees respectively.

Study Promised

The board promised to study the requests and grant increases, if possible, when the budget is finally approved. The teachers asked for an increase in starting pay from $3895 per year to $4000, with additional increases for higher steps on the salary scale.

In the tentative budget, some 67.22 per cent of the total budget is alloted for teachers salaries. Administrative costs account for $151,657, while other expenditures include auxiliary services, $117,567; plant operation, $520,528; plant maintenance, $97,025; fixed charges, $111,011; and pupil transportation, $118,441.

Costs Told

As estimated, other costs include food service, $10,050; community service, $6,000; capital outlay, $105,820; tuition, $12,100; undistributed reserve, $50,000; and general reserve, $200,000.

Estimated receipts will be from state apportionments, $2,477,091; public law 874, $96,750; county taxes, $11,500; district taxes, $1,758,054, and miscellaneous, $10,000.

The building budget shows $2,215,276 in the county treasury, and $3,706,327 from bonds.

$5 Million Building

Expected expenditures for buildings, sites, and maintenance work during the year amount to $5,030,000.

Federal funds available for building will amount to $1,090,000.

For child care, approximately $82,000 will be alloted.

Cafeteria budgets will jump from $88,223 to $298,443 next year with the addition of cafeterias at Crenshaw, Walteria, North Torrance, Riviera, Steele, Newton, Seaside, North Torrance High School, in addition to those now in operation at Madrona, Fern-Greenwood, and Torrance High Schools.

Thee new schools — Steele, Newton, and North Torrance High School—are included in budget figures for the first time this year.

Civic Center Plans Receive Final Okay

Final plans for the new Civic Center were approved and accepted Tuesday night by the City Council. Plans were presented to the body by Marion J. Varner, architect. Bids will be received July 12.

HEADS POST . . . Attorney W. E. (Bill) Kalbfleisch was elected Tuesday night as new commander of Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion. Installation of new officers will be held June 21 in the Legion Hall.

5-Cent Bus Hike Given Approval By City Fathers

An increase in fares on Torrance Municipal Bus Lines is due to follow action this week by the City Council.

On recommendation by City Manager George Stevens, the Council gave approval to a scale of prices that would effect an increase of five cents for one zone. The new fare would be 15 cents for one zone, plus five cents for each zone line crossed.

In the same motion, the Council also authorized purchase of four new 45-passenger Diesel buses to improve service on the lines.

A report justifying the two changes from Stevens to the Council cited "steadily mounting" costs, and "steady declining" revenues. It stated that no fare increases have been made since March, 1950, and that revision of the fares would reduce the annual deficit.

The buses were recommended to modernize the system and effect economy in operation.

It was recommended the fares be put into effect "at the earliest possible date."

Delivery of buses is expected by November. Most is about $18,000 each.

Herald Offers $200 Reward For Burglars

A $200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into the Torrance HERALD building early Monday morning and stole about $2500 worth of office equipment and cash was offered yesterday by HERALD publisher King Williams.

The equipment, which included a bookkeeping machine, cash register, four typewriters, two adding machines and a sales ticket machine were taken by thieves who broke into the HERALD building through a press room window.

Also taken were papers of value only to the HERALD publisher.

Persons having information on the thefts may qualify for the reward by passing the information on to the HERALD publisher or to Chief of Police Willard Haslam, Williams said.

Brick Pit Plan To Expand Nixed By City Council

H. M. Guenser's request for a variance to permit expansion of brick pit operations in northern Torrance was promptly rejected Tuesday by the City Council.

A unanimous vote by Councilmen over-ruled the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the variance be granted subject to a list of 12 conditions restricting the operation and controlling its effects on the surrounding property.

The recommendation by the Planning Commission passed at the commission's meeting last week by a slim margin in a 5-4 vote.

The pits are near 178th St. and Arlington Ave., and Guenser proposed to expand south and west. The plan as approved by the Planning Commission cut down the proposed area by two-thirds.

Strenuous objects by individuals and groups were effective in killing the plan.

(Herald photo)

THIS AND 249 MORE . . . Red Cross volunteers will be asking for enough blood to fill this bottle and 249 more just like it next Monday when the Bloodmobile makes a visit at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. Here Torrance volunteers Mrs. Walter C. West and Mrs. William Cochrane display one of the bottles used for the blood.

Resumption of Polio Shot Program Still Under Study

No plans have been released to resume the polio vaccination shots in this area in the immediate future, Dr. Benjamin A. Kogan, district health officer, said yesterday.

In the Torrance Health area, 8640 children received the first polio shot, while only 1625 children received the second shot before the program was discontinued on May 24. Some 6762 children did not receive their second shot as scheduled, Dr. Kogan said.

Program Studied

National health officials have been studying the program, but no release of vaccine for more shots has been made to the Los Angeles area so far.

Only eight polio cases have been reported in the Torrance area so far this year, compared with 10 at the same time last year. Only one of the victims—a seven-year-old Redondo Beach girl—received the vaccine however.

Vaccine Used Here

The Cutter vaccine was used here for 4604 school children, while the remaining 4036 children in the first series received Parke-Davis and Lilly vaccine. All of the second shots were of Parke-Davis and Lilly vaccine.

"The number of cases in this area is not at all unusual for this time of year," Dr. Kogan said. "We are well beyond the average incubation period of 12 days since the shots were given."

He expressed confidence that the polio vaccine as prepared by Dr. John Salk is safe and beneficial within the limits announced before the vaccination program begin.

Compulsory Canine Shots Advocated

Passage of a compulsory rabies vaccination ordinance was advocated Tuesday night at the weekly City Council meeting by Clinton H. Thienes, M.D., Ph.D., director of Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena.

Thienes said it is better for cities to pass laws on the subject than for the state to do so, because it has been found city ordinances are enforced, while under state law the counties have enforcement duties and let the matter slide.

He advocated city control as "grass roots" action—the American way.

He said compulsory vaccination is for protection of dogs, and protection of people. The disease, he said, is always fatal to dogs, and "we wish to avoid Pasteur treatment for humans."

Board Okays New School Boundaries

Boundary lines for attendance zones of Riviera and Newton Schools were approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

As approved, children who will attend Newton School, which will open in September, will be those living on Calle Mayor, and areas north and west of it, except those living in the Palos Verdes Apartments and the new tract adjoining it. The line extends east to Wilmington Ave.

Children who live behind the south property line of Calle Mayor and in the Palos Verdes Apartments, and the new tract adjoining it, will go to Riviera School.

Under this plan, each school would have about 700 children, with a minimum of transfers when Parkway School is finally built.

Voters Approve Bonds 11 to 1

An additional $10,000,000 in school bonds was approved by an 11½ to 1 margin of ballots cast by Torrance voters Tuesday, according to unofficial returns.

The vote was 3237 for the bonds to 275 against. All 15 precincts voted for the measure by percentages ranging from 75 at Torrance High School to 98 at Riviera Elementary School. Only four precincts—Torrance High, Torrance Elementary, Greenwood, and Carr Schools—fell below a 92 per cent "yes" vote.

Community Praised

"The election result was based on newspaper publicity, industry cooperation, hard work by the PTAs, and an understanding community," Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, declared.

This was the fifth and largest bond election held in Torrance since the district began in 1947, and was passed by the biggest margin of any of the five. Some 18 per cent of eligible voters cast their ballots, which is about the average number in such an election.

According to school officials, the passage of the bond issue will mean an added 10 cents on the tax rate. Bonds, however, will not be sold until they are needed, which may be later this year. It will insure that the district will be able to take advantage of its full bonding capacity to get money for new schools.

Schools Planned

The South Torrance High School, and several elementary schools and sites will be financed through the additional bonds passed at the election.

The vote by precincts:

Precinct	Yes	No	% Yes
4735 Cadison	67	3	95.7
Perry School	200	13	93.8
Carr School	213	24	89.8
North Torrance School	201	8	95.7
Crenshaw School	67	4	93
Madrona School	295	10	96.7
Greenwood School	215	47	82
Torrance High	168	54	75.6
Torrance Elementary School	123	31	78.8
Wood School	247	14	94.2
Walteria School	323	26	92.5
Meadow Park School	227	11	95.3
Seaside School	344	15	95.8
Riviera School	294	6	98
El Retiro Park	253	9	96.5
TOTAL	3237	275	92

Sale of $1,600,000 In School Bonds OKd

The sale of $1,600,000 worth of school bonds by the Torrance Unified School District was approved by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

The First National City Bank of New York purchased the bonds at a net interest rate of 2.64 per cent. The bonds were part of the money which was voted for new schools and sites in March, 1954.

Jaycee-Jaycette Installation Will Be Held Jointly

Jaycees and JayCettes will hold a joint installation at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Western Avenue Club in Gardena.

Phil Lisman will be installed as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, with E. Ross, a past state president, as installing officer.

Mrs. Fred Hansen will be installed as Jaycee president.

Among honored guests will be Mayor Albert Isen and Mrs. Isen, and Tom Watson, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Watson.

Other Jaycee officers to be installed include:

First vice president Lloyd Familo, second vice president, Clyde Anderson; State Director Bob Curry; Secretary Harry Klinger, Treasurer Keith Pischel, Sergeant-at-Arms Gordon Jones, and the following directors: Frend Hansen, Jack Smith, Milo Goettsch, William Sturgis, Nolan Stuckey, and Vern Lovelady.

Other new JayCette officers are:

Mrs. Al Kline, vice president; Mrs. Jack Smith, secretary; Mrs. William Sturgis, treasurer; Mrs. John Mangan, liaison director; Mrs. Brunt Smith, first director; and Mrs. Bob Waters, second director.

Ticket information for the dinner dance may be obtained from Mrs. Ed Karlow at DA 6-6478.

Civil Service Contract to Be Canceled

Cancellation of Civil Service examinations contract with the County was voted Tuesday by Torrance City Council.

The city will contract with Louis J. Kroeger and Associates to provide the examination service.

City Administrator George Stevens estimated that the cost at first would be about the same, but that next year the County's charge would have gone higher, being based on a sliding population scale.

Charge by the Kroeger firm is $185 per month for a minimum 12-month period.

Kiwanis Sponsors Summer Learn-to-Swim Classes

Torrance Kiwanis club is again sponsoring a learn - to - swim campaign for girls and boys, according to Tony Gallo, special events supervisor for the recreation department. Kiwanis underwrites all expense involved in transporting the children by bus from the local playgrounds to the Alondra Park swimming pool. This is a part of the annual campaign of the club and the Torrance Recreation Department to teach the youth water safety. Swimming instructions are furnished by the department. Each child registered in the class is under constant, qualified supervision.

Registration will begin on all the local playgrounds on Monday, July 25. The program will begin August 9 and continue each Tuesday and Thursday until September 1. All children must be registered by their parents to be eligible for participation. It is restricted to those between 8 and 12 because of the limited space and time available. The program has been scheduled for August, according to Tony Gallo, so that there will be no interference with the annual summer school program conducted by the Torrance Board of Education. Last year more than 600 boys and girls were in the program. This year even a larger group is expected, so parents are urged to register early, on June 25 or shortly thereafter.

Youth Leaders Plan Town Meet on Juvenile Problems

In response to a request by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, Mayor Albert Isen has appointed 11 key Torrance citizens to a committee to plan an old fashioned Town Meeting on juvenile delinquency.

Persons named to the committee, all of whom have accepted, are: Dr. Kurt Shery, (Coordinating Council), Carmel Cook (Juvenile officer, Torrance Police), Frances Lee (YWCA), Al Turner (YMCA), Helen Leichtweis (North Torrance), Ray Griff (Little Leagues), Nathan Bond (First Baptist Church), Frank Kristufek (Nativity Church), Bill Walton (Scouts), Ruth Rogers (Torrance Women's Club), and Robert Waegner (former member Recreation Commission).

The governor requested that this city join in a statewide movement to combat juvenile problems.

The recent letter, addressed to Isen and read at Tuesday's meeting of the City Council, said, ". . . I am requesting that you, and all mayors and chairmen of boards of supervisors, call together in an old-fashioned Town Meeting the interested agencies, organizations and individuals of your community to evaluate existing facilities and programs and to study the local aspects of delinquency and delinquency prevention.

"Such an old-fashioned New England Town Meeting as I am suggesting, to be successful, must bring together in free gathering all groups and individuals in the community who have direct or indirect interest in children . . ."

The letter cited figures tot show that California has "held the line" on juvenile delinquency.

It said field officers of the Youth Authority have been requested to give assistance in making plans. A statewide conference is planned next April to hear reports on the local meetings and develop a master plan.

Aircraft Authority Speaks At June Chamber Breakfast

Clyde P. Barnett, manager of the aviation department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, will speak on "The Future of the Aircraft Industry in Southern California" at the June breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber next Tuesday.

Barnett is rated as an authority on the Southland's aircraft industry, and will comment on Secretary Talbot's recent statement that the nation's aircraft industry should be more dispersed and not concentrated in this area.

Chairman for the meeting will be Reed H. Parkin, former president of the Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co.

The meeting will convene at 7:30 a.m. at the YWCA building, Carson and Plaza Del Amo. Advance ticket sales is being handled by the Chamber and reservations can be made by calling the office today or tomorrow.

In addition to the emphasis being placed on the aircraft industry at the breakfast meeting, the early crowd will get a look at all of the candidates for the "Miss Community Fair" title, according to Chamber President Paul Loranger.

Six New School Officials Announced

Two new principals, a director of new construction, and three vice-principals were approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

Although assignments were not made, John Webster Strom and Webster Jackson Smith, now vice-principals, were named as principals for next year. Two new elementary schools—Newton and Steele—will open this fall.

James E. Crockett, now school business manager at Mesa, Ariz., was named director of new construction, as an assistant to assistant Superintendent Sherman E. Waldrip. He will supervise the large building program now going on in Torrance.

Three teachers in Torrance were named as vice-principals for elementary schools next fall. They are John Dunworth, William Bruce Forrest, and Donald Francis Mullaney.

Now vice-principal at North Torrance Elementary School, the 36-year-old Strom has been with the Torrance Schools for two years and is former president of a school in Liberia, West Africa. He is a graduate of Upland College, and did graduate work at Claremont Graduate School, receiving a master's degree from Peabody College. He is also an ordained minister.

Smith, 30, is now vice-principal at Walteria School, formerly serving in the same capacity at Fern-Greenwood School. He is a former elementary attendance director and has been in Torrance since 1951. He has received a bachelor's degree from USC, and is now completing work on a master's degree there.

The 31-year-old Dunworth is now teaching eighth grade at Carr School. A former speech consultant in San Diego County, and has done considerable work in speech correction. He received both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California, with graduate work at San Diego State.

An eighth grade teacher at Madrona School, Forrest, 32, has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern California. He taught in Palos Verdes for four years before coming to Torrance. A native of Minnesota, he also served in the Air Force.

Mullaney, 38, is now elementary attendance supervisor, and formerly taught eighth grade at North Torrance Elementary School for three years. A former teacher in the Wiseburn School District, he graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara and has done graduate work at the University of Southern California.