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Three points in favor of the tract map: better street plan, better drainage, less erosion, fewer traffic hazards.

The Council Chamber was filled to capacity with residents of the Hollywood Riviera. The hearing was often interrupted by furious applause whenever a spokesman for the group spoke.

**Residents Protest**

Some of the arguments brought in refutation of the subdividers' claim were as follows: W. A. Garabrandt, president of the Homeowners' Association, stated that the 35 foot bank to which the builders object will have to come up somewhere.

As to the erosion problem, Frank Morris, building contractor, stated that the water settles readily. Others pointed out that conformity to land contour permits better water drainage than unnatural land divisions.

A 20 foot grade extending 120 feet was said to result from the subdividers' plan. This would not be much better than the 35 foot banks to which they object.

**Color**

Color was added to the controversial hearing when W. L. Geyser, an engineer residing in the Hollywood Riviera stated that aesthetic values must be taken into consideration, though the spokesmen for the tract belittled this. Otherwise we will get sterile engineering thought with such planning. Then "we could live in blues — they are the most economical from a standpoint of money and, from a stress analysis, also the most efficient."

Frank Morris, building contractor, said an "engineer was a man who knows more and more about less and less till he finally knows nothing. A man should use his own rights as not to infringe on the rights of another."

**Contract . . .**

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Harbor Area Employers' Council and the union's negotiating committee headed by Barclay Michell, secretary-treasurer, and it was accepted by the union membership at a meeting Thursday night.

Chain variety stores also agreed to the 2½ cents per hour increase for their employees who work under a separate contract with the Union, it was announced.

The clerks were granted \$1.00 per week in February, and the contract specified that there be a wage review as of August 1, providing wage controls of the federal government were removed as of April 30, 1953, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

In the initial negotiating meeting, the union presented demands for increases ranging from 10c to 20c per hour. These were immediately rejected by the Employers' Council committee and later the 2½ cents per hour was agreed upon. No other changes could be made, under the reopening clause, and the contract runs to Feb. 1, 1954. Exempted from the increase were furniture and appliance salesmen who work on a commission basis, with \$74.00 per week guaranteed.

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