

# CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

**Torrance City Council**  
September 21, 1954

Councilmen present: Victor E. Benstead Jr., Willys G. Blount, Albert Isen, Mervin M. Schwab, Mayor Nicholas O. Drale. Officers present: City Manager George Stevens, City Attorney James M. Hall, City Engineer Ronald Bishop, Building Superintendent John Russell, Fire Chief J. J. Benner, Police Chief Willard H. Haslam, and Senior Accountant Jack Hallanger, acting for City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

Following pledge of allegiance and invocation, regular order of business dispensed to permit reading of bids for construction of Sanitary Sewers along Crenshaw Blvd. south of Lomita Blvd. to provide a sewer outlet for firms proposing to locate on the industrial portion of the Torrance Municipal Airport. Zavas and Sons were the apparent low bidder with an offer to do the work for \$1,638.50. Bids ranged upward to \$14,728.50. Bids were referred to City Manager Stevens for study and a recommendation.

Final hearing on assessment in Sepulveda Gardens Sewer District closed without protest. A communication from John Patrick, assistant to the city engineer, reported that contractor had fulfilled agreement. Assessment resolution adopted.

Letter from City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reporting action of City Council on the summary demolition of Fireman Milton Langum addressed to the Civil Service Commission, which sat as a review board on the case, read to Council. Findings of the Board of Review then read to the Council. Motion by Councilman Benstead that the fireman be restored to former rank of Engineer without loss of any pay defeated 3-2 with only Mayor Drale supporting move. Following discussion of a proposal to adopt the 90-day suspension from rank recommended by the Civil Service Commission, the Council compromised on a 45-day suspension from rank. Council adopted 45-day demotion recommendation by a vote of 4-1 with Mayor Drale dissenting.

Request for refund of city license to Burton Silbert in amount of \$12.50 for a construction stand approved. License was canceled by Council action.

Letter from City of Palos Verdes Estates stating that it was the decision of the Council there to do nothing about removing road barricades (see page 15) read by Acting Clerk Hallanger. Councilman Blount precipitated discussion about "lengthy road repairs" in vicinity of the boundary between the two cities which "might take some time." Check of condition of streets finally ordered after round of tongue-in-cheek talking about water lines across highways and other temporary inconveniences on major access roads to Palos Verdes Estates from Torrance. City Manager George Stevens also instructed to make inquiries of the City of Redondo concerning their reply to a letter from Torrance

concerning the barricading of Palos Verdes Blvd. where it enters Torrance in Allied Gardens.

Offer of Mayor Drale to donate coin operated record player to the Recreation Department for the use of the Northern Club of North Torrance accepted.

City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop reported that all Cottage Grove complaints settled to his satisfaction with one exception. E. S. Schoonover, representing Pacific Hills Homeowners Assn., reported other residents in the Weston Hills development were still not satisfied with completion of grading. Council ordered Cottage Grove public improvement bond held up one more week in an effort to effect a settlement of complaints.

Chief of Police Haslam's recommendation that the Kiwanis Club be allowed use of El Prado and adjoining city parking lot Saturday for National Kids Day actively approved.

Letter from Dr. Howard A. Wood representing Los Angeles Area Council of Boy Scouts of America read requesting use of Civic Auditorium Nov. 30 without charge for annual district meeting of volunteer leaders. Request approved subject to the approval of Recreation Commission.

Letter from resident of Arlington Plaza protesting switch from Moneta Water Co. to Torrance Municipal Water District received as matter of record.

Recommendations on personnel City Manager George Stevens' recommendations on personnel and appropriations approved. Appropriations included purchase of several hundred feet of "invasion pipe" which Councilman Isen said might be handy if the Torrance-Palos Verdes feud worsened.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of easement for public utility and planting purposes in Tract 19096 ordered held over for a later meeting to allow clerks time to prepare copies for the members of the Council.

Resolution authorizing acceptance of easement for sewer purposes in connection with the 230th Street Sewer District adopted.

Final Tract Map No. 20561 presented by Landbar Construction Co. for 81 lots between Casimir and Arlington Aves.

south of the Edison Co. right of way in North Torrance held up until matter of dedication for half street could be resolved.

Street name changes recommended by Planning Commission at Sept. 15 meeting approved. Street names to be changed include:

- 228th St. to 227th St. in Tract 19108.
- 179th St. to 180th St. in Tract 19237.
- 180th St. to 180th Place in Tract 19237.
- Hickman Drive to 180th Place in Tract 15580.
- Clark Lane to 181st St. in Tract 15580.
- Cimarron Ave. to Wilton Place in Tract 17483.
- 229th St. to 230th St. in Tract 19245.
- Ladene Ave. to 230th St. in Tract 19245.

Request of Julia and Pauline Reller to divide two lots along Hawthorne Ave. south of 182nd St. into three lots approved.

Request for waivers of front yard setbacks in nine lots in Tract 20165 under construction by G. and G. Construction Co. approved. Waivers necessary because of sharply curved streets and hilly terrain. Councilmen were told.

Vacation of remaining portion of old Newton St. lying within the Hollywood Riviera district approved.

Vacation of portions of Palos Verdes Blvd. recommended by Planning Commission (See Torrance HERALD, Sept. 20, 1954) held over for further study by City Council.

Preliminary plot planning and floor plans for new civic center presented by Architect Marion J. Varner, who has been commissioned to design the city's fire station development. Plans call for location of major city building near the intersection of Maple Ave. and Torrance Blvd.

A proposed amendment to the Airport property lease with Sheridan-Gray Corp. approved. Amendment to lease to include (1) corrected name to show true corporate name of the firm, (2) provision whereby Sheridan-Gray officials will be permitted to sit in on negotiations in the

## Police Ask Help In Finding Man On Wanted List

Police authorities have asked for aid in finding a murder suspect sought by the Ventura Sheriff's office. He is believed to be seeking work in this area.

Sought on a felony murder warrant is Earl Compton Green, Jr., who also uses the names of Richard Poole, Barney Poole, and Richard R. Wood.

Officers said he is believed to have asked for a job as a skin diver at Marineland, several weeks ago. Green also works as a cook's helper.

He is described as 27 years old, 6-foot tall, weighs 165 pounds, has light brown hair and blue eyes. Reports indicate he may be driving a 1951 green Chevrolet two-door sedan.

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Council adjourned on motion that all bills properly audited be paid. It will convene again

## CAP Cadet Honored by Air Force

A member of the South Bay Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, based at the Torrance Airport, was named outstanding male cadet at a recent CAP encampment. It was revealed today.

Corporal William E. Hux, attached to Squadron 43, group 7, here, was presented with a trophy depicting an F-86 Jet Interceptor and a Citation by Major General W. C. Sweeney, Commanding General, 15th Air Force.

Torrance members of the CAP joined with 250 other male and female cadets from Southern

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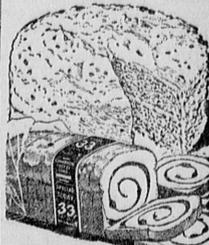
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Only about one-half of the U.S. area believed to contain oil has so far been explored for it.

California for the 2-week stay at March Air Force Base. Cadets took regular training and lived the life of Air Force personnel. Local CAP members will take part in a practice Search and Rescue Mission in the San Diego area next weekend. Warrant Officer Mary C. Pinkney said today.

Adult members as well as cadets will participate in the training maneuver.



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